

**BENNINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 59
BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING
Monday, July 8, 2024 6:00 PM**

Mission Statement

"The mission of Bennington Public Schools is to provide educational opportunities in a safe, caring environment that will prepare all students to meet the challenges of the future."

- I. Call Meeting to Order
- II. Review of the amount of money collected from students pursuant to, and the use of waivers provided in, the student fee policies of the District for the 2024-2025 school year.
- III. Hold Public Hearing to discuss, consider, and receive input on the Student Fee Policy.
- IV. Hold Public Hearing to discuss, consider, and receive input on the Parental Involvement Policy.
- V. Hold Public Hearing to discuss, consider, and receive input on the Bullying Policy.
- VI. Adjournment.

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BY: BENNINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

STUDENT FEES

The Board of Education of Bennington Public Schools adopts the following student fees policy in accordance with the Public Elementary and Secondary Student Fee Authorization Act.

The District's general policy is to provide for the free instruction in school in accordance with the Nebraska Constitution. This generally means that the District's policy is to provide free instruction for courses which are required by state law or regulation and to provide the staff, facility, equipment, and materials necessary for such instruction, without charge or fee to the students.

The District does provide activities, programs, and services to children, which extend beyond the minimum level of constitutionally required free instruction. Students and their parents have historically contributed to the District's efforts to provide such activities, programs, and services. Such student and parent contributions have included: students coming to school with the basic clothing and personal supplies to be successful in the classroom (clothing, shoes, pencils, pens, paper, notebooks, calculators, and the like), students bringing their own or paying the reasonable cost of specialized equipment or supplies for the personal preference or personal retained benefit of students (for example, band equipment, locker deposit or rental fees, shop class materials where the student keeps the product, and college tuition or fees for college credit for advanced placement courses or correspondence courses), students providing their own specialized clothing and equipment to be prepared for the extracurricular activities in which they choose to participate (sporting apparel, including shoes, undergarments, and the like), and assisting with special programs, such as field trips, summer school, school dances and plays. The District's general policy is to continue to encourage and to require, to the extent permitted by law, such student and parent contributions to enhance the educational program provided by the District. The District will supply minor personal or consumable items for courses in accordance with state statutes in cases where students request that these items be supplied for them.

Under the Public Elementary and Secondary Student Fee Authorization Act, the District is required to set forth in a policy its guidelines or policies for specific categories of student fees. The District does so by setting forth the following guidelines and policies; this policy is subject to further interpretation or guidance by administrative or Board regulations which may be adopted from time to time. Parents, guardians, and students are encouraged to contact their building administration or their teachers or activity coaches and sponsors for further specifics.

1. Guidelines for clothing required for specified courses and activities

Students have the responsibility to furnish and wear non specialized attire meeting general District grooming and attire guidelines, as well as grooming and attire guidelines

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established for the building or programs attended by the students or in which the students participate. Students also have the responsibility to furnish and wear non specialized attire reasonably related to the programs, courses and activities in which the students participate where the required attire is specified in writing by the administrator or teacher responsible for the program, course or activity.

2. Personal or consumable items

Students are encouraged to furnish any personal or consumable items for participation in the courses and activities provided by the District. This applies to minor personal or consumable items including, but not limited to, pencils, paper, pens, erasers, and notebooks. At the request of the student, the District will supply a reasonable quantity of these materials in accordance with state statutes. Equipment or supplies of a specialized nature for certain courses (for example, protractors and math calculators) may be available to students by the District, but students may also be encouraged to purchase their own such equipment or supplies for their own use after school hours or for use during the school day due to the limited number of District items available to the students. A specific class supply list will be published annually in a Board approved student handbook or supplement or other notice. The list may include refundable damage or loss deposits required for usage of certain District property.

While the District will provide students with the use of facilities, equipment, materials and supplies, including books, the students are responsible for the careful and appropriate use of such property. Students and their parents or guardian will be held responsible for damages to school property caused or aided by the student and will also be held responsible for the reasonable replacement cost of school property which is placed in the care of and lost by the student. Where students are provided school property of a significant value which may easily be unintentionally damaged, the instructor should give the parent advance notice of the student being given responsibility for the item and the parent may then direct that the student not be given the item.

3. Materials required for course projects

Students have the responsibility to furnish or pay the reasonable cost of any materials required for course projects where, upon completion, the project becomes the property of the student. The student will be asked prior to beginning a project if he/she wishes to have possession of the project following its completion, and that decision will govern the collection of materials fees.

Students must furnish musical instruments for participation in optional music courses that are not extracurricular activities. Use of a musical instrument without charge is available under the District's fee waiver policy (Section 12); however, the District is not required to provide for the use of a particular type of musical instrument for any student.

4. Extracurricular Activities Specialized Equipment or Attire

Extracurricular activities means student activities or organizations which are supervised or administered by the District, which do not count toward graduation or advancement between grades, and in which participation is not otherwise required by the District.

The District will generally furnish students with specialized equipment and attire for participation in extracurricular activities. The District is not required to provide for the use of any particular type of equipment or attire. Equipment or attire fitted for the student and which the student generally wears exclusively, such as dance squad, cheerleading, and music/dance activity (e.g. choir or show choir) uniforms and outfits, along with T-shirts for teams or band members, will be required to be provided by the participating student. The cost of maintaining any equipment or attire, including uniforms, which the student purchases or uses exclusively, shall be the responsibility of the participating student. Equipment which is ordinarily exclusively used by an individual student participant throughout the year, such as golf clubs, softball gloves, and the like, are required to be provided by the student participant. Items for the personal medical use or enhancement of the student (braces, mouthpieces, and the like) are the responsibility of the student participant.

Students have the responsibility to furnish personal or consumable equipment or attire for participation in extracurricular activities.

For music courses that are extracurricular activities, students may be required to provide specialized equipment, such as musical instruments, or specialized attire, or for paying a reasonable usage cost for such equipment or attire.

5. Extracurricular Activities Fees for participation

The District does not generally charge fees for participation in extracurricular activities. Admission fees are charged for extracurricular activities and events.

6. Post-secondary education costs

Students are responsible for postsecondary education costs. The phrase "postsecondary education costs" means tuition and other fees associated with obtaining credit from a postsecondary educational institution. For a course in which students receive both high school and postsecondary education credit or a course being taken as part of an approved accelerated or differentiated curriculum program, the course shall be offered without charge for tuition, transportation, books, or other fees, except tuition and other fees associated with obtaining credits from a postsecondary educational institution.

7. Transportation costs

Students are responsible for fees established for transportation services provided by the District as and to the extent permitted by federal and state laws and regulations.

8. Copies of student files or records

The Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee shall establish a schedule of fees representing a reasonable cost of reproduction for copies of a student's files or records for the parents or guardians of such student. A parent, guardian or students who request copies of files or records shall be responsible for the cost of copies reproduced in accordance with such fee schedule. The imposition of a fee shall not be used to prevent parents of students from exercising their right to inspect and review the students' files or

records and no fee shall be charged to search for or retrieve any student's files or records. The fee schedule shall permit one copy of the requested records be provided for or on behalf of the student without charge and shall allow duplicate copies to be provided without charge to the extent required by federal or state laws or regulations.

Participation in before and after school or pre-kindergarten services

Students are responsible for fees required for participation in before and after school or pre-kindergarten services offered by the District, except to the extent such services are required to be provided without cost.

9. Participation in summer school or night school

Students are responsible for fees required for participation in summer school or night school. Students are also responsible for correspondence courses.

10. Breakfast and lunch programs

Students shall be responsible for items which students purchase from the District's breakfast and lunch programs. The cost of items to be sold to students shall be consistent with applicable federal and state laws and regulations.

Students are also responsible for the cost of food, beverages, and personal or consumable items which the students purchase from the District or at school, whether from a "school store," a vending machine, a booster club or parent group sale, a book order club, or the like.

11. Waiver Policy

The District's policy is to provide fee waivers in accordance with the Public Elementary and Secondary Student Fee Authorization Act. 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) use of a musical instrument in optional music courses that are not extracurricular activities. Participation in a free lunch program or reduced-price lunch program is not required to qualify for free or reduced-price lunches for purposes of this section. Students or their parents must request a fee waiver prior to participating in or attending the activity, and prior to purchase of the materials. Materials for course projects to be provided to free or reduced-price lunch eligible students shall be required to be approved by the administration in advance, which shall apply a standard based on providing materials which are equitable to those purchased by comparable students.

12. Distribution of Policy

The Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee shall publish the District's student fee policy in the Student Handbook or the equivalent (for example, publication may be made in an addendum or a supplement to the student handbook). The Student Handbook or the equivalent shall be provided to students of the District at no cost.

13. Student Fee Fund

The School Board hereby establishes a Student Fee Fund. The Student Fee Fund shall be a separate school district fund not funded by tax revenue, into which all money collected from students and subject to the Student Fee Fund shall be deposited and from which money shall be expended for the purposes for which it was collected from students.

Funds subject to the Student Fee Fund consist of money collected from students for: (1) participation in extracurricular activities, (2) post-secondary education costs, and (3) summer school or night school.

The maximum dollar amount of each fee must be specified as part of this policy.

Public concerns or complaints regarding required fees, attire or equipment shall be addressed under Policy 1005.01, Public Complaints.

This policy will be reviewed and re-adopted annually by August 1 at a regular or special meeting of the board. This shall include a review of the amount of money collected under this policy and the use of waivers as provided by this policy. The policy shall be published in the student handbook provided at no cost to each household.

Legal Reference: Neb. Constitution, Art VII, Sect. 1
 Neb. Statute 79-215 (tuition)
 79-241 (option student busing)
 79-605 (nonresident busing)
 79-611 (transportation fees)
 79-734 (books, equipment and supplies)
 79-2,104 (student files)
 79-2,125 to 2,134 (student fees law)
 79-1104 (before-and-after-school services)
 79-1106 to 1108 (learners with high ability)

Cross Reference: 505.05 Fines for Lost or Damaged Items
 506 Student Activities
 507.01 Student Records Access
 801 Transportation
 802.05 Free or Reduced Cost Meals Eligibility
 1005.01 Public Complaints

District

Nutrition Services – Meal Prices

	Daily Breakfast	Weekly Breakfast	Daily Lunch	Weekly Lunch
Elementary	\$1.90	\$9.50	\$2.80	\$14.00
Middle	\$1.95	\$9.75	\$3.10	\$15.50
High	\$2.05	\$10.25	\$3.15	\$15.75
Reduced	\$0.30	\$1.50	\$0.40	\$2.00
Adult	\$2.90	\$14.50	\$4.75	\$23.75
Milk	\$0.55	\$2.75	\$0.55	\$2.75

Activity Admission Prices

Student Activity Ticket		\$35		
Adult Activity Ticket		\$75		
Family Activity Ticket		\$180		
Student Admission	Varsity	\$5	Non-Varsity	\$1
Adult Admission	Varsity	\$7	Non-Varsity	\$3

Transportation Services

Semester cost per student		\$175
Semester maximum per family		\$350

If approved, the fee will be 25% of annual transportation fees for students eligible for free lunches or breakfasts and 50% of annual transportation fees for students eligible for reduced-price lunches or breakfasts.

Elementary

Nutrition Services – Snack Milk Rates

Semester Snack Milk	\$48.40
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Student Fees

Program	General Description of Fee or Material	\$ Amount of Fee (Anticipated or Maximum) or Specific Material Required
Physical Education classes	Appropriate clothing (non-specialized attire)	Tennis shoes and white socks, running shorts, T-shirt.
Art classes and special projects or events	Appropriate clothing (non-specialized attire)	Old shirt for painting; other clothing which may get paint on it or otherwise be damaged.
Music-Optional band Courses	Musical instruments	Musical instruments and accessories (reeds, valve oil, drum sticks, lyres, flip folders, slide grease, reed guards, cleaning swabs, mouthpiece brushes, pad savers, ligatures, and a "gig bag", etc.) Limited instruments available for use by any student.
Classroom supplies	General supplies, such as writing instruments (pens, pencils, crayons, markers), notebooks, etc.	None--necessary classroom supplies will be made available by the school. Students will be responsible for the replacement cost of damaged or lost supplies. Students are encouraged but not required to bring items from class supply lists.
Field Trips	Transportation and admission costs of field trips	None-costs of school sponsored, class-related field trips will be paid for by the school. Parents may be encouraged but not required to pay for field trip costs of up to \$10.00 per student for each field trip to defray costs. (With administrative approval, the requested donation may be up to \$100.00 for special field trips). Meals on field trips will be at the expense of the student. School lunches will be provided as needed for free-reduced lunch eligible students.
Summer school courses	Classes offered during the summer, or at night, if any	\$50 to \$200 per class.
Copies	Use of school copiers (except for one copy of the student file, which will be provided without charge).	Ten cents (.10) per page when charges apply.

Textbook/Library Books	Loss or damage to district textbooks.	Books lost or damaged beyond repair will be charged full value for replacement. Broken binding/damage to cover will be \$10-15.
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Secondary

1:1 Technology - Fees and Cooperative Loss Agreement

Cooperative Loss	Annual, non-refundable	\$20
Damage Type	With Cooperative Loss	Without Cooperative Loss
Broken Screen	\$12	\$60
Broken Bottom Cover	\$15	\$75
Broken Top Cover	\$15	\$75
Lost/broken Power Supply	\$8	\$40
Keyboard Replacement	\$15	\$75
Bezel	\$7	\$35
Total Loss	\$200	\$200

Middle School

Student Fees

Middle School Program	General Description of Fee or Material	\$ Amount of Fee (Anticipated or Maximum) or Specific Material Required
Textbooks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Books lost or damaged beyond repair b) Backs or covers broken c) Pages torn and un-mended d) Ink writing, spots, etc— e) Pencil marks – students must erase these marks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Full value of replacement. b) \$12.50 per book (over 2 years) \$25.00 per book (less than 2 years) c) \$.50 per page (not to exceed the value) d) \$.25 per page (not to exceed the value)
General	Misuse of School Equipment and Property	The Student and Parent/guardian will be Responsible for Replacement Cost. Cost will vary.
General Supplies for Classroom	Classroom Supplies, Pens, Pencils, Notebooks and other optional supplies for a minimum of 6 academic classes	Cost will vary according to the number of items purchased.
Physical Education Classes	Appropriate clothing (non-specialized attire) Locks	Tennis shoes, socks, running shorts, and T-shirt. Locks - \$5 (if lost)
Industrial Technology/Art, special projects, science classes	Costs above standard assigned project. Appropriate clothing (non-specialized attire) Goggles – 1 pair provided per year. If lost or damaged students are required to purchase a new pair.	Fees will vary according to the size of the student project. Old shirt for painting; other clothing which may get paint on it or otherwise be damaged; protective clothing; goggles.
Family Consumer Science	Cost above standard assigned project	Fees will vary according to the size of the student project.
Music-Optional band courses	Musical Instruments	Musical Instruments and accessories (reeds, valve oil, etc.) Limited instruments available for use by all students.
Advanced math or science classes	Specialized calculators	Some calculators will be available at school. If lost or damaged a replacement fee will be assessed at the rate paid by the school. Students are encouraged but not required to

		purchase such equipment for their personal use.
All Curriculum Areas	Field Trips Meals	Sack lunches will be provided for all students by request. Regular pricing will apply.
School Meals		Breakfast - \$1.95 Adult Breakfast - \$2.90 Lunch - \$3.10 Adult Lunch - \$4.75 Milk - \$0.55 Prices are maximums based on one meal per day, will vary depending on the number of meals or items purchased by the student, and may be adjusted during the year.
End of the year lost or damage books	Damage fee or replacement cost	Fees and fines up to \$25.00 for damaged books. Lost or ruined books are charged the replacement cost up to \$100.
College entrance tests and preparation	Prep program and tests	Costs of college entrance tests prep courses are determined by the testing companies.
Yearbook - optional	School Book	Not to exceed \$60 per book.
Copies	Use of school copiers (except for one copy of the student file, which will be provided without charge).	Ten cents (.10) per page when charges apply.
1 to 1 Technology	Damage or replacement costs	Costs will vary between \$5 and \$20 with cooperative loss program, and between \$40 and \$100 without cooperative loss program. Total replacement will be \$200.
Extracurricular and other programs	General Description of Fee or Material	\$ Amount of Fee (Anticipated or Maximum) or Specific Material Required
Admission	Spectator fees for admission to events	Students may purchase an activity card for \$35 per year. Conference Tournaments, District and State events hosted by the school: cost to be set by NSAA/EMC.
Physicals	NSAA required athletic physicals	Cost varies – payable directly from student/parent to physician.
Football	Shoes and other optional attire	Costs will vary
Volleyball	Shoes and other optional attire	Costs will vary
Cross Country	Shoes and other optional attire	Costs will vary
Boys' and Girls' Basketball	Shoes and other optional attire	Costs will vary
Wrestling	Shoes and other optional attire	Costs will vary
Boys' and Girls' Track	Shoes and other optional attire	Costs will vary
All Athletic Activities	Medically Prescribed and other optional braces	Cost will vary
Instrumental Music	Reeds and other consumables, Instrument and other optional equipment	Costs will vary according to instrument
Vocal Music	Shoes and performance outfits	Costs will vary
Student Senate	State and national dues and activities	Currently no dues required
All Activities	Camps or other optional activities outside of the school year.	Costs will vary according to activity.
All Activities	Meal Costs for Overnight Events	The School will provide per meal stipend. If students choose meals beyond the stipend, they will be responsible for additional costs.

Camps and clinics	Registration and other costs of camps and clinics	Students are responsible for costs and equipment
Clubs	Clubs are considered extra-curricular and may require supplies, clothing or fees for special events	Cost will vary according to activity
Social & Recognition Activities		
School dances	School/Grade Level	Not to exceed \$15 per dance
Speech/Drama	Admission to events	Not to exceed \$15 per performance.
Picture packets	Optional – pictures are taken for the school yearbook	Students may purchase packets as desired and pay directly to the photo company
Trips; School Sponsored and Non-School Sponsored	Transportation, lodging, meals, admission to events, etc.	<p>Costs of school sponsored, class-related field trips will be paid for by the school. Parents may be encouraged but not required to pay for field trip costs of up to \$5.00 per student for each field trip to defray costs. (With administrative approval, the requested donation may be up to \$100.00 for special field trips). Meals on field trips will be at the expense of the student. School lunches will be provided as needed for free-reduced lunch eligible students.</p> <p>Students are responsible for costs of school sponsored trips where the trip is an extracurricular activity. The maximum cost of such trips will be \$2,000 per student. If the trip is not school sponsored, the costs of the trip are not subject to this policy and no fee waivers will apply. A trip is not school sponsored if: it is not supervised or administered by the school, attendance on the trip does count towards graduation credit or grade advancement, and participation on the trip is voluntary for students.</p>

High School

Student Fees

Secondary Program	General Description of Fee or Material	\$ Amount of Fee (Anticipated or Maximum) or Specific Material Required
General	Misuse of School Equipment and Property	The Student and Parent/guardian will be Responsible for Replacement Cost. Cost will vary
General Supplies for Classroom	Classroom Supplies, Pens, Pencils, Notebooks and other optional supplies for a minimum of 6 academic classes.	Cost will vary according to number of items purchased.
Physical Education Classes	Appropriate clothing (non-specialized attire) Locks	Tennis shoes, socks, running shorts, and T-shirt. Locks - \$5
Industrial Technology/Art, special projects, science classes	Costs above standard assigned project. Appropriate clothing (non-specialized attire) Goggles – 1 pair provided per year. If lost or damaged students are required to	Fees will vary according to the size of student project. Old shirt for painting; other clothing which may get paint on it or otherwise be damaged; protective clothing; goggles.

	purchase a new pair. Consumable goods & projects students take home are eligible for a reasonable fee charge.	Fees / charges are to be listed on the course syllabus or project description.
Family Consumer Science	Cost above standard assigned project	Fees will vary according to the size of student project.
Music-Optional band courses	Musical Instruments	Musical Instruments and accessories (reeds, valve oil, etc.) Limited instruments available for use by all students
Advanced math or science classes	Specialized calculators	Some calculators will be available at school. If lost or damaged a replacement fee will be assessed at the rate paid by the school. Students are encouraged but not required to purchase such equipment for their personal use.
All Curriculum Areas	Field Trips Meals	Sack lunches will be provided for all students at no cost. If student and parent/guardian choose other arrangements they will be responsible for cost. Costs will vary
Post-Secondary education classes	Tuition and fees for college courses taken for credit	None – any post-secondary education costs are to be paid directly by students enrolled.
School Meals		Breakfast - \$2.05 Lunch - \$3.15 Milk - \$0.55 Prices are maximums based on one meal per day, will vary depending on the number of meals or items purchased by the student, and may be adjusted during the year.
End of the year: loss of damage books TEXTBOOKS / MEDIA CENTER BOOKS.	Damage fee or replacement cost	Fees and fines up to \$5.00 for damaged books. Lost or ruined books are charged the replacement cost up to \$100.
College entrance tests and preparation	Prep program and tests	Costs of college entrance tests prep courses are determined by the testing companies.
Summer school courses	Classes offered during the summer or at night	Drivers education classes are determined by ESU#3 - \$350 Summer school - \$100 per class
Yearbook - optional	School Book	\$60 minimum
Parking Lot	Unauthorized parking	\$5-\$10 fine and/or towed vehicle or loss of parking privileges
All Curriculum Areas	Textbook Damage or loss	Cost will vary and a schedule of costs is included in Student Handbook.
Extracurricular and other programs	General Description of Fee or Material	\$ Amount of Fee (Anticipated or Maximum) or Specific Material Required
Admission	Spectator fees for admission to events	Students may purchase an activity card for \$35 per year. Conference Tournaments, District and State events hosted by the school: cost to be set by NSAA/EMC
Physicals	NSAA required athletic physicals	Cost varies – payable directly from student/parent to physician.
Football	Shoes and other optional attire	Costs will vary
Volleyball	Shoes and other optional attire	Costs will vary
Softball	Shoes, Gloves, and other optional attire	Costs will vary
Baseball	Shoes, Gloves, and other optional attire	Costs will vary

Cross Country	Shoes and other optional attire	Costs will vary
Boys' and Girls' Basketball	Shoes and other optional attire	Costs will vary
Wrestling	Shoes and other optional attire	Costs will vary
Boys' and Girls' Track	Shoes and other optional attire	Costs will vary
Boys' and Girls' Golf	Shoes, Clubs, Balls and other optional attire	Costs will vary
Boys' and Girls' Soccer	Shoes and other optional attire	Costs will vary
All Athletic Activities	Medically Prescribed and other optional braces	Cost will vary
Instrumental Music	Reeds and other consumables	Costs will vary according to instrument
Instrumental Music	Instrument and other optional equipment	Costs will vary
Vocal Music	Students in Varsity Choir will be required to pay a fee for the use of Choir Robes; Shoes and Show Choir Outfit	Costs will vary
Cheerleaders	Uniform and other optional attire	Costs will vary
Dance Team	Performance Outfit, shoes, and other optional attire	Costs will vary
National Honor Society	State and national dues and activities	Currently no dues required.
Student council	State and national dues and activities	Currently no dues required
FBLA	State and national dues and activities	Costs will vary due to membership & activity.
Foreign Language Clubs	State and national dues and activities	Currently no dues required
Skills USA	State and national dues and activities	Costs will vary due to membership & activity.
All Activities	Camps or other optional activities outside of the school year.	Costs will vary according to activity.
All Activities	Meal Costs for Overnight Events	The School will provide per meal stipend as set by the AD. If students choose meals beyond the stipend, they will be responsible for additional costs.
Camps and clinics	Registration and other costs of camps and clinics	Students are responsible for costs and equipment
Marching Band/Musical groups	Equipment and attire	Students will be responsible for possible uniform rental and cleaning fee up to \$50
Social & Recognition Activities		
School dances	Homecoming / Prom	Not to exceed \$50 per ticket. Outside date / late ticket not to exceed \$75.
Musical and Play Production	Admission to events	Not to exceed \$25 per performance.
Picture packets	Optional – pictures are taken for the school yearbook	Students may purchase packets as desired and pay directly to the photo company
Trips	Transportation, lodging, meals, admission to events, etc.	Students are responsible for costs of school sponsored trips where the trip is an extra-curricular activity. The maximum cost of such trips will be \$2,000 per student. If the trip is not school sponsored, the costs of the trip are not subject to this policy and no fee waivers will apply. A trip is not school

		sponsored if: it is not supervised or administered by the school, attendance on the trip does count towards graduation credit or grade advancement, and participation on the trip is voluntary for students.
Reproduction of Records	Video Redacted	Costs will vary due to requests.

PARENTAL AND FAMILY INVOLVEMENT IN THE SCHOOLS

It is the policy of this school district to foster and facilitate parental and community information about, and involvement in, the education of their children. Along these lines:

1. Reasonable attempts by the district staff will be made to involve parents and community through frequent open communications, volunteer programs, progress reporting, and through the support of activities which encourage involvement.
2. Parents and other interested citizens are welcome to visit the schools and/or confer with principals and teachers concerning the school's programs. (Children should not be visitors without adults.) Persons seeking to disrupt the educational environment shall face those penalties established by the law, board policies, and administrative rules.
3. Textbooks, tests, and other curriculum materials used in this school district are, and shall be, available for review at school upon request.
4. Parents wishing to attend and monitor courses, assemblies, counseling sessions, and other instructional activities are welcome. Prior approval of and from the proper teacher, counselor, and administrator, is requested.
5. Testing shall occur in this school district as determined appropriate by district staff to assure proper measurement of educational progress and achievement. Results of such testing is made available to parents.
6. The school district will excuse students from testing, surveys, classroom instruction, and other school experiences, upon written parental request, only under circumstances required by law. A plan for an acceptable alternative shall be approved by the proper teacher and administrator prior to, or as a part of, the granting of any parent request.
7. Parents and others will be provided access to records of students according to law.

It is the policy of the district to notify parents of any survey which may be scheduled and to conduct student surveys judiciously, with full consideration of the fact that parents may find items of the survey objectionable.

The following activities will also be included in the board's plan for parental involvement:

1. The board will involve parents in the development of the Title I plan, the process for school review of the plan and the process for improvement;
2. The board will provide the coordination, technical assistance and other support necessary to assist participating schools in planning and implementing effective parent involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance;
3. The board will build the schools' and parents' capacity for strong parental involvement;
4. The board will coordinate and integrate parental involvement strategies under Title I with other programs such as Head Start, Reading First, etc.;

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5. The board will conduct with the involvement of parents, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the parental involvement policy in improving the academic quality of the school served including identifying barriers to greater participation by parents in Title I activities (with particular attention to low-income parents, Limited English Proficient (LEP) parents, minorities, parents with disabilities and parents with low literacy) and use the findings of the evaluation to design strategies for more effective parental involvement and to revise, as necessary, the parental involvement policies; and
6. The board will involve parents in Title I activities.

The parent or guardian of a student may have access to that student's records during normal business hours of the district according to Policy 507.01 Student Records Access.

This policy is adopted following a public hearing to receive public comments and suggestions.

Legal Reference: Neb. Statute 79-530 to 533
 Every Student Succeeds Act, 20 U.S.C. §1000 et. seq.

Cross Reference: 507.01 Student Records Access
 606.03 Objection to Instructional Materials
 610.02 Test or Assessment Administration
 611.01 Student Progress Reports
 611.04 Parent Conferences
 1002. District Annual Report
 1005.01 Public Complaints

BULLYING PREVENTION

The board recognizes the negative impact that bullying has on student health, welfare, safety, and the school's learning environment and prohibits such behavior. Bullying is defined as any ongoing pattern of physical, verbal, or electronic abuse on school grounds, in a vehicle owned, leased, or contracted by a school being used for a school purpose by a school employee or his or her designee, at a designated school bus stop, or at school-sponsored activities or school-sponsored athletic events.

Bullying may constitute grounds for detention, suspension, expulsion or mandatory reassignment, subject to state and federal statutes and the district's student discipline and due process procedures.

Every report of alleged bullying that can be interpreted at the outset to fall within the protections of laws against discrimination shall be handled as a joint, concurrent investigation into all allegations and coordinated with the full participation of the Compliance Officer and Title IX Coordinator. If, in the course of an ongoing bullying investigation, potential issues of discrimination are identified, the Title IX Coordinator shall be promptly notified, and the investigation shall be conducted jointly and concurrently to address the issues of alleged discrimination as well as the incidents of alleged bullying.

It shall be the responsibility of the superintendent to implement appropriate programs or procedures for the purpose of educating students regarding bullying prevention.

This policy shall be reviewed annually.

Legal Reference: Neb. Statute 79-2,137

Cross Reference: 505 Student Discipline