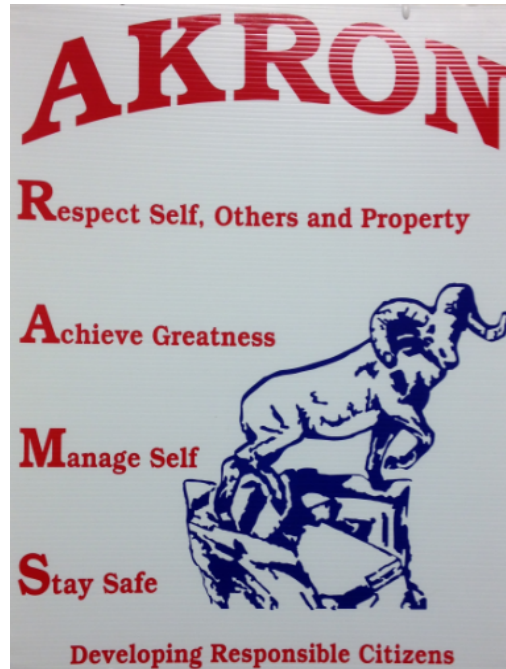


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RESPECT: The willingness to show consideration and appreciation.

ACHIEVE GREATNESS: Accomplish successfully with effort.

MANAGE SELF: Self-control of personal, scholastic, and social behaviors.

SAFETY: Behaviors to promote safety or to secure from harm or danger.

The purpose of PBIS at Akron is to develop responsible citizens so that all students learn to take ownership and pride in their daily choices.

This mission of the Akron public school is to provide a safe environment so as to facilitate the optimal growth of each student in accordance with individual needs, abilities, and interests through partnerships among home, school and community.

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School Hours: 7:50 a.m. – 3:54 p.m.

Block 1	7:50 am - 8:40 am
Block 2	8:43 am - 9:33 am
Block 3	9:36 am - 10:29 am
Block 4	10:32 am - 11:19 am
Block 5	11:22 am - 12:12 pm
Advisory	12:15 pm - 12:32 pm
LUNCH	
Block 6	1:09 pm - 2:02 pm
Block 7	2:05 pm - 2:58 pm
Block 8	3:01 pm - 3:54 pm

2023–2024 School Calendar

Monday, August 7, 2023	Student Registration
Wednesday, August 7 - 10, 2023	Teacher Inservice Days
Monday, August 14, 2023	First Day of School for 6 th – 12 th grade
Wednesday, August 16, 2023	First Day of School PK – 5 th grade
Monday, September 4, 2023	Labor Day-No School
Thursday, September 7, 2023	Individual School Pictures (Studio 5)
Monday, September 18, 2023	CTT In-Service - No School
Friday, September 22, 2023	Teacher Inservice – No School
Friday, October 13, 2023	School in Session
Friday, October 13, 2023	End of 1 st Quarter
Thursday, October 19, 2023	Parent/Teacher Conferences (4 pm—8 pm)
Thursday, October 26, 2023	Parent/Teacher Conferences (4 pm—8 pm)
Friday, November 17, 2023	CTT Inservice – No School
Wed.-Fri., November 22-24, 2023	Thanksgiving Vacation – No School
Friday, December 1, 2023	No School – Knowledge Bowl
Thursday, December 21, 2023	End of 1 st Semester
Fri, Dec.22, 2023 – Fri., Jan. 5, 2024	Holiday Break – No School
Monday, January 8, 2024	School Resumes
Friday, January 12, 2024	CTT Inservice – No School
Friday, February 2, 2024	Teacher Inservice - No School
Thursday, March 7, 2024	End of 3rd Quarter
Mon.-Fri., March 11 –15, 2024	Spring Break – No School
Thursday, March 21, 2024	Parent/Teacher Conferences (4 pm—8 pm)
Thursday, April 4, 2024	Parent/Teacher Conferences (4 pm—8 pm)
Friday, May 3, 2024	Teacher Inservice - No School
Friday, May 24, 2024	Last Day of School – Dismiss at 12:45 pm
Saturday, May 25, 2024	High School Graduation at 10 am

AKRON SCHOOL STAFF

ADMINISTRATION:

Mr. Brian Christensen	Superintendent
Mrs. Kelli McCaffrey	Business Manager
Mrs. Shae Smith	Principal PK – 5
Mr. Shawn Randel	Principal 6 – 12
Mrs. Stephanie Woods	MS & HS Secretary/Athletic Secretary
Mrs. Samara Pickens	Elem Secretary/Food Service
Mr. Tyler Pickens	Athletic Director

FACULTY:

Mrs. Sidney Baer	Special Education
Mrs. Annette Blake	Pre-School
Mrs. Christine Bowin	First Grade
Mrs. Shannon Brandon	Special Education
Mrs. Bethany Brent	MS & HS English
Mr. Greg Clarkson	Math, MS PE & Tech Coordinator
Mrs. Danielle Davisson	Kindergarten
Mrs. Peggy Dreher	District Assessment Coordinator
Mrs. Mollie Dreitz	Vo Ag
Mrs. Tara Gebauer	Fourth Grade
Ms. Lindsay Gilbert	Elementary & MS PE
Mr. John Glosson	MS & HS Math
Mr. Kevin Hall	Intermediate, MS Science
Mrs. Peggy Hall	Family Consumer Studies
Mrs. Maura Hernandez	Fifth Grade
Mr. Brandon Hill	Second Grade
Ms. Katie Hocheder	MS & HS Social Science & MS PE
Ms. Angela Hottinger	Elementary Art
Mrs. Ali Houston	Computers, Voc Business & Yearbook
Mr. Larry Johnson	Building Trades
Mrs. Hannah Krening	MS History/6th - 12th G/T Program
Mrs. Leah Lefever	Elementary Counselor
Ms. Sarah Leifheit	Third Grade
Mrs. Laura Loutensock	Title I
Ms. Rachel Lowry	5 th – 12 th Instrumental/Vocal Music
Mrs. Misty Miller	Librarian
Mrs. Becky Porteus	Special Education, Resource
Mrs. Anita Poss	Kindergarten
Mrs. Kilee Randel	MS English & MS PE
Mrs. Megan Reid	Second Grade/Elementary G/T Program
Mr. Tracy Samber	MS & HS Social Science, PE
Ms. Brie Sampson	Fifth Grade
Mr. Michael Schoenecker	HS Science
Mr. Phil Spaulding	HS Art
Ms. Payton Swedlund	First Grade
Ms. Riley Thompson	Fourth Grade
Mrs. Britney Weers	Guidance Counselor
Mr. Jerome Weers	HS English, MS PE, Weights
Mrs. Heather Weis	Third Grade
Mrs. Sydney Woods	HS Math

PARAPROFESSIONALS & INTERVENTION TUTORS

Ms. Kelsey Barker	Ms. Shay Benish	Ms. Luanne Brush
Mrs. Bobbi Christensen	Mrs. Patty Daniels	Ms. Kayla Headden
Mrs. Karli Hess	Mrs. Megan Kautz	Mr. Rick Kraich
Mrs. Janae Lucero	Mrs. Melody Lundquist	Mrs. Janet Mendoza
Mr. Joe Scherer	Mrs. Anna Shum	Mrs. Colleen Watson
Mrs. Vanessa Zimmerman		

LUNCH ROOM PERSONNEL:

Mrs. Karen Walker, Mrs. Michelle Bulik & Mrs. Iris Clarkson

MAINTENANCE:

Mr. Mike Miller Maintenance Director
Mr. Cody Jones, Ms. Shirley Rudnik & Ms. Claudia Yanez

BUS DRIVERS:

Mrs. Nancy Groom-Bullard Transportation Director
Mrs. Devony Bethel, Mrs. Bobbi Christensen, Mr. Ron Eskew, Mr. Gary Peterson

SUBSTITUTE BUS DRIVERS

Mr. Luke Bethel, Mr. Brian Christensen, Mr. Cody Jones

ACTIVITY ASSIGNMENTS:Off Year:

Mr. Johnson, Ms. Hocheder & Mr. Spaulding

Freshman Class:

Mr. Schoenecker & Mrs. Sydney Woods

Sophomore Class:

Mr. Samber & Ms. Lowry

Junior Class:

Mrs. Baer, Mrs. Brent & Mr. Weers

Senior Class:

Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Houston & Mrs. Dreitz

Yearbook

Mrs. Houston

FBLA

Mrs. Houston

FCCLA

Mrs. Hall

FFA

Mrs. Dreitz

International Club

Knowledge Bowl

Mr. Schoenecker & Mrs. Paula McGuire

Student Council/Homecoming

Ms. Hocheder

Graduation

Mr. Christensen, Mr. Randel,
& Mrs. Weers

Work Release

Mrs. Dreitz

Concessions

Mrs. Pickens

COACHING ASSIGNMENTS:**High School**

Volleyball

Mrs. Janae Lucero & Mrs. Sidney Baer

Football

Mr. Weers, Mr. Steven Hall, Mr. Christensen & Mr. Randel

Boys' Golf

Mr. Greg Clarkson

Pom

Mrs. Jami Furrow & Mrs. Leah Claflin

Boys' Basketball

Mr. Randel, Mr. Logan Davisson, Mr. Mario Dracon
& Mr. Tony McCaffrey

Girls' Basketball

Mr. Clarkson, Mr. Hill & Mrs. Sydney Woods

Wrestling

Mr. Chris Gebauer & Mr. Tanner Watson

Baseball

Mr. Pickens & Mr. Chance Friedly

Track

Mr. Clarkson & Mrs. Sydney Woods

Girls Golf

Ms. Katie Hocheder

Middle School

MS Volleyball

Ms. Gilbert, Mrs. Randel & Mrs. Krening

MS Football

Mr. Weers, Mr. Clarkson & Mr. Christensen

MS Boys' Basketball

Mr. Mario Dracon, Mr. Randel & Mr. Clarkson

MS Girls' Basketball

Mrs. Randel, Ms. Hocheder & Mrs. Krening

MS Wrestling

Mr. Chris Gebauer, Mr. Layne Crumley

MS Track

Ms. Gilbert, Mr. Clarkson, Mrs. Randel & Mr. Weers

High School Graduation Requirements:

AHS offers a diverse comprehensive curriculum. Candidates for graduation must satisfactorily complete at least twenty-nine (29) units of credit in grades 9-12. A complete listing of requirements, course offerings, and alternative educational opportunities is available in the Akron High School Curriculum Guide revised yearly and available in the high school office.

Grading Scale:

90-100	- A
Below 90-80	- B
Below 80-70	- C
Below 70-65	- D
Below 65	- F

Report cards: Report cards will be emailed home with each K-5 child after each nine-weeks grading period. Junior High and High School report cards will be issued at the end of each semester.

6th – 8th Grade Credit Requirements:

In order for a student in grades 6th - 8th to advance to the next grade they must possess a GPA of at least 2.0 for all classes taken. If this is not achieved, the student is required to make up enough credits to meet the minimum standard. These credits must be made up in a core curriculum area (Math, Science, History, English) which was not passed.

Grading Scale:

90-100	- A
Below 90-80	- B
Below 80-70	- C
Below 70-65	- D
Below 65	- F

*Transferring students: if students transfer in from another state or district, students will be expected to make up any core classes failed or missed.

Credit Recovery: Akron High School students will work with the high school counselor to create an individualized schedule. Students are given ample opportunity to be academically successful within their classes. Students are expected to be attentive during class and turn work in on time, which positively impacts grades. If a student fails a class, they will be expected to recover that credit. Efforts will be made to integrate the credit recovery course into the following school year; however, if the schedule does not allow for that then the student may have to complete an online credit recovery program.

GETTING ACQUAINTED WITH AKRON SCHOOLS

School Hours Kindergarten (those students who were five on or before July 1st) will attend school every day all day. Preschool students (those four on or before July 1st) should follow the school calendar provided by the pre-school instructor. Breakfast is served at 7:20 AM in the Cafetorium, which is the time students are allowed in the building. Students must go to the Cafetorium, even if they are not eating, at this time.

The school provides no supervision on the playground before the first bell at 7:45 am. **Please, do not send your child early in the morning.** School will dismiss at 3:54 pm and no supervision is provided after dismissal.

As a parent of a student at Akron School, you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teacher who instructs your child. Please contact Mr. Christensen at 970-345-2266 if you would like to receive any of this information.

PLEASE PLAN YOUR HOME SCHEDULE IN SUCH A WAY THAT CHILDREN WILL KNOW WHEN THEY LEAVE IN THE MORNING AND WHERE THEY ARE TO GO AFTER SCHOOL!

School Pictures Individual student pictures are scheduled for Thursday, September 7, 2023 with Studio 5. Parents will have the opportunity to purchase a package of these pictures if they so desire. Picture retakes will be Tuesday, October 17, 2023.

Dispensing and/or Administration Of Medication Schools are required to follow certain protocols when students take medication at school. This protocol will apply to both prescription and non-prescription drugs.

Prescription Medications: **Will be given only in accordance with written protocol specific to each medication and with written request by the physician and the parent or guardian. Medication will only be administered if it is provided to the school in a pharmacy labeled bottle for the student who is to receive it.** Medication will be recorded by the school personnel who assists the student to take the medication. This record states the student's name, medication, dosage, time taken, and the school person's name assisting the students. **Non-prescription Medications:** **Will be given only in accordance with written protocol specific to each medication and with written request by the physician and the parent or guardian** – such medications might include: acetaminophen (e.g., Tylenol), antacid, antihistamine, topical ointments or cough drops. **Will be provided by the parent or guardian in a company**

labeled bottle. Will be recorded by the school personnel who assist the student to take the medication. This record states the student's name, medication, dosage, time taken, and school person's name assisting the student. No medications of any type will be given without the proper paperwork.

Mandatory Reporting

Per mandatory reporting requirements, as well as our commitment to children, we will be referring any child suspected of maltreatment to the Washington County Department of Human Services. They are able to provide supportive services and resources to the families in our community. If you have questions, please feel free to contact the superintendent and or/principal.

Overview

The following policy summaries are provided so that all stakeholders in the education process at Akron Schools are informed of the expectations established and consequences possible for not meeting these expectations. The policy summaries are listed with the corresponding board policy designation in parentheses. The summaries are not necessarily verbatim, for further clarification the actual policies should be consulted. These policies are available in the Superintendent's office or on the school website. Nothing in this student handbook replaces current school policy or relevant federal or state laws.

Peanut Free School

The Akron Board of Education approved a Peanut Free School procedure at the December 13, 2005 regular board meeting. During school hours no peanuts or peanut products may be brought in or consumed.

Equal Educational Opportunities (File: JB, JBA/JBA-E)

Every student in the Akron School District shall have equal educational opportunities regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, marital status, disability or handicap. Further, no student shall on the basis of sex be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any educational program or activity conducted by the district. More specifically, as prescribed by legal requirements, the school district shall treat its students without discrimination on the basis of sex as this pertains to access to and participation in course offerings, athletics, counseling, employment assistance and extracurricular activities.

All students shall have a ready means of resolving any claim of discrimination on the basis of sex in the educational programs or activities of the district. Grievance procedures for sexual harassment are set forth in policy JBB*-R. All other complaints regarding sexual discrimination shall be filed with the Title IX compliance officer. The Board of Education has designated the following person as Title IX Compliance Officer:

Brian Christensen, Superintendent
600 Elm Ave.
Akron, CO 80720
970-345-2268

Sexual Harassment (File: JBB, JBB*-R)

The district is committed to maintaining a learning environment that is free from sexual harassment. It shall be a violation of policy for any staff member to harass students or for students to harass other students or staff through conduct or communications of a sexual nature or to retaliate against anyone that reports sexual harassment or participates in a harassment investigation. What constitutes sexual harassment, reporting harassment, receiving reports, investigating reports, district action, and the grievance procedure are found in the above referenced board policies.

Head Lice Notification and Procedures

Upon notification of the existence of head lice in a classroom the procedure used will be to (1) notify personnel, and (2) after three incidents at any grade level notify all parents at that grade level by letter.

If your child is infected, please complete the procedures for treatment. At Akron School District students must be nit and lice free to return to classes. After you have treated your child, call Akron Clinic at 345-6336 to ask for a free head check. After your student is checked they will issue you an admittance slip back to school. Bring that slip to the office on the day your student returns to school.

Student Absences and Excuses/Tuancy (File: MS, MSB)

One criteria of a student's success is regular and punctual attendance.

Chronic Absenteeism:

When a student has an excessive number of absences, these absences negatively impact the student's academic success. For this reason, a student who has 10 total absences in a school year, whether the absences are excused or unexcused, may be identified as "chronically absent" by the principal or designee. Absences due to suspension or expulsion shall not be counted in the total number of absences considered for purposes of identifying a student as "chronically absent."

Tuancy:

If a student is absent without an excuse signed by the parent/guardian or if the student leaves school or a class without permission of the teacher or administrator in charge, the student shall be considered truant. An "habitual truant" shall be defined as a student of compulsory attendance age who has 4 total days of unexcused absences from school in any one month or 10 total days of unexcused absences during any school year. Absences due to suspension or expulsion shall not be counted in the total of unexcused absences for purposes of defining a student as an "habitual truant."

Exceptions:

Parents/Guardians must verify ALL absences by telephone or written note, no matter the child's age. Parents/Guardians should contact the office if a student arrives late or leaves early. Communication with the school is vital. Types of absences are as follows:

ELEVATED TEMPERATURE – A student with a temperature higher than 100.4 degrees will be asked to go home or stay home and this absence will not count toward the 10 absences.

DR. NOTES – Do not count toward the 10 absences. These include the following: illness with a doctor's excuse, appointment for orthodontist or doctor (with paperwork) and pre-excused.

SCHOOL ACTIVITY – Do not count toward the 10 absences. These include absences due to a school-sponsored activity (i.e., school-sponsored field trips, music concerts, sports trips, speech contests, etc.)

PRE-ARRANGED – Do not count toward the 10 absences. These include appointments, organizational activities, other scheduled events or extended planned absences. Written or verbal communication should be made to the appropriate office by the parent/guardian (or sponsor) at least **two days prior** to the date of the absence and the student should attain a form for all teachers to sign off on. The form should be returned to the office prior to leaving for the event. School work and tests should be made up on the day the student returns for full credit. Exceptions can only be made with the principal's approval and will only be made in extreme circumstances.

Make-Up Work

Make-up work shall be provided for any class in which a student has an excused absence unless otherwise determined by the principal. It is the responsibility of the student to pick up any make-up assignments permitted on the day returning to class. There shall be **two (2)** days allowed for make-up work for each day of excused absence or unexcused absence **with contact from the parent**. *Should a student be gone for 2 or more days the accumulation of makeup days will not exceed one day more than the amount missed.*

Make-up work shall be allowed following an absence. With parent contact full credit may be earned, however an absence without parent contact will receive only partial credit (up to 70%), which is the consequence for an absence without parent contact. It is the **parental responsibility** to contact the school if/when their student is not in attendance. *Parent/Guardian calls are necessary to ensure every student's safety but are not considered an excused absence.*

Parents/guardians shall be required to acknowledge awareness of their obligations to ensure children attend school and shall furnish the school with a telephone number or other means of contacting them during the school day.

Attendance Guidelines

Each time an absence is recorded, the office will attempt to call home. If you receive such a call, contact the school office as soon as possible to verify the absence. Protocol for progression of absences will be administered at the following points:

Procedures for School Absences

- 4 absences (Per Semester-Per Class)
 - Parent Phone Contact & Student/ Counselor meeting- School Counselors will work with the student to get a plan in place to improve attendance
- 5 absences (Per Semester - Per Class) OR 4 absences in a month (Per Semester - Per class) OR 10 absences (Per School Year - Per Class)
 - Principal will be notified of the absences
 - A certified letter will be sent home from the school principal
- 11 absences (Per School Year-Per Class)
 - Parent & Student(s) will meet with the Attendance Committee to establish a more formal plan to improve attendance.
 - At 10 absences that student may be considered habitually absent
 - Meet with counselors to review policy and potentially come up with a plan to get them to school
 - Communicate with parent with email and mailed letter home

The goal of this policy is to provide the student an opportunity to keep up with the class and an incentive to attend school.

Student Conduct (File: JIC, JICJCICDA, JICDD, JICDE, JICF, JICH, JICH-R, JICI)

It is the intention of Akron Schools to help students achieve maximum development of individual knowledge, skills, and competence and that they learn behavior patterns that will enable them to be responsible, contributing members of society. All board-adopted policies and board approved regulations containing the letters "JIC" in the file name shall be considered as constituting the conduct section of the legally required code. Specific behaviors that make up the code of conduct and relate to **student conduct on buses, violent and aggressive behavior, bullying prevention and education, drug and alcohol use and possession, weapons in school, secret societies/gang activity**, and any other acts that have an effect on maintaining order and discipline or protecting the safety or welfare of other students or staff in the schools are found in the above referenced policies.

To facilitate effective communication of these policies and consequences of violating policies, the Akron School District has prepared a discipline rubric that has been emailed to each student or a paper copy may be requested in the school office. The rubric contains a list of violations and consequences, each of the violations described therein are considered to be rules contained in the Akron School Handbook. Students with disabilities may be placed in an alternative setting only to the extent authorized by law, these policies are also found in the student conduct policies. The Principal or designee shall communicate discipline information concerning any student enrolled in the district to all teachers and counselors who have direct contact with that student.

Student Dress Code (File: JICA)

A safe and disciplined learning environment is essential to a quality education program. District-wide standards on student attire are intended to help students concentrate on schoolwork, reduce discipline problems, and improve school order and safety. The school recognizes that students have a right to express themselves through dress and personal appearance; however, students shall not wear apparel that is deemed disruptive or potentially disruptive to the classroom environment or to the maintenance of a safe and orderly school.

Any student deemed in violation of the dress code shall be required to change into appropriate clothing or make arrangements to have appropriate clothing brought to school immediately. Penalties for violation of the dress code will be assessed in accordance with the school's discipline rubric.

Unacceptable items:

1. Shorts, dresses, skirts, or similar clothing shorter than mid-thigh length. Mid-thigh is fingertip length with arms hanging loosely at the student's side.
2. Tank tops with straps less than 1.5" wide.
3. Sunglasses and/or hats worn inside the building
4. Inappropriately sheer, tight or low-cut clothing (e.g., midriffs, halter tops backless clothing, tube tops, garments made of fishnet, mesh or similar material, muscle tops, tank tops, etc.) that bare or expose traditionally private parts of the body including, but not limited to, the stomach, buttocks, back and breasts. Yoga pants, leggings and exercise tights may be worn if you are wearing a shirt or sweatshirt that covers your backside.
5. Any clothing, paraphernalia, grooming, jewelry, hair coloring, accessories or body adornments that are or contain any advertisement, symbols, words, slogans, patches, or pictures that;
 - a. Refer to drugs, tobacco, alcohol, or weapons
 - b. Are of a sexual nature
 - c. By virtue of color, arrangement, trademark, or other attribute denote membership in gangs which advocate drug use, violence, or disruptive behavior
 - d. Are obscene, profane, vulgar, lewd or legally libelous
 - e. Threaten the safety or welfare of any person
 - f. Promote any activity prohibited by the student code of conduct
 - g. Otherwise disrupt the teaching-learning process

Appropriate athletic clothing may be worn in physical education classes. Clothing normally worn when participating in school-sponsored extracurricular or sports activities (such as cheerleading uniforms and the like) may be worn to school when approved by the sponsor or coach.

Use of Cell Phone (File: JICJ)

Emergency communication is to be channeled through the office. The school recognizes that cell phones can play a vital communication role during emergency situations. The ordinary use of cell phones and headphones in school situations can be disruptive to the educational environment and is not acceptable.

Students may carry cell phones but these devices must be turned off inside school buildings during instructional time, including passing periods in the hallway. Cell phones may be used only during emergencies. Personal listening devices are not to be used or be worn in classrooms or in the halls. Violation of this policy will result in the confiscation of the cell phone or electronic listening device and possible disciplinary measures. Confiscated electronic devices shall be returned to the student only after a conference with the parent/guardian, student, and school personnel.

School-Related Student Publications (File JICEA, JICEA-R)

School sponsored publications are a public forum for students as well as an educational activity through which students can gain experience in reporting, writing, editing and understanding responsible journalism. The school encourages students to express their views in school-sponsored publications and to observe rules for responsible journalism. These rules and the School Publications Code are found in the above referenced board policy and regulations. Specific details and questions are referred to these documents.

Student Distribution of Non Curricular Materials (File JICEC)

It is the goal of this policy to strike a necessary balance between a student's right of free speech and the school's responsibility to maintain an orderly and safe school environment, which respects the rights of all students on school grounds and during school-sponsored activities. Students shall be allowed to distribute non curricular written materials on school property subject to restrictions on time, place, and manner of distribution set out in the above referenced policy and in state law.

Student Expression Rights (File: JICED)

While students do not shed their constitutional rights when they enter the school or engage in school related activities, it is the school's responsibility to adopt rules reasonably necessary to maintain proper discipline among students and create an effective learning environment. For this purpose, the above policy has been adopted which details acceptable and unacceptable forms of student expression and disciplinary actions consistent with the policy.

Student Interrogations, Searches and Arrests (File: JIH,JIHB)

To achieve the goal of maintaining a climate in the school that is conducive to learning and protective of the safety and welfare of staff and students, it may be necessary for school personnel to search the person and/or the personal property of the student and to seize any property deemed injurious or detrimental to the safety and welfare of students and staff. Definitions, descriptions of acceptable searches, seizure of items, appeals, law enforcement officers' involvement, interrogation, custody and/or arrest, and parking lot searches are found in the policies referenced above.

Student Organizations (File: JJA-1)

Akron School encourages students to broaden their knowledge and citizenship by permitting the formation of clubs or other groups that relate to subject matter covered by the curriculum. Such organizations shall operate within the framework of statutes, board policy, administrative rules and the parameters of the learning program. Specific information regarding the formation of, establishment and continuation of student organizations is found in the policy referenced above. National, state and local dues may be charged for participation in these organizations.

Surveying Students (File: JLDAC)

Except as otherwise required by law, students shall not be required to submit to a survey, analysis, or evaluation related to curriculum or other school activities that is intended to reveal information, whether the information is personally identifiable or not concerning the student or the student's parents/guardians, without written parental consent.

School personnel responsible for administering any such survey, analysis or evaluation shall give written notice at least two weeks in advance to the student's parent/guardian or the eligible student (student 18 years old). The notice shall offer to provide the following written information according to policy JLDAC.

Parents/guardians and eligible students (students 18 years of age) shall receive notice and have the opportunity to opt a student out of activities involving the collection, disclosure or use of personal information collected from the student for the purpose of marketing or selling that information or otherwise providing the information to others for that purpose.

Parents/guardians and eligible students (students 18 years of age) have the right to review, upon request, any survey, analysis or evaluation administered or distributed by a school to students whether created by the district or a third party.

Any survey, analysis or evaluation administered or distributed by a school to students shall be subject to applicable state and federal laws protecting the confidentiality of student records.

Student Discipline (File: JK, JKBA, JKD/JKE, JKE-R)

The school believes that effective student discipline is a prerequisite for sound educational practice and productive learning. The objective of disciplining any student must be to help the student develop a positive attitude toward self-discipline and socially acceptable behavior. All policies and procedures for handling general and major student discipline problems are designed to achieve these broad objectives. The school discipline rubric has been designed to deal with disorderly students in a manner that allows other students to learn in an atmosphere that is safe, conducive to the learning process and free from unnecessary disruptions. The discipline rubric is the written student conduct and discipline code and all stakeholders should become familiar with the content of the rubric. A copy of the rubric can be requested in the school office. All adopted policies and regulations containing the letters "JK" in the file name constitute the discipline section of the legally required code.

Within the student discipline policies will be found information on: **Immunity for enforcement of discipline code, disciplinary information to school personnel, remedial discipline plans, discipline of habitually disruptive students, discipline of special education students, distribution of conduct and discipline code, disciplinary removal from classroom, suspension/expulsion of students, delegation of authority, expulsion for unlawful sexual behavior or crime of violence, reporting, and information to parents.** Specific incidents will be dealt with according to these established policies and regulations.

Staff Personal Security and Safety (File: GBGB)

The principal or designee shall communicate discipline information concerning any student enrolled in the district to all teachers and counselors who have direct contact with that student. Any teacher or counselor who is assigned a student with known serious behavior problems will be informed of the student's behavior record. Any school employee who is provided this information shall maintain its confidentiality and shall not communicate it to any other person.

Immunization of Students (File: JLCB)

The Colorado School Entrance Immunization Law requires all students to provide proof of immunizations to attend school or childcare. Your child's immunization record must be presented by the first day your child attends school.

Please contact your personal physician to update your immunization records or please visit Coloradoimmunizations.com to obtain a personal, religious or medical exemption.

Screening/Testing of Students (File: JLDAC)

Information on surveys, analysis or evaluation for which consent is required, notice and right to "opt out" for surveys, analysis or evaluation for marketing purposes, right to review, exceptions, confidentiality, eligibility of students for testing, and special education evaluation is found in the policy referenced above.

Student Records/Release of Information on Students/Sharing of Student Records/Information between School District and State Agencies (File: JRA/JRC/JRC-E/JRCA*)

In the above referenced policies will be found information on: Content and custody of records/information, access to records by parent, requesting record from other school districts, transferring records to other school districts/post secondary institutions, requesting and receiving information and records from state agencies, request to amend education records, disclosure with written consent, disclosure without written consent, disclosure of disciplinary information to school personnel, disclosure to military recruiting officers, disclosure to Medicaid, disclosure to criminal justice agencies, disclosure to other parties, disclosure of directory information, annual notification of rights, waivers, sharing of information by the school district, and information obtained from state agencies. A copy of JRC-E "Notification to Parents and Students of Rights Concerning Student School Records" is found in the School District Policy Manual.

Family Life/Sex Education/HIV/AIDS Education (File: IHAMB-R/IHAMC)

Information regarding exemption from a specific portion of the family life/sex education curriculum and HIV/AIDS education on the grounds that the material taught is contrary to the religious beliefs and teaching of the student or the student's parent/guardian is found in these policies. Curriculum materials and notification will be available prior to instruction for parent/guardian inspection.

Drug, Alcohol & Tobacco-Free Schools (File: ADC & JICH-R)

In order to promote the general health, welfare and well-being of students and staff, smoking, chewing, or any other use of these products by staff, students and members of the public is banned from all school property. It shall be a violation of Board policy and considered to be behavior which is detrimental to the welfare or safety of other students or school personnel for any student to possess, use, sell, distribute or procure or to be under the influence of tobacco, alcohol, drugs or other controlled substances. The unlawful possession or use of alcohol or controlled substances is wrong and harmful to students.

Definitions of school property, tobacco, alcohol and drug use, and disciplinary measures are found in school rubric.

Smoking, chewing, vapor or any other use of any tobacco products by staff, students and members of the public is banned from all school property. The following definitions apply:

1. "School property" means all property owned, leased, rented or otherwise used or contracted for by a school including but not limited to the following:
 - a. All indoor facilities and interior portions of any building or other structure used for children under the age of 18 for instruction, educational or library services, routine health care, daycare or early childhood development services, as well as for administration, support services, maintenance or storage.
 - b. All school ground over which the school exercises control including areas surrounding any building, playground, athletic fields, recreation areas and parking areas.
 - c. All vehicles used by the district for transporting students, staff, visitors or other persons.
2. "Tobacco" means any product that contains nicotine or tobacco or is derived from tobacco and is intending to be ingested or inhaled by or applied to the skin of an individual, including cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco and all other kinds and forms of tobacco prepared in such manner as to be suitable for chewing, smoking or both. Tobacco products also include any electronic device that can be used to deliver nicotine to the person inhaling from the device, including but not limited to an electronic cigarette, cigar, cigarillo or pipe.
3. "Use" means lighting, chewing, inhaling, smoking, ingesting or application of any tobacco product.

Weapons in School

(File: JICI)

Possession and/or use of a weapon by students are detrimental to the welfare and safety of the students and school personnel within the district.

Carrying, bringing, using or possessing a dangerous weapon in any school building, on school grounds, in any school vehicle or at any school-sponsored activity without the authorization of the school or the school district is prohibited. An exception to this policy may be made for students participating in an authorized extracurricular activity or team involving the use of firearms.

School Closing (File: EBCE)

If school must be closed or dismissed early because of severe weather or other emergencies, an announcement will be made over Denver television stations KWGN Channel 2, KMGH Channel 7, KUSA Channel 9 and KDVR Channel FOX31. If you have signed up for our school message system, a call or text will be sent out and a post will be made on Facebook. If your student will have alternative plans due to early school closure for severe weather, please make sure your student and their homeroom teacher are aware of your plan. If school is canceled or to be dismissed early because of weather, all school activities scheduled for that day will also be canceled.

Field Trips

School sponsored field trips are used to supplement regular classroom work. Written permission to take children on these trips is necessary and required. In some cases, money is collected to defray the cost of admission or fees for the activity.

Bully Prevention and Education (File: JICDE)

The district supports a secure school climate, conducive to teaching and learning that is free from threat, harassment and any type of bullying behavior. The purpose of this policy is to promote consistency of approach and to help create a climate in which all types of bullying are regarded as unacceptable.

Bullying is defined as any written or verbal expression, physical act or gesture, or a pattern thereof, which is intended to cause distress upon one or more students in the school environment. For purposes of this policy, the school environment includes school buildings, grounds, vehicles, bus stops and all school-sponsored activities and events.

A student who engages in any act of bullying is subject to appropriate disciplinary action including suspension, expulsion and/or referral to law enforcement authorities. The severity and pattern, if any, of the bullying behavior shall be taken into consideration when disciplinary decisions are made.

Secret Societies/Gang Activity (File: JICF)

The school board desires to keep district schools and students free from the threats or harmful influence of any group or gangs, which advocate drug use, violence or disruptive behavior.

The principal or designee shall take reasonable steps to deter gang intimidation of students and confrontations between members of different gangs on school grounds, in school vehicles and at school activities or sanctioned events.

Visitors to School/Leaving Campus (File: KI)

Parents are encouraged to visit school at any time, and we extend a special invitation to you to visit during open house, programs, etc.

In order to ensure that no unauthorized persons enter buildings with wrongful intent, all visitors will have to be admitted into the school by a school administrator. Visitors shall report to the school office, show proper identification and reason for being there. This will not apply when parents/guardians have been invited to a classroom or assembly program.

Any person, other than a parent or guardian, must receive special permission from the office before visiting classrooms. Students enrolled in another school district are not allowed to visit classrooms but are very welcome to eat lunch with our students.

No student is to leave the campus at any time for any purpose without first checking out and verifying permission at the office.

Transfers or Withdrawals

Children transferring or withdrawing from school must be cleared through the school office. Please notify us as soon as you are aware that you will move so that we may make the necessary arrangements.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Fees

Activity Fee \$20	Art Fee \$20	Fashion Design Fee \$20	Design Fee \$20
Vo Ag \$15	Building Trades - \$20	Accounting - \$20	*(if the student does not complete the course an additional \$20 will be charged.)

Sports Fee for full time students \$30.00/Sport (students must pay \$30 before they are issued a uniform) –Sports Fee for Students not enrolled full-time \$45.00/Sport.

Other fees and dues may be assessed for participation in specific activities or for specialized equipment or supplies necessary for projects above and beyond regular classroom assignments. No fees will be charged for classes required for graduation.

Yearbooks may be purchased at the following prices:

\$30 for yearbook during the current year before Holiday Break

\$40 for everyone after Holiday Break

Akron High School is a member of the Lower Platte Activities Association (LPAA) and participates in nine CHSAA activities. Admission to sports events set by the LPAA for High School events are: Adults \$7.00; Students/Seniors \$5.00. Middle School admission prices are Adults \$6; Students/Seniors \$4. Admission to events at non-LPAA events or to tournaments may vary.

Parking

All students who drive to school are to park in the parking lot north of the school. Students are allowed to park in the Events Parking Lot south of the field house. The spaces located to the south of the school building are reserved for faculty/staff, visitors and handicapped parking. The south parking lot is also the area where student drop off will take place. Students who fail to comply with lawful and courteous driving methods and parking procedures will be subject to loss of driving privileges in the parking lot. Students are requested to park in the spaces as painted in the lot for a safety and economical use of spaces.

Lockers

The right of inspection of student lockers is inherent in the authority granted school boards and administrators. This authority may be exercised as needed in the interest of safeguarding students, their own and school property. Lockers are made available to students by the school district, if problems arise with their use, appropriate action will be taken in accordance with the discipline rubric.

Lunch Program

Lunch and breakfast will be served every day of school. During the 2023-24 school year families will receive **free** meals under the Healthy School Meals For All Program.

- Students will be charged .35 cents for each extra milk/juice

The Akron School District R-1 will provide high school (9th – 12th Grade) students the option to have their state reimbursable lunch To-Go. This meal will include a meat/meat alternative, grain, fruit, and vegetables in a disposable tray; the students will have the option of taking a milk and/or salad bar. Students must show the cashier their meal before their lunch number is entered into the system. This meal is intended to allow students to have a healthy meal that they can take out of the cafeteria. However, the meal must be consumed on school grounds including outdoor areas such as the baseball field stands, picnic tables, and grassy areas.

Breakfast will be served from 7:20 am to 7:45 am.

Library/Textbooks

Library books and reference materials are available for students to check out and take home. Reading at home every day is encouraged. Each student is assigned a library number to use with the automated checkout system. Selected reference materials are checked out for overnight only. Regular library materials have a two-week loan period. Books may be renewed for two additional loan periods. Overdue fines are not charged at this time. Lost material will be charged at the current replacement prices and damage assessments will be charged if a book is returned with more damage than what is incurred through everyday use.

Textbooks are furnished by the school. Textbooks that are lost or damaged are subject to a fine.

School Dances

It is expected that at school dances and parties, participants will behave as ladies and gentlemen. All guests must be approved by the administration. All dances at Akron High School are open to Akron High School students and registered guests. Halfway through the duration of all dances the doors will be locked and no students will be permitted to enter after that time. Anyone that leaves a dance will not be readmitted. Unruly behavior will result in disciplinary action as per the discipline rubric.

BUS PROCEDURES:

Students riding the bus to events (sporting, field trip, etc) are to return on the bus. If parents want students to ride home with the family or another **responsible adult**, it is **REQUIRED** for parents to send a note to the school office 24 hours prior to leaving for the event for approval in the office and for communication to get to the sponsors. The parent signature next to the student name on the form indicates that the parent has accepted responsibility for the transportation of their child from a school activity. If an adult is taking responsibility for the transportation of children other than their own, a note from the appropriate parent must be presented to the sponsor.

Parents requesting permission for their student(s) to ride a bus before or after school with another student are REQUIRED to send a note to the office prior to the transportation date or at the latest before school begins on the day of riding the bus. Parent's permission from both sending and receiving ends is REQUIRED.

Buses run on established routes and do not pick up or drop off students at residences that are not on these routes.

The transportation department will unload students in the bus loop, on the north side of the school on Elm Street. Students will unload from the bus and enter the building at the north door by the Administration Office ONLY. All bus students must use this door.

After school the bus students will exit the building at the north door by the Administration Office. They will proceed directly to the buses parked in the bus loop.

IF YOU PICK UP YOUR STUDENT(S) AFTER SCHOOL, PLEASE GO TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE. THE OFFICE WILL CONTACT THE BUS DRIVER AND YOUR STUDENT(S) WILL RETURN TO THE BUILDING THRU THE NORTH DOOR BY THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE.

Students should be at the bus stop 5 minutes prior to pickup time!

WHEN WAITING FOR THE BUS

When waiting for the school bus students must:

- Wait for the bus in a safe place.
- Be sure and watch for traffic.
- Stay away from strangers.
- Report at the designated loading area at the appropriate times and remain there.
- Conduct themselves in an orderly manner.
- Stand far enough from the street, road or curb to be out of danger from passing vehicles.
- Refrain from fighting, shoving or disruptive behavior.
- Help keep the bus boarding area free from litter.

WHEN BOARDING THE BUS

When boarding a school bus students must:

- Wait until the bus comes to a complete stop, the entrance doors have opened, and the driver signals you to approach the bus.
- Walk at least 10 feet in front of the bus when crossing a roadway so that the driver can observe the student.
- Go promptly to a seat and sit down.
- **DO NOT** reserve seats for students who will board at a later stop.
- The bus will not proceed until everyone is sitting in their seat.
- The bus driver may require you to change seats or sit in a particular seat. The driver is in complete charge of the bus, and the passengers **MUST** obey his/her instructions.
- Talk in a normal tone of voice and cause no loud unnecessary noises.
- Stay in his/her seat at all times, feet on the floor facing forward, while the bus is in motion.
- Keep head, arms and hands inside the bus.
- Keep the aisle clear of books, lunches, feet, etc.
- Put paper and other debris in the wastebasket when the bus is not in motion.
- Stay in your seat until the bus comes to a complete stop, and then get off promptly.

WHEN RIDING THE BUS

*When riding a school bus students **will not**:*

- Open emergency doors unless specifically directed to do so by the driver.
- Make offensive remarks or gestures to pedestrians or motorists. Courtesy and good manners are always required.
- Throw anything out the windows.
- Eat, drink, or smoke on buses (eating and drinking will be at the discretion of the driver).
- Display inappropriate intimate behavior.
- Jeopardize the safety of other students as a result of their unacceptable or inappropriate conduct.
- Use vulgar, profane, inappropriate or unacceptable language.

WHEN LEAVING THE BUS

Upon leaving a school bus students will:

- Face forward and have one hand free in order to grasp the handrail.
- When crossing the road or highway, wait until the bus driver signals you to cross. Then, double check for traffic both ways yourself before continuing to cross.
- Walk at least 10 steps ahead of the bus along the edge of the road.
- Make sure you are at least 10 feet from the bus and you can see the bus driver's face.
- Never walk behind the bus or close to the wheels or sides.
- Let the bus driver know if you drop anything around the bus.
- Never reach under or in front of the bus. This is the **DANGER ZONE**; the bus driver may not see you, which may result in a serious or fatal injury.
- Permission to leave the bus other than the usual point is to be cleared with parents and the main office and written permission must be given to the driver.

- The office should notify the bus driver that a particular student will not be on a particular trip. It is therefore possible that the driver can save some time and miles.

No one other than the regular passengers is to ride the bus to school or home without written permission from parents and the main office.

Athletic Guidelines

1. Athletes must have a current physical, parental permission form, proof of insurance form, and training rules form with the school before the first formal practice of their respective sport's season. **Additionally, a \$30.00 sports fee must be paid before athletes can begin practicing for each respective athletic season.** Coaches are responsible for seeing that their athletes have met each of the aforementioned requirements before athletes can practice.
2. A bus or small vehicle release form must be signed by parents if athletes wish to ride home from a game or scrimmage in a vehicle other than the one the school has provided. Pre-approved parental permission is needed if you are riding home with someone other than your parents. This other party must be a responsible adult. This request must be turned in to the high school office the day prior to the event
3. If you are not in school the full day of an athletic event you must have a pre-excused or excused absence in order to play or practice that day. All school-related activities are excused. Examples of pre-excused absences are funerals, college visits or doctor appointments. Students should be in school ½ day to practice. (If you are ill we prefer you stay home and get well and keep exposure to a minimum.)
4. Report any and all injuries immediately to the coach or supervisor so an accident report can be promptly filed.
5. All uniforms, practice gear and equipment issued to athletes must be returned within two weeks after the conclusion of that athletic season.
6. Eligibility for the week is pulled on Wednesday afternoon (after a 3 week warning period to begin each semester) and is enforced Monday through Sunday of the following week. A student is considered ineligible if they have two or more Ds, Fs, or combinations during a given week.

TRAINING RULES:

****The following must be signed by the athlete before the first formal practice of their season and, once signed, are in force from the first day of practice within each individual season to the last formal day of that sport season. These rules will not be in force during the summer or sport season in which the athlete does not compete.**

1. Training rules will be implemented upon the signed legal complaint of a police officer or signed legal complaint of an adult. Additionally, Akron coaches, administrators, and board members may report violations to the building principals allowing action to be taken.
2. Athletes must not possess or use tobacco products, alcohol, or any drugs other than prescribed or over-the-counter drugs.
3. Athletes who violate these rules for the first time will be unable to participate for the next two contests in basketball, volleyball, baseball and softball, or the next contest/tournament in football, wrestling, and track (Junior High – 1 contest or tournament or meet). Also, with the first violation the athlete must enter a counseling program with Centennial Mental Health or other programs/individuals approved by the principal. The second violation in the school year will require a student to forfeit participation for a full sports season. This consequence will carry on from sport to sport with an academic year. Also, with the second violation the athlete must enter a counseling program with Centennial Mental Health or other programs/individuals approved by the principal. With the third violation in the school year, the athlete will forfeit participation for the remainder of the school year and must enter and complete the aforementioned counseling program before he/she can compete the next school year.
4. If the athlete quits the activity after serving their suspension, or in any way tries to circumvent the latest of these rules, the penalty will be applied to the next sport season of competition.
5. Athletes may practice while under contest suspension, but they may not travel with the team or sit on the bench with the team.
6. Athletes may not participate in practice, scrimmage, or contest if serving an In School Suspension (ISS) or Out of School Suspension (OSS).

Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity (File: AC-E)

In compliance with Titles VI & VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendment of 1972; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, the Americans with Disabilities Act and Colorado law, Akron School District does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age marital status, disability or handicap in admissions, access to, treatment, or employment in educational programs or activities which it operates. Inquiries concerning title VI, Title IX, section 504 and ADA may be referred to Brian Christensen, 600 Elm Avenue, Akron, Colorado 80720 (970) 345-2268, or to the Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education Region VII, Federal Office Building, 1244 North Speer BLVD., Suite 310, Denver, Colorado 80204 (303) 844-2291.

Student Use of the Internet and Electronic Communications

The Internet and electronic communications (email, chat rooms and other forms of electronic communication) have vast potential to support curriculum and student learning. The Board of Education believes they should be used in schools as a learning resource to educate and to inform.

Use of the Internet and electronic communications require students to think critically, analyze information, write clearly, use problem-solving skills, and hone computer and research skills that employers demand. Use of these tools also encourages an attitude of lifelong learning and offers an opportunity for students to participate in distance learning activities, ask questions of and consult with experts, communicate with other students and individuals, and locate material to meet educational and personal information needs.

The Board believes the educational opportunities inherent in these tools far outweigh the possibility that users may procure material not consistent with the education goals of the district. However, the Internet and electronic communications are fluid environments in which students may access materials and information from many sources, including some that may be harmful to students. The Board acknowledges that while it is impossible to predict with certainty what information students might locate or come into contact with, it desires to take all reasonable steps to protect students from accessing material and information that is obscene, child pornography or otherwise harmful to minors, as defined by the Board. Students shall take responsibility for their own use of district computers and computer systems to avoid contact with material or information that may be harmful to minors.

Blocking or filtering obscene, pornographic and harmful information

Software that blocks or filters material and information that is obscene, child pornography or otherwise harmful to minors, as defined by the Board, shall be installed on all district computers having Internet or electronic communications access. Students shall report access to material and information that is obscene, child pornography, harmful to minors or otherwise in violation of this policy to the supervising staff member. If a student becomes aware of other students accessing such material or information, he or she shall report it to the supervising staff member.

No expectation of privacy District computers and computer systems are owned by the district and are intended for educational purposes at all times. Students shall have no expectation of privacy when using the Internet or electronic communications. The district reserves the right to monitor, inspect, copy, review and store (at any time and without prior notice) all usage of district computers and computer systems, including all Internet and electronic communications access and transmission/receipt of materials and information. All material and information accessed/received through district computers and computer systems shall remain the property of the school district.

Unauthorized and unacceptable uses

Students shall use district computers and computer systems in a responsible, efficient, ethical and legal manner.

Because technology and ways of using technology are constantly evolving, every unacceptable use of district computers and computers systems cannot be specifically described in policy. Therefore, examples of unacceptable uses include, but are not limited to, the following:

No student shall access, create, transmit, retransmit or forward material or information:

- that promotes violence or advocates destruction of property including, but not limited to, access to information concerning the manufacturing or purchasing of destructive devices or weapons that is not related to district education objectives
- that contains pornographic, obscene or other sexually oriented materials, either as pictures or writings, that are intended to stimulate erotic feelings or appeal to prurient interests in nudity, sex or excretion
- that harasses, threatens, demeans, or promotes violence or hatred against another person or group of persons with regard to race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, marital status, disability or handicap
- for personal profit, financial gain, advertising, commercial transaction or political purposes
- that plagiarizes the work of another without express consent
- that uses inappropriate or profane language likely to be offensive to others in the school community
- that is knowingly false or could be construed as intending to purposely damage another person's reputation
- in violation of any federal or state law, including but not limited to copyrighted material and material protected by trade secret
- that contains personal information about themselves or others, including information protected by confidentiality laws
- using another individual's Internet or electronic communications account without written permission from that individual
- that impersonates another or transmits through an anonymous remailer
- that accesses fee services without specific permission from the system administrator

Security Security on district computer systems is a high priority. Students who identify a security problem while using the Internet or electronic communications must immediately notify a system administrator. Students should not demonstrate the problem to other users. Logging on to the Internet or electronic communications as a system administrator is prohibited.

Students shall not:

- use another person's password or any other identifier
- gain or attempt to gain unauthorized access to district computers or computers systems
- read, alter, delete or copy, or attempt to do so, electronic communications of other system users

Any user identified as a security risk, or as having a history of problems with other computer systems, may be denied access to the Internet and electronic communications.

Safety Students shall not reveal personal information, such as home address or phone number, while using the Internet or electronic communications. Without first obtaining permission of the supervising staff member, students shall not use their last name or any other information that might allow another person to locate him or her. Students shall not arrange face-to-face meetings with persons met on the Internet or through electronic communications.

Vandalism Vandalism will result in cancellation of privileges and may result in school disciplinary action and/or legal action.

Vandalism is defined as any malicious or intentional attempt to harm, destroy, modify, abuse or disrupt operation of any network within the school district or any network connected to the Internet, operation of any form of electronic communications, the data contained on

any network or electronic communications, the data of another user, usage by another user, or district-owned software or hardware. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses and the use of encryption software.

Unauthorized software Students are prohibited from using or possessing any software that has been downloaded or is otherwise in the user's possession without appropriate registration and payment of any fees owed to the software owner.

Assigning student projects and monitoring student use The district will make every effort to see that the Internet and electronic communications are used responsibly by students. Administrators, teachers and staff have a professional responsibility to work together to monitor students' use of the Internet and electronic communications, help students develop the intellectual skills needed to discriminate among information sources, to identify information appropriate to their age and developmental levels, and to evaluate and use information to meet their educational goals. Students shall have specifically defined objectives and search strategies prior to accessing material and information on the Internet and through electronic communications.

Opportunities shall be made available on a regular basis for parents to observe student use of the Internet and electronic communications in schools.

All students shall be supervised by staff while using the Internet or electronic communications at a ratio of at least one staff member to each twenty-five students. Staff members assigned to supervise student use shall have received training in Internet and electronic communications safety and monitoring student use.

Student use is a privilege Use of the Internet and electronic communications demands personal responsibility and an understanding of the acceptable and unacceptable uses of such tools. Student use of the Internet and electronic communications is a privilege, not a right. Failure to follow the use procedures contained in this policy will result in the loss of the privilege to use these tools and may result in school disciplinary action and/or legal action. The school district may deny, revoke or suspend access to district technology or close accounts at any time.

Students and parents/guardians shall be required to sign the district's Acceptable Use Agreement annually before Internet or electronic communications accounts shall be issued or access shall be allowed.

School district makes no warranties The school district makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, related to the use of district computers and computer systems, including access to the Internet and electronic communications services. Providing access to these services does not imply endorsement by the district of the content, nor does the district make any guarantee as to the accuracy or quality of information received. The school district shall not be responsible for any damages, losses or costs a student suffers in using the Internet and electronic communications. This includes loss of data and service interruptions. Use of any information obtained via the Internet and electronic communications is at the student's own risk. Adopted: 11/11/03

Media/Publicity/Internet Publishing Waiver

There may be times during the school year when your child is photographed, recorded or videotaped for District or media purposes. Different media groups (newspapers, television, radio, university, school production classes, district public relations and marketing, etc.) or outside organizations that support the District's educational mission cover activities at our schools with articles, video or still photography that may be published in print media, aired on television or radio, or published on the Internet. Furthermore, students may be involved in school or classroom activities or projects that are posted to District, school or outside websites.

If parents DO NOT want their child (ren) to be photographed or videotaped for news media or school publicity purposes, please submit your request in writing to the Akron school office. This ensures the school has a record of your request that your child (ren) are not to be photographed or videotaped by news media or for school district publicity.

District photographers will make every reasonable effort to identify the primary subjects in photographs and to not publish photos containing students who have requests on file.

Your request will be good for the current school year.

This policy relates to classroom activities or school events that are not already open to the public. Public events such as sporting events, theater productions, etc. are considered open to the public and photographers and videographers who attend those events are not included in this policy. This policy also does not apply to yearbook photos.