

# SHELTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## STUDENT HANDBOOK



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## Section 1 Intent of Handbook

This handbook is to be used by students, parents, and staff as a guide to the rules, regulations, and general information about Shelton Public School. Each student is responsible for becoming familiar with the handbook and knowing the information contained in it. Parents are encouraged to use this handbook as a resource and to assist their child in following the rules contained therein.

The information in this handbook is not intended to be all encompassing so as to cover every situation and circumstance that may arise during the school day or school year. It does not create a contract. The administration reserves the right to make decisions and make rule revisions at any time to implement the educational program and to assure the well being of all students. The administration will be responsible for interpreting the rules contained in the handbook. Should a situation or circumstance arise that is not specifically covered in this handbook, the administration will make a decision based upon all applicable school district policies and state and federal statutes and regulations.

## Section 2 Members of the Shelton Public School Board of Education

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## **Article 1 - Mission and Goals**

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### **Section 1      Shelton Public Schools Mission Statement and Goals**

The Mission of Shelton Public Schools is to develop respectful, independent problem solvers who have acquired the skills and character necessary to confront the challenges of today and the confidence to impact tomorrow.

#### **WE BELIEVE THAT CLEAR AND COHERENT SYSTEMS ARE IMPORTANT TO ACHIEVING OUR GOALS**

1. Each student should have access to high quality grade level instruction no matter the platform.
2. Our systems must be designed to ensure every student has equitable opportunities to meet the high expectations we set for student success.
  - a. This means special populations (SPED,EL,Gifted) need systematic supports to ensure their success.
3. Students and staff need social emotional and mental health supports.
  - a. This means kids need positive relationships and connections with peers and adults to be successful while teachers need collaboration and interaction.
4. Safety precautions are critical for staff, students, and the community as we are faced with the new realities and circumstances of our school and community.

### **Section 2      Philosophy**



*Becoming the Best Version of Ourselves, Together*

Our vision is to create an educational system that promotes relationships and the development of the whole person. Provide an educational foundation which will prepare individuals for the social, environmental, and political aspects of society so they can achieve their goals as well as enhance their community and their world.

### **Section 3 Mutual Respect: STAFF STUDENT RELATIONS**

Staff members shall be expected to regard each student as an individual and to accord each the rights and respect due any individual. The role of staff shall be seen, not as dictators but as resource persons, aides, and guides in the learning processes. Staff members shall provide for the fullest self-determination by each student in regard to his or her learning program, consistent with district and local goals and with optimum opportunities for all students. Students shall be treated with courtesy and consideration.

Each student is urged to regard staff members as persons with specific knowledge and capabilities that can be well utilized to advance the student's own knowledge and development.

Students shall be expected to regard staff members as individuals, employed to provide direct or indirect contributions to learning. While students are to have considerable latitude in making choices for themselves they shall be required to respect the rights of staff members (and other students, as well) and interference with those rights shall not be condoned. NO student shall have the right to interfere with the efforts of instructional staff to coordinate or assist in learning, to disseminate information for purposes of learning, or to otherwise implement a learning program. Nor shall a student have a right to interfere with the motivation to learn or the learning activities and efforts of other students.

### **Section 4 Multicultural Policy 9001**

The school district will provide programs that foster and develop an appreciation and understanding of the racial, ethnic, and cultural heritage of all students. These programs will allow students to explore the history and contributions made by various ethnic groups and will emphasize the rich diversity of the population of the United States.

The programs shall be implemented within the guidelines of the State Department of Education and in accordance with any other applicable laws and/or regulations.

### **Section 5 Concern Procedures:**

Parents are encouraged to contact the school when a concern arises. Appointments can be made for parents to meet with staff members or the principal or to draw on the support services of any other program the school has available to help the students. The proper procedures for a parent or student to make complaints or raise concerns about school staff, programs, or activities are set forth below.

**Step 1:** Schedule a conference with the staff person involved with the concern

**Step 2:** If the matter is not resolved; schedule an appointment with the Principal.

**Step 3:** If the matter is still unresolved at Step 2 appeal to the Superintendent

**Step 4:** If the matter is still unresolved at Step 3 appeal to the school board.

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## Section 1 Regular Daily Schedule for 7-12 grade students

1st period	8:00 - 8:50
2nd period	8:52 - 9:42
Grab N Go	9:42 - 9:50
3rd period	9:50 - 10:40
4th period	10:42 - 11:32
5th period	MS LUNCH - 11:32 - 12:02
5th period	11:34 - 12:24 HS Classes
6th period	12:04 - 12:54 MS Classes
6th period	HS LUNCH - 12:24 - 12:54
7th period	12:56 - 1:46
8th period	1:48 - 2:38
9th period	2:40 - 3:30

### 7th-12th Grade Academic Assistance

Academic Assistance Period is available for students that are struggling or falling behind in their academics at Shelton Public School, students can be assigned to AAP either by the High School Principal or their classroom instructors. Students MUST attend AAP during the early out Wednesdays. Students are required to attend AAP when they are failing one or more classes. Students will be required to attend AAP until they are passing all of their classes.

### Daily Schedule for Elementary Grades (Kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade)

School begins each day at **8:00 A.M.**

School dismisses each day at **3:25 P.M.**

**\*5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade will be dismissed at 3:30**

## Section 2 Shortened Schedule

Please check the school calendar for early dismissal time and dates. Unless it is weather related there are two times per school year where students are dismissed at 11:30. The first 11:30 am dismissal will be on the first day of school and the second 11:30 am dismissal will be on the day we dismiss for Thanksgiving Vacation. 2:30 early dismissals for professional development will be held every Wednesday.

## Section 3 Severe Weather and School Cancellations

When school must be closed due to bad weather or other emergencies, announcements will be made by radio and television stations in Kearney and Grand Island. **Also, Cornerstone Bank of Shelton has provided the opportunity for parents and community members to receive messages posted by the school via telephone and email, including school cancellations.**

**Parents are encouraged to utilize this as a source of information and can contact the school for more information on signing up for this free service.**

### EMERGENCY CLOSING

The Superintendent is empowered to close the district school(s) or to dismiss them early in the event of hazardous weather or other emergencies that threaten the health or safety of students and personnel. Such action is never to be taken lightly, for public education is one of the principal functions of the community and should be maintained at a normal level except in extreme circumstances. When regularity of operation changes, serious difficulties are caused and the welfare of children may be jeopardized. Schools may not properly be closed merely to avoid inconvenience.



While it may be prudent under certain circumstances to excuse all students from attending school, to delay the opening hour, or to dismiss students early, the administration has the responsibility to see that as much of the administrative, supervisory and operational activity is continued as may be possible.

In making the decision to close schools, the Superintendent, or their designee, shall consider many factors, including the following principle ones related to the fundamental concern for the safety and health of children:

1. Weather conditions, both existing and predicted.
2. Driving, traffic, and parking conditions affecting public and private transportation facilities.
3. Actual conditions or imminent possibility of any emergency conditions which would make the operation of schools difficult or dangerous.
4. Inability of teaching and supervisory personnel to report for duty, which might result in inadequate supervision of students.

It is the policy of the Shelton Public Schools to recognize the right and responsibility of parents in the matter of school attendance. This regulation leaves to the discretion and judgment of parents whether or not their children are in fit condition and properly dressed to attend school during inclement weather. Sometimes it becomes advisable for schools to end morning or afternoon sessions earlier than usual because of building conditions or weather. Parents should plan for this possibility. In the case of inclement weather, any parent who desires may pick up his children from school at any time during the day. This is in accordance with BOE Policy 3024.

## **Article 3 – Use of Building and Grounds**

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### **Section 1 Entering and Leaving the Building**

**Entering:** Students should not be on school grounds prior to 7:30 A.M. unless they are eating school breakfast or are under the supervision of a school sponsor. Students who drive or ride the bus will enter through the back entrance or west entrance. Students who are dropped off, ride bikes, or walk will need to enter through the front entrance.

**Leaving:** The school day ends at 3:30 P.M. All children are encouraged to go directly home unless they are under the supervision of a school sponsor. Students who are not waiting for a ride are to leave the school grounds immediately after dismissal.

### **Section 2 Visitors**

Visitors are always welcome at our school! Parents are encouraged to visit at any time of the day to see school in progress. In order to observe a specific class, please refer to the classroom schedule provided by the teacher at the beginning of the year. It is advisable that conferences with teachers be scheduled in advance. Other visitors such as personal friends, out-of-town guests, cousins, etc...are welcome too. However, the principal is to be notified in advance of the visit. We ask that all visitors check-in at the high school office before going to the classrooms. If social activities are planned such as field trips, assessments, special projects, etc...visits will be discouraged and have to be rescheduled.

### **Section 3 Smoke-Free Environment**

Shelton Public Schools declares our school building to be smoke-free. We would appreciate your help in meeting the goal of a smoke and tobacco free environment for our children. When you attend school events, including athletic events, please remember that our building is smoke and tobacco free and abide by our district's policy.





#### **Section 4 Care of School Property**

Except in cases of unavoidable accidents, students and/or their parents are liable for all damage they may do to school property and will be required to make restitution for damages incurred.

#### **Section 5 Searches of Lockers and Other Types of Searches**

Lockers are the property of the school district and students are permitted to use them without charge. The assignment of a locker is on a temporary basis and may be revoked at any time. School officials may inspect student lockers without any particularized suspicion or reasonable cause.

#### **Section 6 Video Surveillance**

The Board of Education has authorized the use of video cameras in the school building to ensure the health, welfare and safety of all staff, students and visitors to this property, and to safeguard district facilities and equipment. Video cameras may be used in locations as deemed appropriate by the Superintendent.

#### **Section 7 Use of telephone**

If a child has a legitimate reason to use the phone, permission may be granted by the school secretary, teacher, or the principal. Students will not be called to the phone during the day unless it is an emergency.

#### **Section 8 Bicycles, Skateboards, Roller Blades, Scooters**

Skateboards, Roller Blades, and Scooters are not allowed on school premises; however, bicycles may be used as a form of transportation to and from school. The school is not responsible for theft or damage to a bicycle. The following rules must be observed regarding the use of bicycles:

1. No one is allowed to ride bikes on school grounds. Students must walk bikes onto school grounds.
2. Bicycles must be parked in the bike rack.
3. The borrowing of a child's bicycle during the school day will not be allowed.

#### **Section 9 Student Valuables**

Students are responsible for taking care of their own property that they bring to school. Books, supplies, and materials should all be labeled. Any items brought from home for classroom use should be given to a teacher. Large amounts of money should not be carried to school.

#### **Section 10 Lost and Found**

Lost and found items are located in the storage room in the high school office. Parents are encouraged to contact the school if a child's belongings are missing or are free to check the items in the storage room. The lost and found items are displayed on the last day of the quarter so the students will have the opportunity to identify and claim them. Once the semester is over, leftover items will be donated to charitable causes and/or discarded. **Please mark your child's belongings for this purpose.**



## Section 11 Accidents

Every accident in the school building or on school grounds must be reported immediately to the office and an accident form will be completed. Depending upon the severity of the accident, communication will take place between home and school.

## Section 12 Insurance

The school district is not an insurer of student safety, and parents are encouraged to secure insurance covering their students' health care needs, including catastrophic coverage for injuries which may be sustained while participating in athletics or other extracurricular activities.

## Section 13 Bulletins and Announcements

PowerSchool and our Shelton Public Schools App Messaging System will be the primary means of communicating with patrons. School bulletins will be available on the school website. Periodic paper flyers/announcements may be sent home when appropriate. Shelton Public School also has a website at: [www.sheltonbulldogs.org](http://www.sheltonbulldogs.org). The district website will contain a wide array of pertinent and up to date information.

# Article 4 – Attendance

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## Section 1 Attendance

Students are required to attend class regularly and to be on time in order to gain the maximum benefit from our instructional program, develop habits of punctuality, self-discipline, and responsibility. Students must be in regular attendance if they are to obtain the most value that they can from each course. Continuity in the learning process is seriously disrupted by excessive absences. In most situations, the work missed cannot be made up adequately. The discussion that takes place in the classroom is often more valuable than that written assignment. Nebraska School Law, 79—201, requires students to attend each day that school is in session, except when excused by school authorities. An excused absence is due to illness, medical appointment or an absence previously requested by the parent/guardian and acknowledged as excused by school authorities. **It is the parent's responsibility to see that their child(ren) attend(s) school regularly.**

## Section 2 Attendance and Absences (BOE Policy 9014)

The following guidelines apply to any absence:

1. A high school student who accumulates more than 10 attendance points in any class in a semester will receive an NC (no credit) w/ a GPA value of "0" for that course unless the Principal determines that, due to the nature of the absences, credit shall be granted.
2. All absences shall count towards the ten-day limit, with the following exceptions. Any absence due to school-sponsored activities will not count toward the ten-day limit. Also, any absence due to illness as long as a doctor's note is filed in the office stating such.
3. After-8 -unexcused absences or the hourly equivalent in any semester, the principal will meet with parent(s) or guardian(s) and student if necessary, to attempt to solve the absenteeism. At that time, the principal will determine whether curricular changes, such as placement in an alternative educational setting, would help solve the absenteeism. If steps to remedy the absenteeism are not successful, the principal may make a report to the county attorney.



4. When a student is absent more than twenty days per year, and any portion of the absence is unexcused, the principal will file a report with the Buffalo County Attorney. For example, if the student accumulates 23 days of excused absences due to documented illness and is tardy one time, the principal must file a report with the appropriate county attorney.
5. Any student that must miss a day of school must bring a note to the office signed by the parent/guardian, describing the reason the student was unable to be in school. Notes on future absences must be filed in the office at which time a make-up slip will be issued. The make-up slip must be turned into the office prior to the student being gone. Make-up slips given due to illness must be returned to the office two school days after the absence. After that time, it is the teacher's option whether to accept make-up work or give the student a zero. Teachers will sign the make-up slip after the assigned work has been completed. In the event the make-up slip is not turned in to the office within the designated time, the student will be placed in AAP to receive assistance in fulfilling this attendance obligation.
6. Determination as to whether any absence is excused or unexcused shall be the principal's.
7. Any student who has an unexcused absence will be subject to disciplinary remedies for truancy as well as customary consequences for missing/late work determined by the classroom teacher.

\*\*Students who are truant or continue to have excessive absenteeism will be dealt with by the compulsory attendance law 79—209 and reported to the proper agencies.

#### Career/Job Shadowing

Students will be granted 1 Career/Job Shadowing day in each of their 10<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade years. This will be part of the Guidance Career Workshop Curriculum and will not count against their 10 days provided the following criteria are met:

- Appointment made with employer at minimum of 10 days prior to Job Shadowing.
- Signed Parental Permission Slip turned into the office at minimum of 7 days prior to Job Shadowing
- Students have all school work completed as evidenced by the completed make up slip turned into the office prior to Job Shadowing

The school is not responsible for transportation. Students on the Down List will not be granted a job shadowing day.

#### College Visit

Students will be granted 1 College Visit day in each of their 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade years to visit a college of their choice or attend a college fair provided the following conditions are met:

- Signed Parental Permission Slip turned into the office at minimum of 7 days prior to the college visit
- Students have all school work completed as evidenced by the completed make up slip turned into the office prior to the college visit

This is in addition to anything the School Counselor, or a Teacher takes the class to for colleges or careers. Students on the Down List will not be granted college visitation days.

### **Section 3 Tardiness**

Classes begin at 8:00 A.M. The teacher takes attendance and lunch count at this time; therefore, it is essential that your child be on time. Students who arrive late to school must stop by the central office and obtain a pass. Bus students will not be counted tardy if the bus is late for any reason.

1. *Morning/First-period tardies*- Each student will be allowed four tardies per quarter before disciplinary action is taken. On the fifth through seventh tardies, the student will be assigned a one-hour detention for each tardy. If there are more than seven tardies, the student will be required to serve a 1.5 hour detention. If a student receives more than nine tardies, a



conference will be scheduled with the parent(s), student, and administration in order to determine what course of action to take in order to prevent future tardies. Further violations may result in student suspension and/or loss of class credit.

2. *Class tardiness* - Unexcused class tardiness will be tracked and handled by the administration.
3. *Tardy vs. Absent* - A student 10 minutes late to class or less will be counted as tardy. A student later than 10 minutes to class, will be counted as absent.
4. Repeated tardiness to a particular class will count toward class absences, which (when combined with other absences) can result in a loss of credit as described here:

**When a student accumulates four (4) tardies for any one class period it will be equivalent to a full absence for that class period (4 tardies = 1 absence, 8 tardies = 2 absences, etc.). This is in conjunction with "Article 4 – Attendance" in this student handbook. Additional remedies for tardiness may include making up time in detention and/or the restriction of off-campus lunch privileges (seniors).**

#### Section 4 Leaving School

No staff member shall excuse any student from the school campus prior to the end of the school day, or into any person's custody, without the direct prior approval and knowledge of the principal. The principal shall not excuse a student before the end of the school without a request for the early dismissal by the student's parent or guardian. If a student does need to leave early per parent request, they must check out through the central office before leaving. Additional precautions may be taken by Shelton Public School's administration appropriate to the age of students and as needs arise.

#### Section 5 Make Up Work Policy when Absent

The make up work guidelines for Shelton High School are listed below for each type of absence.

School Activity (Act)-	class work will be due prior to leaving or per teacher arrangement
Unexcused Absence (A/AU)-	class work will be due upon return; no extended deadlines
Excused Absence (MP/MD/AE)-	2 days makeup time for each day missed if makeup slip is utilized as prescribed above
Job Shadow/College Visit (JOB/CV)-	class work will be due prior to leaving or per teacher arrangement
In-School Suspension (ISS)-	class work will be provided; no extended deadlines; student will seek assignments/clarifications via school email/LMS
Out of School Suspension (OSS)-	class work will be provided; no extended deadlines; student will seek assignments/clarifications via school email/LMS

#### Section 6 Open Campus Privilege for Seniors

Shelton Public School has a closed campus for grades K through 11. The senior class has the privilege for open campus for the purpose of going to lunch daily. It shall be the responsibility of the parent to grant permission for their child to go and eat lunch off campus. It is the responsibility of the student to travel to and from lunch only. SHS students (seniors) may ride with each other, but may not ride with anyone else without written permission from parents for each instance. Students will lose this privilege if:

- on the ineligibility down list
- 4 tardies in the period directly after lunch are accumulated (remainder of semester)



- 10 tardies during the semester are accumulated (remainder of semester)
- 8 attendance points during the semester are accumulated (remainder of semester)
- the student has excessive disciplinary issues, as determined by the high school principal
- found to have been in a vehicle with underclassmen during the lunch period
- assigned to AAP

## Article 5 – Scholastic Achievement

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### Section 1 Grading System

Shelton Public Schools will use the grading system as follows and each teacher should define for students the grading procedures to be used in their classes.

College Class/Dual Credit Conversion			
	College Grade	SHS Grade	GPA
<b>A</b>	100% - 95%	100% - 95%	4.5
	94% - 90%	94%	4.5
<b>B</b>	89% - 86%	90%	3.5
	85% - 80%	86%	3.5
<b>C</b>	79% - 70%	80%	2.5
<b>D</b>	69% - 60%	75%	1.5
<b>F</b>	59% and below	69%	0.0

Standard Grading Scale		
		GPA
<b>A</b>	100% - 93%	4.0
<b>B</b>	92% - 86%	3.0
<b>C</b>	85% - 78%	2.0
<b>D</b>	77% - 70%	1.0
<b>F</b>	69% and below	0.0

P... A passing grade may be given by the teacher under special circumstances with administrative approval.

I... Incomplete - A student receiving an incomplete has two weeks past the previous grading period to complete the work. If this is not done, the student will receive a failing grade (69%) or their current grade, whichever is lower, in that class for the term.

### Section 2 Progress Reports

Progress reports will be sent home periodically to keep a parent/guardian informed about each child's progress. Parents are also encouraged to use PowerSchool to keep informed on their child's academic standings. Teachers are encouraged to notify parents as soon as a concern arises.

### Section 3 Report Cards

The report card is an appraisal of the child's scholastic, social, and personal growth in terms of the school program. Report cards will be distributed at the end of each nine-week period. The report card will be sent home with the student or will be mailed at the end of the Semester. We ask that the parents examine the cards carefully and if they have any questions, to please contact the teachers involved.

### Section 4 Down List/Eligibility

Teachers will have their grades prepared each Monday no later than 11:00am. The down list will be distributed to teachers Monday afternoon along with contacting the necessary students and parents/guardians. A student will be considered ineligible or "down" if he/she has is failing (not maintaining at least a 70% average) any two or more classes for two consecutive weeks. The first of



those two weeks will be considered a warning week. Students will be eligible to participate during their warning week, but any week(s) directly subsequent to the warning week will result in ineligibility for that calendar week. Grade averages are based on the student's cumulative average for the current quarter.

A student should be in school at least  $\frac{1}{2}$  the period to be eligible to participate in activities after school hours on that date, unless excused by the principal.

A student must have passed at least 20 hours, from the previous semester, in order to be eligible for extracurricular activities for the semester. Any student who has not met the above requirement will be ineligible to participate in extracurricular activities.

## Section 5 Semester Test

A comprehensive understanding of course outcomes is an important part of the educational process. The semester test schedule, type of semester tests given, method of administering semester tests, and weighting of semester tests will be at the discretion of the principals. Semester tests will account for 20% of the overall grade for the given semester.

## Section 6 Graduation Requirements

Graduation from Shelton Public Schools will be made on the recommendation of the high school principal provided the student has met the requirements set forth by the local school board. A student must have completed coursework in grades nine through twelve including the specific requirements of:

### Graduation Requirements

ENGLISH.....	40 Credit hours
These courses count toward English graduation credit: English 9 for Freshman, English 10 for Sophomores, English 11, English 12, College English (2 Semesters).	
SOCIAL STUDIES.....	40 Credit hours
These courses count toward Social Studies graduation credit: World Geography, and World History, Modern Problems, American Government for Seniors, American History for Juniors.	
MATH .....	30 Credit hours
Calculus, Pre-Calculus, Advanced Math Topics, Trigonometry, Geometry, Algebra I and II, (other special education Math courses taken in High School)	
SCIENCE.....	30 Credit hours
These courses count toward Science graduation credit: Physical Science and Biology are required, Anatomy, Chemistry, Physics.	
SPEECH.....	5 Credit hours
1 Semester of Speech is required.	



PHYSICAL EDUCATION.....	10 Credit hours
P.E. 9 is required	
FOREIGN LANGUAGE.....	10 Credit hours
HUMANITIES.....	10 Credit hours
(Band, Chorus, Art)	
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION.....	10 Credit hours
1 Semester of Personal Finance for Seniors is required, Starting with the class of 2027, 1 Semester of Computer Science	
TOTAL.....	255 Credit hours
Community Service.....	40 hours
(Prorated proportionately for student who enroll after the beginning of their freshmen year, but still plan on graduating with their class on time)	

### **JUNIOR HIGH REQUIREMENTS**

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are expected to earn a semester grade of at least 70% in courses of Mathematics, English, Science, and Social Science. Students who earn a semester grade lower than 70% are expected to make up the course either through the credit recovery program or through the alternative room as determined by the principal.

#### **Section 7 Honor Roll**

There are two levels of the Honor Roll:

1. "A" Honor Roll – student receives no grades lower than an "A" in all classes
2. "A/B" Honor Roll – student receives only "A's" and "B's" in all classes

**The Honor Roll will be published Quarterly and at the end of each Semester.**

#### **Section 8 Valedictorian and Salutatorian Guidelines/Class Rank**

- A. Valedictorian shall be that senior who has the highest GPA.
- B. Salutatorian shall be that senior with the second highest GPA.
- C. To be eligible, a student must have completed his/her senior year in Shelton Public Schools and have a 1st Semester and 2nd Semester grade from Shelton Public Schools their senior year.

#### **Class Rank**

1. Class rank: Highest grade average of academic courses.
2. The grade averages to be used are of high school credit courses earned through their senior year. Incoming grades and credits are accepted for transfer students, if the school was an accredited school. If the incoming grades are not identified by a number or percentage, then the following scale will be used: A=100-93, B=92-86, C=85-78, D=77-70, F=69-0
3. Class rank is figured as follows, taking the grade received in the class, multiply that grade (percentage) times the number of credit for that class, then dividing by the total credit accumulated. All high school courses count toward their class rank and GPA. (Exceptions; Pass/Fail courses, and college classes not on the High School Transcript do not count toward rank). Students can choose to take a dual credit class for college credit only, these would be classes that are not taken during school. UNL Independent Study High School courses-count toward a student's GPA, class rank, and Valedictorian and Salutatorian status.
4. Home School classes will not be accepted for High School credit, unless it is from an accredited High School.
5. The 4.0 scale will be used for purposes of class rank with 4.0=93-100, 3.0=86-92, 2.0=78-85, 1.0=70-77. The 100-point scale will be used as a tie-breaker only.



6. Grade replacement: Students may repeat a course in (Math, English, Social Studies, Science, and Spanish) but may not earn additional credit toward graduation by repeating the course. Students who repeat the course and earn a passing grade forfeit the credit previously earned. Students who repeat the course and then earn an F do retain credit earned from the previous attempt. In both cases, the original grade remains on the student record even if it doesn't count towards their GPA or graduation progress.
7. The number of Dual Credit or College Classes taken and passed may be used as a tie-breaker for class rank.

## Section 9 College Classes

A student may be allowed to take college classes or dual credit classes during the school day. Once enrolled in the college class, a student may be allowed to have a period during the school day to take the college class, whether it be a class that is online, correspondence, or distance learning. Students can choose to take a dual credit class for college credit only, but will not get a period during the school day for it. Any dual credit college courses taken during the school day will be figured into the student's GPA, Valedictorian and Salutatorian status, and will receive a .5 bonus to their GPA if they pass (A=4.5, B=3.5, C=2.5, D=1.5, F=0). A grade conversion chart is provided at the beginning of Article 5, above.

## Section 10 Student Aides/Basic Skills Addition (2.5 credits per semester IEP/MDT Students)

1. Students wanting to be student aides for teachers or administrators must be doing satisfactory work in all school subjects.
2. Students will be given 2 hours of credit per semester and will be graded on a pass/fail basis.
3. Student aides are responsible to their supervising teacher. They should be prompt and ready to work.
4. Students will be allowed to be aides after discussion of job expectations with the teacher and principal.
5. There will be only one aide per teacher unless approval is given by the principal.
6. Students serving as aides (typically restricted to Juniors and Seniors) may not take a study hall unless given permission by the principal or counselor.

## Article 6 – Support Services

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### Section 1 Special Education Establishment

All children, regardless of their handicapping condition, are entitled to a free appropriate public education and an equal opportunity for education according to their needs. The district will follow the protocols created by the Nebraska Department of Education and the United States Department of Education in identifying, evaluating, and verifying students who may be entitled to rehabilitation or special education services. The school district shall provide special education and rehabilitative services only to children with verified disabilities and qualifying conditions.

### Section 2 Guidance Services





All students are encouraged to work closely with our School Counselors. They are skilled in helping students to resolve issues that can impede the educational process. These issues could range from academic to personal, don't hesitate to utilize them early in a situation so that problems can be more quickly resolved. All students will meet with the school counselor to plan their course of studies through high school. This should be done as early as possible in the school year so that any needed corrections in scheduling can be made. Those students considering college after graduation need to determine the entrance requirements for the colleges of their choice as early as possible. It is recommended that college-bound students and their parents visit the school counselor to plan an appropriate course of study. Current college catalogs are available in the counselor's office.

**Mandatory Reporting** - School employees are legally obligated to report any suspected abuse or any activity and or situation that could put the welfare of students in jeopardy.

### **Section 3 Cumulative Records**

A cumulative record will be maintained for each student from his/her entrance into school through the twelfth grade. These records pertaining to the individual student may be used only for the benefit, promotion, or welfare of the student. All material in each cumulative file will be treated as confidential. According to State Law (Statute 370, 1973) these records are accessible to the student, the student's parents or guardians, and school personnel only. "Shelton Public School releases directory information about your students to college, universities and military recruiters. If parents wish to withhold information provided to military recruiters please contact the school counselor with your request". Having a student's records sent to another school, prospective employer, or any other party, requires an official release form on file in the Guidance Office signed by the student's parent or guardian.

All **Credit Recovery** placements are subject to administrative approval. Credit Recovery would be reported on the transcript as an Alternate Class (example, Alternate Biology) and assigned the lowest possible passing grade. The student's original grade in the class will remain the same. Students can only recover a failed grade starting in the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester for 1<sup>st</sup> semester fails, and Summer School for 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> semester fails.

Students seeking to fulfill required classes that cannot be scheduled for them within the regular school day can use the Credit Recovery program, and would receive whatever grade they achieved. These courses are figured into their GPA like a normal course and listed as such. Full-time Alternative Education placement can be requested by the student, parents, teachers, or school administration. Students in full-time alternative education placement may have Education Plans created to meet their educational needs and their graduation requirements. Seniors who are placed in Alternative Education full time during 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester can meet graduation requirements early if: (1) they fulfill all academic requirements to graduate (2) satisfy the conditions of their Education Plan (3) forfeit their right to participate in all extra activities, including, but not limited to: Prom, Graduation Ceremony, Athletic and Musical Contests (attendance at these events would be at the discretion of the principal) (4) parent agrees to all conditions and assumes responsibility for the student when they are released from the alternative education program. Upon completion and after the graduation ceremony, the diploma will be mailed or distributed to the student. All Alternative Education plans (full and/or part-time) are subject to review, adjustment and final approval of school administration.

### **Section 4 Classification**

Students must have earned:

50 hours to enter the Sophomore class

100 hours to enter the Junior class



175 hours to enter the Senior class  
\*255 to graduate

## Section 5 Dropping and Adding Classes

A student has three school days in which to “drop” or “add” a class after school has convened for the school year. The respective teachers, parents, and principal must approve class changes. Consultation with the school counselor prior to dropping/adding a class is strongly recommended. Any classes dropped after this time period will usually result in failing grades, unless there are extenuating circumstances approved by the principal. Extracurricular academic eligibility could be suspended for a period of time depending on the circumstances of that drop or add. This will be at the discretion of the administration.

## Section 6 Health Services

**School Nurse:** The school nurse is scheduled at Shelton Public School for two days for first and second semester. A schedule will be established and these days will be determined at the beginning of the school year.

**Emergency Response Team:** In the event the school nurse is not present during a student health emergency, the emergency response team will be notified and activate policies & procedures set forth in the district Emergency Response Plan. Prearranged individual plans may be followed outside the standard response of the team if such plans are set up prior to any such emergency.

**Annual Health Check:** The school nurse checks each student’s hearing and sight annually. If there is a suspicion of a problem, the parent will be notified. Additional health screenings may be requested by the parents or teacher.

**Students need to be fever free without medication for 24 hours to be able to return to school from illness. If a child vomits they will be sent home and may not return until they are without an episode of vomiting for 24 hours.**

### MEDICATION FOR STUDENTS

Whenever possible, parents should arrange medication schedules to eliminate the need for giving medication during school hours. When it is necessary for school personnel to administer medication to students, the school district will comply with the Nebraska Medication Aide Act, the requirements of Title 92, Nebraska Administrative Code, Chapter 59, (promulgated by the Nebraska Department of Education and entitled *Methods of Competency Assessment of School Staff Who Administer Medication*), and all state and federal regulations. Parents and guardians who wish to have their child receive medication from school personnel must comply with the following procedures:

1. **Prescription medication**
  - a. Parents/guardians must provide a physician's written authorization for the administration of the medication.
  - b. Parents/guardians must provide their own written permission for the administration of the medication.
  - c. The medication must be brought to school in the prescription container and must be properly labeled with the student's name, the physician's name, and directions for administering the medication.
2. **Non-prescription medication**
  - a. Parents/guardians must provide written permission for the administration of the medication
  - b. The medication must be brought to the school in the manufacturer’s container.
  - c. The container must be labeled with the child’s name and with directions for provision or administration of the medication



The district reserves the right to review and decline requests to administer or provide medications that are not consistent with standard pharmacological references, are prescribed in doses that exceed those recommended in standard pharmacological references, or that could be taken in a manner that would eliminate the need for giving them during school hours. The district may request parental authorization to consult with the student's physician regarding any medication prescribed by such physician.

### **STUDENT ILLNESS**

Students who become ill at school will be sent to the building office where the school nurse or other school employee will determine the appropriate response. When a child is too ill to remain at school, a school employee will contact the child's parent(s) and make arrangements for the child to be picked up or sent home. If an illness or injury requires immediate medical attention, school officials shall attempt to contact the child's parent(s) regarding treatment for the child. If the parents cannot be contacted, school officials may have the child treated by an available physician. Students who show symptoms of a contagious disease may be sent home, and the district may require a physician's statement before allowing such students to return to school.

Parents must complete an emergency information card for each child enrolled in the district. The card should list the family physician's name, where parents or a responsible adult can be located, and any necessary emergency instructions.

**Control of Communicable Diseases:** Students with the following diseases must have treatment before returning to school: MRSA/Staph, Pink eye, impetigo, and ringworm. Students with chicken pox may return to school seven days after onset. They must be fever free and have no infected pox. The student should be inspected by a school official prior to entry. Students with head lice may be readmitted to school following treatment and removal of all nits. The student should be inspected by the school nurse or trained personnel before being allowed to re-enter. Students with the following diseases need a physician's written permission to return to school: hepatitis, rheumatic fever, mononucleosis, and HIV.

**To have a student either excused from physical activity because of injury or illness or readmitted to physical activities, a permission slip is needed from the parent or doctor.**

**Child Abuse:** When any school staff member has reasonable cause to believe that a child has been subjected to abuse or neglect, or observes such person being subjected to conditions or circumstances which would result in abuse or neglect, he or she is required by law to report such incidents to the proper law enforcement agency. (School Law 28-710) Abuse or neglect shall mean knowingly, intentionally, or negligently causing a minor child to be placed in a situation that may endanger his/her life or physical or mental health. \*Refer Policy 9035 Child Abuse or Neglect.

### **PRIVACY OF PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION**

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 protects certain health information. Shelton Public Schools recognizes that prior to obtaining or releasing student or employees protected health information, that written authorization for such disclosure will be required. If protected health information is requested from a third party, Shelton Public Schools will ensure that such information is released only as allowed by federal and state law.

### **EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO LIFE THREATENING ASTHMA OR SYSTEMIC ALLERGIC REACTIONS (ANAPHYLAXIS)**



School employees will comply with the requirements of “Protocol: Emergency Response to Life Threatening Asthma or Systemic Allergic Reactions (Anaphylaxis)”. The district shall procure and maintain the equipment and medication necessary to implement the protocol.

The superintendent shall obtain the required signature(s) of one or more physicians licensed to practice medicine in Nebraska on the form entitled “Protocol: Emergency Response to Life Threatening Asthma or Systemic Allergic Reactions (Anaphylaxis)” (“Protocol”). The superintendent shall publish this policy and Protocol in each employee handbook.

The superintendent shall arrange to have a qualified medical person train employees, and for training updates as necessary.

### **SELF-MANAGEMENT OF DIABETES OR ASTHMA/ANAPHYLAXIS**

Upon receiving the written request of a student’s parent or guardian and the written authorization by the student’s physician, the school district will work with the parent or guardian in consultation with the physician to develop a medical management plan for a student with diabetes, asthma, or anaphylaxis (referred to herein as “medical condition”).

The plan for a student with diabetes will (a) identify the health care services the student may receive at school, (b) evaluate the student’s understanding of and ability to self-manage his or her medical condition, (c) permit regular monitoring of the student’s self management by an appropriately credentialed health care professional, and (d) be signed by the student’s parent or guardian and the physician responsible for the student’s medical condition.

The plan for a student with asthma or anaphylaxis will (a) identify the health care services the student may receive at school, (b) evaluate the student’s understanding of and ability to self-manage his or her medical condition, (c) permit regular monitoring of the student’s self management by an appropriately credentialed health care professional, (d) include the name, purpose, and dosage of the prescription asthma or anaphylaxis medication prescribed for such student, (e) include procedures for storage and access to backup supplies of such prescription asthma or anaphylaxis medication, and (f) be signed by the student’s parent or guardian and the physician responsible for the student’s medical condition.

The plan will permit the students to self-manage his or her medical condition in any part of the school or on school grounds during any school-related activity, or in a private location. The parent or guardian of a student for whom such a medical management plan has been developed shall sign a statement acknowledging that (a) the school and its employees and agents are not liable for any injury or death arising from a student’s self-management of his or her medical condition and (b) the parent or guardian will indemnify and hold harmless the school district and its employees and agents against any claim arising from a student’s self management of his or her medical condition.

The student’s parent or guardian will be personally responsible for any and all costs associated with any injury to school personnel or another student resulting from the a diabetic student’s misuse of necessary medical supplies.

The district may prohibit a student from possessing medical supplies for self-management and may establish other necessary and appropriate restrictions or conditions when the district determines that the student has endangered himself, herself, or others through misuse or threatened misuse of such medical supplies. The district will promptly notify the parent or guardian of any such prohibition, restriction, or condition.

## **Article 7 – Drugs, Alcohol, and Tobacco**

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### **Section 1 Drug Free Schools**



## **STANDARDS OF CONDUCT FOR PARTICIPATION IN EXTRACURRICULAR AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

The following policies and procedures govern extracurricular and cocurricular activities both in and out of school beginning on the first day of activity practice in the fall and running through the last day of state competition in the spring. These activities affect all school sponsored activities that include but are not limited to continued involvement in and removal from the following activities and positions: football, volleyball, cross country, basketball, wrestling, track, golf, plays, musicals, band, chorus, speech and drama, cheerleading, dance team, National Honor Society, student council, annual, newspaper, class officer, prom, Close Up, and school dances.

### **1. Academic and Attendance Requirements.**

In order to be eligible to participate in a particular performance, contest, program, trip or activity, each student should meet the requirements set out below.

- a. A student must make special arrangements for assignments with the teacher(s) involved if he or she is going to miss a class for a performance, scheduled contest, program or trip, in order to be eligible to perform in that event. (If at all possible such assignments must be done in advance.)
- b. A student should be in school at least one-half day of a performance, scheduled contest, program or trip which begins after all classes have been completed. Parents may seek an exception to this rule from the office of the high school principal. Exceptions will be granted on a case-by-case basis and at the discretion of the high school principal.
- c. A student must meet the requirements of the Nebraska State Activities Association and have received passing marks in four major courses in the previous semester. A major course carries five credits per semester. The term "previous semester" means that semester immediately preceding the semester in which the student wishes to participate in activities.
- d. A student must not be failing more than two courses during a week.

### **2. Prohibited Conduct**

Students who engage in the following prohibited conduct will be excluded from extracurricular and co-curricular activities based on the consequence schedule set forth in this policy.

- a. Violations of Local, State and Federal Laws.
  - i. Whenever the school district has reasonable cause to believe that a student has violated any local, state or federal law (other than any municipal curfew or a traffic ordinance which is classified as an infraction) the student shall be ineligible to represent the school in any performance, scheduled contest, program or trip according to the schedule of consequences set forth in this policy.
- b. Suspensions and Expulsions from School.
  - i. Any student suspended from school (in or out) through in school or out of school suspension for violation of school rules will be ineligible to participate in any extracurricular or co curricular activities until reinstated by the high school principal.
- c. Use of Tobacco, Alcohol and Other Dangerous Drugs.



- i. No student who is involved in extracurricular or co-curricular activities shall use, possess, or transmit any alcoholic beverage, tobacco product or illegal drug or be at or remain at the site of any party, or be in any vehicle, residence or other building where any minor is using or possessing an alcoholic beverage, a tobacco product or an illegal drug. Provided, this rule shall not apply to activities which a student attends a gathering with his or her parent(s) where alcohol is consumed as long as the student does not personally consume alcohol, use tobacco or an illegal drug.

### 3. Schedule of Consequences

- a. Students who use, possess, or transmit an alcoholic beverage, tobacco or an illegal drug on school property or at a school sponsored activity are also subject to discipline under board policy and the Student Discipline Act up to and including suspension or expulsion from school.
- b. If school officials determine, after a reasonable investigation, that a student has violated this policy by consuming alcohol, using tobacco or an illegal drug, or has remained at a site where other minors are using alcohol, tobacco or illegal drugs, the student shall be ineligible to represent the school in any performance, scheduled contest, program or trip according to the schedule of consequences set forth in this policy.
- c. The consequences that follow are generally intended to be applied progressively and on a year by year basis. However, there are circumstances when the infraction will be deemed severe because of moral turpitude, violence, amount of damage or some other factor, it would be appropriate to deviate from the schedule of consequences. When the high school principal, in his/her sole judgment, determines that the infraction is severe, he/she may deviate from the schedule of discipline and impose the discipline he/she deems appropriate.

#### a. First Offense

- i. The student shall be required to attend practices.
- ii. The student will be ineligible to publicly perform in any extracurricular activity for 14 calendar days. The day of the positive test results received by the district shall be the first day for counting purposes. If the end of the activity precedes the end of the 14 days, the remaining days will carry over to the next activity so the student completes the required number of days.
- iii. The student shall obtain a drug and alcohol assessment and counseling from a certified substance abuse counselor or licensed mental health provider who holds a valid license that includes in its scope of practice the ability to administer substance abuse evaluations and/or treatment. The drug and alcohol assessment and counseling will be provided to the student by the district. This will be arranged and approved by the School Counselor and the student's parents or guardians. The student shall provide written proof of obtaining the assessment to the school counselor. The student is strongly encouraged to comply with the assessment and counselor's recommendations.
- iv. The student will be subject to follow-up drug tests at least one time per month for the next 6 months or end upon graduation.

#### b. Second Offense

- v. The student shall be required to attend practice.



- vi. The student will be ineligible to publicly perform in any extracurricular activity for 30 calendar days. The day of the positive test result is received by the district shall be the first day for counting purposes. If the end of the activity precedes the end of the 30 days, the remaining days will carry over to the next activity so the student completes the required number of days.
- vii. The student shall attend additional drug and alcohol counseling or educational program provided by the district. The counseling will be arranged by the School Counselor in conjunction with the student's parents or guardians.
- viii. The student must submit to a district-administered test and test negative before returning to the activity. The student will be subject to follow-up drug tests at least one time per month for the next **9** months or end upon graduation.

**c. Third Offense**

- ix. The student will be ineligible to practice or publicly perform in any extracurricular activity for one year from the date of the third positive test or end upon graduation. The day of the positive test result is received by the district shall be the first day for counting purposes.
- x. The student must submit to a district-administered test and test negative before returning to the activity. The student will be subject to follow-up drug tests at least one time per month for the next **12** months or end upon graduation.
- xi.

**d. Fourth Offense**

- xii. The student will be ineligible to participate in any extracurricular activity for the remainder of the student's time at the school district.

**4. Appeal Process.**

- a. A student or parent contesting the declared ineligibility of a student based on these rules, shall be required to state the basis of their objection in writing, and also their request for an oral hearing, addressed to the Superintendent of Schools. The Superintendent of Schools shall then schedule a meeting of the student and/or parents and the high school principal. The Superintendent will hear the complaint and will notify the student or parents in writing of his/her decision within 10 school days. The decision of the Superintendent of Schools shall be final.

**Section 2 Drug Dog Policy**

The Shelton Board of Education has authorized the use of a Drug Dog to search any portion of the building or grounds, without prior notice or parent permission, if this action is deemed necessary by the administration. This is in accordance with Board of Education Policy 3022.

**Section 3 Drug Testing Policy (Board Policy 9003)**

For the purpose of promoting safe, healthy, and responsible lifestyle choices, the Shelton Board of Education has adopted Board Policy 9003, concerning a student drug testing program for those opting to participate in the noted extracurricular activities. [Click to view Board Policy 9003](#)



## **Article 8 – Student Rights, Conduct, Rules and Regulations**

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### **Section 1 – Forms of School Discipline**

Due process with respect to exclusion from school is a matter of board policy and is outlined in Legislative Bill 503 passed in 1976 Nebraska Legislature. The statute provides for 5 types of exclusions:

1. Short-Term Exclusion: Up to, and including 5 days
2. Emergency Exclusion: Immediate exclusion if the student has a dangerous disease, or his/her conduct presents a threat to the physical safety of the school community, or is very disruptive
3. Long-Term Exclusion: More than 5 days, less than 20
4. Expulsion: Remainder of semester
5. Mandatory reassignment: Involuntary transfer to another school within the system in connection with any disciplinary action.

Each type is defined below:

- A. **Short-Term Suspension:** Students may be excluded by a Principal or the Principal's designee from school or any school function for a period of up to five school days (short-term suspension) on the following grounds:
1. Conduct that constitutes grounds for expulsion, whether the conduct occurs on or off school grounds; or,
  2. Other violations of rules and standards of behavior adopted by the Shelton Public Schools Board of Education or the administrative or teaching staff of the school, which occur on or off school grounds, if such conduct interferes with school purposes or there is a nexus between such conduct and school.

The following process will apply to short-term suspensions:

1. A Principal or the Principal's designee will make a reasonable investigation of the facts and circumstances. A short-term suspension will be made upon a determination that the suspension is necessary to help any student, to further school purposes, or to prevent an interference with school purposes.
2. Prior to commencement of the short-term suspension, the student will be given oral or written notice of the charges against the student. The student will be advised of what the student is accused of having done, an explanation of the evidence the authorities have, and be afforded an opportunity to explain the student's version of the facts.
3. Within 24 hours or such additional time as is reasonably necessary following the suspension, a Principal or administrator will send a written statement to the student and the student's parent or guardian describing





the student's conduct, misconduct or violation of the rule or standard and the reasons for the action taken.

4. An opportunity will be given to the student, and the student's parent or guardian, to have a conference with a Principal or administrator ordering the short-term suspension before or at the time the student returns to school. The Principal or administrator shall determine who in addition to the parent or guardian is to participate in the conference.
5. A student on a short-term suspension shall not be permitted to be on school grounds without the express permission of a Principal.

B. **Long-Term Suspension:** A long-term suspension means an exclusion from school and any school functions for a period of more than five school days but less than twenty school days. A student who on a long-term suspension shall not be permitted to be on school grounds without the express permission of a Principal. A notice will be given to the student and the parents/guardian when a Principal recommends a long-term suspension. The notice will include a description of the procedures for long-term suspension. The procedures will be those set forth in the Student Discipline Act.

C. **Expulsion:**

1. **Meaning of Expulsion.** Expulsion means exclusion from attendance in all schools, grounds and activities of or within the system for a period not to exceed the remainder of the semester in which it took effect unless (a) the misconduct occurred within ten school days prior to the end of the first semester, in which case the expulsion shall remain in effect through the second semester, or (b) the misconduct occurred within ten school days prior to the end of the second semester, in which case the expulsion shall remain in effect for summer school and the first semester of the following school year, or (c) the expulsion is for conduct specified in these rules or in law as permitting or requiring a longer removal, in which case the expulsion shall remain in effect for the period specified therein. Such action may be modified or terminated by the school district at any time during the expulsion period.
2. **Suspensions Pending Hearing.** When a notice of intent to discipline a student by long-term suspension, expulsion, or mandatory reassignment is filed with the superintendent, the student may be suspended by the principal until the date the long-term suspension, expulsion, or mandatory reassignment takes effect if no hearing is requested or, if a hearing is requested, the date the hearing examiner makes the report of his or her findings and a recommendation of the action to be taken to the superintendent. The suspension pending hearing may be imposed if the principal determines that the student must be suspended immediately to prevent or substantially reduce the risk of (a) interference with an educational function or school purpose or (b) a personal injury to the student himself or herself, other students, school employees, or school volunteers.
3. **Summer Review.** Any expulsion that will remain in effect during the first semester of the following school year will be automatically scheduled for review before the beginning of the school year in accordance with law.
4. **Alternative Education.** Students who are expelled may be provided an alternative education program that will enable the student to continue academic work for credit toward graduation. In the event an alternative education program is not provided, a conference will be held with the parent, student, the Principal or another school representative assigned by the Principal, and a representative of a community



organization that assists young people or that is involved with juvenile justice to develop a plan for the student in accordance with law.

5. **Suspension of Enforcement of an Expulsion.** Enforcement of an expulsion action may be suspended (i.e., "stayed") for a period of not more than one full semester in addition to the balance of the semester in which the expulsion takes effect. As a condition of such suspended action, the student and parents will be required to sign a discipline agreement.

- D. **Other Forms of Student Discipline:** Administrative and teaching personnel may take actions regarding student behavior, other than removal of students from school, which are reasonably necessary to aid the student, further school purposes, or prevent interference with the educational process. Such actions may include, but are not be limited to, counseling of students, parent conferences, rearrangement of schedules, requirements that a student remain in school after regular hours to do additional work, restriction of extracurricular activity, or requirements that a student receive counseling, psychological evaluation, or psychiatric evaluation upon the written consent of a parent or guardian to such counseling or evaluation. The actions may also include in-school suspensions. When in-school suspensions, after-school assignments, or other disciplinary measures are assigned, the student is responsible for complying with such disciplinary measures. A failure to serve such assigned discipline as directed will serve as grounds for further discipline, up to expulsion from school.

#### **GUN FREE SCHOOL:**

Under state and federal law, the Gun Free Schools Provision refers to the federal requirement that districts expel a student for one calendar year if he/she possesses or transmits a firearm on school grounds. Students should be aware of this law and follow the rule as stated. **No person possessing a concealed weapon permit is allowed to carry a weapon onto school grounds or into the school building.**

#### **POLICY 3015: FIREARMS AND WEAPONS**

**Firearms.** No person may bring, possess, handle or transmit a firearm on school grounds, in a school owned vehicle, or at a school activity or event off school grounds, except as permitted by this policy.

**Definition of Firearm.** The term "firearm" is defined as any object that is designed to or may readily be converted to expel any projective by the action of an explosive or frame or receiver of any such weapon.

**Weapons.** No student may possess, handle, or transmit any weapon while on school grounds or at any school activity or event off school grounds except as permitted by this policy. No visitor under the age of 18 may possess, handle, or transmit any weapon while on school grounds or at any school activity or event off school grounds except as permitted by this policy. The term, **weapon**, is **defined as a firearm or any other object or material that is ordinarily or generally considered a weapon.**

**Exceptions Regarding Firearms.** This prohibition does not apply to:

1. The issuance of firearms to or possession by members of the armed forces of the United States, active or reserve, National Guard of this State, or Reserve Officers Training Corps or peace officers or other duly authorized law enforcement officers when on duty or training; or
2. Firearms that may lawfully be possessed by a person who is receiving instruction at the school under the immediate supervision of an adult instructor; or



3. Firearms contained within a private vehicle ***operated by a non student adult*** that are not loaded ***and*** are encased or are in a locked firearm rack that is on a motor vehicle. ***Definition of Encased.*** The term “encased” means enclosed in a case that is expressly made for the purpose of containing a firearm and that is completely zipped, snapped, buckled, tied, or otherwise fastened with no part of the firearm exposed.

***Exceptions for Students.*** The only exceptions for a student to bring or possess a weapon, including a firearm, are as follows:

1. The firearm or weapon has been brought to school grounds or to an activity or event off school grounds for some educational purpose; and
2. The person bringing the firearm or weapon has requested and received the prior approval of both the instructor and the building principal to do so;
3. All arrangements to use and store the firearm or weapon safely while it is on school premises have been agreed to and carried out.

***Consequences.*** Federal law requires that any student who brings a firearm, as that term is defined in 18 United States Code 921, to school be expelled from school for one calendar year. State law and this policy provide that any student who violates this policy by knowingly bringing, possessing, handling or transmitting a firearm or weapon on school grounds, in a school owned vehicle, or at a school activity or event off school grounds may be expelled for two semesters, suspended on a long-term basis or mandatorily reassigned. The superintendent of school shall have the authority to modify the expulsion requirement on a case-by-case basis.

***Confiscation of Firearms.*** Administrative and teaching personnel are statutorily authorized, without a warrant, to confiscate any firearm possessed in violation of this policy. By statute, any firearm that is confiscated by school personnel shall be delivered to a peace officer as soon as practicable. Such firearms are subject to being destroyed by law enforcement authorities.

***Report to Law Enforcement Authorities.*** All school personnel are required to report any violation of this policy to a principal or the superintendent of schools. Pursuant to state and federal law, school personnel are required to report to law enforcement authorities when a student brings a firearm or weapon to school.

## Section 2 Student Conduct

Students are expected to:

1. Respect the rights and property of others
2. Refrain from damaging, defacing, or destroying school or personal property
3. Use school facilities with safety and cleanliness in mind
4. Accept the leadership and authority of teachers, administrators, and school staff
5. Refrain from behavior that disrupts classroom instruction
6. Practice and develop good citizenship

### A. Grounds for Short-Term Suspension, Long-Term Suspension, Expulsion or Mandatory Reassignment

The following conduct has been determined by the Board of Education to have the potential to seriously affect the health, safety or welfare of students, staff and other persons or to otherwise seriously interfere with the educational process. Such conduct constitutes grounds for long-term



suspension, expulsion, or mandatory reassignment, and any other lesser forms of discipline.

The conduct is subject to the consequence of long-term suspension, expulsion, or mandatory reassignment where it occurs on school grounds, in a vehicle owned, leased, or contracted by the school and being used for a school purpose or in a vehicle being driven for a school purpose by a school employee or an employee's designee, or at a school-sponsored activity or athletic event.

1. Willfully disobeying any reasonable written or oral request of a school staff member, or the voicing of disrespect to those in authority.
2. Use of violence, force, coercion, threat, intimidation, harassment, or similar conduct in a manner that constitutes a substantial interference with school purposes or making any communication that reasonable recipient would interpret as a serious expression of an intent to harm or cause injury to another;
3. Willfully causing or attempting to cause substantial damage to property, stealing or attempting to steal property of substantial value, repeated damage or theft involving property, or setting or attempting to set a fire of any magnitude;
4. Causing or attempting to cause personal injury to any person, including any school employee, school volunteer, or student. Personal injury caused by accident, self defense, or other action undertaken on the reasonable belief that it was necessary to protect some other person shall not constitute a violation of this subdivision;
5. Threatening or intimidating any student for the purpose of or with the intent of obtaining money or anything of value from such student or making a threat which causes or may be expected to cause a disruption to school operations;
6. Knowingly possessing, handling, or transmitting any object or material that is ordinarily or generally considered a weapon or that has the appearance of a weapon or bringing or possessing any explosive device, including fireworks;
7. Selling, using, possessing or dispensing of alcohol, tobacco, narcotics, drugs, controlled substance, or an inhalant; being under the influence of any of the above; possession of drug paraphernalia, or the selling, using, possessing, or dispensing of an imitation controlled substance as defined in section 28-401 of the Nebraska statutes, or material represented to be alcohol, narcotics, drugs, a controlled substance or inhalant. Use of a controlled substance in the manner prescribed for the student by the student's physician is not a violation. The term "under the influence" has a less strict meaning than it does under criminal law; for school purposes, the term means any level of impairment and includes even the odor of alcohol or illegal substances on the breath or person of a student; also, it includes being impaired by reason of the abuse of any material used as a stimulant;
8. Public indecency or sexual conduct
9. Engaging in bullying, which includes any ongoing pattern of physical, verbal, or electronic abuse on school grounds, on a school-owned device, in a vehicle owned, leased, or contracted by a school being used for a school purpose by a school employee or a school employee's designee, or at school-sponsored activities or school-sponsored athletic events;
10. Sexually assaulting or attempting to sexually assault any person. This conduct may result in an expulsion regardless of the time or location of the offense if a complaint alleging such conduct is filed in a court of competent jurisdiction;
11. Engaging in any activity forbidden by law which constitutes a danger to other students or interferes with school purposes. This conduct may result in an expulsion regardless of the time or location of the offense if the conduct creates or had the potential to create a substantial interference with school purposes, such as the use of the telephone or internet off-school grounds to threaten; or
12. Repeated violation of any rules established by the school district or school officials if



- such violations constitute a substantial interference with school purposes;
13. Truancy or failure to attend assigned classes or assigned activities; or tardiness to school, assigned classes or assigned activities;
  14. The use of language, written or oral, or conduct, including gestures, which is profane or abusive to students or staff members. Profane or abusive language or conduct includes, but is not limited to, that which is commonly understood and intended to be derogatory toward a group or individual based upon race, gender, disability, national origin, or religion;
  15. Dressing or grooming in a manner which is dangerous to the student's health and safety or a danger to the health and safety of others or repeated violations of the student dress and grooming standards; dressing, grooming, or engaging in speech that is lewd or indecent, vulgar or plainly offensive; dressing, grooming, or engaging in speech that school officials reasonably conclude will materially and substantially disrupt the work and discipline of the school; dressing, grooming, or engaging in speech that a reasonable observer would interpret as advocating illegal drug use.
  16. Willfully violating the behavioral expectations for those students riding Shelton Public Schools buses or vehicles.
  17. A student who engages in the following conduct shall be expelled for the remainder of the school year in which it took effect if the misconduct occurs during the first semester, and if the expulsion for such conduct takes place during the second semester, the expulsion shall remain in effect for the first semester of the following school year, with the condition that such action may be modified or terminated by the school district during the expulsion period on such terms as the administration may establish:
    - a. The knowing and intentional use of force in causing or attempting to cause personal injury to a school employee, school volunteer, or student, except if caused by accident, self-defense, or on the reasonable belief that the force used was necessary to protect some other person and the extent of force used was reasonably believed to be necessary
    - b. The knowing and intentional possession, use, or transmission of a dangerous weapon other than a firearm. The term "dangerous weapon" includes any personal safety or security device (such as tasers, mace and pepper spray). If a student desires to carry or possess a personal safety or security device, the student must obtain prior approval from the building principal before bringing such device on school grounds. If a student obtains prior approval from the building principal, the student must store the device during the school day in the student's locker, in the main office or in another secure location designated by the building principal. A student shall not carry a personal safety or security device during the school day.

#### **B. Recurring Disciplinary Issues**

In the event a student has had recurring discipline issues that ordinary disciplinary measures have failed to correct, a disciplinary committee shall be convened at the behest of the administration. The task of the committee shall be to review behaviors and disciplinary action pertaining to the concerned student and make a formal recommendation to the superintendent for further corrective action up to and including expulsion.

### **Section 3 Student Appearance**



The following additional student conduct expectations are established. Failure to comply with such rules is grounds for disciplinary action. When such conduct occurs on school grounds, in a vehicle owned, leased, or contracted by a school being used for a school purpose or in a vehicle being driven for a school purpose by a school employee or by his or her designee, or at a school-sponsored activity or athletic event, the conduct is grounds for long-term suspension, expulsion or mandatory reassignment.

- (1) **Student Appearance:** Students at Shelton Public Schools are expected to dress in a way that is appropriate for the school setting. Students should not dress in a manner that is dangerous to the health and safety of anyone or interferes with the learning environment or teaching process in our school. Following is a list of examples of attire that will not be considered appropriate, such list is not exclusive and other forms of attire deemed inappropriate by the administration may be deemed inappropriate for the school setting:
- a. Clothing that shows an inappropriate amount of bare skin or underwear (muscle shirts, midriffs, spaghetti straps, sagging pants) or clothing that is too tight, revealing or baggy, or tops and bottoms that do not overlap or any material that is sheer or lightweight enough to be seen through, or otherwise of an appropriate size and fit so as to be revealing or drag on the ground.
    - i. Tank tops must entirely cover undergarments and straps of undergarments
    - ii. Tops with low necklines that reveal cleavage are not appropriate
    - iii. Cutoff shirts with enlarged arm holes are not appropriate
  - b. Short shorts, short skirts, or short skorts will not be permitted.
    - i. pockets are not to be revealed below the bottom of the shorts
    - ii. Clothing of which the body is excessively revealed due to length, size, or holes/cuts/tears is not permitted
    - iii. Administrator discretion will be used
  - c. Pajama Pants and/or slippers (Traditional Sleepwear)
  - d. Blankets and other wraps are not to be worn **or carried around** in school
  - e. Clothing or jewelry that advertises or promotes beer, alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs.
  - f. Clothing or jewelry that could be used as a weapon (chains, spiked apparel) or that would encourage “horse-play” or that would damage property (e.g. cleats).
  - g. Head wear including hats, caps, bandannas, scarves, and hoods
  - h. Clothing or jewelry which exhibits nudity makes sexual references or carries lewd, indecent, or vulgar double.
  - i. Clothing or jewelry that is gang related.

Consideration will be made for students who wear special clothing as required by religious beliefs, disability, or to convey a particularized message protected by law. The final decision regarding attire and grooming will be made by a Principal or Superintendent. In the event a student is uncertain as to whether a particular item or method of grooming is consistent with the school’s guidelines, the student should contact a Principal for approval, and may also review such additional posting of prohibited items or grooming which may be available in a Principal’s office.

\*Students in violation of the dress code are subject to consequences.



## Section 4      Specific Rule Items

*The following conduct may result in disciplinary action, which, in repeated violations, may result in discipline up to expulsion.*

### **POLICY 9203: AUTHORITY TO DETAIN**

Building administrators shall have the authority to establish procedures regarding detention of students beyond the regular school day.

**Assemblies:** Students attending assemblies and other programs are expected to behave appropriately. Behavior of students attending assemblies and programs will be that of respect and consideration.

### **POLICY 9004: STUDENT DRIVING AND PARKING**

Students who drive to school are required to park their vehicles and leave them unoccupied until it is time to drive home. The speed limit on school property is 15 miles per hour. Students may not drive or have access to their vehicles during the school day without the express permission of their building principal or the superintendent of schools. Students are to park appropriately and in the assigned areas on school property. Student parking shall not be permitted in bus loading zones. When the buses are loading or unloading, all vehicles must stop and wait for the loading or unloading process to be completed. By driving a vehicle to school and parking on school grounds, students consent to having that vehicle searched by school officials if school officials have reasonable suspicion that such a search will reveal a violation of school rules.

### **STUDENT CELL PHONES, PAGERS, AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

Students are prohibited from using cellular phones and electronic devices such as iPods, MP3s and other similar devices while at school, except as provided in this policy. These will be referred to as electronic devices in this policy.

Students are permitted to possess and use electronic devices before school hours, at lunch time, during passing periods, and after school hours, provided that the student does not commit any abusive use of the device. Such devices shall not be accessible in classrooms or areas serving as classrooms or academic areas during the regular school day. Students are not to have these devices in the restrooms or locker rooms. Upon entering the classroom, students will place their device in the pocket chart, the device will remain in the pocket chart during the class period, students may collect their device when the bell rings. Administrators have the discretion to prohibit student possession or use of electronic devices on school grounds during these times in the event the administration determines such further restrictions are appropriate; an announcement will be given in the event of such a change in permitted use.

Students who violate this policy, or have used devices in any way deemed problematic by a school official, will have their electronic device(s) confiscated immediately. For a **first offense**, the device will be *returned to the student* at the end of the school day. A **second offense** will require the device be *returned to the parent/guardian* at the end of the school day. For a **third offense**, the device will be *checked into the office for the entire school day for 1 week*. A **fourth offense** will have the device *held in the office 1 week*. Subsequent violations of cell phone usage policy will result in out-of-school suspension for insubordination as well as a plan for the housing of the device (by parent or office) for the remainder of the school year. *Additionally, any belligerent behavior associated*



*with the confiscation of any device will be considered insubordination. It should also be understood that some improper uses of electronic devices might necessitate the notification of law enforcement.*

By bringing an electronic device to school, students consent to the reasonable search of said devices by school staff. Students shall be personally and solely responsible for the security of their electronic devices. The district is not responsible for theft, loss or damage of an electronic device or any calls made on a cell phone.

**Headphones/ear buds:** Headphones and/or ear buds are not to be used, worn, or visible in any common areas, hallways, etc. The use of these devices is only permitted under the express permission and supervision of a teacher or teacher's designee to assist in carrying out an educational task.

**Public Displays of Affection:** Public displays of affection are limited to simple hand-holding and/or a quick hug. Kissing, groping, or other like intimate displays of affection are not acceptable in school.

Doors to the school must be shut and locked. Students must refrain from propping any door open.

**Passes:** Students must have a pass when not in class during class time. Students are to use the pass only for the purpose requested. For example, if given a pass to use the restroom, the student must promptly proceed to and use the nearest restroom and promptly return to class.

**Food & Drink:**

- a. *School:* Food is to be restricted to the cafeteria only. Food may be eaten in class for special occasions with administrative approval. Any exceptions may be made only with administrative approval.

Water is allowed in a water bottle throughout the school day.

\*Energy Drinks and/or Outside Coffee will not be allowed

- b. *School Vehicles:* No food or drink without approval of supervising adult(s). Any food or drink remnants must be removed and cleaned out at the conclusion of the use of any such school vehicle.

**Class Materials:** Students are expected to bring all books and necessary materials to class. This includes study halls.

**Class Assignments:** Assignments for all classes are due as assigned by the teacher.

**Special Rules:** Special classes such as Industrial Technology, Art, P.E., and computers courses will have other safety or clean-up rules that will be explained to you by that teacher which must be followed.

**Nuisance Items:** Students are not to bring "nuisance items" to school. A nuisance item is something that is not required for educational purposes and which would cause a distraction to the student or others.

**FIELD TRIPS**

The board encourages instructional staff to incorporate field trips into the curriculum. These trips should normally be conducted during the school day.

**1. General Conditions**





All trips must be pre-approved by the teacher's building principal. Out-of-state and overnight trips require pre-approval by the board. The superintendent and principals will develop guidelines for approval of trips and communicate those guidelines to teaching staff.

## **2. Parental Permission**

Each student must submit a signed parental permission slip prior to being allowed to attend a field trip. A new permission slip must be submitted for each trip. Caregivers, as that term is defined in the Nebraska Strengthening Families Act, shall be permitted to sign parental permission slips.

## **3. Supervision**

Sponsoring teachers must ensure that students are adequately supervised and chaperoned by a responsible adult at all times during field trips. Whether paid staff or volunteers, chaperones are prohibited from drinking alcoholic beverages of any kind at any time during any field trip. All chaperones must be at least 21 years of age. Any chaperone who drives students must possess a valid driver's license. Chaperones who drive students in private vehicles must possess adequate insurance coverage.

## **4. Student Discipline**

Students must comply with the student code of conduct, any applicable extracurricular conduct codes, and all directives by trip chaperones.

Dance Regulations: All students will enter and leave the building by the west doors of the High School Building. Dances and parties may last until 10:30 p.m. on weeknights and until 12:00 a.m. on weekends. Exceptions could be made for homecoming and prom depending on the start time of the dance by the administration.

All students are required to remain in the building and must enter within a half hour after the dance has started. Anyone leaving will not be permitted to re-enter.

Only school students and their dates will be permitted to attend school dances. Students are responsible for signing up out-of-town guests prior to the dance. Guests are required to abide by the same rules as the students. Shelton school students are responsible for the actions of their out-of-town guests.

Policy for Sporting Events: All students will exhibit appropriate game behavior as set forth in our districts sportsmanship policy. Students may leave the game to go to the concession stand, restrooms, etc...but should not be allowed to roam the premises unsupervised. If a student has been warned more than once of inappropriate behavior, they will be asked to leave the game. If this behavior continues throughout the sport season, the student will not be able to attend any future sporting events for that particular season.

Parental Custody Information: It is the responsibility of the parent with whom a student resides to keep the principal informed about which parent has custody of the child and about any visitation restrictions of the non-custodial parent. If the non-custodial parent is restricted from contact with a student, a court order to this effect must be on file at the school. The school will make every effort to ensure that such visitation restrictions are carried out. However, the school cannot accept the responsibility for the child once he/she leaves the school premises. School reports of student progress will be given to both parents when requested.

Library: The library is a resource center for all students. The only way to keep a good library is to have all books checked out through the media supervisor. Usually books are checked out on a week by week basis. \*\*No gum or candy is allowed in the media center.

At the end of the school year, all library books and/or fines must be paid before report cards are sent home.



**School Pictures:** An agreement is made with a photographer who will take individual pictures. Additional prints of the picture are available at the student's cost. These pictures are generally taken around September.

**Pets:** Students are responsible for obtaining approval from their teacher before pets can be brought to school. Due to allergies and other symptoms, pets may not be allowed. Pets must be brought to school by a parent or guardian. Pets are not allowed on the school bus and cannot stay at school for the day.

**Invitations/Treats:** Students should not distribute invitations to selected friends for personal parties. Therefore, students are not allowed to bring invitations to school for distribution but may bring treats to school only if it is provided for each child in the classroom. Ill feelings are often the result of a child or children not being included.

**Toys/Reading material:** Toys, gameboys, laser pointers, firecrackers, water guns, inappropriate magazines and books, etc... are not allowed in school. Such items will be confiscated by school personnel and will not be returned until the end of the school year unless a parent comes to retrieve the items.

### **POLICY 9002: STUDENT FEES**

The school district shall provide free instruction in accordance with the Nebraska State Constitution and the Nebraska statutes. The district also provides activities, programs, and services that extend beyond the minimum level of constitutionally required free instruction. Under the Public Elementary and Secondary Student Fee Authorization Act, the district is permitted to charge students fees for these activities or to require students to provide specialized equipment and attire for certain purposes. This policy is subject to further interpretation or guidance by administrative or board regulations. Students are encouraged to contact their building administration, their teachers or their coaches, and sponsors for further specifics.

#### A. Definitions

1. "Students" means students, their parents, guardians or other legal representatives.
2. "Extracurricular activities" means student activities or organizations that (1) are supervised or administered by the district; (2) do not count toward graduation or advancement between grades; and (3) are not otherwise required by the district.
3. "Post-secondary education costs" means tuition and other fees associated with obtaining credit from a post-secondary educational institution.

#### B. Listing of Fees Charged by this District

1. Guidelines for Clothing Required for Specified Courses and Activities Students are responsible for complying with the district's grooming and attire guidelines and for furnishing all clothing required for any special programs, courses or activities in which they participate. The teacher, coach, or sponsor of the activity will provide students with written guidelines that detail any special clothing requirements and explain why the special clothing is required for the specific program, course or activity.

2. Safety Equipment and Attire The district will provide students with all safety equipment and attire that is required by law. Building administrators will assure that (a) such equipment is available in the appropriate classes and areas of the school buildings, (b) teachers are directed to instruct students in the use of such devices, and (c) students use the devices as required. Students are responsible for using the devices safely and as instructed.



### 3. Personal or Consumable Items

The district will provide students with personal or consumable items for participation in courses and activities. The district will provide students with facilities, equipment, materials and supplies, including books. Students are responsible for the careful and appropriate use of such property. Students will be charged for damage to school property caused by the student and will be held responsible for the reasonable replacement cost of any school property that they lose.

### 4. Materials Required for Course Projects

The district will provide students with the materials necessary to complete all curricular projects. In courses where students choose to produce a project that requires materials beyond the basic materials provided by the district, the students will furnish the materials, purchase the materials from the school, or purchase the materials from an outside vendor with an order form provided by the school.

### 5. Technological Devices

The district will provide students with the technological devices necessary to complete all basic curricular projects. As with all school property, students may be charged for damage to such devices up to a maximum of \$250. To protect against such potential losses, students and parents may, but are not required, to purchase insurance coverage for the devices. Additionally, the district may allow students to purchase technological devices by arranging for the students, staff, or patrons to purchase these devices through a single series of payments. In order to use the devices all students must sign that they have read the tech handbook.

### 6. Extracurricular Activities

The district may charge students a fee to participate in extracurricular activities to cover the district's reasonable costs in offering such activities. The district may require students to furnish specialized equipment and clothing that is required for participation in extracurricular activities, or may charge a reasonable fee for the use of district-owned equipment or attire. Attached to this policy is a list of the fees charged for particular activities. The coach or sponsor will provide students with additional written guidelines detailing the fees charged, the equipment and/or clothing required, or the usage fee charged. The guidelines will explain the reasons that fees, equipment and/or clothing are required for the activity.

The following list details the maximum dollar amount of all extracurricular activities fees and the specifications for any equipment or attire required for participation in extracurricular activities:

Cheerleading, Drill Team, Flag Corps: Students must purchase uniforms and shoes selected by the sponsor and/or student group. The maximum dollar amount charged by the school district for these items will be \$1,500.

Football: Students must provide their own football shoes, undergarments, and mouth guards.

Golf: Students must provide their own golf shoes, undergarments, and clubs.

Track, Volleyball, Wrestling, and Basketball: Students must provide their own shoes and undergarments.

Future Farmers of America: Students must purchase their own jackets and pay dues.

### 7. Post-Secondary Education Costs

Some students enroll in post-secondary courses while still enrolled in the district's high school. As a general rule, students must pay all costs associated with such post-secondary courses. However, for a



course in which students receive high school credit or a course being taken as part of an approved accelerated or differentiated curriculum program, the district shall offer the course without charge for tuition, transportation, books, or other fees. Students who chose to apply for post-secondary education credit for these courses must pay tuition and all other fees associated with obtaining credits from a post-secondary educational institution.

#### 8. Transportation Costs

The district will charge students reasonable fees for transportation services provided by the district to the extent permitted by federal and state statutes and regulations. The maximum dollar amount of the transportation fee charged by this district shall be \$20.00.

#### 9. Copies of Student Files or Records

The district will charge a fee for making copies of a student's files or the Superintendent's designee shall establish a schedule of student record fees. Parents of students have the right to inspect and review the students' files or records without the payment of a fee, and the district shall not charge a fee to search for or retrieve any student's files or records. The district will charge a fee of \$.50 per page for reproduction of student records.

#### 10. Participation in Before-and-After-School or Pre-Kindergarten Services

The district will charge reasonable fees for participation in pre-kindergarten services offered by the district pursuant to statute and as outlined in the sliding scale fees for pre-kindergarten. The district will charge reasonable fees for participation in before-and-after school programs. The maximum dollar amount charged by the district for these services shall be \$100.00.

#### 11. Participation in Summer School or Night School

The district will charge reasonable fees for participation in summer school or night school and may charge reasonable fees for correspondence courses. The maximum dollar amount charged by the district for summer and night school shall be \$100.00 per semester course taken.

#### 12. Charges for Food Consumed by Students

The district will charge for items that students purchase from the district's breakfast and lunch programs. The fees charged for these items will be set according to applicable federal and state statutes and regulations. The district will charge students for the cost of food, beverages, and the like that students purchase from a school store, vending machine, booster club or from similar sources. Students may be required to bring money or food for field trip lunches and similar activities.

#### 13. Charges for Musical Extracurricular Activities

Students who qualify for fee waivers under this policy will be provided, at no charge, the use of a musical instrument in optional music courses that are not extracurricular activities. The following list details the maximum dollar amount of all musical extracurricular activities fees and the equipment or attire required for participation in musical extracurricular activities: Band: Students must provide their own instruments and marching band shoes, which must be black, rubber-soled sneakers Swing Choir/ Choir: Students must purchase outfits and shoes selected by the sponsor and/or student group. The maximum dollar amount charged by the district for these materials will be \$200.00.

#### 14. Contributions for Junior and Senior Class Extracurricular Activities

Students are eligible to participate in a number of unique extracurricular activities during their last two years of high school including prom, various senior recognitions, and graduation. In order to fund these extracurricular activities, the school district will ask each student to make a contribution to the class's fund. This contribution is completely voluntary. Students who choose not to contribute to the class fund are still eligible to participate in the extra activities.



15. Fundraising for Extracurricular Activities. Students are eligible to participate in a number of unique extracurricular activities including but not limited to school dances, prom, recognition ceremonies, and graduation. In order to fund these extracurricular activities, students may be required to participate in fundraising activities. Students who chose not to participate in fundraising activities are not eligible to participate in extracurricular activities.

#### C. Waiver Policy.

Students who qualify for free or reduced-price lunches under United States Department of Agriculture child nutrition programs shall be provided a fee waiver or be provided the necessary materials or equipment without charge for (1) participation in extracurricular activities, (2) materials for course projects, and (3) the use of a musical instrument in optional music courses that are not extracurricular activities. Actual participation in the free or reduced-price lunch program is not required to qualify for the waivers provided in this section. The district is not obligated to provide any particular type or quality of equipment or other material to eligible students. Students who wish to be considered for waiver of a particular fee must submit a completed fee waiver application to their building principal.

#### D. Distribution of Policy

This policy will be published in the Student Handbook or its equivalent that will be provided to students at no cost.

#### E. Voluntary Contributions to Defray Costs

The district will, when appropriate, request donations of money, materials, equipment or attire from parents, guardians and other members of the community to defray the costs of providing certain services and activities to students. These requests are not requirements and staff members of the district are directed to clearly communicate that fact to students, parents and patrons.

#### F. Fund-Raising Activities

Students may be permitted or required to engage in fund-raising activities to support various curricular and extracurricular activities in which they participate. Students who decline to participate in fundraising activities are not eligible under this policy for waiver of costs or fees which the fundraising activity was meant to defray.

#### G. Student Fee Fund

The school board hereby establishes a Student Fee Fund. The Student Fee Fund shall be a separate school district fund that will not be funded by tax revenue, and that will serve a depository for all monies collected from students for (1) participation in extracurricular activities, (2) post-secondary education costs, and (3) summer school or night school courses. Monies in the Student Fee Fund shall be expended only for the purposes for which they were collected from students.

### **STUDENT FUNDRAISERS**

Each class or student organization is limited to one commercialized fund raising activity per school year. A real need must be present before any group embarks upon a fund raising activity. Each fundraiser must have prior approval of the school principal.

If the product or item to be sold is manufactured or distributed commercially, the event is considered to be a commercialized fundraiser. Bake sales, car washes or auctions are not examples of commercial fundraisers.

## **Section 5      Network, E-Mail, Internet and Other Computer Use Rules**

### **POLICY 9008: STUDENT INTERNET AND COMPUTER ACCESS**



**Students are expected to use computers and the Internet as an educational resource. The following procedures and guidelines govern the use of computers and the Internet at school.**

**I. Student Expectations in the Use of the Internet**

**A. Acceptable Use**

1. Students may use the Internet to conduct research assigned by teachers.
2. Students may use the Internet to conduct research for classroom projects.
3. Students may use the Internet to gain access to information about current events.
4. Students may use the Internet to conduct research for school-related activities.
5. Students may use the Internet for appropriate educational purposes.

**B. Unacceptable Use**

1. Students shall not use school computers to gain access to material that is obscene, pornographic, harmful to minors, or otherwise inappropriate for educational uses.
2. Students shall not engage in any illegal or inappropriate activities on school computers, including the downloading and copying of copyrighted material.
3. Students shall not use electronic mail, chat rooms, instant messaging, or other forms of direct electronic communications on school computers.
4. Students shall not use school computers to participate in online auctions, online gaming or music/movie streaming their names, school, addresses, or telephone numbers outside the school network.
6. Students shall not use school computers for commercial advertising or political advocacy of any kind without the express written permission of the system administrator.
7. Students shall not publish web pages that purport to represent the school district or the work of students at the school district without the express written permission of the system administrator.
8. Students shall not erase, rename or make unusable anyone else's computer files, programs or disks.
9. Students shall not share their passwords with fellow students, school volunteers or any other individuals, and shall not use, or try to discover, another user's password.
10. Students shall not copy, change or transfer any software or documentation provided by the school district, teachers or another student without permission from the system administrator.
11. Students shall not write, produce, generate, copy, propagate or attempt to introduce any computer code designed to self-replicate, damage, or otherwise hinder the performance of any computer's memory, file system, or software. Such software is often called, but is not limited to, a bug, virus, worm, or Trojan Horse.



12. Students shall not configure or troubleshoot computers, networks, printers or other associated equipment, except as directed by a teacher or the system administrator.
13. Students shall not take home technology equipment (hardware or software) without permission of the system administrator.
14. Students shall not forge electronic mail messages or web pages.
15. Students shall not knowingly bypass any school network filter or firewall

## II. Enforcement

### A. Methods of Enforcement

1. The district monitors all Internet communications, Internet usage and patterns of Internet usage. Students have no right of privacy to any Internet communications or other electronic files. The computer system is owned by the school district. As with any school property, any electronic files on the system are subject to search and inspection at any time.
2. The school district uses a technology protection measure that blocks access to some Internet sites that are not in accordance with the policy of the school district. Standard use of the Internet utilizes a proxy server-based filter that screens for non-curriculum related pages.
3. Due to the nature of filtering technology, the filter may at times filter pages that are appropriate for student research. The system administrator may override the technology protection measure for the student to access a site with legitimate educational value that is wrongly blocked.
4. The school district staff will monitor students' use of the Internet through direct supervision and by monitoring Internet use history to ensure enforcement of the policy.

### B. Consequences for Violation of this Policy

1. Access to the school's computer system and to the Internet is a privilege, not a right. Any violation of school policy and rules may result in:
  - a. Loss of computer privileges;
  - b. Short-term suspension;
  - c. Long-term suspension or expulsion in accordance with the Nebraska Student Discipline Act; and
  - d. Other discipline as school administration and the school board deem appropriate.
2. Students who use school computer systems without permission and for non-school purposes may be guilty of a criminal violation and will be prosecuted.

## III. Protection of Students

### A. Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA)

1. The school will not allow companies to collect personal information from children under 13 for commercial purposes. The school will make reasonable efforts to disable advertising in educational computer applications.
2. This policy allows the school to act as an agent for parents in the collection of information within the school context. The school's use of student information is solely for education purposes.

### B. Education About Appropriate Online Behavior



1. School district staff will educate students about appropriate online behavior, both in specific computer usage units and in the general curriculum.
2. Staff will specifically educate students on
  - a. Appropriate interactions with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms.
  - b. cyberbullying awareness and response.
3. The School District's technology coordinator shall inform staff of this educational obligation and shall keep records of the instruction which occurs in compliance with this policy

## **Article 9 – State and Federal Programs**

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### **Section 1 Notice of Nondiscrimination (BOE Policy 3004)**

The school district does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies:

Shanna Gannon, Superintendent of Schools  
 210 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Shelton, NE 68876  
 Phone number: 308-647-6742  
 Email address is: [sgannon@sheltonbulldogs.org](mailto:sgannon@sheltonbulldogs.org)

For further information on notice of nondiscrimination, visit <http://wdcrobcolp01.ed.gov/CFAPPS/OCR/contactus.cfm> for the address and phone number of the office that serves your area or call 1-800-421-3481.

For additional prohibited discrimination and related information, please review school district Policy 3004 Nondiscrimination.

### **Section 2 Designation of Coordinators**

Any person having inquiries concerning this district's compliance with anti-discrimination laws or policies or other programs should contact or notify the following person(s) who are designated as the coordinator for such laws, policies or programs. The contact address for the coordinator is: Shelton Public Schools, PO Box 610 or 9<sup>th</sup> and C Street, Shelton, NE 68876, (308) 647-6742.

Law, Policy, or Program	Issue or Concern	Coordinator
Title VI	Discrimination or harassment based on race, color, or national origin; harassment	Shanna Gannon
Title IX	Discrimination or harassment based on sex; gender equity	Ryan Province





Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with disability Act (ADA)	Discrimination, harassment or reasonable accommodations of persons with disabilities	Shanna Gannon
Homeless Student Laws	Children who are homeless	Shanna Gannon
Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities	Safe and Drug Free School	Shanna Gannon

### Section 3 Anti-discrimination & Harassment Policy

The Shelton Public Schools hereby gives this statement of compliance and intent to comply with all state and federal laws prohibiting discrimination or harassment and requiring accommodations. This district intends to take necessary measures to assure compliance with such laws against any prohibited form of discrimination or harassment or which require accommodations.

An aggrieved person should directly inform the person engaging in harassing conduct or communication that such conduct or communication is offensive and must stop. If the aggrieved person does not wish to communicate directly with the person whose conduct or communication is offensive or if direct communication with the offending person has been ineffective, the aggrieved person should report the conduct or communication to the principal. If the principal is the offending person, the aggrieved person should report to the next higher level of management.

Regardless of the means selected for resolving the problem, the initiation of a complaint of sexual harassment will not cause any reflection on the complainant nor will it affect his or her employment, compensation or work assignments or status as a student.

### Section 4 Notification of Rights Under FERPA (Ed.gov)

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99) is a Federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. The law applies to all schools that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education.

FERPA gives parents certain rights with respect to their children's education records. These rights transfer to the student when he or she reaches the age of 18 or attends a school beyond the high school level. Students to whom the rights have transferred are "eligible students."

Parents or eligible students have the right to inspect and review the student's education records maintained by the school. Schools are not required to provide copies of records unless, for reasons such as great distance, it is impossible for parents or eligible students to review the records. Schools may charge a fee for copies.

Parents or eligible students have the right to request that a school correct records which they believe to be inaccurate or misleading. If the school decides not to amend the record, the parent or eligible student then has the right to a formal hearing. After the hearing, if the school still decides not to amend the record, the parent or eligible student has the right to place a statement with the record setting forth his or her view about the contested information.

Generally, schools must have written permission from the parent or eligible student in order to release any information from a student's education record. However, FERPA allows schools to disclose those records, without consent, to the following parties or under the following conditions (34 CFR § 99.31):

- School officials with legitimate educational interest;
- Other schools to which a student is transferring;
- Specified officials for audit or evaluation purposes;



- Appropriate parties in connection with financial aid to a student;
- Organizations conducting certain studies for or on behalf of the school;
- Accrediting organizations;
- To comply with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena;
- Appropriate officials in cases of health and safety emergencies; and
- State and local authorities, within a juvenile justice system, pursuant to specific State law.

Schools may disclose, without consent, "directory" information such as a student's name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, honors and awards, and dates of attendance. However, schools must tell parents and eligible students about directory information and allow parents and eligible students a reasonable amount of time to request that the school not disclose directory information about them. Schools must notify parents and eligible students annually of their rights under FERPA. The actual means of notification (special letter, inclusion in a PTA bulletin, student handbook, or newspaper article) is left to the discretion of each school.

For additional information or technical assistance, you may call (202) 260-3887 (voice). Individuals who use TDD may call the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 or at the following address:

Family Policy Compliance Office  
U.S. Department of Education  
400 Maryland Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20202-5901

## **Section 5 Student Privacy Protection Policy**

### **STUDENT RECORDS**

The school district shall manage student records and reports as is necessary for effective administration and in compliance with law. In general "student records" shall not include transitory communications such as e-mail, text messages, handwritten communication between school and home, and the like, and these items will not generally be maintained by the district.

For purposes of the district's compliance with state and federal law, the district "maintains" student records which are printed and kept in the student's physical file or which school district staff have intentionally saved within the official school district digital student information system that specifically identifies the student for whom those records are maintained. The school district may also use learning management systems, which deliver and manage instructional content. The school district maintains student records within its student information system but not in its learning management system. The official school district student information system is PowerSchool.

Each building principal will assign responsibilities for the preparation and maintenance of records and will ensure compliance with the applicable federal and state laws, regulations, and record retention schedules regarding their storage and use in the building. No "student record" or record required to be retained by the Nebraska Secretary of State's Record Retention Schedules applicable to the district will be destroyed unless it is first saved in a retrievable, digital format. This includes only records required to be kept by the applicable Retention Schedules and "student records" as defined by state and federal law, and this policy does not prohibit the district from following its record expungement procedures for all other records.

Students or their parents, guardians, teachers, counselors, or school administrators shall have access to the school's files or records maintained concerning themselves or their students. For purposes of this policy, "teachers" include paraeducators and volunteers who are providing educational services to a student on behalf of the School District. "School administrators" include attorneys, members of law enforcement acting on behalf of the school district as well as third-party



website operators who have contracted with the school district or its agent to offer online programs for the benefit of students and the district. No other person shall have access thereto nor shall the contents thereof be divulged in any manner to any unauthorized person. All disciplinary material shall be removed and destroyed upon the pupil's graduation or after the pupil's continuous absence from the school for a period of three years, and after authorization is given by the State Records Board pursuant to state law. Upon request, the school district will disclose education records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll.

Outside agencies such as physicians, probation officers, psychologists, child guidance clinics, and other agencies concerned with child welfare who are working directly with a child may have access to information pertaining to that child with written parental consent or upon issuance of a valid court order.

The school district shall share student data, records, and information with school districts, educational service units, learning communities, and the State Department of Education to the fullest extent practicable unless otherwise prohibited by law.

Each year, the school district will notify parents and guardians of their rights under this policy and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

## **Section 6 Parental Involvement Policies**

Shelton Public School welcomes parental involvement in the education of their children. We recognize that parental involvement increases student success.

### **POLICY 8003: PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IN EDUCATION PRACTICES**

1. The school district recognizes the importance of parental involvement in the education of their children. To ensure such rights, parents will be:
  - Provided access, as described in district procedures, to district-approved textbooks and other curricular materials and tests used in the district.
  - a. A parental request to review specific approved textbooks and other district- or building-approved curricular materials (written, visual, and audio) should be made to the principal of the building where the textbooks and curriculum materials are used. Parents may check out textbooks and may review curricular materials such as video and audio recordings within a time frame determined by the building principal to prevent disruption of the instructional process. A parental request to review specific standardized and criterion-referenced tests used in the district should be made in writing to the building principal. Copies of the most recent tests used in the district will be available for parent review. In the case of secure tests such as the ACT, parents must contact the publisher to obtain copies of the test.
2. Permitted, within district procedures, to attend and observe courses, assemblies, counseling sessions, and other instructional activities.
  - a. Parents are invited to make appointments with the building principal to visit classes, assemblies and other instructional activities. The principal shall give permission after determining that parental observation would not disrupt the activity.
  - b. Parents may request permission to attend counseling sessions in which their child is involved.
3. Permitted, within district procedures, to ask that their children be excused from testing, classroom instruction, surveys and other school experiences that parents find objectionable.



- a. Building principals will excuse a student from any single school experience at the parent's written request.
  - b. When appropriate, alternative experiences will be provided for the student by the school.
- 4. Informed through the student handbook of the manner that the district will provide access to records of students.
- 5. Informed of the standardized and criterion-referenced district testing program. Parents may request additional information from the building principal.
- 6. Notified of their right to remove their children from surveys prior to district participation in surveys.
  - a. The principal must approve all surveys intended to gather information from students before they are administered to students.
  - b. Students' participation in surveys is voluntary. Parents may restrict their child from participating in any survey.

## **Section 7 Homeless Student Policy**

### **Policy 9012: HOMELESS STUDENTS**

#### **1. General Policy**

The school district, in so far as is possible, will provide tuition free education for homeless children and youth who are in the district. The district will also accord homeless students with the educational rights and legal protections provided by state and federal law.

#### **2. Homeless Liaison**

The district's homeless liaison is the Superintendent. Students in homeless situations who require assistance should contact the liaison at 308-647-6742 or in person at Shelton Public School, 210 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Shelton Nebraska 68876.

#### **3. Definitions**

- a. A homeless individual is defined as one who
  - i. lacks a fixed regular and adequate residence; and
  - ii. has a primary nighttime residence in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter within the district for temporary accommodations, an institution within the district providing temporary residence for individuals intended to be institutionalized, or a public or private place within the district not designated for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.
- b. The term "homeless" or "homeless individual" does not include any individual imprisoned or otherwise detained by the act of Congress or by state law.
- c. "Child" and "youth" refers to persons who, if they were children of residents of the District, would be entitled to a free education.

## **Section 8 Breakfast and Lunch Programs**

Our lunch program complies with State and Federal guidelines, thereby assuring menus which conform to these guidelines and assure students a well-balanced meal. Students are not permitted to bring pop into the lunchroom during lunchtime as this is prohibited by State and Federal regulations



for school lunch standards. Periodic statements will be sent home with your child. Please pay your account frequently so as to not disrupt your child's hot lunch opportunities.

#### **Breakfast Program**

Elementary Breakfast	\$2.15
Middle School Breakfast	\$2.15
High School Breakfast	\$2.15
Adult Breakfast	\$2.55

#### **Lunch Program**

K-4 Lunch	\$3.10
5-12 Lunch	\$3.30
Adult Lunch	\$4.05
Additional Milk	\$0.55

### **POLICY 3021: SCHOOL MEAL PROGRAM AND MEAL CHARGES**

**Meal Program.** The school district will make a school meal program available to students. The cost of the program will be determined by the board of education so as to make the program as nearly self-supporting as possible. With board approval, the district may contract with a private company or corporation for the management and/or provision of the program.

The district will notify the families with children attending school of the current guidelines for free or reduced-price school meals. A copy of the complete regulations and procedures regarding reduced-price and free meals shall be available in the office of the superintendent.

**Meal Charge Policy.** The district will notify students and their families of the policy for **Charged Meals**, meaning meals received by a student when the student does not have money in hand or in his or her food account. This policy applies to students who receive meals at the free, reduced, or full rates.

Notice of this policy must be provided in writing to all households at the start of each school year and to households that transfer to the school during the school year. Notice may be provided through the student handbook, student registration materials, online portal used to access student accounts, direct mailing or e-mail, newsletter, the district website, and/or any other appropriate means. Notice of this policy will also be provided to all school staff responsible for the enforcement of it, including food service professionals responsible for collecting payment for meals at the point of service, staff involved in notifying families of low or negative balances, and other staff involved in enforcing any aspect of this policy.

#### **The district's policy on charged meals is:**

If a student owes more than \$20, the student will be provided up to five limited "courtesy meals," such as a plain sandwich. Thereafter, if a student has no funds available to pay for a meal, no food will be provided.

Students who qualify for free meals will not be denied a reimbursable meal, even if they have accrued a negative balance from other food purchases. School staff may prohibit any students from charging a la carte or extra items if they do not have cash in hand or their account has a negative balance.



If a student repeatedly lacks funds to purchase a meal, has not brought a meal from home, and is not enrolled in a free meal program, the district will use its resources and contacts to protect the health and safety of the student. Failure or refusal of parents or guardians to provide meals for students may require mandatory reporting to child protection agencies as required by law.

### **Collection of Delinquent Meal Charge Debt**

The school district is required to make reasonable efforts to collect unpaid meal charges. The building principal or his or her designee will contact households about unpaid meal charges and notify them again of the availability of the free and reduced meal program and/or establish payment plans and due dates by telephone, e-mail, text, or other electronic, written or oral communication. If these collection efforts are unsuccessful, the school district may pursue any other methods to collect delinquent debt as allowed by law. Collection efforts may continue into a new school year.

In the event that the Nebraska Department of Education develops a state-level meal charge policy, it shall supersede that portion of this policy.

## CIVIL RIGHTS

1. School Food Authorities (SFAs) participating in the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, After School Snack Program or Special Milk Program must include the nondiscrimination statement in their student handbook in the section that addresses access to or information about the school meals program. It must also be included on the school's web site if school meal information is available.

### Nondiscrimination Statement

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotope, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at: [http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint\\_filing\\_cust.html](http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html), and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410

Fax: (202) 690-7442; or

Email: [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov)



This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

If the material is too small to permit the full statement to be included, the material will at a minimum include this statement, in print no smaller than the text: "This institution is an equal opportunity provider."

2. The USDA "And Justice for All" poster must be displayed at each feeding site in a location that is visible to students during meal service.
3. Provide appropriate translations of materials concerning the availability and nutritional benefits of the school meals program, as needed. This requirement can be met through the use of bilingual staff members, volunteers and/or informational materials in appropriate languages.
4. Follow this procedure for Accepting and Filing Complaints of Discrimination in the School Meals Program

- **RIGHT TO FILE A COMPLAINT:** Any person alleging discrimination based on race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability has a right to file a complaint within 180 days of the alleged discriminatory action.
- **ACCEPTANCE:** All complaints, written or verbal, shall be accepted by the School Food Authority (SFA) and forwarded to the Administrator of the Nebraska Department of Education - Nutrition Services within five days. It is necessary that the information be sufficient to determine the identity of the agency or individual toward which the complaint is directed, and to indicate the possibility of a violation.

Anonymous complaints shall be handled as any other complaint.

- **VERBAL COMPLAINTS:** In the event that a complainant makes the allegation verbally or through a telephone conversation and refuses or is not inclined to place such allegations in writing, the person to whom the allegations are made shall write up the elements of the complaint for the complainant. Every effort should be made to have the complainant provide the following information:
  - 1) Name, address and telephone number or other means of contacting the complainant.
  - 2) The specific location and name of the entity delivering the program service or benefit.
  - 3) The nature of the incident(s) or action(s) that led the complainant to feel discrimination was a factor
  - 4) The basis on which the complainant feels discrimination exists (race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability).
  - 5) The names, titles and addresses of persons who may have knowledge of the discriminatory action(s).
  - 6) The date(s) during which the alleged discriminatory action occurred, or if continuing, the duration of such actions.

5. Train staff on civil rights annually. Specific subject areas to include:
  - **COLLECTING AND USING DATA:** Data is collected on ethnicity and race. Parent self-declares. If they do not report, SFA staff will code based on perception. All program materials must be stored in an area of restricted access and retained for three years.
  - **EFFECTIVE PUBLIC NOTIFICATION SYSTEMS:** Display the "And Justice for All" poster, include the nondiscrimination statement on program materials, provide information in other languages and



alternative formats as needed and convey equal opportunity in all photos and other graphics on websites, publications, etc.

- COMPLAINT PROCEDURES: Procedures must be established to accept complaints or grievances based on race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. Participants must be advised of their right to file a complaint, how to file a complaint, and the complaint procedures. If there is a complaint, the SFA must contact the Nebraska Department of Education – Nutrition Services.
  - COMPLIANCE REVIEW TECHNIQUES: Ensure civil rights requirements are being followed during review process.
  - RESOLUTION OF NON-COMPLIANCE: Inappropriate actions must cease. A corrective action plan is required and appropriate procedures must be implemented.
  - REQUIREMENTS FOR REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: Entrances and exits must exist to accommodate the disabled. Braille signage and alternative arrangements for service must be available, when needed.
  - REQUIREMENTS FOR LANGUAGE ASSISTANT: Bilingual personnel and materials must be provided depending on need, resources available and cost.
  - CONFLICT RESOLUTION: Use alternative dispute resolution techniques when necessary. Treat others with respect.
  - CUSTOMER SERVICE: “Treat others the way they want to be treated (or at least be aware of what that is).”
6. Attach documentation of annual training, including date and attendance roster.



## **Article 10 – Miscellaneous**

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### **Section 1 School Calendar**

A master copy of the school activity calendar will be kept in the Principal's Office. Sponsors, teachers, and students should place coming events on this calendar as soon as the principal approves them. Scheduled events will usually be on a first-come, first-served basis. A weekly school calendar will also appear in the local newspaper. Copies of the master calendar will be placed in the school Secretary's Office.

### **POLICY 9019: DATING VIOLENCE**

Dating violence, as that term is defined by Nebraska law, will not be tolerated by the school district. Students who engage in dating violence on school grounds, in a school vehicle or at a school activity or that otherwise violates the Nebraska Student Discipline Act will receive consequences consistent with the Act and the district's student discipline policies.

The school district shall provide dating violence training to staff deemed appropriate by the administration and in accordance with Nebraska law.

### **POLICY 9010 STUDENT BULLYING**





Bullying is prohibited. Students are prohibited from engaging in any form of bullying behavior. **Without limiting any definition of bullying under any state or federal law or regulation, bullying** behavior, as used herein, refers to the use of physical force or verbal, nonverbal, written, and electronic communication (including but not limited to instant messages, text messages, e-mailing, and using websites) to threaten, intimidate, ridicule, humiliate, or harass any person.

The disciplinary consequences for bullying behavior will depend on the frequency, duration, severity and effect of the behavior.

A student who engages in bullying behavior on school grounds, in a vehicle owned, leased, or contracted by a school being used for school purpose by a school employee or his or her designee, or at school-sponsored activities or school-sponsored athletics events may be subject to disciplinary consequences including but not limited to long-term suspension, expulsion, or mandatory reassignment.

Without limiting the foregoing, a student who engages in bullying behavior that materially and substantially interferes with or disrupts the educational environment, the district's day-to-day operations, or the education process, regardless of where the student is at the time of engaging in the bullying behavior, may be subject to discipline to the extent permitted by law.

Students and parents are encouraged to inform teachers or administrators orally or in writing about bullying behavior or suspected bullying behavior. School employees are required to inform the administrator of all such reports. The appropriate administrator shall promptly investigate all such reports. Each building shall engage in activities which educate students about bullying and bullying prevention.

The school district shall review this policy annually.

## **POLICY 9003                      Extracurricular Drug Testing Program**

The school district supports and values student participation in extracurricular activities, but such participation in school district extracurricular activities is a privilege and not a right. Students in all extracurricular activities in grades 9-12 shall be subject to mandatory and random testing for the presence of alcohol or illegal drugs.

### **1. Purpose of Random Drug Testing**

- a. The school district has recognized that observed and suspected drug and alcohol use and abuse has increased among the student population, including students participating in extracurricular activities.
  - b. The school district seeks to provide safe, drug-free schools.
  - c. The school district seeks to deter the use of illegal and prohibited drugs and alcohol among students.
  - d. The school district recognizes that students who use illegal and prohibited drugs pose a threat to the health and safety of themselves, other students, teachers, administrators, and other persons.
  - e. The school district finds that the drug and alcohol problem among the student body will be effectively addressed by making sure that the large number of students participating in extracurricular activities do not use drugs and alcohol.
2. **Notice.** Each student who participates or seeks to participate in extracurricular activities shall be given a copy of this policy either in written form or included in the student and activities handbook. The policy and all forms will be posted on the district's website.
  3. **Drug Testing Coordinator.** The Drug Testing Coordinator shall be the Elementary Principal or his or her designee unless otherwise indicated.



4. **Extracurricular Activities.** This policy applies to any activity that meets the guidelines of an extracurricular activity at the school district, which includes but is not necessarily limited to the following:

Basketball	Cheerleading	Cross-country	Dance/Drill Team	FFA
Flag Team	Football	Golf	Mock Trial	
Musicals	One Act Play	Jazz Band	Quiz Bowl	
Show Choir	Speech/Debate	Swing Choir	Track	
Volleyball	Wrestling			

#### 5. Students Who Are Required to Submit to Drug Testing

1. **Grades.** All students in grades 9-12 who participate in any extracurricular activity or competition are part of the pool subject to random drug testing.
  2. **Consent.** A student and his or her parent(s)/guardian(s) must sign a consent form before the student shall be eligible to try out for, practice with, or participate in the extracurricular activity. The consent form is attached to this policy.
  3. **Selection Pool Eligibility. Students shall remain in the selection pool for an entire calendar year (365 days) from the date the consent form is received by the school district.**
  4. **Withdrawal.** Students who have a consent form on file remain eligible for drug tests from the date the consent form is received by the school district and throughout the remainder of the school year or until the student files a Withdrawal of Student from Activity form signed by the student and his or her parent(s)/guardian(s). Upon withdrawal, the student shall not be eligible to participate in any activity that is subject to drug testing for the remainder of the school year. A student who files a Withdrawal of Student from Activity form after selected for a random drug test but before submitting to the test or after testing positive shall be ineligible to participate in any extracurricular activities for one calendar year from the date the Withdrawal of Student from Activity form is received by the Drug Testing Coordinator.
6. **Drugs.** Students participating in extracurricular activities are prohibited from using, possessing, distributing, manufacturing, or having drugs present in their system. "Drugs" means:
- a. Any substance considered illegal by the Uniform Controlled Substances Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. § 28-401 *et seq.*
  - b. Any substance, which is controlled by the Food and Drug Administration unless prescribed to the student by any licensed medical practitioner authorized to prescribe controlled substances or other prescription drugs;
  - c. Alcohol for any student under the age of 21. Alcohol shall have the meaning as provided in Neb. Rev. Stat. § 48-1902(1).



## 7. Testing Procedures

- a. Student Selection.** All students who participate in extracurricular activities and submit a consent form will be included in a master list and will be subject to random drug screening. The master list shall be submitted to the company employed by the district to conduct the testing.
- b. Parental Request.** Students who do not participate in extracurricular activities may be added to the random drug screening master list upon parental/guardian request and filling out the forms. If a parent requests that they have their student drug tested, the parent/guardian, not the district, will pay the cost of that test.
- c. Type of Test.** The school district reserves the right to utilize breath or a 12-panel urinalysis testing procedures. Urine samples, which screen positive, will be confirmed by either a Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry (GC/MS) or Liquid Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry (LC/MS) confirmatory test. Positive breath alcohol tests will be confirmed by EBT (Evidential Breath Tester).
- d. Collection Site.** The Drug Testing Coordinator will designate the boy's and girl's varsity locker rooms as the collection sites at which the student will provide specimens.
- e. Collection Procedures.** The school board will select a Drug Program Administrator (DPA). The DPA shall randomly select the students subject to drug testing from the master list of the active students participating in extracurricular activities at the time of the test. The DPA will maintain and follow generally accepted industry standards for collecting, maintaining, shipping, and accessing all specimens. The DPA will seek to obtain the sample in a manner designed to insure accurate testing protocols while minimizing intrusion into a student's privacy. The DPA and the school district will provide a copy of the collection procedures upon request. Collection of specimens will occur at or near the end of the school day.
- f. Drugs.** Students may be randomly tested for any drugs, including but not limited Alcohol, amphetamines, barbiturates, benzodiazepines, cocaine, metabolites, LSD, marijuana, metabolites, methadone, methaqualone, opiates, phencyclidine, propoxyphene, and ecstasy.
- g. Results.** The Drug Program Administrator or their representative shall notify the student's parent/guardian of any positive test after the initial screening. The DPA will use a secure method to transmit all positive test results to the DPA's Medical Review Officer (MRO). An MRO accreditation body will certify the MRO. The MRO will be responsible for reviewing test results and determining whether the use of a substance identified by the sample analysis is from illicit use or a legitimate medical use. Prior to making a final decision, the MRO or his or her assistant shall contact the student and his or her parent(s)/guardian(s) to discuss the result over the telephone. If the MRO determines the test results are negative, no further action shall be taken against the student. The MRO will only report results of verified positives to the DPA. The DPA shall then notify the Drug Testing Coordinator of the positive test result. The Drug Testing Coordinator shall notify the student and his or her parent(s)/guardian(s) and any staff members responsible for implementing the consequences of this policy.



**h. Request for a Retest.** A split specimen will be collected for all testing methods, with the exception of alcohol testing. A positive alcohol test can be confirmed with an EBT device. A student's parent(s)/guardian(s) may request that the split specimen be tested at a second nationally certified laboratory from a list provided by the MRO. The request for the test must be submitted in writing to the MRO (with a copy sent to the Drug Testing Coordinator) within 72 hours of being notified of the final testing result. The student and his or her parent(s)/guardian(s) must pay the associated costs for an additional test in advance. The costs will be reimbursed if the result of the split sample test is negative. The student will remain subject to the consequences of this policy during the retesting procedure.

**8. Negative Tests.** Students and their parents will receive verbal or written notice when the student's test result is negative by the district's Drug Testing Coordinator.

**9. Consequences for Testing Positive.** Whenever the test results indicate the presence of drugs, Drug Testing Coordinator shall schedule and hold a confidential meeting with the student, parent/guardian, and sponsor/coach. Other members of the school's administration may also attend the meeting. At the meeting, the Drug Testing Coordinator shall explain the drug testing procedures and the policy of the district. The consequences shall be as follows (**All offenses are cumulative in grades 9-12**):

**a. First Offense**

- i. The student shall be required to attend practices but not participate.
- ii. The student will be ineligible to publicly perform in any extracurricular activity for 14 calendar days. The day of the positive test result are received by the district shall be the first day for counting purposes. If the end of the activity precedes the end of the 14 days, the remaining days will carry over to the next activity so the student completes the required number of days.
- iii.
- iv. The student shall obtain a drug and alcohol assessment and counseling from a certified substance abuse counselor or licensed mental health provider who holds a valid license that includes in its scope of practice the ability to administer substance abuse evaluations and/or treatment. The drug and alcohol assessment and counseling will be provided to the student by the district. This will be arranged and approved by the School Counselor and the student's parents or guardians. The student shall provide written proof of obtaining the assessment to the school counselor. The student is strongly encouraged to comply with the assessment and counselor's recommendations.
- v. The student will be subject to follow-up drug tests at least one time per month for the next 6 months when school is in session or end upon graduation.

**b. Second Offense**

- i. The student shall be required to attend practice but not participate.
- ii. The student will be ineligible to publicly perform in any extracurricular activity for 30 calendar days. The day of the positive test result is received by the district shall be the first day for counting purposes. If the end of the



- activity precedes the end of the 30 days, the remaining days will carry over to the next activity so the student completes the required number of days.
- iii. The student shall attend additional drug and alcohol counseling or educational program provided by the district. The counseling will be arranged by the School Counselor in conjunction with the student's parents or guardians.
  - iv. The student must submit to a district-administered test and test negative before returning to the activity. The student will be subject to follow-up drug tests at least one time per month for the next **9** months when school is in session or end upon graduation.
- c. **Third Offense**
- i. The student will be ineligible to practice or publicly perform in any extracurricular activity for one year from the date of the third positive test or end upon graduation. The day of the positive test result is received by the district shall be the first day for counting purposes.
  - ii. The student must submit to a district-administered test and test negative before returning to the activity. The student will be subject to follow-up drug tests at least one time per month for the next **12** months when school is in session or end upon graduation.
- d. **Fourth Offense**
- i. The student will be ineligible to participate in any extracurricular activity for the remainder of the student's time at the school district.

## 10. Refusal to Test

A student who refuses to submit to a drug test authorized under this policy, or fails or refuses to comply with any other provision of this policy, shall not be eligible to participate in any activities covered under this policy including all meetings, practices, performances and competitions for one calendar year.

## 11. Tampering

Tampering is the use of any agent or technique, which is designed to avoid detection of a drug and/or compromise the integrity of a drug test and is prohibited. This includes providing false urine samples (for example, urine substitution), contaminating the urine sample with chemicals or chemical products, the use of diuretics to dilute urine samples, and the use of masking. If the Drug Program Administrator, the MRO, or the onsite-collecting agent determines that a student tampered with a drug test, they will contact the Drug Testing Coordinator and the student shall not be eligible to participate in any activities covered under this policy including all meetings, practices, performances and competitions for one calendar year.

The use of any such agent or technique shall be treated as a positive test for drugs prohibited by this Policy and shall be subject to the penalties set forth in Section 9 of this Policy.

## 12. Maintenance of Records



All results of drug testing shall be confidential. Procedures for maintaining confidentiality will be developed by the school district and the testing organization. The Drug Testing Coordinator shall maintain records of positive tests in a secure location. This information will not be available to anyone other than appropriate school personnel and parents. This information will be destroyed upon the student's graduation or one year after the student's class graduates. Under no circumstances will this information become a part of the student's permanent file, nor will it be sent to another school when the student moves to another district or transfers to another school. The school district will not share drug-testing results with any law enforcement agencies.

### **13. Appeal**

A student participating in extracurricular activities who has been determined by school district officials to be in violation of this policy shall have the right to appeal the decision to the Superintendent or his/her designee(s). The request for a review must be submitted to the Superintendent in writing within five (5) calendar days of notice of the positive test. A student requesting a review will remain eligible to participate in any extracurricular activities until the review is completed. The Superintendent or his/her designee(s), in consultation with the Drug Program Administrator and the Medical Review Officer, shall then determine whether the original finding was justified. No further review of the Superintendent's decision will be provided, and his/her decision shall be final in all respects. Any necessary interpretation or application of this policy shall be in the sole and exclusive judgment and discretion of the Superintendent, which shall be final and non-appealable to the School Board.

### **14. Severability**

If any portion of this policy is deemed to be contrary to the law of the state of Nebraska or the United States by judicial decision or an act of Congress, then only such portion or provision directly deemed to be unconstitutional shall be stricken, and the remainder of the policy shall remain in full force.



## **CONCUSSION AWARENESS - Parents & Students**

If participating in an extracurricular activity, please carefully read through the information contained in the Activities Handbook regarding concussions, and attend parents meetings for activities, as the coaches will also speak about concussions. You may also access more parental information regarding concussions by clicking on the Parental Info. Link at our school webpage (sheltonbulldogs.org)

### **INITIATIONS AND HAZING**

Initiations and hazing by members of classes, clubs, athletic teams, or any other organization affiliated with the district are prohibited except as otherwise permitted by this policy. Any student engaging in hazing or non-approved initiations is subject to discipline as permitted by policy and law. Initiations are defined as any ritualistic expectations, requirements, or activities placed upon new members of a school organization for the purpose of admission into the organization, even if those activities do not rise to the level of “hazing” as defined below. Initiations are prohibited except by permission of the superintendent.

Hazing is defined as any activity by which a person intentionally or recklessly endangers the physical or mental health or safety of an individual for the purpose of initiation into, admission into, affiliation with, or continued membership in any school organization. Hazing activities include, but are not limited to, whipping, beating, branding, an act of sexual penetration, an exposure of the genitals of the body done with the intent to affront or alarm any person, a lewd fondling or caressing of the body of another person, forced and prolonged calisthenics, prolonged exposure to the elements, forced consumption of any food, liquor, beverage, drug, or harmful substance not generally intended for human consumption, prolonged sleep deprivation, or any brutal treatment or the performance of any unlawful act that endangers the physical or mental health or safety of any person.

### **Community Service Graduation Requirement**

Beginning with the class of 2020, students are required to complete 10 hours of community service during their freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior year as part of their high school graduation requirements.

1. The project may be completed through participation in school activities (e.g., National Honor Society, FFA, athletic teams, etc.) as well as other acceptable community activities.
2. Community service hours are to be completed outside of school time. Additionally, the work must be voluntary in nature and not tied to any class assignment or pay received for doing a job.
3. Forms to track your community service participation and reflect on the service are located in the Principal’s Office, with the high school principal.
4. Community service participation forms must be filled out for each activity volunteered for.
  - a. Community service projects must be signed by an adult who has supervised the project.
  - b. Within 10 days of the conclusion of the event, the community service form must be returned to the office to receive credit for those hours.

Community Service Participation Form



*Becoming the Best Version of Ourselves, Together*

Student's Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_

- A minimum of 10 hours is required for the graduating class of 2019 and beyond.
- Students must also complete the "Community Service Reflection Questions" at the end of their community service hours
- Students can earn a Superintendent's Certificate of Merit if they meet the following requirements:
  - Bronze-level designation - earned for completing 40-59 hours of community service
  - Silver-level designation - earned for completing 60-79 hours of community service
  - Gold-level designation - earned for completing 80+ hours of community service

Pre-approval signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Event: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of activity: \_\_\_\_\_

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For activity supervisors

*I certify that \_\_\_\_\_ participated in a volunteer service for our organization*  
(Student's Name)

Number of Hours Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor's Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_ Supervisor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Email and/or Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Instructions:** Prior to participating in the community service for hours toward graduation, the top portion of this form must be completed prior to pre-approval. Once approved, completed activity hours the bottom portion of this form needs to be filled out by your activity supervisor with your assistance. Completed forms must be returned to the high school principal within 10 days of the activity to receive credit toward your graduation requirement.





**SHELTON PUBLIC SCHOOL  
CONSENT TO PERFORM RANDOM DRUG TESTING  
2023-2024**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

As a student and parent:

- < We understand and agree that participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege that may be withdrawn for violations of the Extracurricular Drug Testing Policy.
- < We have read the Extracurricular Drug Testing Policy and understand the responsibilities and consequences as an activity participant if the student violates the policy.
- < We understand that when students participate in any extracurricular activity, they will be subjected to random drug testing, and if they refuse, will not be allowed to practice or participate in any extracurricular activity. We have read this consent statement and agree to its terms.
- < We understand this is binding while a student is enrolled in the Shelton School District.

**CONSENT TO PERFORM DRUG TESTING**

We hereby consent to allow the student named on this form to undergo drug testing for the presence of drugs and alcohol in accordance with the Extracurricular Drug Testing Program adopted by the Board of Education. We understand that any samples will be sent only to a qualified laboratory for actual testing. We hereby give our consent to the medical vendor selected by the school board, their Medical Review Office (MRO), laboratory, doctors, employees, or agents, together with any clinic, hospital, or laboratory designated by the selected medical vendor to perform testing for the detection of drugs and to release the results of those tests as provided in the policy. We understand these results will be forwarded to school district officials and will also be made available to us. We agree to sign any necessary releases if requested to do so.

We understand that consent pursuant to this Consent to Perform Random Drug Testing will be effective for all extracurricular activities in which this student might participate during the current school year.

We hereby release the Shelton Public School Board of Education and its employees from any legal responsibility or liability for the release of such information and records, pursuant to the policy.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



**SHELTON PUBLIC SCHOOL**  
**WITHDRAWAL OF STUDENT FROM ACTIVITY**  
**2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR**

I understand that by signing this form I am rescinding my permission for random drug screening and no longer wish to participate in any extracurricular activity. I further understand that I am forfeiting my privilege to participate in athletics and/or extracurricular activities for the remainder of this school year.

I hereby rescind my consent to the administration of the drug screening and forfeit all participation in extracurricular activities for the remainder of the school year at the school district.

Student's Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



Policy for Sporting Events: All students will remain seated during the game and exhibit appropriate game behavior. Students may leave the game to go to the concession stand, restrooms, etc...but should not be allowed to roam the premises unsupervised. If a student has been warned more than once of inappropriate behavior, they will be asked to leave if there is not a parent present or will be told to sit with their parent(s) for the remainder of the game. If this behavior continues throughout the sport season, the student will not be able to attend any future sporting events for that particular season.

Parental Custody Information: It is the responsibility of the parent with whom a student resides to keep the principal informed about which parent has custody of the child and about any visitation restrictions of the non-custodial parent. If the non-custodial parent is restricted from contact with a student, a court order to this effect must be on file at the school. The school will make every effort to ensure that such visitation restrictions are carried out. However, the school cannot accept responsibility for the child once he/she leaves the school premises.

School reports of student progress will be given to both parents when requested.

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### **Title IX Policy**

It is the policy of the school district that no person shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any of the school district's programs or activities. The district is required by Title IX (20 U.S.C. § 1681) and 34 C.F.R. part 106 to not discriminate in such a manner.

#### **1. Title IX Coordinator**

**1.1. Designation.** The district will designate and authorize at least one employee to coordinate its efforts to comply with its responsibilities under this policy, who will be referred to as the "**Title IX Coordinator**." The district will notify applicants for admission and employment, students, parents or legal guardians of students, employees, and all unions or professional organizations holding collective bargaining or professional agreements with the district, of the name or title, office address, electronic mail address, and telephone number of the Title IX Coordinator. Any person may report sex discrimination, including sexual harassment (whether or not the person reporting is the person alleged to be the victim of conduct that could constitute sex discrimination or sexual harassment). This report may be made by any means, including but not limited to, in person, by mail, by telephone, or by electronic mail, using the contact information listed for the Title IX Coordinator, or by any other means that results in the Title IX Coordinator receiving the person's verbal or written report. Such a report may be made at any time (including during non-business hours).

**2. Definitions.** As used in this policy, the following terms are defined as follows:



2.1. **Actual knowledge** means notice of sexual harassment or allegations of sexual harassment to any district employee. Imputation of knowledge based solely on vicarious liability or constructive notice is insufficient to constitute actual knowledge. This standard is not met when the only district employee with actual knowledge is the respondent (as that term is defined below). “Notice” as used in this paragraph includes, but is not limited to, a report of sexual harassment to the Title IX Coordinator as described in subsection 1.1 above.

2.2. **Complainant** means an individual who is alleged to be the victim of conduct that could constitute sexual harassment.

2.3. **Formal complaint** means a document filed by a complainant or signed by the Title IX Coordinator alleging sexual harassment against a respondent and requesting that the district investigate the allegation of sexual harassment. The only district official who is authorized to initiate the Grievance Process for Formal Complaints of Sexual Harassment against a respondent is the Title IX Coordinator (by signing a formal complaint). At the time of filing a formal complaint with the district, a complainant must be participating in or attempting to participate in the district’s education program or activity. A formal complaint may be filed with the Title IX Coordinator in person, by mail, or by electronic mail, by using the contact information required to be listed for the Title IX Coordinator under subsection 1.1 above, and by any additional method designated by the district. As used in this paragraph, the phrase “document filed by a complainant” means a document or electronic submission (such as by electronic mail or through an online portal provided for this purpose by the district) that contains the complainant’s physical or digital signature, or otherwise indicates that the complainant is the person filing the formal complaint. Where the Title IX Coordinator signs a formal complaint, the Title IX Coordinator is not a complainant or otherwise a party under this policy or under 34 C.F.R. part 106, and will comply with the requirements of this policy and 34 C.F.R. part 106, including subsections 5.1.3–5.1.4 and 34 C.F.R. § 106.45(b)(1)(iii).

2.4. **Respondent** means an individual who has been reported to be the perpetrator of conduct that could constitute sexual harassment.

2.5. **Consent** for purposes of this policy means the willingness in fact for conduct to occur. An individual may, as a result of age, incapacity, disability, lack of information, or other circumstances be incapable of providing consent to some or all sexual conduct or activity. Neither verbal nor physical resistance is required to establish that an individual did not consent. District officials will consider the totality of the circumstances in determining whether there was consent for any specific conduct. Consent may be revoked or withdrawn at any time.

2.6. **Sexual harassment** means conduct on the basis of sex that satisfies one or more of the following:



- 2.6.1. An employee of the district conditioning the provision of an aid, benefit, or service of the district on an individual's participation in unwelcome sexual conduct;
- 2.6.2. Unwelcome conduct determined by a reasonable person to be so severe, pervasive, and objectively offensive that it effectively denies a person equal access to the district's education program or activity;
- 2.6.3. **Sexual assault**, as defined in 20 U.S.C. § 1092(f)(6)(A)(v), which means an offense classified as a forcible or nonforcible sex offense under the uniform crime reporting system of the Federal Bureau of Investigation:
- 2.6.3.1. **Sex Offenses, Forcible**—Any sexual act directed against another person, without the consent of the victim including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent.
- 2.6.3.1.1. **Rape**—(Except Statutory Rape) The carnal knowledge of a person, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her age or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity.
- 2.6.3.1.2. **Sodomy**—Oral or anal sexual intercourse with another person, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her age or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity
- 2.6.3.1.3. **Sexual Assault With An Object**—To use an object or instrument to unlawfully penetrate, however slightly, the genital or anal opening of the body of another person, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her age or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity
- 2.6.3.1.4. **Fondling**—The touching of the private body parts of another person for the purpose of sexual gratification, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her age or because of



his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity

2.6.3.2. **Sex Offenses, Non-forcible**—(Except Prostitution Offenses)  
Unlawful, non-forcible sexual intercourse.

2.6.3.2.1. **Incest**—Non-Forcible sexual intercourse between persons who are related to each other within the degrees wherein marriage is prohibited by law

2.6.3.2.2. **Statutory Rape**—Non-Forcible sexual intercourse with a person who is under the statutory age of consent

2.6.4. **Dating violence**, as defined in 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(10), which means violence committed by a person—

2.6.4.1. who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim; and

2.6.4.2. where the existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on a consideration of the following factors:

2.6.4.2.1. The length of the relationship.

2.6.4.2.2. The type of relationship.

2.6.4.2.3. The frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.

2.6.5. **Domestic violence**, as defined in 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(8), which includes felony or misdemeanor crimes of violence committed by a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim, by a person with whom the victim shares a child in common, by a person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse or intimate partner, by a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction receiving grant monies, or by any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person's acts under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction.

2.6.6. **Stalking**, as defined in 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(30), which means engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to—

2.6.6.1. fear for his or her safety or the safety of others; or



2.6.6.2. suffer substantial emotional distress.

**2.7. Supportive measures** means non-disciplinary, non-punitive individualized services offered as appropriate, as reasonably available, and without fee or charge to the complainant or the respondent before or after the filing of a formal complaint or where no formal complaint has been filed. Such measures are designed to restore or preserve equal access to the district's education program or activity without unreasonably burdening the other party, including measures designed to protect the safety of all parties or the district's educational environment, or deter sexual harassment. Supportive measures may include counseling, extensions of deadlines or other course-related adjustments, modifications of work or class schedules, campus escort services, mutual restrictions on contact between the parties, changes in work or housing locations, leaves of absence, increased security and monitoring of certain areas of the campus, and other similar measures. The district will maintain as confidential any supportive measures provided to the complainant or respondent, to the extent that maintaining such confidentiality would not impair the ability of the district to provide the supportive measures. The Title IX Coordinator is responsible for coordinating the effective implementation of supportive measures.

### 3. Discrimination Not Involving Sexual Harassment.

**3.1. General Prohibition.** Except as provided elsewhere in Title IX, 34 C.F.R. part 106, or this policy, no person shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any academic, extracurricular, research, occupational training, or other education program or activity operated by the district.

**3.2. Specific Prohibitions.** Except as provided elsewhere in Title IX, 34 C.F.R. part 106, or this policy, in providing any aid, benefit, or service to a student, the district will not on the basis of sex:

- 3.2.1. Treat one person differently from another in determining whether such person satisfies any requirement or condition for the provision of such aid, benefit, or service;
- 3.2.2. Provide different aid, benefits, or services or provide aid, benefits, or services in a different manner;
- 3.2.3. Deny any person any such aid, benefit, or service;
- 3.2.4. Subject any person to separate or different rules of behavior, sanctions, or other treatment;
- 3.2.5. Apply any rule concerning the domicile or residence of a student or applicant;



- 3.2.6. Aid or perpetuate discrimination against any person by providing significant assistance to any agency, organization, or person which discriminates on the basis of sex in providing any aid, benefit or service to students or employees;
- 3.2.7. Otherwise limit any person in the enjoyment of any right, privilege, advantage, or opportunity.

**3.3. Complaint Procedure.** All complaints regarding any alleged discrimination on the basis of sex, including without limitation violations of this policy, 34 C.F.R. part 106, Title IX, Title VII, or other state or federal law—when the alleged discrimination does not arise from or relate to an allegation of sexual harassment as defined in subsection 2.6 above—shall be addressed pursuant to the district’s general complaint procedure, Board Policy

#### 4. Response to Sexual Harassment

**4.1. Reporting Sexual Harassment.** Any person who witnesses an act of unlawful sexual harassment is encouraged to report it to the District’s Title IX Coordinator. No person will be retaliated against based on any report of suspected sexual harassment or retaliation. Any District employee who receives a report of sexual harassment or has actual knowledge of sexual harassment must convey that information to the Title IX Coordinator as soon as reasonably practicable, but in no case later than the end of the following school day.

**4.2. General Response to Sexual Harassment.** When the district has actual knowledge of sexual harassment in its education program or activity against a person in the United States, the district will respond promptly in a manner that is not deliberately indifferent. The district will be deemed to be deliberately indifferent only if its response to sexual harassment is clearly unreasonable in light of the known circumstances. For the purposes of this policy “education program or activity” includes locations, events, or circumstances over which the district exercised substantial control over both the respondent and the context in which the sexual harassment occurs. The district’s response will treat complainants and respondents equitably by offering supportive measures as defined in subsection 2.7 above to a complainant, and by following the grievance process described in section 5 below before the imposition of any disciplinary sanctions or other actions that are not supportive measures, against a respondent. The Title IX Coordinator will promptly contact the complainant to discuss the availability of supportive measures, consider the complainant’s wishes with respect to supportive measures, inform the complainant of the availability of supportive measures with or without the filing of a formal complaint, and explain to the complainant the process for filing a formal complaint.

**4.3. Emergency Removal.** Nothing in this policy precludes the district from removing a respondent from the district’s education program or activity on an emergency basis, provided that the district undertakes an individualized safety and





risk analysis, and determines that an immediate threat to the physical health or safety of any student or other individual arising from the allegations of sexual harassment justifies removal. In the event that the district so removes a respondent on an emergency basis, then the district will provide the respondent with notice and an opportunity to challenge the decision immediately following the removal. This provision may not be construed to modify any rights under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, or the Americans with Disabilities Act.

**4.4. Administrative Leave.** Nothing in this policy precludes the district from placing a non-student employee respondent on administrative leave during the pendency of a grievance process that complies with section 5 below. This provision may not be construed to modify any rights under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 or the Americans with Disabilities Act.

**4.5. General Response Not Conditioned on Formal Complaint.** With or without a formal complaint, the district will comply with the obligations and procedures described in this section 4.

## 5. Grievance Process for Formal Complaints of Sexual Harassment.

### 5.1. General Requirements.

**5.1.1. Equitable Treatment.** The district will treat complainants and respondents equitably by providing remedies to a complainant where a determination of responsibility for sexual harassment has been made against the respondent, and by following the grievance process described in this section 5 before the imposition of any disciplinary sanctions or other actions that are not supportive measures against a respondent. Remedies will be designed to restore or preserve equal access to the district's education program or activity. Remedies may include the same individualized services described in subsection 2.7 as "supportive measures"; however, remedies need not be non-disciplinary or non-punitive and need not avoid burdening the respondent.

**5.1.2. Objective Evaluation.** This grievance process requires an objective evaluation of all relevant evidence—including both inculpatory and exculpatory evidence. Credibility determinations may not be based on a person's status as a complainant, respondent, or witness.

**5.1.3. Absence of Conflicts of Interest or Bias.** The district will require that any individual designated by a recipient as a Title IX Coordinator, investigator, decision-maker, or any person designated by a recipient to facilitate an informal resolution process, not have a



conflict of interest or bias for or against complainants or respondents generally or an individual complainant or respondent.

5.1.4. **Training.** The district will ensure that all individuals or entities described in this Training section 5.1.4 receive training as provided below. Any materials used to train these individuals will not rely on sex stereotypes and will promote impartial investigations and adjudications of formal complaints of sexual harassment.

5.1.4.1. **All District Employees and Board Members.** All district employees and board members will be trained on how to identify and report sexual harassment.

5.1.4.2. **Title IX Coordinators, Investigators, Decision-Makers, or Informal Resolution Facilitators.** The district will ensure that Title IX Coordinators, investigators, decision-makers, or any person designated by the district to facilitate an informal resolution process receive training on:

5.1.4.2.1. The definition of sexual harassment in subsection 2.6;

5.1.4.2.2. The scope of the district's education program or activity;

5.1.4.2.3. How to conduct an investigation and grievance process including hearings, appeals, and informal resolution processes, as applicable; and

5.1.4.2.4. How to serve impartially, including by avoiding prejudgment of the facts at issue, conflicts of interest, and bias.

5.1.4.3. **Decision-Makers.** The district will ensure that decision-makers receive training on issues of relevance of questions and evidence, including when questions and evidence about the complainant's sexual predisposition or prior sexual behavior are not relevant, as set forth in subsection 5.6.

5.1.4.4. **Investigators.** The district will also ensure that investigators receive training on issues of relevance to create an investigative report that fairly summarizes relevant evidence, as set forth in subsection 5.5.8.



- 5.1.5. **Presumption.** It is presumed that the respondent is not responsible for the alleged conduct until a determination regarding responsibility is made at the conclusion of the grievance process.
- 5.1.6. **Reasonably Prompt Time Frames.** This grievance process shall include reasonably prompt time frames for conclusion of the grievance process, including reasonably prompt time frames for filing and resolving appeals and informal resolution processes if the district offers informal resolution processes. The process shall also allow for the temporary delay of the grievance process or the limited extension of time frames for good cause with written notice to the complainant and the respondent of the delay or extension and the reasons for the action. Good cause may include considerations such as the absence of a party, a party's advisor, or a witness; concurrent law enforcement activity; or the need for language assistance or accommodation of disabilities.
- 5.1.7. **Range of Possible Sanctions and Remedies.** Following a determination of responsibility, the district may impose disciplinary sanctions and remedies in conformance with this and the district's student discipline policy, and other state and federal laws. Depending upon the circumstances, these policies provide for disciplinary sanctions and remedies up to and including expulsion.
- 5.1.8. **Range of Supportive Measures.** The range of supportive measures available to complainants and respondents include those listed in subsection 2.7.
- 5.1.9. **Respect for Privileged Information.** The district will not require, allow, rely upon, or otherwise use questions or evidence that constitute, or seek disclosure of, information protected under a legally recognized privilege, unless the person holding such privilege has waived the privilege.
- 5.2. **Notice of Allegations.**
- 5.2.1. **Initial Notice.** Upon receipt of a formal complaint, the district will provide the following written notice to the parties who are known:
- 5.2.1.1. A copy of this policy.
- 5.2.1.2. Notice of the allegations of sexual harassment potentially constituting sexual harassment as defined in subsection 2.6, including sufficient details known at the time and with sufficient time to prepare a response before any initial interview. Sufficient details include the identities of the



parties involved in the incident, if known, the conduct allegedly constituting sexual harassment, and the date and location of the alleged incident, if known. The written notice will include a statement that the respondent is presumed not responsible for the alleged conduct and that a determination regarding responsibility is made at the conclusion of the grievance process. The written notice will inform the parties that they may have an advisor of their choice, who may be, but is not required to be, an attorney, under subsection 5.5.5, and may inspect and review evidence under subsection 5.5.5. The written notice will inform the parties of any provision in the district's code of conduct that prohibits knowingly making false statements or knowingly submitting false information during the grievance process.

- 5.2.2. **Supplemental Notice.** If, in the course of an investigation, the district decides to investigate allegations about the complainant or respondent that are not included in the Initial Notice described above, the district will provide notice of the additional allegations to the parties whose identities are known.

### 5.3. Dismissal of Formal Complaint.

- 5.3.1. The district will investigate the allegations in a formal complaint.
- 5.3.2. **Mandatory Dismissals.** The district **must** dismiss a formal complaint if the conduct alleged in the formal complaint:
- 5.3.2.1. Would not constitute sexual harassment as defined in subsection 2.6 even if proved;
  - 5.3.2.2. Did not occur in the district's education program or activity; or
  - 5.3.2.3. Did not occur against a person in the United States.
- 5.3.3. **Discretionary Dismissals.** The district **may** dismiss the formal complaint or any allegations therein, if at any time during the investigation or hearing:
- 5.3.3.1. The complainant notifies the Title IX Coordinator in writing that the complainant would like to withdraw the formal complaint or any allegations therein;
  - 5.3.3.2. The respondent is no longer enrolled in or employed by the district; or



- 5.3.3.3. Specific circumstances prevent the district from gathering evidence sufficient to reach a determination as to the formal complaint or allegations therein.
- 5.3.4. Upon a dismissal required or permitted pursuant to subsections 5.3.2 or 5.3.3 above, the district will promptly send written notice of the dismissal and an explanation of that action simultaneously to the parties.
- 5.3.5. Dismissal of a formal complaint under this policy does not preclude the district from taking action under another provision of the district's code of conduct or pursuant to another district policy.
- 5.4. Consolidation of Formal Complaints.** The district may consolidate formal complaints as to allegations of sexual harassment against more than one respondent, or by more than one complainant against one or more respondents, or by one party against the other party, where the allegations of sexual harassment arise out of the same facts or circumstances. Where a grievance process involves more than one complainant or more than one respondent, references in this policy to the singular "party," "complainant," or "respondent" include the plural, as applicable.
- 5.5. Investigation of Formal Complaint.** When investigating a formal complaint and throughout the grievance process, the district will:
- 5.5.1. Designate and authorize one or more persons (which need not be district employees) as investigator(s) to conduct the district's investigation of a formal complaint;
- 5.5.2. Ensure that the burden of proof and the burden of gathering evidence sufficient to reach a determination regarding responsibility rest on the district and not on the parties provided that the district cannot access, consider, disclose, or otherwise use a party's records that are made or maintained by a physician, psychiatrist, psychologist, or other recognized professional or paraprofessional acting in the professional's or paraprofessional's capacity, or assisting in that capacity, and which are made and maintained in connection with the provision of treatment to the party, unless the district obtains that party's voluntary, written consent to do so for a grievance process under this section (if a party is not an "eligible student," as defined in 34 CFR 99.3, then the district will obtain the voluntary, written consent of a "parent," as defined in 34 CFR 99.3);
- 5.5.3. Provide an equal opportunity for the parties to present witnesses, including fact and expert witnesses, and other inculpatory and exculpatory evidence;



- 5.5.4. Not restrict the ability of either party to discuss the allegations under investigation or to gather and present relevant evidence;
- 5.5.5. Provide the parties with the same opportunities to have others present during any grievance proceeding, including the opportunity to be accompanied to any related meeting or proceeding by the advisor of their choice, who may be, but is not required to be, an attorney, and not limit the choice or presence of advisor for either the complainant or respondent in any meeting or grievance proceeding; however, the district may establish restrictions regarding the extent to which the advisor may participate in the proceedings, as long as the restrictions apply equally to both parties;
- 5.5.6. Provide, to a party whose participation is invited or expected, written notice of the date, time, location, participants, and purpose of all hearings, investigative interviews, or other meetings, with sufficient time for the party to prepare to participate;
- 5.5.7. Provide both parties an equal opportunity to inspect and review any evidence obtained as part of the investigation that is directly related to the allegations raised in a formal complaint, including the evidence upon which the district does not intend to rely in reaching a determination regarding responsibility and inculpatory or exculpatory evidence whether obtained from a party or other source, so that each party can meaningfully respond to the evidence prior to conclusion of the investigation. Prior to completion of the investigative report, the district will send to each party and the party's advisor, if any, the evidence subject to inspection and review in an electronic format or a hard copy, and the parties will have at least 10 calendar days to submit a written response, which the investigator will consider prior to completion of the investigative report; and
- 5.5.8. Create an investigative report that fairly summarizes relevant evidence and, at least 10 calendar days prior to the time of determination regarding responsibility, send to each party and the party's advisor, if any, the investigative report in an electronic format or a hard copy, for their review and written response.
- 5.6. Exchange of Written Questions.** After the district has sent the investigative report to the parties pursuant to subsection 5.5.8, but before reaching a determination regarding responsibility, the decision-maker(s) will afford each party the opportunity to submit written, relevant questions that a party wants asked of any party or witness, provide each party with the answers, and allow for additional, limited follow-up questions from each party. Questions and evidence about the complainant's sexual predisposition or prior sexual behavior are not relevant, unless such questions and evidence about the complainant's prior sexual behavior are



offered to prove that someone other than the respondent committed the conduct alleged by the complainant, or if the questions and evidence concern specific incidents of the complainant's prior sexual behavior with respect to the respondent and are offered to prove consent. The decision-maker(s) will explain to the party proposing the questions any decision to exclude a question as not relevant.

## 5.7. Determination Regarding Responsibility

- 5.7.1. **Decision-Maker(s).** The decision-maker(s) cannot be the same person as the Title IX Coordinator or the investigator(s).
- 5.7.2. **Written Determination.** The decision-maker(s) will issue a written determination regarding responsibility. To reach this determination, the decision-maker(s) will apply the preponderance of the evidence standard. The written determination will include:
- 5.7.2.1. Identification of the allegations potentially constituting sexual harassment as defined in subsection 2.6;
  - 5.7.2.2. A description of the procedural steps taken from the receipt of the formal complaint through the determination, including any notifications to the parties, interviews with parties and witnesses, site visits, methods used to gather other evidence, and hearings held;
  - 5.7.2.3. Findings of fact supporting the determination;
  - 5.7.2.4. Conclusions regarding the application of the district's code of conduct to the facts;
  - 5.7.2.5. A statement of, and rationale for, the result as to each allegation, including a determination regarding responsibility, any disciplinary sanctions the district imposes on the respondent, and whether remedies designed to restore or preserve equal access to the district's education program or activity will be provided by the district to the complainant; and
  - 5.7.2.6. The district's procedures and permissible bases for the complainant and respondent to appeal.
- 5.7.3. The district will provide the written determination to the parties simultaneously. The determination regarding responsibility becomes final either on the date that the district provides the parties with the written determination of the result of the appeal, if an appeal is filed, or if an appeal is not filed, the date on which an appeal would no longer be considered timely.



5.7.4. The Title IX Coordinator is responsible for effective implementation of any remedies.

**5.8. Appeals.** The district will offer both parties the opportunity to appeal from a determination regarding responsibility, and from the district's dismissal of a formal complaint or any allegations therein, on the grounds identified below.

**5.8.1. Time for Appeal.** Appeals may only be initiated by submitting a written Notice of Appeal to the Office of the Superintendent of Schools within ten (10) calendar days of the date of the respective written determination of responsibility or dismissal from which the appeal is taken. The Notice of Appeal must include (a) the name of the party or parties making the appeal, (b) the determination, dismissal, or portion thereof being appealed, and (c) a concise statement of the specific grounds (from subsection 5.8.2 below) upon which the appeal is based. A party's failure to timely submit a Notice of Appeal will be deemed a waiver of the party's right to appeal under this policy, 34 C.F.R. part, 106, and Title IX.

**5.8.2. Grounds for Appeal.** Appeals from a determination regarding responsibility, and from the district's dismissal of a formal complaint or any allegations therein, are limited to the following grounds:

5.8.2.1. Procedural irregularity that affected the outcome of the matter;

5.8.2.2. New evidence that was not reasonably available at the time the determination regarding responsibility or dismissal was made, that could affect the outcome of the matter; and

5.8.2.3. The Title IX Coordinator, investigator(s), or decision-maker(s) had a conflict of interest or bias for or against complainants or respondents generally or the individual complainant or respondent that affected the outcome of the matter.

5.8.3. As to all appeals, the district will:

5.8.3.1. Notify the other party in writing when an appeal is filed and implement appeal procedures equally for both parties;

5.8.3.2. Ensure that the decision-maker(s) for the appeal is not the same person as the decision-maker(s) that reached the determination regarding responsibility or dismissal, the investigator(s), or the Title IX Coordinator;





- 5.8.3.3. Ensure that the decision-maker(s) for the appeal complies with the standards set forth in subsections 5.1.3–5.1.4.
- 5.8.3.4. Give both parties a reasonable, equal opportunity to submit a written statement in support of, or challenging, the outcome;
- 5.8.3.5. Issue a written decision describing the result of the appeal and the rationale for the result; and
- 5.8.3.6. Provide the written decision simultaneously to both parties.

**5.9. Informal Resolution.** The district will not require as a condition of enrollment or continuing enrollment, or employment or continuing employment, or enjoyment of any other right, waiver of the right to an investigation and adjudication of formal complaints of sexual harassment consistent with this section. Similarly, the district will not require the parties to participate in an informal resolution process under this section and may not offer an informal resolution process unless a formal complaint is filed. However, at any time prior to reaching a determination regarding responsibility the district may facilitate an informal resolution process, such as mediation, that does not involve a full investigation and adjudication, provided that the district:

- 5.9.1. Provides to the parties a written notice disclosing:
  - 5.9.1.1. The allegations;
  - 5.9.1.2. The requirements of the informal resolution process including the circumstances under which it precludes the parties from resuming a formal complaint arising from the same allegations;
  - 5.9.1.3. That at any time prior to agreeing to a resolution, any party has the right to withdraw from the informal resolution process and resume the grievance process with respect to the formal complaint; and
  - 5.9.1.4. Any consequences resulting from participating in the informal resolution process, including the records that will be maintained or could be shared;
- 5.9.2. Obtains the parties' voluntary, written consent to the informal resolution process; and
- 5.9.3. Does not offer or facilitate an informal resolution process to resolve allegations that an employee sexually harassed a student.

## 5.10. Recordkeeping.



- 5.10.1. The district will maintain for a period of seven years records of:
- 5.10.1.1. Each sexual harassment investigation including any determination regarding responsibility, any disciplinary sanctions imposed on the respondent, and any remedies provided to the complainant designed to restore or preserve equal access to the district's education program or activity;
  - 5.10.1.2. Any appeal and the result therefrom;
  - 5.10.1.3. Any informal resolution and the result therefrom; and
  - 5.10.1.4. All materials used to train Title IX Coordinators, investigators, decision-makers, and any person who facilitates an informal resolution process. The district will make these training materials publicly available on its website, or if the district does not maintain a website then the district will make these materials available upon request for inspection by members of the public.
- 5.10.2. For each response required under section 4, the district will create, and maintain for a period of seven years, records of any actions, including any supportive measures, taken in response to a report or formal complaint of sexual harassment. In each instance, the district will document the basis for its conclusion that its response was not deliberately indifferent, and document that it has taken measures designed to restore or preserve equal access to the district's education program or activity. If the district does not provide a complainant with supportive measures, then the district will document the reasons why such a response was not clearly unreasonable in light of the known circumstances. The documentation of certain bases or measures does not limit the district in the future from providing additional explanations or detailing additional measures taken.

**6. Superintendent Authorized to Contract.** The board authorizes the Superintendent to contract for, designate, and appoint individuals to serve in the roles of the district's investigator(s), decision-maker(s), informal resolution facilitator(s), or appellate decision-maker(s) as contemplated by this policy.

## **7. Access to Classes and Schools.**

**7.1. General Standard.** Except as provided in this section or otherwise in 34 C.F.R. part 106, the district will not provide or otherwise carry out any of its



education programs or activities separately on the basis of sex, or require or refuse participation therein by any of its students on the basis of sex.

7.1.1. **Contact sports in physical education classes.** This section does not prohibit separation of students by sex within physical education classes or activities during participation in wrestling, boxing, rugby, ice hockey, football, basketball, and other sports the purpose or major activity of which involves bodily contact.

7.1.2. **Ability grouping in physical education classes.** This section does not prohibit grouping of students in physical education classes and activities by ability as assessed by objective standards of individual performance developed and applied without regard to sex.

7.1.3. **Human sexuality classes.** Classes or portions of classes that deal primarily with human sexuality may be conducted in separate sessions for boys and girls.

7.1.4. **Choruses.** The district may make requirements based on vocal range or quality that may result in a chorus or choruses of one or predominantly one sex.

7.2. **Classes and Extracurricular Activities.** The district may provide nonvocational single-sex classes or extracurricular activities as permitted by 34 C.F.R. part 106.

8. **Athletics.** It is the policy of the district that no person shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, be treated differently from another person or otherwise be discriminated against in any interscholastic, club, or intramural athletics offered by the district, and that the district will not provide any such athletics separately on such basis.

8.1. **Separate Teams.** Notwithstanding the foregoing paragraph, the district may operate or sponsor separate teams for members of each sex where selection for such teams is based upon competitive skill or the activity involved is a contact sport.

8.2. **Equal opportunity.** The district will provide equal athletic opportunity for members of both sexes. Unequal aggregate expenditures for members of each sex or unequal expenditures for male and female teams will not constitute noncompliance with this section.

9. **Certain Different Treatment on the Basis of Sex Permitted.** Nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit the district from treating persons differently on the basis of sex as permitted by Title IX or 34 C.F.R. part 106. For example, and without limiting the foregoing, the district may provide separate toilet, locker room, and shower facilities on



the basis of sex, but such facilities provided for students of one sex shall be comparable to such facilities provided for students of the other sex.

**10. Retaliation Prohibited.** Neither the district nor any other person may intimidate, threaten, coerce, or discriminate against any individual for the purpose of interfering with any right or privilege secured by Title IX, 34 C.F.R. part 106, or this policy, or because the individual has made a report or complaint, testified, assisted, or participated or refused to participate in any manner in an investigation, proceeding, or hearing under this policy. The district will keep confidential the identity of any individual who has made a report or complaint of sex discrimination, including any individual who has made a report or filed a formal complaint of sexual harassment, any complainant, any individual who has been reported to be the perpetrator of sex discrimination, any respondent, and any witness, except as may be permitted by the FERPA statute, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g, or FERPA regulations, 34 C.F.R. part 99, or as required by law, or to carry out the purposes of 34 C.F.R. part 106, including the conduct of any investigation, hearing, or judicial proceeding arising thereunder. Complaints alleging retaliation may be filed according to shall be addressed pursuant to Board Policy 2006 (Complaint Procedure).

#### 10.1. Specific Circumstances.

- 10.1.1. The exercise of rights protected under the First Amendment does not constitute retaliation prohibited by this section.
- 10.1.2. Charging an individual with a code of conduct violation for making a materially false statement in bad faith in the course of a grievance proceeding under this part does not constitute retaliation prohibited under this section, provided, however, that a determination regarding responsibility, alone, is not sufficient to conclude that any party made a materially false statement in bad faith.

**11. Notification of Policy.** The district will notify applicants for admission and employment, students, parents or legal guardians of students, employees, and all unions or professional organizations holding collective bargaining or professional agreements with the district of the existence of this policy. The requirement to not discriminate, as stated in Title IX and 34 C.F.R. part 106, in the district's education program(s) or activities extends to admission and employment, and inquiries about the application of Title IX and 34 C.F.R. part 106 to the district may be referred to the district's Title IX Coordinator, the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights of the United States Department of Education, or both.

**12. Publication of Policy.** The district will prominently display on its website, if any, and in each handbook that it makes available to applicants for admission and employment, students, parents or legal guardians of students, employees, and all unions or professional organizations holding collective bargaining or professional agreements with the district, the name or title, office address, electronic mail address, and telephone number of the employee or employees designated as the Title IX Coordinator(s).



**13. Application Outside the United States.** The requirements of this policy apply only to sex discrimination occurring against a person in the United States.

**14. Scope of Policy.** Nothing herein shall be construed to be more demanding or more constraining upon the district than the requirements of Title IX (20 U.S.C. § 1681) and 34 C.F.R. part 106. To the extent that the district is in compliance with Title IX and 34 C.F.R. part 106, then all of the district's obligations under this policy shall be deemed to be fulfilled and discharged.

### **POLICY 7032: CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT**

Because of their daily contact with school-age children, educators and other school employees are in a unique position to identify abused and/or neglected children. Nebraska law defines abuse or neglect as knowingly, intentionally, or negligently causing or permitting a minor child or an incompetent or disabled person to be (1) placed in a situation that endangers his or her life or physical or mental health; (2) cruelly confined or cruelly punished; (3) deprived of necessary food, clothing, shelter or care; (4) left unattended in a motor vehicle, if such child is six years of age or younger; or (5) sexually abused.

**Reporting Procedure.** School employees will report suspected abuse or neglect of a child according to the following procedure.

1. Any school employee who suspects that a child has been abused or neglected shall report the suspicion to the building principal immediately.

2. The principal and the school nurse shall, whenever possible, investigate the concern within 24 hours of receiving the initial report. When the principal determines that a report should be made through the district, he or she shall make a report to the office of social services or law enforcement. The principal shall inform the employee(s) who made the initial report whether he or she has made a report to the office of social services or law enforcement. If no such report has been made, the employee(s) shall file such a report if he, she or they believe that a child has been abused or neglected.

3. If the safety or well-being of the child is in jeopardy, the report shall be made immediately to the city police department or the county sheriff's department.

4. Any doubt or question in reporting such cases shall be resolved in the favor of the child. Consultation between the administrator and school employee is encouraged, keeping in mind that prompt reporting is essential.



**Contents of the Report.** The report to authorities shall contain the following information to the extent it is available: (1) name and position of reporting person; (2) name, address, and age of abused or neglected person; (3) address of the person or persons having custody of the abused or neglected person; (4) the nature and extent of the abuse or neglect, or the conditions and circumstances which would reasonably result in such abuse or neglect; and (5) any other information that may be useful in establishing the identity of the persons involved and cause of the abuse or neglect.

**Legal Immunity.** Nebraska statutes give legal immunity from any civil or criminal liability to any person who makes a good faith report of child abuse or neglect or participates in a judicial proceeding resulting from such a report.

### PARENT/GUARDIAN & STUDENT REVIEW OF STUDENT HANDBOOK

**This is to verify that we, parent/guardian and student, have been made aware that the 2023-2024 Student Handbook is accessible on the district website and we have reviewed the handbook, which includes the policies, rules and regulations of Shelton High School.**

*\*printed handbooks are available in the high school office by request*

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(PRINT Parent/Guardian Name)

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(Parent/Guardian Signature)

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(Date)



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(PRINT Student Name)

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(Student Signature)

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(Date)

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### NOTICE OF DISCLOSURE OF STUDENT INFORMATION

#### Information to Military Recruiters

A parent/legal guardian must submit, in writing, their wishes to NOT have their student's information shared with military recruiters to the school counselor.

#### Student Pictures/Images

A parent/legal guardian must submit, in writing, their wishes to NOT have their student's picture/image used in any media to the high school principal.

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***After reading the handbook and the above notice, please sign this form and return it to the high school office by [August 18, 2023](#).***

