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Flippin School District Mission Statement

Flippin School District will create a **caring environment**
built on **nurturing relationships**
in which students are **actively engaged**
in **meaningful learning**.

Flippin Public School Administrative Directory

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EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY - Policy 4.11

No student in the Flippin School District shall, on the grounds of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, or disability be excluded from participation in, or denied the benefits of, or subjected to discrimination under any educational program or activity sponsored by the District. The District has a limited open forum granting equal access to the Boy Scouts of America and other youth groups.

Inquiries on nondiscrimination may be directed to the superintendent, who may be reached at 870-453-2270.

For further information on notice of non-discrimination or to file a complaint, visit <http://wdcrocolp01.ed.gov/CFAPPS/OCR/contactus.cfm>; for the address and phone number of the office that serves your area, or call 1-800-421-3481.

Legal References: 28 C.F.R. § 35.106 34 C.F.R. § 100.6 34 C.F.R. § 104.8
 34 C.F.R. § 106.9 34 C.F.R. § 108.9 34 C.F.R. § 110.25
 A.C.A. § 6-18-514
Date Adopted: 07/25/05; 06/22/15; 6/20/16

STUDENT HANDBOOK -- Policy 4.42

It shall be the policy of the Flippin School District that the most recently adopted version of the Student Handbook be incorporated by reference into the policies of this district. In the event that there is a conflict between the student handbook and a general board policy or policies, the more recently adopted language will be considered binding and controlling on the matter provided the parent(s) of the student, or the student if 18 years of age or older have acknowledged receipt of the controlling language.

Principals shall review all changes to student policies and ensure that such changes are provided to students and parents, either in the Handbook or, if changes are made after the handbook is printed, as an addendum to the handbook.

Principals and counselors shall also review Policies 4.45—SMART CORE CURRICULUM AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS and the current ADE Standards for Accreditation Rules to ensure that there is no conflict. If a conflict exists, the Principal and/or Counselor shall notify the Superintendent and Curriculum Coordinator immediately, so that corrections may be made and notice of the requirements given to students and parents.

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Flippin School District 2016-17 Calendar

<p>Aug 8-12 (M-F) Aug 15 (M) Sept 5 (M) Sept 22 (Th)</p> <p>Oct 14 (F) Oct 17 (M) Nov 23-25 (W-F) Dec 16 (F) Dec 19 (M)-Dec 30 (F) Jan 2 (M) Feb 9 (Th) Mar 10 (F) CAP Mar 10 (F) Mar 13 (M) Mar 20-24 (M-F) Apr 14 May 12 (F) May 17 May 18-19, 22-24 May 26 May 29</p>	<p>Teacher Professional Development (30 hrs) †</p> <p>First Day of School for Students</p> <p>Labor Day Holiday</p> <p>Dismiss students at 1:00. Parent/Teacher Conferences 1 PM-7 PM.</p> <p>End 1st Quarter (44 days)</p> <p>Begin 2nd Quarter</p> <p>Thanksgiving Holiday</p> <p>End of 2nd Quarter (42 days)</p> <p>Christmas Holiday</p> <p>School Resumes for Student/Begin 2nd Semester /3rd Quarter</p> <p>Dismiss students at 1:00. Parent/Teacher Conferences 1 PM-7 PM. Conferences (High School only)</p> <p>End of 3rd Quarter (50 days)</p> <p>Begin 4th Quarter</p> <p>Spring Break</p> <p>Good Friday*/Built in Snow Day</p> <p>Graduation</p> <p>Last day of school if no snow days are needed (42 days)</p> <p>Built in Snow Days*</p> <p>Last Day for Students if 8 snow days are needed.</p> <p>Memorial Day</p> <p>End of 4th Quarter will be the last day of school</p>
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† The PPC will avoid one-day make-up weeks in May.

Snow Days: Use days at the end of the year and Good Friday as a snow days.

For snow days 1-5, add days to the end of the school year and/or lose Good Friday for snow day #3 or snow day #8 to avoid a 1-day school week. Add potential snow days #6, #7, #9, #10 to the end of the school year. After day #10, apply for a waiver.

Dates: May 18-19, 22-26, Good Friday (April 14), May 30-31.

Non-Student Contract Days:

- 5 days August 8-12: Five days the week before school.
- 2 days The equivalent of two days to be used after school throughout the school year.
- 2 days Parent Teacher Conference Evenings.
- 1 day One day spread out over the last three days of the school year.
- 2 days Two days Summer PD not provided by the school. Teachers register select on their own.

12 total days (2 days of PTCs + 10 days Professional Development)

‡ The structure of the above PD calendar is subject to change as state requirements change, and as district needs change. Any changes to the structure of local PD days will be preceded by a PPC vote.

CLOSING MEDIA LIST

KTLO-FM	97.9	Mountain Home	KCTT-FM	101.7	Mountain Home
KTLO-AM	1240	Mountain Home	KPFM-FM	107.5	Mountain Home
KPFM-FM	105	Mountain Home	KPFM-FM	93.5	Mountain Home
KCWD-FM	96.1	Harrison	KNWA-AM	1600	Harrison
KHOZ-FM	102.9	Harrison	KHOZ-AM	900	Harrison
KBCN-FM	104.3	Harrison	KTTS-FM	94.7	Springfield
KTTS-AM	1260	Springfield	KSPW-FM	96.5	Springfield
KOLR/Channel	10	Springfield	KY3/Channel	3	Springfield
KATV/Channel	7	Little Rock	KTHV/Channel	11	Little Rock

BUS RIDER RULES AND REGULATIONS

The rules and regulations listed below are the result of careful study based upon the experiences we have had in the operation of a school bus system. Cooperation and courtesy in following these suggestions will permit us to better serve your child. Please go over the rules with your children so they will know what is expected of them when they ride the bus.

1. Be on time at designated bus stops. BUSES CANNOT WAIT FOR TARDY PUPILS.
2. Obey the driver's instructions. Help the driver to assure safety at all times.
3. While loading or unloading, enter or leave the bus orderly and quickly.
4. Wait until the bus has come to a complete stop before attempting to enter or leave the bus. Remain seated while bus is in motion. Enter or leave the bus only at the front door, except in case of emergency.
5. Do not leave the bus without the driver's consent, except at home or school. NO UNAUTHORIZED STOPS WILL BE MADE.
6. While riding the bus, students are under the supervision of the driver at all times. Drivers have the same authority on the bus that teachers have on the school campus.
7. Observe classroom conduct. Avoid unnecessary disturbing noises. The driver should not be distracted while the bus is in motion. Do not shout at passing persons or vehicles.
8. Occupy only the seat assigned by the driver. Keep feet out of aisles, off of seats and backs of seats.
9. Sit three on a seat by filling back seats first when conditions require it.
10. No knives, sharp objects, firearms, pets nor other living animals are allowed on the bus.
11. DO NOT tamper with any of the safety devices such as door latches, fire extinguishers, etc. Pupils must keep seated at all times except as the driver directs. Pupils are not to put their hands, arms, head, or bodies out of the window.
12. Be courteous! Use no profane or vulgar language. Help keep bus clean. No gum chewing- no eating- no pop. NO TOBACCO ON THE BUS! (FIGHTING - PUSHING- SHOVING or other' rowdiness will NOT be tolerated.
13. Report any damage you observe to the driver. Damage to the interior or exterior of the bus will result in payment-for damages and in suspended bus-riding privileges. .
14. If you must cross the road or highway to enter the bus, try always to be on the right side of the road waiting on bus. If you should arrive at the stop just as the bus approaches to stop, wait until the bus has come to a complete stop and the driver has signaled for you to cross in front of the bus.

17. PUPILS CANNOT RIDE ANY BUS EXCEPT THEIR OWN. VISITORS ARE NOT ALLOWED EXCEPT IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY. PERMISSION MUST BE SECURED FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE.
18. This is not intended to cover all the "dos " and "don'ts ", but it is a very specific guide. The driver may find it necessary to interpret these policies in light of his/her own bus needs.
19. The Flippin School District defines bullying as any unwelcome action taken or situation created, intentionally whether on school ground, on the school bus or at the bus stops, or a sponsored activity to produce mental or physical harm. Any student, parent, staff, or faculty member who witnesses this behavior should report the incident immediately to the building administrator. Bullying is considered a serious offense.

THE PRINCIPAL MAY SUSPEND PUPILS FROM RIDING WHEN SUCH ACTION IS ADVISABLE. IT SHOULD BE REGARDED AS A PRIVILEGE TO RIDE SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION!

Section 1: General Information

EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY -- Policy 5.1

The Flippin School District assumes the responsibility of providing students attending its schools a high quality education that challenges each student to achieve to their maximum potential. The District shall endeavor to create the environment within the schools necessary to attain this goal. The creation of the necessary climate shall be based on the following core beliefs:

1. The District's vision statement will be developed with input from students, parents, business leaders, and other community members.
2. All students can be successful learners.
3. Students learn at different rates and in different ways.
4. A primary goal shall be to give students the skills they need to be life-long learners.
5. The education of all citizens is basic to our community's well-being.
6. Student achievement is affected positively by the involvement of parents and the community in the schools.
7. The District is responsible for helping cultivate good citizenship skills in its students.
8. Students reflect the moral and ethical values of their environment.
9. All people have a right to a safe environment.
10. Each person is responsible for his/her own actions.
11. Innovation involves taking risks.
12. Schools are responsible for creating the conditions that promote success.
13. Each person is entitled to retain his/her dignity.
14. All people have the right to be treated with respect and the responsibility to treat others respectfully.
15. For teachers to succeed in cultivating high student achievement, they need to be given the materials, training, and environment necessary to produce such results.

Date Adopted: 07/25/05

CLOSED CAMPUS -- Policy 4.10

All schools in the District shall operate closed campuses with the exception of students participating in the Arkansas Department of Education School of Innovation. Students are required to stay on campus from their arrival until dismissal at the end of the regular school day unless given permission to leave the campus by a school official. Students must sign out in the office upon their departure.

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STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS/EQUAL ACCESS -- Policy 4.12

Non-curriculum-related secondary school student organizations wishing to conduct meetings on school premises during non-instructional time shall not be denied equal access on the basis of the religious, political, philosophical, or other content of the speech at such meetings. Such meetings must meet the following criteria.

1. The meeting is to be voluntary and student initiated;
2. There is no sponsorship of the meeting by the school, the government, or its agents or employees;

3. The meeting must occur during non-instructional time;
4. Employees or agents of the school are present at religious meetings only in a non-participatory capacity;
5. The meeting does not materially and substantially interfere with the orderly conduct of educational activities within the school; and
6. Non-school persons may not direct, conduct, control, or regularly attend activities of student groups.

All meetings held on school premises must be scheduled and approved by the principal. The school, its agents, and employees retain the authority to maintain order and discipline, to protect the well being of students and faculty, and to assure that attendance of students at meetings is voluntary.

Fraternalities, sororities, and secret societies are forbidden in the District's schools. Membership to student organizations shall not be by a vote of the organization's members, nor be restricted by the student's race, religion, sex, national origin, or other arbitrary criteria. Hazing, as defined by law, is forbidden in connection with initiation into, or affiliation with, any student organization. Students who are convicted of participation in hazing or the failure to report hazing shall be expelled.

NOTE: A.C.A. § 6-5-20 2 requires the automatic expulsion of a student who is convicted of hazing.

Legal References: A.C.A. § 6-5-201 et seq. A.C.A. § 6-21-201 et seq. 20 U.S.C. 4071 Equal Access Act
Board of Education of the Westside Community Schools v. Mergens, 496 U.S. 226 (1990)
A.C.A. § 6-18-601 et seq.

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RELIGION IN THE SCHOOLS -- Policy 5.10

The First Amendment of the Constitution states that "Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof..." As the Supreme Court has stated (*Abington School District v. Schempp*, 374 U.S. 203) the Amendment thus, "embraces two concepts—freedom to believe and freedom to act. The first is absolute but, in the nature of things, the second cannot be." Therefore, it is the Board's policy that the school system, as an agency of the government, shall be neutral in matters regarding religion and will not engage in any activity that either advocates or disparages religion. The District shall assume no role or responsibility for the religious training of any student.

The need for neutrality does not diminish our school system's educational responsibility to address the historical role of religion in the development of our culture. Since we live in a diverse society, the District's goal shall be to address the subject of religion objectively in such a way that it promotes an understanding of, and tolerance for, each other's religious or non-religious views.

Discussions concerning religious concepts, practices, or disciplines are permissible when presented in a secular context in their relation to an inclusive study of religion or to the study of a particular region or country. The discussions shall be such that they are objective and academically informational and do not advocate nor denigrate any particular form of religious practice.

Accommodation will be considered for those portions of instructional activities in the schools that unduly burden a student's sincere religious belief provided such accommodation doesn't amount to a significant change in curriculum, program, or course of instruction and when it is possible that a substitution of equally rigorous material that advances the same instructional goals can be arranged. Parents and students are advised that such accommodations are easier to grant when the objection is to non-state mandated Framework material than if the material is required by the Frameworks.

The request must be made at least five (5) days prior to when the assignment is due. In the event of an appeal, the student will be given additional time to complete the original or

alternative assignment, if offered, with no loss of credit or penalty for late work, at the conclusion of the appeal process.

*Legal Reference: A.C.A. § 6-10-115

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PRIVACY OF STUDENTS' RECORDS/ DIRECTORY INFORMATION -- Policy 4.13

Except when a court order regarding a student has been presented to the district to the contrary, all students' education records are available for inspection and copying by the parents of his/her student who is under the age of eighteen (18). At the age of eighteen (18), the right to inspect and copy a student's records transfers to the student. A student's parent or the student, if over the age of 18, requesting to review the student's education records will be allowed to do so within no more than forty five (45) days of the request. The district forwards education records, including disciplinary records, to schools that have requested them and in which the student seeks or intends to enroll or is already enrolled so long as the disclosure is for purposes related to the student's enrollment or transfer. The district shall receive written permission before releasing education records to any agency or individual not authorized by law to receive and/or view the education records without prior parental permission. The District shall maintain a record of requests by such agencies or individuals for access to, and each disclosure of, personally identifiable information (hereinafter "PII") from the education records of each student. Disclosure of education records is authorized by law to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A personal record kept by a school staff member is **not** considered an education record if it meets the following tests.

- it is in the sole possession of the individual who made it;
- it is used only as a personal memory aid; and
- information contained in it has never been revealed or made available to any other person, except the maker's temporary substitute.

For the purposes of this policy a school official is a person employed by the school as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the school board; a person or company with whom the school has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks.

For the purposes of this policy a school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility, contracted duty, or duty of elected office.

In addition to releasing PII to school officials without permission, the District may disclose PII from the education records of students in foster care placement to the student's caseworker or to the caseworker's representative without getting prior consent of the parent (or the student if the student is over eighteen (18)). For the District to release the student's PII without getting permission:

- The student must be in foster care;
- The individual to whom the PII will be released must have legal access to the student's case plan; and

- The Arkansas Department of Human Services, or a sub-agency of the Department, must be legally responsible for the care and protection of the student.

For the purposes of this policy a school official is a person employed by the school as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the school board; a person or company with whom the school has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks.

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The District discloses PII from an education record to appropriate parties, including parents, in connection with an emergency if knowledge of the information is necessary to protect the health or safety of the student or other individuals. The superintendent or designee shall determine who will have access to and the responsibility for disclosing information in emergency situations.

When deciding whether to release PII in a health or safety emergency, the District may take into account the totality of the circumstances pertaining to a threat to the health or safety of a student or other individuals. If the District determines that there is an articulable and significant threat to the health or safety of a student or other individuals, it may disclose information from education records to any person whose knowledge of the information is necessary to protect the health or safety of the student or other individuals.

For purposes of this policy, the Flippin School District does not distinguish between a custodial and noncustodial parent, or a non-parent such as a person acting in loco parentis or a foster parent with respect to gaining access to a student's records. Unless a court order restricting such access has been presented to the district to the contrary, the fact of a person's status as parent or guardian, alone, enables that parent or guardian to review and copy his child's records.

If there exists a court order which directs that a parent not have access to a student or his records, the parent, guardian, person acting in loco parentis, or an agent of the Department of Human Services must present a file-marked copy of such order to the building principal and the superintendent. The school will make good-faith efforts to act in accordance with such court order, but the failure to do so does not impose legal liability upon the school. The actual responsibility for enforcement of such court orders rests with the parents or guardians, their attorneys and the court which issued the order.

A parent or guardian does not have the right to remove any material from a student's records, but such parent or guardian may challenge the accuracy of a record. The right to

challenge the accuracy of a record does not include the right to dispute a grade, disciplinary rulings, disability placements, or other such determinations, which must be done only through the appropriate teacher and/or administrator, the decision of whom is final. A challenge to the accuracy of material contained in a student's file must be initiated with the building principal, with an appeal available to the Superintendent or his designee. The challenge shall clearly identify the part of the student's record the parent wants changed and specify why he/she believes it is inaccurate or misleading. If the school determines not to amend the record as requested, the school will notify the requesting parent or student of the decision and inform them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amending the record. The parent or eligible student will be provided information regarding the hearing procedure when notified of the right to a hearing.

Unless the parent or guardian of a student (or student, if above the age of eighteen [18]) objects, directory information about a student may be made available to the public, military recruiters, postsecondary educational institutions, prospective employers of those students, as well as school publications such as annual yearbooks and graduation announcements. "Directory information" includes, but is not limited to, a student's name, address, telephone number, electronic mail address, photograph, date and place of birth, dates of attendance, his/her placement on the honor roll (or the receipt of other types of honors), as well as his/her participation in school clubs and extracurricular activities, among others. If the student participates in inherently public activities (for example, basketball, football, or other interscholastic activities), the publication of such information will be beyond the control of the District. "Directory information" also includes a student identification (ID) number, user ID, or other unique personal identifier used by a student for purposes of accessing or communicating in electronic systems and a student ID number or other unique personal identifier that is displayed on a student's ID badge, provided the ID cannot be used to gain access to education records except when used in conjunction with one or more factors that authenticate the user's identity, such as a personal identification number (PIN), password or other factor known or possessed only by the authorized user.

A student's name and photograph will only be displayed on the district or school's web page(s) after receiving the written permission from the student's parent or student if over the age of 18.

The form for objecting to making directory information available is located in the back of the student handbook and must be completed and signed by the parent or age-eligible student and filed with the building principal's office no later than ten (10) school days after the beginning of each school year or the date the student is enrolled for school. Failure to file an objection by that time is considered a specific grant of permission. The district is required to continue to honor any signed-opt out form for any student no longer in attendance at the district.

The right to opt out of the disclosure of directory information under Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) does not prevent the District from disclosing or requiring a student to disclose the student's name, identifier, or institutional email address in a class in which the student is enrolled.

Parents and students over the age of 18 who believe the district has failed to comply with the requirements for the lawful release of student records may file a complaint with the U.S.

Department of Education at Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202

Note: The Arkansas Supreme Court, Arkansas Department of Education, and ASBA collaborated in the creation of a form in an effort to aid juvenile intake and probation officers in acquiring necessary information for the officer to make more knowledgeable decisions/recommendations on a course of action for each juvenile's case. The Form allows for parents to authorize the officer to access certain portions of the student's education records and the parent's ESchool PLUS Home Access Center. The form, when completed by the parent and probation officer, will be sent to the district by the officer. A copy of the form, along with a background letter, may be found at <http://arsba.org/policy-resources>.

Legal References: A.C.A. § 9-28-113(b)(6) 20 U.S.C. § 1232g
20 U.S.C. § 7908 (NCLB Section 9528)
34 CFR 99.3, 99.7, 99.31, 99.21, 99.22, 99.30, 99.31, 99.32, 99.33, 99.34, 99.35, 99.36,
99.37, 99.63, 99.64

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PERMANENT RECORDS -- Policy 4.38

Permanent school records, as required by the Arkansas Department of Education, shall be maintained for each student enrolled in the District until the student receives a high school diploma or its equivalent or is beyond the age of compulsory school attendance. A copy of the student's permanent record shall be provided to the receiving school district within ten (10) school days after the date a request from the receiving school district is received.

The law prohibits districts from refusing to provide the records to receiving schools due to a student owing money to the district.

Legal References: A.C.A. § 6-18-901ADE Rule Student Permanent Records
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STUDENT PUBLICATIONS AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF LITERATURE -- Policy 4.14

Student Publications -- All publications that are supported financially by the school or by use of school facilities, or are produced in conjunction with a class shall be considered school-sponsored publications. School publications do not provide a forum for public expression. Such publications, as well as the content of student expression in school-sponsored activities, shall be subject to the editorial control of the District's administration whose actions shall be reasonably related to legitimate pedagogical concerns and adhere to the following limitations.

1. Advertising may be accepted for publications that does not condone or promote products that are inappropriate for the age and maturity of the audience or that endorse such things as tobacco, alcohol, or drugs.
2. Publications may be regulated to prohibit writings which are, in the opinion of the appropriate teacher and/or administrator, ungrammatical, poorly written, inadequately researched, biased or prejudiced, vulgar or profane, or unsuitable for immature audiences.
3. Publications may be regulated to refuse to publish material which might reasonably be perceived to advocate drug or alcohol use, irresponsible sex, or conduct otherwise inconsistent with the shared values of a civilized social order, or to associate the school with any position other than neutrality on matters of political controversy.
4. Prohibited publications include:
 - a. Those that are obscene as to minors;
 - b. Those that are libelous or slanderous, including material containing defamatory falsehoods about public figures or governmental officials, which are made with

- knowledge of their falsity or reckless disregard of the truth;
- c. Those that constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy as defined by state law,
- d. Publications that suggest or urge the commission of unlawful acts on the school premises;
- e. Publications which suggest or urge the violation of lawful school regulations;
- f. Hate literature that scurrilously attacks ethnic, religious, or racial groups.

Student Publications on School Web Pages -- Student publications that are displayed on school web pages shall follow the same guidelines as listed above plus they shall

1. Not contain any non-educational advertisements. Additionally, student web publications shall;
2. Adhere to the restrictions regarding use of Directory Information as prescribed in Policy 4.13 including not using a student's photograph when associated with the student's name unless written permissions has been received from the student's parent or student if over the age of 18.
3. State that the views expressed are not necessarily those of the School Board or the employees of the district.

Non-school Publications -- School authorities shall review non-school publications prior to their distribution and will bar from distribution those materials that are obscene, libelous, pervasively indecent, or advertise unlawful products or services. Material may also be barred from distribution if there is evidence that reasonably supports a forecast that disruption will likely result from the distribution.

Distribution of Literature -- The school principal or designee shall establish reasonable regulations governing the time, place, and manner of student distribution of literature.

The regulations shall:

1. Be narrowly drawn to promote orderly administration of school activities by preventing disruption and may not be designed to stifle expression;
1. Be uniformly applied to all forms of literature;
2. Allow no interference with classes or school activities;
3. Specify times and places where distribution may and may not occur; and
4. Not inhibit a person's right to accept or reject any literature distributed in accordance with the regulations.

The Superintendent, along with the student publications advisors, shall develop administrative regulations for the implementation of this policy. The regulations shall include definitions of terms and timelines for the review of materials.

Legal References: A.C.A. § 6-18-1202, 1203, & 1204; *Tinker v. Des Moines ISD*, 393 U.S. 503 (1969)

Bethel School District No. 403 v. Fraser, 478 U.S. 675 (1986)

Hazelwood School District v. Kuhlmeier, 484 U.S. 260 (1988)

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CONTACT WITH STUDENTS WHILE AT SCHOOL -- Policy 4.15

1. **CONTACT BY PARENTS**-Parents wishing to speak to their children during the school day shall register first with the office.
2. **CONTACT BY NON-CUSTODIAL PARENTS**- If there is any question concerning the legal custody of the student, the custodial parent shall present documentation to the principal or the principal's designee establishing the parent's custody of the student. It shall be the responsibility of the custodial parent to make any court ordered "no contact" or other restrictions regarding the non-custodial parent known to the principal by presenting a copy of a file-marked court order. Without such a court order on file, the school will release the child to either of his/her parents. Non-custodial parents who file

with the principal a date-stamped copy of current court orders granting visitation may eat lunch, volunteer in their child's classroom, or otherwise have contact with their child during school hours and the prior approval of the school's principal. Such contact is subject to the limitations outlined in Policy 4.16, Policy 6.5, and any other policies that may apply.

Arkansas law provides that, In order to avoid continuing child custody controversies from involving school personnel and to avoid disruptions to the educational atmosphere in the District's schools, the transfer of a child between his/her custodial parent and non-custodial parent, when both parents are present, shall not take place on the school's property on normal school days during normal hours of school operation. The custodial or non-custodial parent may send to/drop off the student at school to be sent to/picked up by the other parent on predetermined days in accordance with any court order provided by the custodial parent or by a signed agreement between both the custodial and non-custodial parents that was witnessed by the student's building principal.¹ Unless a valid no-contact order has been filed with the student's principal or the principal's designee, district employees shall not become involved in disputes concerning whether or not that parent was supposed to pick up the student on any given day.

3. CONTACT BY LAW ENFORCEMENT, SOCIAL SERVICES, OR BY COURT

ORDER-State Law requires that Department of Human Services employees, local law enforcement, or agents of the Crimes Against Children Division of the Department of Arkansas State Police, may interview students without a court order for the purpose of investigating suspected child abuse. In instances where the interviewers deem it necessary, they may exercise a "72-hour hold " without first obtaining a court order. Except as provided below, other questioning of students by non-school personnel shall be granted only with a court order directing such questioning, with permission of the parents of a student (or the student if above eighteen [18] years of age), or in response to a subpoena or arrest warrant.

If the District makes a report to any law enforcement agency concerning student misconduct or if access to a student is granted to a law enforcement agency due to a court order, the principal or the principal's designee shall make a good faith effort to contact the student's parent, legal guardian, or other person having lawful control by court order, or person acting in loco parentis identified on student enrollment forms. The principal or the principal's designee shall not attempt to make such contact if presented documentation by the investigator that notification is prohibited because a parent, guardian, custodian, or person standing in loco parentis is named as an alleged offender of the suspected child maltreatment. This exception applies only to interview requests made by a law enforcement officer, an investigator of the Crimes Against Children Division of the Department of Arkansas State Police, or an investigator or employee of the Department of Human Services.

In instances other than those related to cases of suspected child abuse, principals must release a student to either a police officer who presents a subpoena for the student, or a warrant for arrest, or to an agent of state social services or an agent of a court with jurisdiction over a child with a court order signed by a judge. Upon release of the student, the principal or designee shall give the student's parent, legal guardian, or other person having lawful control by court order, or person acting in loco parentis notice that the student has been taken into custody by law enforcement personnel or a state's social services agency. If the principal or designee is unable to reach the parent, he or she shall make a reasonable, good faith effort to get a message to the

parent to call the principal or designee, and leave both a day and an after-hours telephone number.

Contact by Professional Licensure Standards Board Investigators

Investigators for the Professional Licensure Standards Board may meet with students during the school day to carry out the investigation of an ethics complaint.

Legal References: A.C.A. § 6-18-513 A.C.A. § 9-13-104 A.C.A. § 12-18-609, 610, 613
A.C.A. § 12-18-1001, 1005
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STUDENT VISITORS -- Policy 4.16

The board strongly believes that the purpose of school is for learning. Social visitors, generally, disrupt the classroom and interfere with learning that should be taking place. Student visitation is not allowed at the high school level.

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VISITORS TO THE SCHOOLS -- Policy 6.5

Parents, grandparents, legal guardians, business, and community members are welcome and encouraged to visit District schools. To minimize the potential for disruption of the learning environment, visitors, for a purpose other than to attend an activity open to the general public, are required to first report to the school's main office. No one shall be exempt from this requirement. Visitors who are Level 3 or Level 4 sex offenders may only enter a school campus under the provisions listed in Policy 6.10.

Parents and legal guardians are encouraged to participate in regularly scheduled visitation events such as school open houses and parent/teacher conferences. Additional conferences are best when scheduled in advance. Conferences shall be scheduled at a time and place to accommodate those participating in the conference. Visits to individual classrooms during class time are permitted on a limited basis with the principal's prior approval and the teacher's knowledge.

Visitors, including parents wishing to speak with students during the school day shall register first with the office.

The District has the right to ask disruptive visitors to leave its school campuses. Principals are authorized to seek the assistance of law enforcement officers in removing any disruptive visitors who refuse to leave voluntarily.

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EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES – SECONDARY SCHOOLS –Policy 4.56

Definitions:

1. "Academic Courses" are those courses for which class time is scheduled, which can be credited to meet the minimum requirements for graduation, which is taught by a teacher required to have State licensure in the course or is otherwise qualified under Arkansas statute, and has a course content guide which has been approved by the Arkansas Department of Education (ADE). Any of the courses for which concurrent high school credit is earned may be from an institution of higher education recognized by ADE. If a student passes an academic course offered on a block schedule, the course can be counted twice toward meeting the requirement for students to pass four (4) academic courses per semester as required by this policy.
2. "Extracurricular activities" are defined as: any school sponsored program where students from one or more schools meet, work, perform, practice under supervision

- outside of regular class time, or are competing for the purpose of receiving an award, rating, recognition, or criticism, or qualification for additional competition. Examples include, but are not limited to, inter/intrascholastic athletics, cheerleading, band, choral, math, or science competitions, field trips, and club activities.
3. “Field Trips” are when individual students or groups of students are invited to programs or events when there is no competition and the students are not interacting with each other for the purpose of planning, qualifying, or arranging for future programs or for the purpose of receiving recognition.
 4. “Interscholastic Activities” means athletic or non-athletic/academic activities where students compete on a school vs. school basis.
 5. “Intrascholastic Activities” means athletic or non-athletic/academic activities where students compete with students from within the same school.
 6. “Supplemental Improvement Program (SIP)” is an additional instructional opportunity for identified students outside of their regular classroom and meets the criteria outlined in the current Arkansas Activities Association (AAA) Handbook.

Extracurricular Eligibility

The Board believes in providing opportunities for students to participate in extracurricular activities that can help enrich the student’s educational experience. At the same time, the Board believes that a student’s participation in extracurricular activities cannot come at the expense of his/her classroom academic achievement. Interruptions of instructional time in the classroom are to be minimal. Additionally, a student’s participation in, and the District’s operation of, extracurricular activities shall be subject to the following policy. All students are eligible for extracurricular activities unless specifically denied eligibility on the basis of criteria outlined in this policy.

Any student who refuses to sit for a State assessment or attempts to boycott a State assessment by failing to put forth a good faith effort on the assessment as determined by the assessment administrator/proctor, or whose parents do not send their student to school on the dates the assessments are administered or scheduled as make-up days shall not be permitted to participate in any non-curriculum related extracurricular activity. The student shall remain ineligible to participate until the student takes the same or a following state mandated assessment, as applicable, or completes the required remediation for the assessment the student failed to put forth a good faith effort on. The superintendent or designee may waive this paragraph's provisions when the student’s failure was due to exceptional or extraordinary circumstances. Students falling under the provisions of this paragraph shall be permitted to attend curriculum related field trips occurring during the school day.

A student who enrolls in the district and meets the definition of “eligible child” in Policy 4.2—ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS shall be eligible to tryout for an extracurricular activity regardless of the date the student enrolls in the District so long as the student meets all other eligibility requirements and the extracurricular activity is still ongoing.

Interscholastic Activities

Each school in the District shall post on its website its schedule of interscholastic activities, including sign-up, tryout, and participation deadlines, at least one semester in advance of those activities. A hard copy of the schedule shall be available upon request.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS: Junior High

A student promoted from the sixth to the seventh grade automatically meets scholarship requirements. A student promoted from the seventh to the eighth grade automatically meets scholarship requirements for the first semester. The second semester eighth-grade student meets the scholarship requirements for junior high if he/she has successfully passed four (4) academic courses the previous semester.

The first semester ninth-grade student meets the scholarship requirements for junior high if he/she has successfully passed four (4) academic courses the previous semester.

The second semester ninth-grade student meets the scholarship requirements for junior high if he/she has successfully passed (4) academic courses the previous semester which count toward his/her high school graduation requirements.

Ninth-grade students must meet the requirements of the senior high scholarship rule by the end of the second semester in the ninth grade in order to be eligible to participate the fall semester of their tenth-grade year.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS: Senior High

In order to remain eligible for competitive interscholastic activity, a student must have passed (4) academic courses the previous semester and either:

- 1) Have earned a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.0 from all academic courses the previous semester; or
- 2) If the student has passed four (4) academic courses the previous semester but does not have a 2.0 GPA the student must be enrolled and successfully participating in an SIP to maintain their competitive interscholastic extracurricular eligibility.

STUDENTS WITH AN INDIVIDUAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

In order to be considered eligible to participate in competitive interscholastic activities, students with disabilities must pass at least four (4) courses per semester as required by their individual education program (IEP).

ARKANSAS ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

In addition to the foregoing rules, the district shall abide by the rules and regulations of AAA governing interscholastic activities. AAA provides catastrophic insurance coverage for students participating in AAA governed extracurricular activities who are enrolled in school. As a matter of District policy, no student may participate in a AAA governed extracurricular activity unless he or she is enrolled in a district school, to ensure all students are eligible for AAA catastrophic insurance.

Intrascholastic Activities

AAA Governed Activities

Students participating in intrascholastic extracurricular activities that would be governed by AAA if they were to occur between students of different schools shall meet all interscholastic activity eligibility requirements to be eligible to participate in the comparable intrascholastic activity. The District will abide by the AAA Handbook for such activities to ensure District students are not disqualified from participating in interscholastic activities.

Non-AAA Governed Activities

Unless made ineligible by District policies, all students shall be eligible to participate in non-AAA governed intrascholastic extracurricular activities. Intrascholastic activities designed

for a particular grade(s) or course(s) shall require the student to be enrolled in the grade(s) or course(s).

Legal References: State Board of Education Standards for Accreditation 10.05 and 10.06
Arkansas Activities Association Handbook A.C.A. § 6-4-302

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EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES – ELEMENTARY –Policy 4.56.1

Definitions

1. “Extracurricular activities” are defined as: any school sponsored program where students from one or more schools meet, work, perform, practice under supervision outside of regular class time, or are competing for the purpose of receiving an award, rating, recognition, or criticism, or qualification for additional competition. Examples include, but are not limited to, inter/intrascholastic athletics, cheerleading, band, choral, math, or science competitions, field trips, and club activities.
2. “Field Trips” are when individual students or groups of students are invited to programs or events when there is no competition and the students are not interacting with each other for the purpose of planning, qualifying, or arranging for future programs or for the purpose of receiving recognition.
3. “Interscholastic Activities” means athletic or non-athletic/academic activities where students compete on a school vs. school basis.
4. “Intrascholastic Activities” means athletic or non-athletic/academic activities where students compete with students from within the same school.

Extracurricular Eligibility

The Board believes in providing opportunities for students to participate in extracurricular activities that can help enrich the student’s educational experience. At the same time, the Board believes that a student’s participation in extracurricular activities cannot come at the expense of his/her classroom academic achievement. Interruptions of instructional time in the classroom are to be minimal. All students are eligible for extracurricular activities unless specifically denied eligibility on the basis of criteria outlined in this policy.

A student may lose his/her eligibility to participate in extracurricular activities when, in the opinion of the school’s administration, the student’s participation in such an activity may adversely jeopardize his/her academic achievement. Students may also be denied permission to participate in extracurricular activities as a consequence of disciplinary action taken by the administration for inappropriate behavior.

Any student who refuses to sit for a State assessment or attempts to boycott a State assessment by failing to put forth a good faith effort on the assessment as determined by the assessment administrator/proctor, or whose parents do not send their student to school on the dates the assessments are administered or scheduled as make-up days shall not be permitted to participate in any non-curriculum related extracurricular activity. The student shall remain ineligible to participate until the student takes the same or a following state mandated assessment, as applicable, or completes the required remediation for the assessment the student failed to put forth a good faith effort on. The superintendent or designee may waive this paragraph's provisions when the student’s failure was due to exceptional or extraordinary circumstances. Students falling under the provisions of this paragraph shall be permitted to attend curriculum related field trips occurring during the school day.

A student who enrolls in the district and meets the definition of “eligible child” in Policy 4.2—ENROLLMENT shall be eligible to tryout for an extracurricular activity regardless of the date the student enrolls in the District so long as the student meets all other eligibility requirements and the extracurricular activity is still ongoing.

Legal Reference: State Board of Education Standards for Accreditation 10.05 and 10.06 A.C.A. § 6-4-302

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EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY ELIGIBILITY FOR HOME SCHOOLED STUDENTS –Policy 4.56.2

Home-schooled student means a student legally enrolled in an Arkansas home school and who meets or has met the criteria for being a home-schooled student, as established by A.C.A. § 6-15-503.

Interscholastic activity means an activity between schools subject to regulations of the Arkansas Activities Association that is outside the regular curriculum of the school district, such as an athletic activity, fine arts program, or a special interest group or club.

Each school in the District shall post on its website its schedule of interscholastic activities, including sign-up, tryout, and participation deadlines, at least one semester in advance of those activities. A hard copy of the schedule shall be available upon request.

Home-schooled students whose parents or guardians are legal residents of the school district will be permitted to pursue participation in an interscholastic activity in the student's resident school zone as permitted by this policy. Although not guaranteed participation in an interscholastic activity, home-school students who meet the provisions of this policy, AAA Rules, and applicable Arkansas statutes shall have an equal opportunity to try out and participate in an interscholastic activities without discrimination.

To be eligible to try out and participate in interscholastic activities, the student or the parent of a student shall mail or hand deliver the student's request to participate to the student's school's principal before the signup, tryout or participation deadline established for traditional students. Additionally, the student shall demonstrate academic eligibility by obtaining a minimum test score of the 30th percentile or better in the previous 12 months on the Stanford Achievement Test Series, Tenth Edition; another nationally recognized norm-referenced test; or a minimum score on a test approved by the State Board of Education.

A student who meets the requirements for eligibility to participate in an interscholastic activity is required to register for no more than one course in the District's school where the student is intending to participate in an interscholastic activity.

The student shall regularly attend the class in which the student is registered beginning no later than the eleventh (11th) day of the semester in which the student's interscholastic activity participation is desired. The student must attend the practices for the interscholastic activity to the same extent as is required of traditional students.

A home-schooled student who has met the try out criteria; and who has been selected to participate in the interscholastic activity shall meet the following criteria that also apply to traditional students enrolled in the school:

- standards of behavior and codes of conduct;
- attend the practices for the interscholastic activity to the same extent as is required of traditional students;
- required drug testing;
- permission slips, waivers, physical exams; and

- participation or activity fees.

Students who participate in extracurricular or athletic activities under this policy will be transported to and from the interscholastic activities on the same basis as other students are transported.

A student who withdraws from an Arkansas Activities Association member school to be home-schooled shall not participate in an interscholastic activity in the resident school district for a minimum of three hundred sixty-five days after the student withdraws from the member school.

Legal References: A.C.A. § 6-15-509
 Arkansas Activities Association Handbook

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DISTRICT WEB SITE -- Policy 5.20

The Flippin School District shall maintain a web page to provide information about its schools, students, and activities to the community. This policy is adopted to promote continuity between the different pages on the district web site by establishing guidelines for their construction and operation. The School District web site shall be used for educational purposes only. It shall not create either a public or a limited public forum. Any link from any page on the District's site may only be to another educational site. The web site shall not use "cookies" to collect or retain identifying information about visitors to its web site nor shall any such information be given to "third parties." Any data collected shall be used solely for the purpose of monitoring site activity to help the district improve the usefulness of the site to its visitors.

Each school's web page shall be under the supervision of the school's Web Master and the District's web site shall be under the supervision of the District's Web Master. They shall have the responsibility for ensuring that web pages meet appropriate levels of academic standards and are in compliance with these guidelines and any additional administrative regulations. To this end the District and School Web Masters shall have the authority to review and edit any proposed changes to web pages to ensure their compliance with this policy. All such editing shall be viewpoint neutral.

District and school web pages shall also conform to the following guidelines.

- 1) All pages on the District's web site may contain advertising and links only to educational sources.
- 2) The District's home page shall contain links to existing individual school's web pages and the school home pages shall link back to the District's home page. The District's home page may also include links to educational extracurricular organization's web pages which shall also link back to the District's home page.
- 3) Photos along with the student's name shall only be posted on web pages after receiving written permission from the student or their parents if under the age of 18.
- 4) The District's web server shall host the Flippin School District's web site.
- 5) No web page on the District web site may contain public message boards or chat rooms.
- 6) All web pages on the District web site shall be constructed to download in a reasonable length of time.
- 7) The District's home page shall contain a link to a privacy policy notice which must be placed in a clear and prominent place and manner.
- 8) With the exception of students who may retain the copyright of material they have created that is displayed on a District web page, all materials displayed on the District web site are owned by Flippin School District.
- 9) Included on the District's web site shall be:
 - a. Minutes of regular and special meetings of the school board;
 - b. The budget for the ensuing year;
 - c. A financial breakdown of monthly expenditures of the district;
 - d. The salary schedule for all employees;

- e. The district's yearly audit;
- f. The annual statistical report of the district.

Legal References: A.C.A. § 6-13-620 (13) 20 U.S.C. § 1232 g 15 U.S.C. § 6501 (COPPA)
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WEB SITE PRIVACY POLICY -- Policy 5.20.1

The Flippin School District operates and maintains a web site for the purpose of informing the citizens of the district about its activities. The web site does not use “cookies” or ISP addresses to collect or retain personally identifying information about visitors to its web site nor is any such information given to “third parties.” Any data collected is used solely for the purpose of monitoring site activity to help the district improve the usefulness of the site to its visitors.

The site serves no commercial purpose and does not collect any information from individuals for such purpose.

Photographs of students, when associated with the student's name shall not be displayed on any page of the district's web site without the prior written consent of the parent (or the student if 18 or older). When posted, the photographs shall not be directly associated with the full name of the student.

The site provides for email communication between the District and individuals for the purpose of exchanging information regarding the District and its activities or between teachers and their students. The site may also provide for password protected communication between the District and its staff.

Legal References: 15 U.S.C. § 6501 (COPPA)
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STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN SURVEYS -- Policy 5.24

Section One: No student shall be required to submit to a survey, analysis, or evaluation which is administered or distributed by a school, and is funded in whole or in part by any program administered by the U.S. Department of Education without the prior written consent of the parent/guardian that reveals information concerning the following:

1. political affiliations;
2. mental and psychological problems potentially embarrassing to the student or his family;
3. sex behavior and attitudes;
4. illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, and demeaning behavior;
5. critical appraisals of other individuals with whom respondents have close family relationships;
6. legally recognized privileged or analogous relationships, such as those of lawyers, physicians, and ministers;
7. religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or student's parent; or
8. income (other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such program).

Section Two: No surveys shall be administered without the prior approval of the school principal. Any survey created by a third party, or funded, in whole or in part, as part of any US Department of Education administered program, containing one or more of the eight categories listed above shall be available to be inspected by a student's parent/guardian before the survey is administered or distributed by a school to a student. Parents/guardians shall have the right to deny permission for their child to participate in the taking of the survey. The school shall not penalize students whose parents/guardians exercise this option. The school shall take reasonable precautions to protect students' privacy during their participation in the administration of any survey, analysis, or evaluation containing one or more of the eight categories listed above.

Section Three: Parents or guardians wishing to inspect a survey, analysis, or evaluation shall be able to so in the administrative office of the administering school where the surveys shall be available for inspection for a period of ten (10)* days (regular school days when school is in session) after the notice of intent to administer the survey is sent. Included in the notice shall be information regarding how the survey or questionnaire will be administered; how it will be utilized; and the persons or entities that will have access to the results of the completed survey or questionnaire. Parents may refuse to allow their student to participate before or after reviewing the survey or questionnaire.

The requirements of sections one, two, and three of this policy do not apply to a survey administered to a student in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

Section Four: Prior written parental permission is required before any survey or questionnaire (not including tests mandated by state or Federal law or regulation and standardized scholastic achievement tests) is administered to a student the responses to which are to be provided to a person or entity other than another public school, school district, or any branch of the Federal Government and which requests or requires a student to provide any of the eight (8) categories of information listed above and/or the following:

1. A student's name;
2. The name of the student's parent or member of the student's family;
3. The address, telephone number, or email address of a student or a member of a student's family;
4. A personal identification number, such as a social security number, driver's license number, or student identification number of a student or a member of the student's family;
5. Any information, the disclosure of which is regulated, or prohibited by any other state or federal law or regulation.

The rights provided to parents under this policy transfer to the student when he/she turns 18 years old.

Legal Reference: 20 USC § 1232h (a), (b), (c) [NCLB Act of 2001, Part F, Section 1061 (c) (1)(A)(i)(ii)(B), (2)(A)(i)(ii)(B)(C)(ii), (5)(A)(ii)(B), (6)(C)(F)(G)] ACA § 6-18-1301 et seq.

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FUND RAISING -- Policy 6.6

All fund raising activities held in the District or in the name of the District must be pre-approved in writing affected school principal. Approval will be predicated on the potential for return relative to the time and energy to be invested in the fund raising. Fund raising that conflicts excessively with and/or detracts from student or teacher instructional time in either the planning or the execution of the activity will not be approved.

Neither an individual school nor the District shall be liable for any contract between clubs or organizations and third parties.

Student participation in any fund raising activity shall:

- 1) Be voluntary. Students who choose not to participate shall not forfeit any school privileges.

It shall not be considered discriminatory to reward those who participate;

- 2) Not influence or affect the student's grade.

For purposes of this policy, "Door-to-door sales" means the selling of merchandise outside of the child's home and off the school grounds.

Secondary Schools

Fund raising in the secondary schools may only be done by officially sanctioned student clubs, spirit groups, school PTAs, or parent booster clubs. Student clubs and spirit groups must receive written

approval from their sponsor and the school principal before submitting the fund raising proposal to the Superintendent.

Door to door fundraising activities are generally discouraged. If approved, students wishing to participate who are under the age of eighteen (18) must return to their sponsor a signed parental notification and permission form.

Elementary Schools (K-6)

Fund raising in the elementary schools may only be done by the school or a school sponsored Organization. Door to door fundraising activities are generally discouraged, but there shall be no more than one such activity per school per school year.

Schools must provide written notification of the following to parents or legal guardians of elementary students who participate in fund raising programs.

- Student participation in fund raising programs is voluntary;
- Students who do not participate will not forfeit any school privileges;
- Students may not participate in fund raising programs without written parental permission returned to school authorities;
- An elementary student who sells fund raising merchandise door to door must be accompanied by a parent or an adult; and
- Unless the school provides supervision, parents must accept responsibility for appropriate adult supervision.

Legal Reference: A.C.A. § 6-18-1102 A.C.A. § 6-18-1104 Date Adopted: 07/25/05 Revised: 06/28/14; 06/22/15

DISTRIBUTION OF PRINTED MATERIALS -- Policy 6.8

The District shall devise and maintain a system for distributing District communications and other printed materials between the Administration and the schools. Use of the system by employees or employee organizations shall be with prior approval of the Superintendent or his/her designee.

Distribution of printed materials, flyers, photographs, or other visual or auditory materials not originating within District schools to students or staff shall have prior approval of the Superintendent or his/her designee.

Date Adopted: 07/25/05

FOOD SHARING AND ITS REMOVAL FROM FOOD SERVICE AREA – Policy 4.58

Food Sharing Table

In an effort to reduce wasted food and to provide students access to healthy foods when possible, the District shall have in the district cafeteria a food sharing table located at the end of the service line. Prior to leaving the service line, students may place on or retrieve items from the table, at no additional charge, any of the following:

- Raw whole fruit traditionally eaten without the peel (e.g. bananas and oranges);
- Raw whole fruit traditionally eaten with the peel provided the fruit is wrapped to prevent contamination (e.g. apples and grapes);
- Raw whole vegetables provided the vegetable is wrapped to prevent contamination (e.g. carrot sticks);
- Milk; and
- Juice.

Removing Food Items From the Food Service Area

Except for food service workers as required by their job duties, District employees may only remove school provided food items from the food service area when required by a 504 plan or a student's IEP.

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Legal References:

Commissioner's Memo FIN 08-076

Commissioner's Memo FIN 15-052

Date Adopted: 06/22/15

Last Revised:

Section 2: Attendance

ABSENCES -- Policy 4.7

If any student's Individual Education Program (IEP) or 504 Plan conflicts with this policy, the requirements of the student's IEP or 504 Plan take precedence.

Education is more than the grades students receive in their courses. Important as that is, students' regular attendance at school is essential to their social and cultural development and helps prepare them to accept responsibilities they will face as an adult. Interactions with other students and participation in the instruction within the classroom enrich the learning environment and promote a continuity of instruction which results in higher student achievement.

Absences for students enrolled in digital courses shall be determined by the online attendance and time the student is working on the course rather than the student's physical presence at school. Students who are scheduled to have a dedicated period for a digital class shall not be considered absent if the student logs the correct amount of time and completes any required assignments; however, a student who fails to be physically present for an assigned period may be disciplined in accordance with the District's truancy policy.

Excused Absences

Excused absences are those where the student was on official school business or when the absence was due to one of the following reasons and the student brings a written statement to the principal or designee upon his/her return to school from the parent or legal guardian stating such reason.

1. The student's illness or when attendance could jeopardize the health of other students. A maximum of six (6) such days are allowed per semester unless the condition(s) causing such absences is of a chronic or recurring nature, is medically documented, and approved by the principal.
2. Death or serious illness in their immediate family;
3. Observance of recognized holidays observed by the student's faith;
4. Attendance at an appointment with a government agency;
5. Attendance at a medical appointment;
6. Exceptional circumstances with prior approval of the principal; or
7. Participation in an FFA, FHA, or 4-H sanctioned activity;
8. Participation in the election poll workers program for high school students.

9. Absences granted to allow a student to visit his/her parent or legal guardian who is a member of the military and been called to active duty, is on leave from active duty, or has returned from deployment to a combat zone or combat support posting. The number of additional excused absences shall be at the discretion of the superintendent or designee.
10. Absences granted, at the Superintendent's discretion, to seventeen (17) year-old students who join the Arkansas National Guard while in eleventh grade to complete basic combat training between grades eleven (11) and (12).
11. Absences for students excluded from school by the Arkansas Department of Health during a disease outbreak because the student has an immunization wavier or whose immunizations are not up to date
12. Students who serve as pages for a member of the General Assembly shall be considered on instructional assignment and shall not be considered absent from school for the day the student is serving as a page.

Unexcused Absences

Absences not defined above or not having an accompanying note from the parent or legal guardian, presented in the timeline required by this policy, shall be considered as unexcused absences. Students with **13** unexcused absences in a course in a semester shall not receive credit for that course. At the discretion of the principal after consultation with persons having knowledge of the circumstances of the unexcused absences, the student may be denied promotion or graduation. Excessive absences shall not be a reason for expulsion or dismissal of a student.

When a student has **6** unexcused absences, his/her parents, guardians, or persons in loco parentis shall be notified. Notification shall be by telephone by the end of the school day in which such absence occurred or by regular mail with a return address sent no later than the following school day.

Whenever a student exceeds **12** unexcused absences in a semester, the District shall notify the prosecuting authority and the parent, guardian, or persons in loco parentis shall be subject to a civil penalty as prescribed by law.

It is the Arkansas General Assembly's intention that students having excessive absences be given assistance in obtaining credit for their courses. Therefore, at any time prior to when a student exceeds the number of unexcused absences permitted by this policy, the student, or his/her parent, guardian, or person in loco parentis may petition the school or district's administration for special arrangements to address the student's unexcused absences. If formal arrangements are granted, they shall be formalized into a written agreement which will include the conditions of the agreement and the consequences for failing to fulfill the agreement's requirements. The agreement shall be signed by the student, the student's parent, guardian, or person in loco parentis, and the school or district administrator or designee.

Students who attend in-school suspension shall not be counted absent for those days.

Days missed due to out-of-school suspension or expulsion shall be unexcused absences.

The District shall notify the Department of Finance and Administration whenever a student fourteen (14) years of age or older is no longer in school. The Department of Finance and Administration is required to suspend the former student's operator's license unless he/she meets certain requirements specified in the statute.

Applicants for an instruction permit or for a driver's license by persons less than eighteen (18) years old on October 1 of any year are required to provide proof of a high school diploma or enrollment and regular attendance in an adult education program or a public, private, or parochial school prior to receiving an instruction permit. To be issued a driver's license, a student enrolled

in school shall present proof of a “C” average for the previous semester or similar equivalent grading period for which grades are reported as part of the student’s permanent record.

Legal References: A.C.A. § 6-4-302 A.C.A. § 6-18-209 A.C.A. § 6-18-220
 A.C.A. § 6-18-222 A.C.A. § 6-18-229 A.C.A. § 6-18-231
 A.C.A. § 6-18-507(g) A.C.A. § 7-4-116 A.C.A. § 9-28-113(f)
 A.C.A. § 27-16-701 A.C.A. § 6-18-702

Arkansas Department of Education Rules Governing Distance and Digital Learning

Date Adopted: 07/25/05 Last Revised: 10/27/08; 07/19/10; 06/27/11; 10/31/11; 6/25/12; 06/24/13; 06/22/15; 6/20/16

MAKE-UP WORK -- Policy 4.8

Students who miss school due to an excused absence shall be allowed to make up the work they missed during their absence under the following rules.

1. Students are responsible for asking the teachers of the classes they missed what assignments they need to make up.
2. Teachers are responsible for providing the missed assignments when asked by a returning student.
3. Students are required to ask for their assignments on their first day back at school or their first class day after their return.
4. Make-up tests are to be rescheduled at the discretion of the teacher, but must be aligned with the schedule of the missed work to be made up.
5. Students shall have one class day to make up their work for each class day they are absent.
6. Make-up work which is not turned in within the make-up schedule for that assignment shall receive a zero.
7. Students are responsible for turning in their make-up work without the teacher having to ask for it.
8. Students who are absent on the day their make-up work is due must turn in their work the day they return to school whether or not the class for which the work is due meets the day of their return.
9. As required/permitted by the student’s Individual Education Program or 504 Plan.

Work may not be made up for credit for unexcused absences **unless** the absences are part of a signed agreement as permitted by policy 4.7—ABSENCES. In lieu of the timeline above, assignments for students who are excluded from school by the Arkansas Department of Health during a disease outbreak are to be made up as set forth in Policy 4.57—IMMUNIZATIONS.

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TARDIES -- Policy 4.9

Promptness is an important character trait that District staff is to encouraged to model and help develop in our schools’ students. At the same time, promptness is the responsibility of each student. Students who are late to class show a disregard for both the teacher and their classmates which compromises potential student achievement.

Refer to student handbook for each respective school.

Date Adopted: 07/25/05

Section 3: Academics

GRADING -- Policy 5.15

Parents or guardians shall be kept informed concerning the progress of their student. Parent-teacher conferences are encouraged and may be requested by parents, guardians, or teachers. If the progress of a student is unsatisfactory in a subject, the teacher shall attempt to schedule a parent-teacher conference. In the conference, the teacher shall explain the reasons for difficulties and shall develop, cooperatively with the parents, a plan for remediation which may enhance the probability of the student succeeding. The school shall also send timely progress reports and issue grades for each nine-(9) week grading period to keep parents/guardians informed of their student's progress.

The evaluation of each student's performance on a regular basis serves to give the parents/guardians, students, and the school necessary information to help effect academic improvement. Students' grades shall reflect only the extent to which a student has achieved the expressed educational objectives of the course.

The grades of a child in foster care shall not be lowered due to an absence from school due to:

- (1) A change in the child's school enrollment;
- (2) The child's attendance at a dependency-neglect court proceeding; or
- (3) The child's attendance at court-ordered counseling or treatment.

The grading scale for all schools in the district shall be as follows:

A = 100 – 90

B = 89 – 80

C = 79 – 70

D = 69-60

F = 59 and below

For the purpose of determining grade point averages, the numeric value of each letter grade shall be :

A = 4 points

B = 3 points

C = 2 points

D = 1 point

F = 0 points

The grade point values for ADE-approved courses such as AP shall be one(1) point greater than for regular courses with the exception that an F shall still be worth zero (0) points.

The final grades of students who transfer in for part of a semester will be determined by blending the grades earned in the district with those earned outside the district. Each final grade will be the sum of the percentage of days in the grading period transferred from outside the district times the transferred grade from outside the district plus the percentage of days in the grading period while in the district times the grade earned in the district.

For example: The grading period had forty (40) days. A student transferred in with a grade of eighty-three percent (83%) earned in ten (10) days at the previous school. The student had a grade of seventy-five percent (75%) in our district's school earned in the remaining thirty (30) days of the grading period. Ten (10) days is twenty-five percent (25%) of forty (40) days while thirty (30) days is seventy-five percent (75%) of forty (40) days. Thus the final grade would be $(0.25 \times 83) + (0.75 \times 75) = 77\%$.

Legal References: A.C.A. § 6-15-902

A.C.A. § 9-28-113(f)

State Board of Education: Standards for Accreditation 12.02 Arkansas Department of Education Rules and Regulations

Governing Uniform Grading Scales for Public Secondary Schools

Date Adopted: 7/25/05

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ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 9 – 12 -- Policy 4.44

Students in grades nine through twelve (9-12) are required to schedule and attend at least 350 minutes of regularly scheduled class time daily. Part of this requirement may be met by students taking post-secondary courses. Eligible students' enrollment and attendance at a post-secondary institution shall count toward the required weekly time of school attendance. Each credit hour shall count as three (3) hours of attendance time. This means a three (3) hour course shall count as nine (9) hours of the weekly required time of attendance.

1. **Study Halls**--Students may be assigned to no more than one (1) class period each day for a study hall that the student shall be required to attend and participate in for the full period. Such study halls are to be used for the purposes of self-study or for organized tutoring which is to take place in the school building.

2. **Extracurricular Classes**--Students may be assigned to no more than one (1) class period each day for organized and scheduled student extracurricular classes that the student shall be required to attend and participate in for the full class period. Extracurricular classes related to a seasonal activity shall meet for an entire semester whether or not the season ends prior to the end of the semester. Students must attend and participate in the class for the entire semester in order to receive credit for the course. For the purpose of this policy, extracurricular classes is defined as school sponsored activities which are not an Arkansas Department of Education approved course counting toward graduation requirements or classes that have not been approved by the Arkansas Department of Education for academic credit. Such classes may include special interest, fine arts, technical, scholastic, intramural, and interscholastic opportunities.

3. **Course Enrollment Outside of District**--Enrollment and attendance in vocational-educational training courses, college courses, school work programs, and other department-sanctioned educational programs may be used to satisfy the student attendance requirement even if the programs are not located at the public schools. Attendance in such alternative programs must be pre-approved by the school's administration. The district shall strive to assign students who have been dropped from a course of study or removed from a school work program job during the semester into another placement or course of study. In the instances where a subsequent placement is unable to be made, the district may grant a waiver for the student for the duration of the semester in which the placement is unable to be made. In rare instances, students may be granted waivers from the mandatory attendance requirement if they would experience proven financial hardships if required to attend a full day of school. For the purpose of this policy, proven financial hardships is defined as harm or suffering caused by a student's inability to obtain or provide basic life necessities of food, clothing, and shelter for the student or the student's family. The superintendent shall have the authority to grant such a waiver, on a case-by-case basis, only when convinced the student meets the definition of proven financial hardships.

In any instance where a provision of a student's Individual Education Plan (IEP) conflicts with a portion(s) of this policy, the IEP shall prevail.

Legal References:

A.C.A. § 6-18-210, 211

Arkansas Department of Education Rules Governing the Mandatory attendance Requirements for Students in Grades Nine through Twelve

Date Adopted: 07/25/05

SMART CORE CURRICULUM AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CLASSES OF 2017 – Policy 4.45

All students are required to participate in the Smart Core curriculum unless their parents or guardians, or the students if they are 18 years of age or older, sign a *Smart Core Waiver Form* to not participate. While Smart Core is the default option, both a *Smart Core Informed Consent Form* and a *Smart Core Waiver Form* will be sent home with students prior to their enrolling in seventh grade, or when a 7-12 grade student enrolls in the district for the first time and there is not a signed form in the student's permanent record. Parents must sign one of the forms and return it to the school so it can be placed in the students' permanent records. This policy is to be included in student handbooks for grades 6-12 and both students and parents must sign an acknowledgement they have received the policy. Those students not participating in the Smart Core curriculum will be required to fulfill the Core curriculum or the requirements of their IEP (when applicable) to be eligible for graduation. Counseling by trained personnel shall be available to students and their parents or legal guardians prior to the time they are required to sign the consent forms.

While there are similarities between the two curriculums, following the Core curriculum may not qualify students for some scholarships and admission to certain colleges could be jeopardized. Students initially choosing the Core curriculum may subsequently change to the Smart Core curriculum **providing** they would be able to complete the required course of study by the end of their senior year. Students wishing to change their choice of curriculums must consult with their counselor to determine the feasibility of changing paths.

This policy, the Smart Core curriculum, and the courses necessary for graduation shall be reviewed by staff, students, and parents. The superintendent, or his/her designee, shall select the composition of the review panel.

Sufficient information relating to Smart Core and the district's graduation requirements shall be communicated to parents and students to ensure their informed understanding of each. This may be accomplished through any or all of the following means.

- Inclusion in the student handbook of the Smart Core curriculum and graduation requirements;
- Discussion of the Smart Core curriculum and graduation requirements at the school's annual public meeting, or a meeting held specifically for the purpose of informing the public on this matter;
- Discussions held by the school's counselors with students and their parents; and/or
- Distribution of a newsletter(s) to parents or guardians of the district's students.

Administrators, or their designees, shall train newly hired employees, required to be licensed as a condition of their employment, regarding this policy. The district's annual professional development shall include the training required by this paragraph.

To the best of its ability, the District shall follow the requirements covering the transfer of course credit and graduation set forth in the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children for all students who meet the definition of "eligible child" in Policy 4.2—ENROLLMENT.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The number of units students must earn to be eligible for high school graduation is to be earned from the categories listed below. A minimum of 22 units is required for graduation for a student participating in either the Smart Core or Core curriculum. In addition to the 22 units required for graduation by the Arkansas Department of Education, the district requires additional

units to graduate for a total of 25 units. The additional required units may be taken from any electives offered by the district. There are some distinctions made between Smart Core units and Graduation units. Not all units earned toward graduation necessarily apply to Smart Core requirements.

SMART CORE: Sixteen (16) units

English: four (4) units – 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th

Oral Communications: one-half (1/2) unit

Mathematics: four (4) units (all students under Smart Core must take a mathematics course in grade 11 or 12 and complete Algebra II.)

- 1. Algebra
- 2. Geometry
- 3. Algebra II and
- 4. The fourth unit may be either:
 - A math unit beyond Algebra II: this can include Pre-Calculus, Calculus, AP Statistics, Algebra III, Advanced Topic and Modeling in Mathematics, Mathematical Applications and Algorithms, Linear Systems and Statistics, or any of several IB or Advanced Placement math courses (Comparable concurrent credit college courses may be substituted where applicable); or
 - one unit of computer science chosen from ADE Essentials of Computer Programming, ADE Computer Science and Mathematics, AP Computer Science, AP Computer Science Principles, IB Computer Science, or other options approved by ADE.

Natural Science: a total of three (3) units with lab experience chosen from

- One unit of Biology; and either
- Two units chosen from the following three categories (there are acceptable options listed by the ADE for each)
 - Physical Science
 - Chemistry
 - Physics or Principles of Technology I & II or PIC Physics; or

One unit from the three categories above and one unit of computer science chosen from ADE Essentials of Computer Programming, ADE Computer Science and Mathematics, AP Computer Science, AP Computer Science Principles, IB Computer Science, or other options approved by ADE.

Social Studies: three (3) units

- Civics - one-half (1/2) unit
- World History - one unit
- American History- one unit

Physical Education: one-half (1/2) unit

Note: While one-half (1/2) unit is required for graduation, no more than one (1) unit may be applied toward fulfilling the necessary units to graduate.

Health and Safety: one-half (1/2) unit

Economics – one half (1/2) unit – dependent upon the licensure of the teacher teaching the course, this can count toward the required three (3) social studies credits or the six (6) required Career Focus elective credits.

Fine Arts: one-half (1/2) unit

CAREER FOCUS: - Six (6) units

All career focus unit requirements shall be established through guidance and counseling based on the student’s contemplated work aspirations. Career focus courses shall conform to the curriculum policy of the district and reflect state curriculum frameworks through course sequencing and career course concentrations where appropriate.

CORE: Sixteen (16) units

English: four (4) units – 9, 10, 11, and 12

Oral Communications: one-half (1/2) unit

Mathematics: four (4) units

- Algebra or its equivalent - 1 unit
- Geometry or its equivalent - 1 unit
- All math units must build on the base of algebra and geometry knowledge and skills.
- (Comparable concurrent credit college courses may be substituted where applicable)
- one unit of computer science chosen from ADE Essentials of Computer Programming, ADE Computer Science and Mathematics, AP Computer Science, AP Computer Science Principles, IB Computer Science, or other options approved by ADE may be substituted for a math credit beyond Algebra I and Geometry

Science: three (3) units

- at least one (1) unit of biology or its equivalent

Two units chosen from the following three categories:

- Physical Science;
- Chemistry;
- Physics; or

One unit from the three categories above and one unit of computer science chosen from ADE Essentials of Computer Programming, ADE Computer Science and Mathematics, AP Computer Science, AP Computer Science Principles, IB Computer Science, or other options approved by ADE.

Social Studies: three (3) units

- Civics - one-half (1/2) unit
- World history, one (1) unit
- American History, one (1) unit

Physical Education: one-half (1/2) unit

Note: While one-half (1/2) unit is required for graduation, no more than one (1) unit may be applied toward fulfilling the necessary units to graduate.

Health and Safety: one-half (1/2) unit

Economics – one half (½) unit – dependent upon the licensure of the teacher teaching the course, this can count toward the required three (3) social studies credits or the six (6) required Career Focus elective credits.

Fine Arts: one-half (1/2) unit

CAREER FOCUS: - Six (6) units

All career focus unit requirements shall be established through guidance and counseling based on the student’s contemplated work aspirations. Career focus courses shall conform to the

curriculum policy of the district and reflect state curriculum frameworks through course sequencing and career course concentrations where appropriate.

Legal References: Standards For Accreditation 9.03 – 9.03.1.9, 14.02
ADE Guidelines for the Development of Smart Core Curriculum Policy
Smart Core Informed Consent Form
Smart Core Waiver Form
A.C.A. § 6-4-302

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CORE CURRICULUM AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CLASS OF 2018 AND THEREAFTER – Policy 4.45.1

All students are required to participate in the Smart Core curriculum unless their parents or guardians, or the students if they are 18 years of age or older, sign a *Smart Core Waiver Form* to not participate. While Smart Core is the default option, both a *Smart Core Informed Consent Form* and a *Smart Core Waiver Form* will be sent home with students prior to their enrolling in seventh grade, or when a 7-12 grade student enrolls in the district for the first time and there is not a signed form in the student's permanent record. Parents must sign one of the forms and return it to the school so it can be placed in the students' permanent records. This policy is to be included in student handbooks for grades 6-12 and both students and parents must sign an acknowledgement they have received the policy. Those students not participating in the Smart Core curriculum will be required to fulfill the Core curriculum or the requirements of their IEP (when applicable) to be eligible for graduation. Counseling by trained personnel shall be available to students and their parents or legal guardians prior to the time they are required to sign the consent forms.

While there are similarities between the two curriculums, following the Core curriculum may not qualify students for some scholarships and admission to certain colleges could be jeopardized. Students initially choosing the Core curriculum may subsequently change to the Smart Core curriculum **providing** they would be able to complete the required course of study by the end of their senior year. Students wishing to change their choice of curriculums must consult with their counselor to determine the feasibility of changing

This policy, the Smart Core curriculum, and the courses necessary for graduation shall be reviewed by staff, students, and parents at least every other year to determine if changes need to be made to better serve the needs of the district's students. The superintendent, or his/her designee, shall select the composition of the review panel.

Sufficient information relating to Smart Core and the district's graduation requirements shall be communicated to parents and students to ensure their informed understanding of each. This may be accomplished through any or all of the following means.

- Inclusion in the student handbook of the Smart Core curriculum and graduation requirements;
- Discussion of the Smart Core curriculum and graduation requirements at the school's annual public meeting, PTA meetings, or a meeting held specifically for the purpose of informing the public on this matter;
- Discussions held by the school's counselors with students and their parents; and/or
- Distribution of a newsletter(s) to parents or guardians of the district's students.

Administrators, or their designees, shall train newly hired employees, required to be licensed as a condition of their employment, regarding this policy. The district’s annual professional development shall include the training required by this paragraph.

To the best of its ability, the District shall follow the requirements covering the transfer of course credit and graduation set forth in the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children for all students who meet the definition of “eligible child” in Policy 4.2—ENROLLMENT.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The number of units students must earn to be eligible for high school graduation is to be earned from the categories listed below. A minimum of 22 units is required for graduation for a student participating in either the Smart Core or Core curriculum. In addition to the 22 units required for graduation by the Arkansas Department of Education, the district requires a total of 25 units to graduate. The additional required units may be taken from any electives offered by the district. There are some distinctions made between Smart Core units and Graduation units. Not all units earned toward graduation necessarily apply to Smart Core requirements; Honor Graduates have additional requirements.

Digital Learning Courses

The District shall offer one or more digital learning course(s) through one or more District approved provider(s) as either a primary or supplementary method of instruction. The courses may be in a blended learning, online-based, or other technology-based format. In addition to the other graduation requirements contained in this policy, students are required to earn at least one (1) digital learning course for credit while in high school.

SMART CORE: Sixteen (16) units

English: four (4) units – 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th

Oral Communications: one-half (1/2) unit

Mathematics: four (4) units (all students under Smart Core must take a mathematics course in grade 11 or 12 and complete Algebra II.)

- 1. Algebra I
- 2. Geometry or Investigating Geometry
- 3. Algebra II and
- 4. The fourth unit may be either:
 - A math unit beyond Algebra II: this can include Pre-Calculus, Calculus, AP Statistics, Algebra III, Advanced Topic and Modeling in Mathematics, Mathematical Applications and Algorithms, Linear Systems and Statistics, or any of several IB or Advanced Placement math courses (Comparable concurrent credit college courses may be substituted where applicable); or
 - one unit of computer science chosen from ADE Essentials of Computer Programming, ADE Computer Science and Mathematics, AP Computer Science, IB Computer Science, AP Computer Science Principles, or other options approved by ADE.

Natural Science: a total of three (3) units with lab experience chosen from

One unit of Biology; and either

Two units chosen from the following three categories (there are acceptable options listed by the ADE for each)

- Physical Science

- Chemistry
- Physics or Principles of Technology I & II or PIC Physics; or
One unit from the three categories above and one unit of computer science chosen from ADE Essentials of Computer Programming, ADE Computer Science and Mathematics, AP Computer Science, AP Computer Science Principles, IB Computer Science, or other options approved by ADE.

Social Studies: three (3) units

- Civics - one-half (1/2) unit
- World History - one unit
- American History - one unit

Physical Education: one-half (1/2) unit

Note: While one-half (1/2) unit is required for graduation, no more than one (1) unit may be applied toward fulfilling the necessary units to graduate.

Health and Safety: one-half (1/2) unit

Economics – one half (1/2) unit – dependent upon the licensure of the teacher teaching the course, this can count toward the required three (3) social studies credits or the six (6) required Career Focus elective credits.

Fine Arts: one-half (1/2) unit

CAREER FOCUS: - Six (6) units

All career focus unit requirements shall be established through guidance and counseling based on the student's contemplated work aspirations. Career focus courses shall conform to the curriculum policy of the district and reflect state curriculum frameworks through course sequencing and career course concentrations where appropriate.

CORE: Sixteen (16) units

English: four (4) units – 9, 10, 11, and 12

Oral Communications: one-half (1/2) unit

Mathematics: four (4) units

- Algebra or its equivalent* - 1 unit
- Geometry or its equivalent* - 1 unit
- All math units must build on the base of algebra and geometry knowledge and skills.
- (Comparable concurrent credit college courses may be substituted where applicable)
- one unit of computer science chosen from ADE Essentials of Computer Programming, ADE Computer Science and Mathematics, AP Computer Science, AP Computer Science Principles, IB Computer Science, or other options approved by ADE may be substituted for a math credit beyond Algebra I and Geometry
- Science:
 - three (3) units at least one (1) unit of biology or its equivalent and

Two units chosen from the following three categories:

- Physical Science;
- Chemistry;
- Physics; or
- One unit from the three categories above and one unit of computer science chosen from ADE Essentials of Computer Programming, ADE Computer Science and Mathematics,

AP Computer Science, , AP Computer Science Principles, IB Computer Science, or other options approved by ADE.

Social Studies: three (3) units

1. Civics one-half (1/2) unit
2. World history, one (1) unit
3. American History, one (1) unit

Physical Education: one-half (1/2) unit

Note: While one-half (1/2) unit is required for graduation, no more than one (1) unit may be applied toward fulfilling the necessary units to graduate.

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Legal References: Standards for Accreditation 9.03 – 9.03.1.9, 14.02
ADE Guidelines for the Development of Smart Core Curriculum Policy
ADE Rules Governing the Digital Learning Act of 2013
Smart Core Informed Consent Form 2016
Smart Core Waiver Form 2016
A.C.A. § 6-4-302 A.C.A. § 6-16-1406

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COURSE CREDIT FOR K -12 SCHOOLS -- Policy 4.55

A disservice is done to students through social promotion and is prohibited by state law. The District shall, at a minimum, evaluate each student annually in an effort to help each student who is not performing at grade level. Each school in the Flippin School District shall include in the student handbook, the criteria for promotion of students to the next grade as well as the criteria for being required to retake a course, if applicable. Parents or guardians shall be kept informed concerning the progress of their student(s). Notice of a student’s possible retention or required retaking of a course shall be included with the student’s grades sent home to each parent/guardian or the student if 18 or older. Parent-teacher conferences are encouraged and may be held as necessary in an effort to improve a student’s academic success.

Promotion or retention of students, or their required retaking of a course shall be primarily based on the following criteria. If there is doubt concerning the promotion or retention of a student, or their required retaking of a course, a conference shall be held before a final decision is made that includes the following individuals:

- a) The building principal or designee;
- b) The student’s teacher(s);
- c) School counselor
- d) A 504/special education representative (if applicable); and
- e) The student’s parents.

The conference shall be held at a time and place that best accommodates those participating in the conference. The school shall document participation or non-participation in required conferences. If the conference attendees fail to agree concerning the student's placement, the final decision to promote or retain shall rest with the principal or his/her designee.

Students who do not score proficient or above on their grade level State assessments shall be required to participate in an Academic Improvement Plan (AIP). Each AIP shall be developed by school personnel and the student's parents and shall be designed to assist the student in attaining the expected achievement level. The AIP shall also state the parent's role as well as the consequences for the student's failure to participate in the plan, which shall include the student's retention in their present grade.

All students must successfully pass all **general EOC** assessments they are required to take, unless exempted by the student's individualized education program (IEP). To receive academic credit in a course requiring a student to take a **general EOC** assessment, the student must either receive a passing score on the initial assessment or successfully participate in the remediation program identified in his/her Individualized Academic Improvement Plan (IAIP). A student is not eligible to graduate if he/she fails to receive academic credit in a course requiring a general EOC. Additionally, the lack of credit could jeopardize the student's grade promotion or classification.

Unless exempted by the student's IEP, all students must successfully pass the Algebra I to receive academic credit for the course and be eligible to graduate from high school. This is a **high stakes** assessment and students failing to receive a passing score the first time they take the assessment must receive a passing score on a subsequent assessment or on an alternative assessment as provided by law.

Students transferring into the district from an out-of-state public, private, or home school or an Arkansas private or home school who can demonstrate by an official transcript that he/she has received academic credit for Algebra I is not required to take the Algebra I high stakes end of course assessment. The District, however, has the right to assess the student's education status to determine if the student possesses the requisite passing knowledge of Algebra I.

A student transferring into the District who does not have academic credit in Algebra I must take the Algebra I to be eligible for graduation.

Promotion/retention or graduation of students with an Individual Educational Plan (IEP) shall be based on their successful attainment of the goals set forth in their IEP.

Legal References: A.C.A. § 6-15-402 A.C.A. § 6-15-1602 A.C.A. § 6-15-2001
 A.C.A. § 6-15-2005 A.C.A. § 6-15-2009 A.C.A. § 6-15-404
 State Board of Education: Standards of Accreditation 12.04.3 ADE Rules Governing the
 ACTAAP and the Academic Distress Program 7.02-7.02.9, 7.03-7.03.7.3
 Arkansas Department of Education Rules Governing Public School End-Of-Course
 Assessments and Remediation 4.0 and 5.0

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DIGITAL LEARNING COURSES – Policy 5.11

Definitions ---For the purposes of this policy

1. “Blended Learning” is education in which instruction and content are delivered through supervised instruction in a classroom and online delivery of instruction with some element of student control over time, place, path, or pace.

2. "Digital Learning" means a digital technology or internet-based educational delivery model that does not rely exclusively on compressed interactive video (CIV). Digital learning includes online and blended learning.
3. "Instructional Materials" means:
 1. Traditional books, textbooks, and trade books in printed and bound form;
 2. Activity-oriented programs that may include:
 - i. Manipulatives;
 - ii. Hand-held calculators;
 - iii. Other hands-on materials; and
 3. Technology-based materials that require the use of electronic equipment in order to be used in the learning process.
4. "Online Learning" is education in which instruction and content are delivered primarily over the Internet. The term does not include print-based correspondence education, broadcast television or radio, videocassettes, compact disks and stand-alone educational software programs that do not have a significant Internet-based instructional component.
5. "Public School Student Accessing Courses at a Distance" means a student who is scheduled for a full course load through the District and attends all classes virtually.

Digital Course Offerings

The District shall offer one or more digital learning course(s) through one or more District approved provider(s) as either a primary or supplementary method of instruction. The courses may be in a blended learning, online-based, or other technology-based format and shall be tailored to meet the needs of each student.

All digitally offered courses shall meet or exceed the State Board of Education's curriculum standards and requirements and be capable of being assessed and measured through standardized or local assessments. Additionally, the District shall ensure there is sufficient infrastructure to handle and facilitate a quality digital learning environment.

As an approved digital learning provider, the District shall annually determine what District created digital learning courses it will provide to our students. The District may also choose to provide digital learning courses by contracting with outside providers of such courses, who have been pre-approved by the Arkansas Department of Education (ADE). The School Board shall determine the provider method or combination of methods for the District. The Superintendent shall ensure that all digital learning courses provided to District students, regardless of the source of the course, have been approved by ADE.

District created digital courses and any digital courses the district purchases from outside providers shall adhere to the guidelines for the use of digitally transmitted copyrighted materials set forth in Policy 5.8-USE OF COPYRIGHTED MATERIALS as well as applicable statutory requirements.

The District shall require all outside providers to incorporate Policy 5.8 as a condition of the service contract. Failure of the outside provider to abide by Policy 5.8 shall constitute a breach of contract and the outside provider shall be responsible for any costs resulting from such breach.

A student may elect to take any or all of his/her scheduled courses digitally. The student's attendance in his/her digital course(s) shall be determined by the online attendance and time the student is working on the course rather than the student's physical presence at school.

The District is responsible for providing all instructional materials for each student who enrolls in a District approved digital learning course.

Regardless of any other provisions of this policy, the District may restrict a student's access to digital courses when the student's building principal determines the student's participation in such a course would not be academically appropriate based on the student's past performance in digital courses. Furthermore, the student's building principal may revoke a student's eligibility to continue taking a digital learning course if the student's performance during the semester indicates the student is not succeeding in the course.

Legal References: A.C.A. § 6-16-1401 et seq.
ADE RULES GOVERNING DISTANCE AND DIGITAL LEARNING

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USE OF COPYRIGHTED MATERIALS –Policy 5.8

Use of Copyrighted Work in Face-to-Face Classroom

The Board of Education encourages the enrichment of the instructional program through the proper use of supplementary materials. To help ensure the appropriate use of copyrighted materials, the Superintendent, or designee, will provide district personnel with information regarding the “fair use” doctrine of the U.S. Copyright Code as detailed in the “Agreement on Guidelines for Classroom Copying in Not-for-Profit Educational Institutions with Respect to Books and Periodicals” and “Guidelines for Educational Uses of Music.”

Use of Copyrighted Works in Digital Transmissions

Definitions

1. “Class session” means the length of time provided for students to access the materials necessary for the completion of course assignments and tests. Depending on the copyrighted work's overall importance to the course, which can vary from a single assignment to an entire course focusing on the copyrighted work, the class session will end on:
 - The date set by the teacher for an assignment to be submitted; or
 - The date on the school calendar for the end of classes.
2. “Course packs” are premade compilations of book excerpts; newspaper, magazine, and journal articles; and instructor-authored materials.
3. “Mediated Instructional activities” includes textbooks, workbooks, and course packs.
4. “Transmission” is the remote accessing, whether on or off campus, by students of a copyrighted work by means of a closed circuit television, an educational television channel, or in a digital format on a password protected secure webpage.

The District recognizes that advances in technology have resulted in the need for guidelines for the use of copyrighted materials that are transmitted to students through a digital network. While the requirements to use a copyrighted work in a digital transmission have many similarities to those required to use a copyrighted work in a face-to-face classroom, Federal law places several additional requirements on the District’s teachers, IT staff, and librarians for the use of a digitally transmitted copyrighted work. The District is dedicated to providing the tools necessary for teachers, IT staff, and librarians to meet these additional Federal requirements.

The District shall make sure the server where materials are stored is secured, whether the server is located locally or remotely.

The District’s Informational Technologies staff shall develop the proper protocols and train teachers on their use in order to ensure:

1. The transmission of the copyrighted work is limited to only the students enrolled in the course;
 - Each student shall have a unique ID and password for accessing digital courses/materials; or
 - Each course shall have a unique password to access course materials; and
 - The password to access the course materials shall be changed immediately following the close of the course.
2. To prevent students from retaining or further disseminating the copyrighted work for more than one class session;
 - The print function will be disabled;
 - A transparency shall be placed over any literary work, sheet music, or photograph;
 - Audio and video transmissions will be set to be streamed; and
 - The link to the webpage with a copyrighted work shall be deactivated at the end of the applicable class session.

Teachers who wish to provide copyrighted works to students through a digital transmission as part of a digital course as well as teachers wishing to supplement a face-to-face classroom course with a digital transmission must meet applicable copyright statutes and policy 5.11—DIGITAL LEARNING COURSES as well as the following requirements in order to use a copyrighted work:

- A. The use of the copyrighted work(s), whether in whole or in part, must be a part of regular classroom instruction and must be directly related and of material assistance to the course content;
- B. The extent of a copyrighted work that is used must comply with one or more of the following criteria:
 - The entirety of a non-dramatic literary or musical work may be used. A non-dramatic literary work includes poems and short stories. A non-dramatic musical work covers all music that is not part of an opera or musical and does not cover the use of the music video format of a song.
 - Dramatic literary and musical works as well as videos may only be used in limited portions. Dramatic literary and musical works may only be used in the same amount as set forth in the requirements for a face-to-face classroom while videos, including music videos, may only have the portion used that is directly related to the subject of the class session and may not be transmitted in their entirety.
 - Still images or slides that a teacher would have used in the ordinary course of a face-to-face classroom session on a projector or a transparency may be used in a transmission.
 - Works primarily produced or marketed for use in the digital education market may not be transmitted.
 - Works the teacher had knowledge or reasonably believes to be unlawfully made or acquired may not be used.
 - Mediated Instructional activities may not be transmitted.
- C. A statement that works may be subject to copyright shall be placed in at least one of the following areas to provide notice to students of copyright status:⁵
 - Course syllabus;
 - Home webpage for the course;
 - Webpage for the particular class session; and/or

- Webpage with the copyrighted work.

The teacher and the District librarian shall work together when making digital copies of copyrighted work from physical or analog versions and shall fulfill the following requirements:

- I. The amount converted is only the amount allowed by law; **and**
- II. The District has no digital copy of the copyrighted work available; **or**
- III. The District’s digital copy of the copyrighted work that is available has technological protections that prevent the use of the copyrighted work in the manner prescribed by law.

The District will not be responsible for any employee violations of the use of copyrighted materials.

Notes: A useful checklist for Districts to use to help ensure compliance with Federal copyright laws can be found at <http://library.uncc.edu/copyright/TEACH/teachtools>.

Copies of the documents are available on the Policy Resources page at <http://arsba.org/policy-resources>.

Legal Reference: 17 USCS § 101 to 1010 (Federal Copyright Law of 1976)

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HONOR ROLL AND HONOR GRADUATES -- Policy 5.17

1. **HONOR ROLL** -- Students in grades 3-8 who have no grades below “B” for the grading period will be recognized as honor roll students for that grading period. Students in grades 9-12 who participate in the Smart Core Curriculum (Academic Diploma) and Common Core (Regular Diploma) and have no grade below “B” for the grading period will be recognized as honor roll students for that grading period. Semester grades will determine the honor roll at the end of each semester.
2. **STATE HONOR GRADUATES** -- In accordance with state policy, recognizes Honor Graduates as students having met the district’s Smart Core Curriculum requirements. Students who have successfully completed the minimum core of courses (22 credits) recommended for preparation for college as defined by the State Board of Higher Education and the State Board of Education and have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.75 will be designated as honor students on their transcripts with a seal. The GPA shall be derived from courses taken in public schools in grades nine (9) through twelve (12).
3. **FLIPPIN PUBLIC SCHOOL HONOR GRADUATES** – To graduate with honors a student must complete the FHS diploma with SMART CORE curriculum, earn credit in at least one AP course, earn credit in two years of the same foreign language, and obtain a cumulative GPA for the following designations: Summa cum laude = 4.00; magna cum laude = 3.75-3.99; cum laude = 3.50-3.74. This will be based on 8 semesters of high school. (All other requirements of number of semesters in attendance will stay the same). Student speakers for graduation will be determined by committee which may include but not be limited to the principal, counselor, senior sponsors, and honor graduates.

To graduate with honors a Flippin High School student must complete the Smart Core curriculum, earn credit in at least one AP course, earn credit in two years of the same foreign language, and obtain a GPA for the following designations: Summa cum laude = 4.00; magna cum laude = 3.75-3.99; cum laude = 3.50-3.74. This will be based on eight (8) semesters of high school. (All other requirements of number of semesters in attendance will stay the same).

Grade point averages for graduation purposes will be figured to the nearest hundredth decimal place and figured after eight (8) semesters of high school.

Parents or guardians of a student, or a student eighteen (18) years of age or older, who choose to not have the student publicly identified as an honor roll or honor graduate student must submit a written request that the student not be so identified.

Legal References: A.C.A. § 6-18-101 (a) (1) A.C.A. § 6-18-101 (a) (2) A.C.A. § 6-18-101 (b)
A.C.A. § 6-18-101 (e) A.C.A. § 6-61-217(a)

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ADVANCED PLACEMENT– Policy 5.21

Students in grades 7-12 who take advanced placement courses or concurrent credit college courses approved for weighted credit by the Arkansas Department of Education shall be graded according to the following schedule.

A = 100 – 90
B = 89 – 80
C = 79 – 70
D = 69-60
F = 59 and below

For the purpose of determining grade point averages, the numeric value of each letter grade shall be:

A = 5 points
B = 4 points
C = 3 points
D = 2 point
F = 0 points

For a student to be eligible to receive weighted credit for an AP, or IB course, the student's course must have been taught by an Arkansas licensed teacher who has received the appropriate training required by Arkansas statute and ADE Rule or, for an AP teacher, is in the process of completing an Additional Training Plan.

Additionally, for students taking AP or International Baccalaureate courses to receive weighted credit they must take the applicable AP or IB examination after completing the entire course. Credit shall be given for each grading period during the course of the year, but shall be retroactively removed from a student's grade for any course in which the student fails to take the applicable AP exam. Students who do not take the AP exam shall receive the same numeric value for the grade he/she receives in the course as if it were a non-AP course.

Students who transfer into the district will be given weighted credit for the Advanced Placement courses, International Baccalaureate courses, honors courses approved by the Arkansas Department of Education, and concurrent college courses taken for weighted credit at his/her previous school(s) according to the preceding scale.

Legal References: Arkansas Department of Education Rules and Regulations Governing Uniform Grading Scales for Public Secondary Schools

ADE Rules for Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate Diploma

Incentive Program

Advanced Placement Courses in the Four Core Area in High School

A.C.A. § 6-18-902(c) (1) A.C.A. § 6-16-806

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Date Revised: 10/27/08; 06/24/13; 07/28/14

CONCURRENT CREDIT -- Policy 5.22

A ninth through twelfth grade student who successfully completes a college course(s) from an institution approved by the Arkansas Department of Education shall be given credit toward high school grades and graduation at the rate of one high school credit for each three (3) semester hours of college credit. Unless approved by the school's principal, **prior to enrolling for the course**, the concurrent credit shall be applied toward the student's graduation requirements as an elective.

A student who takes a three-semester hour remedial/developmental education course, as permitted by the ADE Rules Governing Concurrent College and High School Credit, shall be the equivalent of one-half unit of credit for a high school career focus elective. The remedial/developmental education course cannot be used to meet the core subject area/unit requirements in English and mathematics.

Participation in the concurrent high school and college credit program must be required for high school graduation from a previously attended, accredited, public school documented by a written agreement between:

- The District's student, and his or her parent(s) or guardian(s) if the public school student is under the age of eighteen (18);
- The District; and
- The publicly supported community college, technical college, four-year college or university, or private institution the student attends to take the concurrent credit course.

Students are responsible for having the transcript for the concurrent credit course(s) they've taken sent to their school in order to receive credit for the course(s). Credit for concurrent credit courses will not be given until a transcript is received. Transcripts for students who take concurrent credit courses as partial fulfillment of the required full day of class for students in grades 9-12 (see Policy 4.44) are to be received by the school within five (5) school days of the end of the semester in which the course is taken. Students may not receive credit for the course(s) they took or the credit may be delayed if the transcripts are not received in time, or at all. This may jeopardize students' eligibility for extracurricular activities, graduation, or completion of records.

Students will retain credit earned through the concurrent credit program which was applied toward a course

Any and all costs of higher education courses taken for concurrent credit are the student's responsibility.

Legal Reference: A.C.A. § 6-15-902(c)(2)

Arkansas Department of Education Rules and Regulations:

Concurrent College and High School Credit for Students Who Have Completed the Eighth Grade

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Last Revised: 04/07/10; 06/24/13

SPECIAL EDUCATION -- Policy 4.49

The district shall provide a free appropriate public education and necessary related services to all children with disabilities residing within the district, required under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act ("IDEA"), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and Arkansas Statutes.

It is the intent of the district to ensure that students who are disabled within the definition of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 are identified, evaluated and provided with appropriate

educational services. Students may be disabled within the meaning of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act even though they do not require services pursuant to the IDEA.

For students eligible for services under IDEA, the District shall follow procedures for identification, evaluation, placement, and delivery of services to children with disabilities provided in state and federal statutes which govern special education. Implementation of an Individualized Education Program (IEP) in accordance with the IDEA satisfies the district's obligation to provide a free and appropriate education under Section 504.

The Board directs the superintendent to ensure procedures are in place for the implementation of special education services and that programs are developed to conform to the requirements of state and federal legislation. The superintendent is responsible for appointing a district coordinator for overseeing district fulfillment of its responsibilities regarding handicapped students. Among the coordinator's responsibilities shall be ensuring district enforcement of the due process rights of handicapped students and their parents.

Legal References: 34 C.F.R. 300 et seq. 42 U.S.C. §12101 et seq. American with Disabilities Act
29 U.S.C. § 794 Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504, 20 U.S.C. §1400 et seq.
Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, P.L. 108-446 The 2004
Reauthorization of the Individuals with Disabilities Act
A.C.A. § 6-41-201 et seq.

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HOMEWORK -- Policy 5.14

Homework is considered to be part of the educational program of the District. Assignments shall be an extension of the teaching/learning experience that promotes the student's educational development. As an extension of the classroom, homework must be planned and organized and should be viewed by the students as purposeful.

Teachers should be aware of the potential problem students may have completing assignments from multiple teachers and vary the amount of homework they give from day to day.

Parents shall be notified of this policy at the beginning of each school year.

Legal Reference: State Board of Education Rules & Regulations Accreditation Standards 10.07

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ALTERNATIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS -- Policy 5.26

The District shall provide an eligible alternative learning environment (ALE) for each eligible ALE student enrolled in a District school. The ALE shall be part of an intervention program designed to provide guidance, counseling, and academic support to students who are experiencing emotional, social, or academic problems. Placement of a student in an ALE program shall not be punitive in nature.

The superintendent or designee shall appoint an Alternative Education Placement Team which shall have the responsibility of determining student placement in the ALE. A student may be enrolled in an ALE program only on the referral of the Alternative Education Placement Team. The team's placement decision is final and may not be appealed.

The team is to be comprised of the following:

- a school counselor from the referring school;
- the ALE administrator and/or ALE teacher;
- the building principal or assistant principal from the referring school;
- a parent or legal guardian (if they choose to participate);

- The District shall document its efforts to contact the student's parent or guardian to schedule a meeting or a phone call for a placement meeting at the parent or guardian's convenience, and maintain such documentation in the student's Student Action Plan (SAP).
- LEA special education/504 representative (if applicable);
- at least one (1) of the student's regular classroom teacher(s); and
- if the District so chooses, the student.

Students who are placed in the ALE shall exhibit at least two of the following characteristics a through l:

- a) Disruptive behavior;
- b) Dropping out from school;
- c) Personal or family problems or situations;
- d) Recurring absenteeism;

For the purposes of the ALE, personal or family problems or situations are conditions that negatively affect the student's academic and social progress. These may include, but are not limited to:

- a) Ongoing, persistent lack of attaining proficiency levels in literacy and mathematics
- b) Abuse: physical, mental, or sexual;
- c) Frequent relocation of residency;
- d) Homelessness;
- e) Inadequate emotional support;
- f) Mental/physical health problems;
- g) Pregnancy; or
- h) Single parenting.

No later than five (5) school days after a student begins alternative education interventions, the Alternative Education Placement Team shall develop a signed agreement between the ALE, the parent or legal guardian (if they choose to participate), and the student, outlining the responsibility of the ALE, parent or legal guardian, and the student to provide assurance that the plan for each student is successful.

No later than one (1) week after a student begins alternative education interventions, the Alternative Education Placement Team shall assess the student's current functioning abilities and all relevant social, emotional, academic, career, and behavioral information and develop an SAP outlining the intervention services to be provided to the student that is in compliance with the Arkansas Department of Education (ADE) Rules. The SAP may be revised from time to time by the ALE placement team and a positive behavior or transitional plan shall be developed and added to the SAP prior to a student's return to the regular educational environment.

The district's ALE program shall follow class size, staffing, curriculum, and expenditure requirements identified in the ADE Rules.

Legal References: A.C.A. § 6-20-2305(b)(2)
 A.C.A. § 6-48-101 et seq.
 ADE Rules Governing the Distribution of Student Special Needs Funding and the
 Determination of Allowable Expenditure of These Funds – 3.01, 4.00, and 8.0

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ALE PROGRAM EVALUATION -- Policy 5.26.1

The ALE program shall be evaluated at least annually to determine its overall effectiveness. The evaluation shall specifically address how the use of ALE funds is in alignment with the District's ACSIP in addressing identified achievement gaps and student performance deficiencies.

Legal Reference: A.C.A. § 6-15-426(f)

Date Adopted: 07/24/06; 04/07/07

Section 4: Residency/Enrollment/Records

RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS -- Policy 4.1

Definitions:

1. "Reside" means to be physically present and to maintain a permanent place of abode for an average of no fewer than four (4) calendar days and nights per week for a primary purpose other than school attendance.
2. "Resident" means a student whose parents, legal guardians, persons having legal, lawful control of the student under order of a court, or persons standing in loco parentis reside in the school district.
3. "Residential address" means the physical location where the student's parents, legal guardians, persons having legal, lawful control of the student under order of a court, or persons standing in loco parentis reside. A student may use the residential address of a legal guardian, person having legal, lawful control of the student under order of a court, or person standing in loco parentis only if the student resides at the same residential address and if the guardianship or other legal authority is not granted solely for educational needs or school attendance purposes.

The schools of the District shall be open and free through the completion of the secondary program to all persons between the ages of five (5) and twenty one (21) years whose parents, legal guardians, or other persons having lawful control of the person under an order of a court reside within the District and to all persons between those ages who have been legally transferred to the District for educational purposes.

Any person eighteen (18) years of age or older may establish a residence separate and apart from his or her parents or guardians for school attendance purposes.

In order for a person under the age of eighteen (18) years to establish a residence for the purpose of attending the District's schools separate and apart from his or her parents, guardians, or other persons having lawful control of him or her under an order of a court, the person must actually reside in the District for a primary purpose other than that of school attendance. However, a student previously enrolled in the district who is placed under the legal guardianship of a noncustodial parent living outside the district by a custodial parent on active military duty may continue to attend district schools. A foster child who was previously enrolled in a District school and who has had a change in placement to a residence outside the District, may continue to remain enrolled in his/her current school unless the presiding court rules otherwise.

Under instances prescribed in A.C.A. § 6-18-203, a child or ward of an employee of the district or of the education coop to which the district belongs may enroll in the district even though the employee and his/her child or ward reside outside the district.

Legal References: A.C.A. § 6-18-202 A.C.A. § 6-18-203 A.C.A. § 6-27-102, 112
A.C.A. § 9-28-113 A.C.A. § 6-4-302

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ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS -- Policy 4.2

To enroll in a school in the District, the child must be a resident of the District as defined in District policy (4.1—RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS), meet the criteria outlined in policy 4.40—HOMELESS STUDENTS, be accepted as a transfer student under the provisions of policy 4.4, or participate under a school choice option and submit the required paperwork as required by the choice option.

Students may enter kindergarten if they will attain the age of five (5) on or before August 15 of the year in which they are seeking initial enrollment. Any student who has been enrolled in a state-accredited or state-approved kindergarten program in another state for at least sixty (60) days, who will become five (5) years old during the year in which he/she is enrolled in kindergarten, and who meets the basic residency requirement for school attendance may be enrolled in kindergarten upon written request to the District.

Any child who will be six (6) years of age on or before October 1 of the school year of enrollment and who has not completed a state-accredited kindergarten program shall be evaluated by the district and may be placed in the first grade if the results of the evaluation justify placement in the first grade and the child's parent or legal guardian agrees with placement in the first grade; otherwise the child shall be placed in kindergarten.

Any child may enter first grade in a District school if the child will attain the age of six (6) years during the school year in which the child is seeking enrollment and the child has successfully completed a kindergarten program in a public school in Arkansas.

Any child who has been enrolled in the first grade in a state-accredited or state-approved elementary school in another state for a period of at least sixty (60) days, who will become age six (6) years during the school year in which he/she is enrolled in grade one (1), and who meets the basic residency requirements for school attendance may be enrolled in the first grade.

Students who move into the District from an accredited school shall be assigned to the same grade as they were attending in their previous school (mid-year transfers) or as they would have been assigned in their previous school. Home-schooled and private school students shall be evaluated by the District to determine their appropriate grade placement.

The district shall make no attempt to ascertain the immigration status, legal or illegal, of any student or his/her parent or legal guardian presenting for enrollment.

Prior to the child's admission to a District school,

1. The parent, guardian, or other responsible person shall furnish the child's social security number, or if they request, the district will assign the child a nine (9) digit number designated by the department of education.
2. The parent, guardian, or other responsible person shall provide the district with one (1) of the following documents indicating the child's age:
 - a. A birth certificate;
 - b. A statement by the local registrar or a county recorder certifying the child's date of birth;
 - c. An attested baptismal certificate;
 - d. A passport;
 - e. An affidavit of the date and place of birth by the child's parent or guardian;
 - f. United States military identification; or
 - g. Previous school records.
3. The parent, guardian, or other responsible person shall indicate on school registration forms whether the child has been expelled from school in any other school district or is a party to an expulsion proceeding. The Board of Education reserves the right, after a hearing before the Board, not to

allow any person who has been expelled from another school district to enroll as a student until the time of the person's expulsion has expired.

4. In accordance with Policy 4.57—IMMUNIZATIONS, the child shall be age appropriately immunized or have an exemption issued by the Arkansas Department of Health.

Uniformed Services Member's Children

For the purposes of this policy, "active duty members of the uniformed services" includes members of the National Guard and Reserve on active duty orders pursuant to 10 U.S.C. Section 1209 and 1211; "uniformed services" means the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard as well as the Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and Public Health Services; "veteran" means: a person who served in the uniformed services and who was discharged or released there from under conditions other than dishonorable.

"Eligible child" means the children of:

- active duty members of the uniformed services;
- members or veterans of the uniformed services who are severely injured and medically discharged or retired for a period of one (1) year after medical discharge or retirement; and
- members of the uniformed services who die on active duty or as a result of injuries sustained on active duty for a period of one (1) year after death.

An eligible child as defined in this policy shall:

1. be allowed to continue his/her enrollment at the grade level commensurate with his/her grade level he/she was in at the time of transition from his/her previous school, regardless of age;
2. be eligible for enrollment in the next highest grade level, regardless of age if the student has satisfactorily completed the prerequisite grade level in his/her previous school;
3. enter the District's school on the validated level from his/her previous accredited school when transferring into the District after the start of the school year;
4. be enrolled in courses and programs the same as or similar to the ones the student was enrolled in his/her previous school to extent that space is available. This does not prohibit the District from performing subsequent evaluations to ensure appropriate placement and continued enrollment of the student in the courses/and/or programs;
5. be provided services comparable to those the student with disabilities received in his/her previous school based on his/her previous Individualized Education Program (IEP). This does not preclude the District school from performing subsequent evaluations to ensure appropriate placement of the student;
6. make reasonable accommodations and modifications to address the needs of an incoming student with disabilities, subject to an existing 504 or Title II Plan, necessary to provide the student with equal access to education. This does not preclude the District school from performing subsequent evaluations to ensure appropriate placement of the student;
7. be enrolled by an individual who has been given the special power of attorney for the student's guardianship. The individual shall have the power to take all other actions requiring parental participation and/or consent;
8. be eligible to continue attending District schools if he/she has been placed under the legal guardianship of a noncustodial parent living outside the district by a custodial parent on active military duty.

IMMUNIZATIONS - Policy 4.57

Definitions

"In process" means the student has received at least one dose of the required immunizations and is waiting the minimum time interval to receive the additional dose(s).

"Serologic testing" refers to a medical procedure used to determine an individual's immunity to Hepatitis B, Measles, Mumps, Rubella and Varicella.

General Requirements

Unless otherwise provided by law or this policy, no student shall be admitted to attend classes in the District who has not been age appropriately immunized against:

- Poliomyelitis;
- Diphtheria;
- Tetanus;
- Pertussis;
- Red (rubeola) measles;
- Rubella;
- Mumps;
- Hepatitis A;
- Hepatitis B;
- Meningococcal disease;
- Varicella (chickenpox); and
- Any other immunization required by the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH).

The District administration has the responsibility to evaluate the immunization status of District students. The District shall maintain a list of all students who are not fully age appropriately immunized or who have an exemption provided by ADH to the immunization requirements based on medical, religious, or philosophical grounds. Students who are not fully age appropriately immunized when seeking admittance shall be referred to a medical authority for consultation.

The only types of proof of immunization the District will accept are immunization records provided by a:

- A. Licensed physician;
- B. Health department;
- C. Military service; or
- D. Official record from another educational institution in Arkansas.

The proof of immunization must include the vaccine type and dates of vaccine administration. Documents stating "up-to-date", "complete", "adequate", and the like will not be accepted as proof of immunization. No self or parental history of varicella disease will be accepted. Valid proof of immunization and of immunity based on serological testing shall be entered into the student's record.

In order to continue attending classes in the District, the student must have submitted:

- 1) Proof of immunization showing the student to be fully age appropriately vaccinated;

- 2) Written documentation by a public health nurse or private physician of proof the student is in process of being age appropriately immunized, which includes a schedule of the student's next immunization;
- 3) A copy of a letter from ADH indicating immunity based on serologic testing; and/or
- 4) A copy of the letter from ADH exempting the student from the immunization requirements for the current school year, or a copy of the application for an exemption for the current school year if the exemption letter has not yet arrived.

Students whose immunization records or serology results are lost or unavailable are required to receive all age appropriate vaccinations or submit number 4 above.

Temporary Admittance

While students who are not fully age appropriately immunized or have not yet submitted an immunization waiver may be enrolled to attend school, such students shall be allowed to attend school on a temporary basis only. Students admitted on a temporary basis may be admitted for a maximum of thirty (30) days (or until October 1st of the current school year for the tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis, and meningococcal vaccinations required at ages eleven (11) and sixteen (16) respectively if October 1st is later in the current school year than the thirty (30) days following the student's admittance). No student shall be withdrawn and readmitted in order to extend the thirty (30) day period. Students may be allowed to continue attending beyond the thirty (30) day period if the student submits a copy of either number 2 or number 4 above.

Students who are in process shall be required to adhere to the submitted schedule. Failure of the student to submit written documentation from a public health nurse or private physician demonstrating the student received the vaccinations set forth in the schedule may lead to the revocation of the student's temporary admittance; such students shall be excluded from school until the documentation is provided.

The District will not accept copies of applications requesting an exemption for the current school year that are older than two (2) weeks based on the date on the application. Students who submit a copy of an application to receive an exemption from the immunization requirements for the current year to gain temporary admittance have thirty (30) days from the admission date to submit either a letter from ADH granting the exemption or documentation demonstrating the student is in process and a copy of the immunization schedule. Failure to submit the necessary documentation by the close of the thirty (30) days will result in the student being excluded until the documentation is submitted.

Exclusion From School

In the event of an outbreak, students who are not fully age appropriately immunized, are in process, or are exempt from the immunization requirements may be required to be excluded from school in order to protect the student. ADH shall determine if it is necessary for students to be excluded in the event of an outbreak. Students may be excluded for twenty-one (21) days or longer depending on the outbreak. No student excluded due to an outbreak shall be allowed to return to school until the District receives approval from ADH.

Students who are excluded from school are not eligible to receive homebound instruction unless the excluded student had a pre-existing IEP or 504 Plan and the IEP/504 team determines homebound instruction to be in the best interest of the student. To the extent possible, the student's teacher(s) shall place in the principal's office a copy of the student's assignments:

- for the remainder of the week by the end of the initial school day of the student's exclusion; and
- by the end of each Monday for the current week until the student returns to school.

It is the responsibility of the student or the student's parent/legal guardian to make sure that the student's assignments are collected.

Students excluded from school shall have five (5) school days from the day the student returns to school to submit any homework and to make up any examinations. State mandated assessments are not included in "examinations" and the District has no control over administering state mandated make-up assessments outside of the state's schedule.

Legal References: A.C.A. § 6-18-702
 ADE Rules Governing Kindergarten Through 12th Grade Immunization Requirements
 In Arkansas Public Schools
 ADH Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Immunization Requirements

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PLACEMENT OF MULTIPLE BIRTH SIBLINGS – Policy 4.53

The parent, guardian or other person having charge or custody of multiple birth siblings in grades pre-K through 6 may request that the multiple birth siblings are placed in either the same or separate classrooms. The request shall be in writing not later than the 14th calendar day prior to the first day of classes at the beginning of the academic year. The school shall honor the request unless it would require the school to add an additional class to the sibling's grade level. If one parent of multiple birth siblings requests a placement that differs from that of the other parent of the same multiple birth siblings, the school shall determine the appropriate placement of the siblings.

The school may change the classroom placement of one or more of the multiple birth siblings if:

- There have been a minimum of 30 instructional days since the start of the school year; and after consulting with each classroom teacher in which the siblings were placed, the school determines the parent's classroom placement request is:
 - Detrimental to the educational achievement of one or more of the siblings;
 - Disruptive to the siblings' assigned classroom learning environment; or
 - Disruptive to the school's educational or disciplinary environment.

If a parent believes the school has not followed the requirements of this policy, the parent may appeal the multiple birth siblings' classroom placement to the Superintendent. The Superintendent's decision regarding the appeal shall be final.

Legal Reference: A.C.A. § 6-18-106 Date Adopted: 06/27/11

COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS -- Policy 4.3

Every parent, guardian, or other person having custody or charge of any child age five (5) through seventeen (17) years on or before August 1 of that year who resides, as defined by policy (4.1—RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS), within the District shall enroll and send the child to a District school with the following exceptions.

1. The child is enrolled in private or parochial school.
2. The child is being home-schooled and the conditions of policy (4.6—HOME SCHOOLING) have been met.

3. The child will not be age six (6) on or before August 1 of that particular school year and the parent, guardian, or other person having custody or charge of the child elects not to have him/her attend kindergarten. A kindergarten waiver form prescribed by regulation of the Department of Education must be signed and on file with the District administrative office.
4. The child has received a high school diploma or its equivalent as determined by the State Board of Education.
5. The child is age sixteen (16) or above and is enrolled in a post-secondary vocational-technical institution, a community college, or a two-year or four-year institution of higher education.
6. The child is age sixteen (16) or seventeen (17) and has met the requirements to enroll in an adult education program as defined by A.C.A. § 6-18-201 (b).

Legal Reference: A.C.A. § 6-18-201 A.C.A. § 6-18-207
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STUDENT TRANSFERS -- Policy 4.4

The Flippin School District shall review and accept or reject requests for transfers, both into and out of the district, on a case by case basis at the July and December regularly scheduled board meetings. Extraordinary circumstances will be addressed on a case by case situation.

The District may reject a nonresident’s application for admission if its acceptance would necessitate the addition of staff or classrooms, exceed the capacity of a program, class, grade level, or school building, or cause the District to provide educational services not currently provided in the affected school. The District shall reject applications that would cause it to be out of compliance with applicable laws and regulations regarding desegregation.

Any student transferring from a school accredited by the Department of Education to a school in this district shall be placed into the same grade the student would have been in had the student remained at the former school. Any grades, course credits, and/or promotions received by a student while enrolled in the Division of Youth Services system of education shall be considered transferable in the same manner as those grades, course credits, and promotions from other accredited Arkansas public educational entities.

Any student transferring from home school or a school that is not accredited by the Department of Education to a District school shall be evaluated by District staff to determine the student’s appropriate grade placement.

The Board of Education reserves the right, after a hearing before the Board, not to allow any person who has been expelled from another district to enroll as a student until the time of the person’s expulsion has expired.

Except as otherwise required or permitted by law, the responsibility for transportation of any nonresident student admitted to a school in this District shall be borne by the student or the student’s parents. The District and the resident district may enter into a written agreement with the student or student’s parents to provide transportation to or from the District, or both.

Legal References: A.C.A. § 6-18-316 A.C.A. § 6-18-510 A.C.A. § 6-15-504 (f)
 A.C.A. § 9-28-113(b)(4) A.C.A. § 6-18-317 A.C.A. § 6-18-318
 A.C.A. § 9-28-205_State Board of Education Standards of Accreditation 12.05
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SCHOOL CHOICE – Policy 4.5

Definition

"sibling" means each of two (2) or more children having a common parent in common by blood, adoption, marriage, or foster care.

Transfers Into the District

Capacity Determination and Public Pronouncement

The Board of Directors will adopt a resolution containing the capacity standards for the District. The resolution will contain the acceptance determination criteria identified by academic program, class, grade level, and individual school. The school is not obligated to add any teachers, other staff, or classrooms to accommodate choice applications. The District may only deny a Standard School Choice application if the District has a lack of capacity by the District having reached ninety percent (90%) of the maximum student population in a program, class, grade level, or school building authorized by the Standards or other State/Federal law.

The District shall advertise in appropriate broadcast media and either print media or on the Internet to inform students and parents in adjoining districts of the range of possible openings available under the School Choice program. The public pronouncements shall state the application deadline and the requirements and procedures for participation in the program. Such pronouncements shall be made in the spring, but in no case later than March 1.

Application Process

The student's parent shall submit a school choice application on a form approved by ADE to this district. The transfer application must be postmarked or hand delivered on or before May 1 of the year preceding the fall semester the applicant would begin school in the District. The District shall date and time stamp all applications as they are received in the District's central office. It is the District's responsibility to send a copy of the application that includes the date and time stamp to the student's resident district. Applications postmarked or hand delivered on or after May 2 will not be accepted. Statutorily, preference is required to be given to siblings of students who are already enrolled in the District. Therefore, siblings whose applications fit the capacity standards approved by the Board of Directors may be approved ahead of an otherwise qualified non-sibling applicant who submitted an earlier application as identified by the application's date and time stamp.

The approval of any application for a choice transfer into the District is potentially limited by the applicant's resident district's statutory limitation of losing no more than three percent (3%) of its past year's student enrollment due to Standard School Choice. As such, any District approval of a choice application prior to July 1 is provisional pending a determination that the resident district's three percent (3%) cap has not been reached.

The Superintendent will consider all properly submitted applications for School Choice. By July 1, the Superintendent shall notify the parent and the student's resident district, in writing, of the decision to accept or reject the application.

Accepted Applications

Applications which fit within the District's stated capacity standards shall be provisionally accepted, in writing, with the notification letter stating a reasonable timeline by which the student shall enroll in the District by taking the steps detailed in the letter, including submission of all required documents. If the student fails to enroll within the stated timeline, or if all necessary steps to complete the enrollment are not taken, or examination of the documentation indicates the applicant does not meet the District's stated capacity standards, the acceptance shall be null and void.

A student, whose application has been accepted and who has enrolled in the District, is eligible to continue enrollment until completing his/her secondary education. Continued enrollment is conditioned upon the student meeting applicable statutory and District policy requirements. Any student who has been accepted under choice and who either fails to initially

enroll under the timelines and provisions provided in this policy or who chooses to return to his/her resident district voids the transfer and must reapply if, in the future, the student seeks another school choice transfer. A subsequent transfer application will be subject to the capacity standards applicable to the year in which the application is considered by the District.

A present or future sibling of a student who continues enrollment in this District may enroll in the District by submitting a Standard School Choice application. Applications of siblings of presently enrolled choice students are subject to the provisions of this policy including the capacity standards applicable to the year in which the sibling's application is considered by the District. A sibling who enrolls in the District through Standard School choice is eligible to remain in the District until completing his/her secondary education.

Students whose applications have been accepted and who have enrolled in the district shall not be discriminated against on the basis of gender, national origin, race, ethnicity, religion, or disability.

Rejected Applications

The District may reject an application for a transfer into the District under Standard School Choice due to a lack of capacity. However, the decision to accept or reject an application may not be based on the student's previous academic achievement, athletic or other extracurricular ability, English proficiency level, or previous disciplinary proceedings other than a current expulsion.

An application may be provisionally rejected if it is for an opening that was included in the District's capacity resolution, but was provisionally filled by an earlier applicant. If the provisionally approved applicant subsequently does not enroll in the District, the provisionally rejected applicant could be provisionally approved and would have to meet the acceptance requirements to be eligible to enroll in the district.

Rejection of applications shall be in writing and shall state the reason(s) for the rejection. A student whose application was rejected may request a hearing before the State Board of Education to reconsider the application which must be done, in writing to the State Board within ten (10) days of receiving the rejection letter from the District.

Any applications that are denied due to the student's resident district reaching the three percent (3%) limitation cap shall be given priority for a choice transfer the following year in the order that the District received the original applications.

Transfers Out of the District

All Standard School Choice applications shall be granted unless the approval would cause the District to have a net enrollment loss (students transferring out minus those transferring in) of more than three percent (3%) of the average daily membership on October 15 of the immediately preceding year. By December 15 of each year, ADE shall determine and notify the District of the net number of allowable choice transfers. For the purpose of determining the three percent (3%) cap, siblings are counted as one student, and students are not counted if the student transfers from a school or district in:

- Academic Distress under either A.C.A. § 6-15-430(c)(1) or A.C.A. § 6-18-227; or
- Facilities Distress under A.C.A. § 6-21-812.

If, prior to July 1, the District receives sufficient copies of requests from other districts for its students to transfer to other districts to trigger the three percent (3%) cap, it shall notify each district the District received Standard School Choice applications from that it has tentatively reached the limitation cap. The District will use confirmations of approved choice applications from receiving districts to make a final determination of which applications it received that

exceeded the limitation cap and notify each district that was the recipient of an application to that effect.

Facilities Distress School Choice Applications

There are a few exceptions from the provisions of the rest of this policy that govern choice transfers triggered by facilities distress. Any student attending a school district that has been identified as being in facilities distress may transfer under the provisions of this policy, but with the following four (4) differences.

- The receiving district cannot be in facilities distress;
- The transfer is only available for the duration of the time the student's resident district remains in distress;
- The student is not required to meet the June 1 application deadline; and
- The student's resident district is responsible for the cost of transporting the student to this District's school.

Opportunity School Choice

Transfers Into or Within the District

For the purposes of this section of the policy, a “lack of capacity” is defined as when the receiving school has reached the maximum student-to-teacher ratio allowed under federal or state law, the ADE Rules for the Standards of Accreditation, or other applicable rules. There is a lack of capacity if, as of the date of the application for Opportunity School Choice, ninety-five percent (90%) or more of the seats at the grade level at the nonresident school are filled.

Unless there is a lack of capacity at the District’s school or the transfer conflicts with the provisions of a federal desegregation order applicable to the District, a student who is enrolled in or assigned to a school classified by the ADE to be in academic distress is eligible to transfer to the school closest to the student’s legal residence that is not in academic distress. The student’s parent or guardian, or the student if over the age of eighteen (18), must successfully complete the necessary application process by July 30 preceding the initial year of desired enrollment.

Within thirty (30) days from receipt of an application from a student seeking admission under this section of the policy, the Superintendent shall notify in writing the parent or guardian, or the student if the student is over eighteen (18) years of age, whether the Opportunity School Choice application has been accepted or rejected. The notification shall be sent via First-Class Mail to the address on the application.

If the application is accepted, the notification letter shall state the deadline by which the student must enroll in the receiving school or the transfer will be null and void.

If the District rejects the application, the District shall state in the notification letter the specific reasons for the rejection. A parent or guardian, or the student if the student is over eighteen (18) years of age, may appeal the District’s decision to deny the application to the State Board of Education. The appeal must be in writing to the State Board of Education via certified mail, return receipt requested, no later than ten (10) calendar days, excluding weekends and legal holidays, after the notice of rejection was received from the District.

A student’s enrollment under Opportunity School Choice is irrevocable for the duration of the school year and is renewable until the student completes high school or is beyond the legal age of enrollment. This provision for continuing eligibility under Opportunity Choice does not negate the student's right to apply for transfer to a district other than the student's assigned school or resident district under the Standard School Choice provisions of this policy.

The District may, but is not obligated to provide transportation to and from the transferring district.

Transfers out of, or within, the District

If a District school or the District has been classified by the ADE as being in academic distress the District shall timely notify the parent, guardian, or student, if the student is over eighteen (18) years of age, as soon as practicable after the academic distress designation is made of all options available under Opportunity Choice. The District shall offer the parent or guardian, or the student if the student is over eighteen (18) years of age, an opportunity to enroll the student in any public school or school district that has not been classified by the ADE as a public school or school district in academic distress.

Additionally, the District shall request public service announcements to be made over the broadcast media and in the print media at such times and in such a manner as to inform parents or guardians of students in adjoining districts of the availability of the program, the application deadline, and the requirements and procedure for nonresident students to participate in the program.

Legal References: A.C.A. § 6-1-106 A.C.A. § 6-13-113 A.C.A. § 6-15-430(b)
A.C.A. § 6-18-227 A.C.A. § 6-18-510 A.C.A. § 6-18-1901 et seq.
A.C.A. § 6-21-812 ADE Rules Governing the Guidelines, Procedures and Enforcement of the Arkansas Opportunity Public School Choice Act

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HOME SCHOOLING -- Policy 4.6

Parents or legal guardians desiring to provide a home school for their children must give written notice to the Superintendent of their intent to do so and sign a waiver acknowledging that the State of Arkansas is not liable for the education of their children during the time the parents choose to home school.

Notice shall be given:

- 1. At the beginning of each school year, but no later than August 15;
- 2. By December 15 for parents who decide to start home schooling at the beginning of the spring semester; or
- 3. Fourteen (14) calendar days prior to withdrawing the child (provided the student is not currently under disciplinary action for violation of any written school policy, including, but not limited to, excessive absences) and at the beginning of each school year thereafter.

The parents or legal guardians shall deliver written notice in person to the Superintendent the first time such notice is given and the notice must include:

- 1. The name, date of birth, grade level, and the name and address of the school last attended, if any;
- 2. The location of the home school;
- 3. The basic core curriculum to be offered;
- 4. The proposed schedule of instruction; and
- 5. The qualifications of the parent-teacher.

To aid the District in providing a free and appropriate public education to students in need of special education services, the parents or legal guardians home-schooling their children shall provide information which might indicate the need for special education services.

Legal References: A.C.A. § 6-15-503 A.C.A. § 6-41-206

Date Adopted: 07/25/05

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY ELIGIBILITY FOR HOME SCHOOLED STUDENTS –Policy 5.19.2

The district will not allow home schooled students to participate in district sponsored extracurricular activities.

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STUDENTS WHO ARE FOSTER CHILDREN -- Policy 4.52

The District will afford the same services and educational opportunities to foster children that are afforded other children and youth. The District shall work with the Department of Human Services (“DHS”), Arkansas Department of Education (ADE), the ADE, and individuals involved with each foster child to ensure that he/she is able to maintain his/her continuity of educational services to the fullest extent that is practical and reasonable.

The Superintendent or his/her designee shall appoint an appropriate staff person to be the local educational liaison for foster children and youth whose responsibilities shall include ensuring the timely school enrollment of each foster child and assisting foster children who transfer between schools by expediting the transfer of relevant educational records.

The District, working with other individuals and agencies shall, unless the presiding court rules otherwise, ensure that the foster child remains in his/her school of origin, even if a change in the foster child’s placement results in a residency that is outside the district. In such a situation, the District will work with DHS to arrange for transportation to and from school for the foster child to the extent it is reasonable and practical.

Upon notification to the District’s foster care liaison by a foster child’s caseworker that a foster child’s school enrollment is being changed to one of the District’s schools, the school receiving the child must immediately enroll him/her. Immediate enrollment is required even if a child lacks the required clothing, academic or medical records, or proof of residency. Any course work completed by the foster child prior to a school enrollment change shall be accepted as academic credit so long as the child has satisfactorily completed the appropriate academic placement assessment. A foster child’s grades shall not be lowered due to absence from school that is caused by a change in the child’s school enrollment, the child’s attendance at dependency-neglect court proceedings, or other court-ordered counseling or treatment.

If a foster child was enrolled in a District school immediately prior to completing his/her graduation requirements while detained in a juvenile detention facility or while committed to the Division of Youth Services of DHS, the District shall issue the child a diploma.

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HOMELESS STUDENTS -- Policy 4.40

The Flippin School District will afford the same services and educational opportunities to homeless children as are afforded to non-homeless children. The Superintendent or his/her designee shall appoint an appropriate staff person to be the local educational liaison for homeless children and youth whose responsibilities shall include coordinating with the state educational liaison for homeless children and youth to ensure that homeless children are not stigmatized or segregated on the basis of their status as homeless and such other duties as are prescribed by law and this policy.

Notwithstanding Policy 4.1, homeless students living in the district are entitled to enroll in the district’s school that non-homeless students who live in the same attendance area are eligible to attend. If there is a question concerning the enrollment of a homeless child due to a conflict with Policy 4.1 or 4.2, the child shall be immediately admitted to the school in which enrollment is sought pending resolution of the dispute. It is the responsibility of the District’s local educational liaison for homeless children and youth to carry out the dispute resolution process.

To the extent feasible, the District shall do one of the following according to what is in the best interests of a homeless child. (For the purposes of this policy “school of origin” means the school the child attended when permanently housed or the school in which the child was last enrolled.)

1. continue educating the child who become homeless between academic years or during an academic year in their school of origin for the duration of their

homelessness;

2. continue educating the child in his/her school of origin who become permanently housed during an academic year for the remainder of the academic year; or
3. enroll the homeless child in the school appropriate for the attendance zone where the child lives.

If the District elects to enroll a homeless child in a school other than their school of origin and such action is against the wishes of the child's parent or guardian, the District shall provide the parent or guardian with a written explanation of their reason for so doing which shall include a statement of the parent/guardian's right to appeal.

In any instance where the child is unaccompanied by a parent or guardian, the District's local educational liaison for homeless children and youth shall assist the child in determining his/her place of enrollment. The Liaison shall provide the child with a notice of his/her right to appeal the enrollment decision. The District shall be responsible for providing transportation for a homeless child, at the request of the parent or guardian (or in the case of an unaccompanied youth, the Liaison), to and from the child's school of origin.

For the purposes of this policy, students shall be considered homeless if they lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence and Are:

- A.
 - Sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason;
 - Living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations;
 - Living in emergency or transitional shelters;
 - Abandoned in hospitals; or
 - Awaiting foster care placement;
- B. have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings;
- C. are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and includes
- D. are migratory children who are living in circumstances described in clauses (a) through (c).

Legal References**:
42 U.S.C. § 11431 et seq. 42 U.S.C. § 11431 (2) 42 U.S.C. § 11432(g)(1)(H)(I)
42 U.S.C. § 11432 (g)(1)(J)(i), (ii), (iii), (iii)(I), (iii)(II); 42 U.S.C. § 11432 (g)(3)(A), (A)(i), (A)(i)(I), (A)(i)(II), (A)(ii)
42 U.S.C. § 11432 (g)(3)(B)(i), (ii), (iii); 42 U.S.C. § 11432 (g)(3)(C)(i), (ii), (iii)
42 U.S.C. § 11432 (g)(3)(E)(i), (ii), (iii); 42 U.S.C. § 11432 (g)(3)(G); 42 U.S.C. § 11432 (g)(4) (A), (B), (C), (D), (E)
42 U.S.C. § 11434

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Section 5: Student Behavior

STUDENT DISCIPLINE -- Policy 4.17

The Flippin Board of Education has a responsibility to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the District's students and employees. To help maintain a safe environment conducive to high student achievement, the Board establishes policies necessary to regulate student behavior to promote an orderly school environment that is respectful of the rights of others and ensures the uniform enforcement of student discipline. Students are responsible for their conduct that occurs: at any time on the school grounds; off school grounds at a school sponsored function, activity, or event; going to and from school or a school activity.

The Flippin School Board has adopted as policy the Assertive Discipline Program. The School District believes in providing "Discipline with Dignity" and supports positive consequences that encourage improved behavior.

The Assertive Discipline program promotes informing students and parents of rules and regulations in general and the consequences if they choose to disregard the rules. See individual school sections as to consequences per grade level.

Students will be encouraged to display appropriate behavior through praise, individual recognition, and small rewards. The Assertive Discipline Program encourages staff members to concentrate on positive behavior in all aspects of the educational process. School staff accepts the responsibility for incorporating a discipline plan based upon identified consequences, forgiveness that allows for rewarding positive behavior, and flexibility.

The main idea of the Assertive Discipline Program is to give the teacher more time to teach without the interruption for discipline and to place the burden of correction on the student. The parents will also play a large role in the discipline of the student, since one of the consequences includes parent contact at a certain point in each teacher's discipline plan. See respective handbooks pertaining to individual school procedures. Individual building may exercise flexibility in the enforcement of the board's and district discipline policy. Disciplinary consequences range from a minimum of student conference to a maximum of expulsion from School for students enrolled in Flippin Elementary School. Disciplinary consequences for students enrolled in Flippin Middle School and Flippin High School range from a minimum of a student conference to the maximum of expulsion from school.

The District's administrators may also take disciplinary action against a student for off-campus conduct occurring at any time that would have a detrimental impact on school discipline, the educational environment, or the welfare of the students and/or staff. A student who has committed a criminal act while off campus and whose presence on campus could cause a substantial disruption to school or endanger the welfare of other students or staff is subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion. Such acts could include, but are not limited to a felony or an act that would be considered a felony if committed by an adult, an assault or battery, drug law violations, or sexual misconduct of a serious nature. Any disciplinary action pursued by the District shall be in accordance with the student's appropriate due process rights.

The District's licensed personnel policy committee shall review the student discipline policies annually and may recommend changes in the policies to the Flippin School Board. The Board has the responsibility of determining whether to approve any recommended changes to student discipline policies.

The District's licensed student discipline policies shall be distributed to each student either electronically or hard copy during the first week of school each year and to new students upon their enrollment. Each student's parent or legal guardian shall sign and return to the school an acknowledgement form documenting that they have received the policies.

It is required by law that the principal, or the person in charge, report to the police any incidents the person has personal knowledge of or has received information leading to a reasonable belief that a person has committed or threatened to commit an act of violence or any crime involving a deadly weapon on school property or while under school supervision. If the person making the report is not the Superintendent, that person shall also inform the Superintendent of the incident. Additionally, the principal shall inform any school employee or other person who initially reported the incident that a report has been made to the appropriate law enforcement agency. The Superintendent or designee shall inform the Board of Directors of any such report made to law enforcement.

REMOVAL BY A TEACHER

A teacher may remove a student from class and send that student to the principal. If a teacher removes a student from class twice in any nine week grading period, the principal may

not return the student to the teacher's class until a parent conference has been held. (Act 1281 of 1999, 6-18-511).

Legal Reference:

A.C.A. § 6-18-502

A.C.A. § 6-17-113

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PROHIBITED CONDUCT -- Policy 4.18

Students and staff require a safe and orderly learning environment that is conducive to high student achievement. Certain student behaviors are unacceptable in such an environment and are hereby prohibited by the Board. Prohibited behaviors include, but shall not be limited to the following.

1. Disrespect for school employees and failing to comply with their reasonable directions or otherwise demonstrating insubordination;
2. Disruptive behavior that interferes with orderly school operations;
3. Willfully and intentionally assaulting or threatening to assault or physically abusing any student or school employee;
4. Possession of any weapon that can reasonably be considered capable of causing bodily harm to another individual;
5. Possession or use of tobacco in any form on any property owned or leased by any public school;
6. Willfully or intentionally damaging, destroying, or stealing school property;
7. Any misuse of an electronic device will result in disciplinary actions;
8. Possession, selling, distributing, or being under the influence of an alcoholic beverage, any illegal drug, unauthorized inhalants, or the inappropriate use or sharing of prescription or over the counter drugs, or other intoxicants, or anything represented to be a drug;
9. Sharing, diverting, transferring, applying to others (such as needles or lancets), or in any way misusing medication or any medical supplies in their possession;
10. Inappropriate public displays of affection;
11. Cheating, copying, or claiming another person's work to be his/her own;
12. Gambling;
13. Inappropriate student dress;
14. Use of vulgar, profane, or obscene language or gestures;
15. Truancy;
16. Excessive tardiness;
17. Engaging in behavior designed to taunt, degrade, or ridicule another person on the basis of race, ethnicity, national origin, sex, or disability;
18. Possess, view, distribute or electronically transmit sexually explicit or vulgar images or representations, whether electronically, on a data storage device, or in hard copy form;
19. Hazing, or aiding in the hazing of another student;
20. Gangs or gang-related activities, including belonging to secret societies of any kind, are forbidden on school property. Gang insignias, clothing, "throwing signs" or other gestures associated with gangs are prohibited;
21. Sexual harassment;
22. Bullying and
23. Operating a vehicle on school grounds while using a wireless communication device.

The Board directs each school in the District to develop implementation regulations for prohibited student conduct consistent with applicable Board policy, State and Federal laws, and judicial decisions.

DRUG SCREENING *(For students who participate in affected interscholastic activities)*

PURPOSE

- a. Emphasize concerns for the health of students in areas of safety while participating in activities and the long-term physical and emotional effects of chemical use on their health.
- b. Work with the parents to assist in keeping their children free of mood-altering chemicals.
- c. Promote a sense of order and discipline among students.
- d. Confirm and support existing state laws which restrain the use of such mood-altering chemicals.
- e. Establish standards of conduct for those students who are leaders and standard-bearers among their peers.
- f. Assist students who desire to resist peer pressure that directs them toward the use of mood-altering chemicals.
- g. Assist students who should be referred for assistance or evaluation regarding their use of mood-altering chemicals.

CONSEQUENCES FOR A POSITIVE TEST

1. Results will be sent to the school principal. The principal will share the results with the superintendent and appropriate sponsors. The parent and student will be notified of a positive test by the principal and sponsor.
2. The sponsor and principal will communicate with the parents and counsel with the student.
3. Recommended drug counseling.
4. A 20 day probationary period, no participation in any co-curricular activity.
5. Re-test at the end of 20 days at the student's expense.
6. Notification of local police authorities of a positive drug test
7. At the end of the 20 day probation if the re-test is positive or if a second positive test occurs during the school year:
 - a. Three (3) day out of school suspension.
 - b. Possible recommendation for an alternative setting.
 - c. Elimination from all co-curricular activities for the remainder of the school year.

Exception: Steroids or similar chemicals could take more than twenty days to leave a student's system. In this case a doctor's written opinion is requested and is at the student's expense.

SUBSTANCES SCREENED

1. Amphetamines
2. Barbiturates
3. Benzodiazepines
4. Cocaine
5. Methaqualone
6. Opiates
7. PCP
8. THC (Cannabinoids)
9. Ethyl Alcohol

SELECTION METHOD

1. At the beginning of the school year and to be completed prior to the end of the first quarter, twenty percent of the affected students will be randomly chosen for drug screening. Sampling will be done each quarter of the school year. Twenty percent of the affected students will be tested each quarter unless there are no positive tests the

- prior quarter and the percentage will be reduced by five percent for the next quarter. Each school year this procedure will begin at the twenty percent level.
2. The random selection process is done by the drug testing company.
 3. **Exception:** A single test can be requested by a group sponsor for reasonable suspicion.

PROCESSING TESTS

1. Random sampling of urine will be taken and tested by a contracted company.
2. **Exception:** A collection of urine will be taken by the school nurse and tested by a contracted company.

GROUPS TO BE TESTED GRADES 7-12

1. Basketball players
2. Baseball players
3. Softball players
4. Golf team players
5. Band members
6. Cheerleaders
7. Volleyball players
8. Track team members
9. Soccer players
10. Bowling team members

Legal References:	A.C.A. § 6-18-502	A.C.A. § 6-18-70	A.C.A. § 6-15-100
	A.C.A. § 6-21-609	A.C.A. § 6-18-506	A.C.A. § 6-18-222
	A.C.A. § 6-5-201	A.C.A. § 6-18-514	A.C.A. § 27-51-1602
	A.C.A. § 27-51-1603	A.C.A. § 27-51-1609	

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POSSESSION AND USE OF CELL PHONES, AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES -- Policy 4.47

Students are responsible for conducting themselves in a manner that respects the rights of others. Possession and use of any electronic device, whether district or student owned, that interferes with a positive, orderly classroom environment does not respect the rights of others and is expressly forbidden.

As used in this policy, “electronic devices” means anything that can be used to transmit or capture images, sound, or data.

Misuse of electronic devices includes, but is not limited to:

1. Using electronic devices during class time in any manner other than specifically permitted by the classroom instructor;
2. Permitting any audible sound to come from the device when not being used for reason #1 above;
3. Engaging in academic dishonesty, including cheating, intentionally plagiarizing, wrongfully giving or receiving help during an academic examination, or wrongfully obtaining test copies or scores;
4. Using the device to take photographs in locker rooms or bathrooms;
5. Creating, sending, sharing, viewing, receiving, or possessing an indecent visual depiction of oneself or another person.

Use of an electronic device is permitted to the extent it is approved in a student's individualized education program (IEP) or it is needed in an emergency that threatens the safety of students, staff, or other individuals.

Before and after normal school hours, possession of cell phones, any paging device, beeper, or similar electronic communication devices, cameras, MP 3 players, Ipods, and other portable music devices is permitted on the school campus. The use of such devices at school sponsored functions outside the regular school day is permitted to the extent and within the limitations allowed by the event or activity the student is attending.

Students using or possessing, other than those devices properly stored in a locker or vehicle, cell phones or other portable music devices after the first bell and before the last bell shall have them confiscated. Confiscated cell phones and other electronic communication devices may be picked up at the school's administration office by the student's parents or guardians. Students have no right of privacy as to the content contained on any cell phones and other electronic communication devices that have been confiscated. A search of a confiscated device shall meet the reasonable individualized suspicion requirements of Policy 4.32—SEARCH, SEIZURE, AND INTERROGATIONS.

Students believed to violate the previous section have no right of privacy as to the content contained on any cell phones and other electronic communication devices that have been confiscated. The search itself would have to be tailored to the suspicion. Students are forbidden from using school issued cell phones while driving any vehicle at any time. Violation may result in disciplinary action up to and including expulsion.

No student shall use any wireless communication device for the purposes of browsing the internet; composing or reading emails and text messages; or making or answering phone calls while driving a motor vehicle which is in motion and on school property. Violation may result in disciplinary action up to and including suspension.

Legal Reference: A.C.A. § 6-18-518 A.C.A. § 27-51-1602 A.C.A. § 27-51-1603
A.C.A. § 27-51-1609

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Policy Regarding Prohibition of Cell Phones and Electronic Devices During Arkansas Assessments

Students are prohibited from possessing a cell phone or any other electronic device in a classroom or other location where any Arkansas assessment is being administered. Arkansas assessments include, but are not limited to The ACT, IOWA at 1st and 2nd, 3rd – 10th grade ACT Aspire, ELPA21, and Advanced Placement exams.

Flippin School District will clearly inform students that:

- Possessing an electronic device in a testing area violates school and state policy.
- Violation of this policy is grounds for confiscation and search of the device.

Test administrators, test proctors, and any school official will have the right to collect all electronic devices prior to the start of the test and to hold those devices during all scheduled test administration times, including snack break time. Any student that refuses to relinquish a prohibited device will be denied admission to the testing area.

The following procedures will be implemented when students enter a testing area:

- Electronic devices must be turned completely off. They may not be on “silent” or “vibrate” mode.
- Electronic devices may not be on a student’s body or in their possession. This includes being stored in clothing, pockets, purses, backpacks, etc.
- When a student enters a testing site, students will be directed to turn in all electronic devices to the test administrator or test proctor.
- All devices will be stored in a container during testing – away from the students. At the end of the testing period, devices will be returned to the students.

If an electronic device is found in the possession of a student during testing, the following procedures will be followed:

- Confiscate the electronic device.
- Check the device for pictures, texts, transmissions by applications (Facebook, Twitter, SnapChat, Instagram, etc.) and any other recent use.
- Devices will be turned into the school office.
- If possible, run a data recovery program that is compatible with the device’s operating system.
- Continue testing the student.
- Contact the School Test Coordinator and District Test Coordinator for Instructions.
- Notify the principal.
- Contact ADE if it is determined that any information has been transmitted.
- At the completion of the testing session, interview the student regarding use of the device.
- If necessary, complete a Testing Impropriety Form and submit to ADE
- Disciplinary Action could include:
 - Confiscation of phone
 - Principal referral after testing
 - Parent conference and appropriate handbook discipline

Prohibited electronic devices that will be collected include, but are not limited to:

- Cell phones
- iPads or any electronic tablet or eReader
- Laptops, notebooks, or any personal computing device
- iPods, MP3 players
- Blackberry devices or any other PDA
- Cameras
- Smart Watches/Apple Watches
- Any electronic device capable of recording audio, photographic, or video content
- Any electronic device capable of playing audio or visual content

In case of an emergency where parents or family members need to contact a student during testing times, they may call the school office.

Date Adopted: 03/24/2014; 6/20/2016

DISRUPTION OF SCHOOL -- Policy 4.20

No student shall by the use of violence, force, noise, coercion, threat, intimidation, fear, passive resistance, or any other conduct, intentionally cause the disruption of any lawful mission, process, or function

of the school, or engage in any such conduct for the purpose of causing disruption or obstruction of any lawful mission, process, or function. Nor shall any student encourage any other student to engage in such activities.

Disorderly activities by any student or group of students that adversely affect the school's orderly educational environment shall not be tolerated at any time on school grounds. Teachers may remove from class and send to the principal or principal's designee office a student whose behavior is so unruly, disruptive, or abusive that it seriously interferes with the teacher's ability to teach the students, the class, or with the ability of the student's classmates to learn. Students who refuse to leave the classroom voluntarily will be escorted from the classroom by the school administration.

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BULLYING -- Policy 4.43

Respect for the dignity of others is a cornerstone of civil society. Bullying creates an atmosphere of fear and intimidation, robs a person of his/her dignity, detracts from the safe environment necessary to promote student learning, and will not be tolerated by the Board of Directors. Students who bully another person shall be held accountable for their actions whether they occur on school equipment or property; off school property at a school sponsored or approved function, activity, or event; going to or from school or a school activity in a school vehicle or school bus; or at designated school bus stops.

A school principal or his or her designee who receives a credible report or complaint of bullying shall promptly investigate the complaint or report and make a record of the investigation and any action taken as a result of the investigation.

Definitions:

Attribute means an actual or perceived personal characteristic including without limitation race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, socioeconomic status, academic status, disability, gender, gender identity, physical appearance, health condition, or sexual orientation;

Bullying means the repetitive intentional harassment, intimidation, humiliation, ridicule, defamation, or threat or incitement of violence by a student against another student or public school employee by a written, verbal, electronic, or physical act that may address an attribute of the other student, public school employee, or person with whom the other student or public school employee is associated and that causes or creates actual or reasonably foreseeable:

- Physical harm to a public school employee or student or damage to the public school employee's or student's property;
- Substantial interference with a student's education or with a public school employee's role in education;
- A hostile educational environment for one (1) or more students or public school employees due to the severity, persistence, or pervasiveness of the act; or
- Substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the school or educational environment;

Electronic act means without limitation a communication or image transmitted by means of an electronic device, including without limitation a telephone, wireless phone or other wireless communications device, computer, or pager that results in the substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the school or educational environment.

Electronic acts of bullying are prohibited whether or not the electronic act originated on school property or with school equipment, if the electronic act is directed specifically at students or school personnel and maliciously intended for the purpose of disrupting school, and has a high likelihood of succeeding in that purpose;

Harassment means a pattern of unwelcome verbal or physical conduct relating to another person's constitutionally or statutorily protected status that causes, or reasonably should be expected to cause, substantial interference with the other's performance in the school environment; and

Substantial disruption means without limitation that any one or more of the following occur as a result of the bullying:

- Necessary cessation of instruction or educational activities;
- Inability of students or educational staff to focus on learning or function as an educational unit because of a hostile environment;
- Severe or repetitive disciplinary measures are needed in the classroom or during educational activities; or
- Exhibition of other behaviors by students or educational staff that substantially interfere with the learning environment.

Cyberbullying of School Employees is expressly prohibited and includes, but is not limited to:

- a. Building a fake profile or website of the employee;
- b. Posting or encouraging others to post on the Internet private, personal, or sexual information pertaining to a school employee;
- c. Posting an original or edited image of the school employee on the Internet;
- d. Accessing, altering, or erasing any computer network, computer data program, or computer software, including breaking into a password-protected account or stealing or otherwise accessing passwords of a school employee; making repeated, continuing, or sustained electronic communications, including electronic mail or transmission, to a school employee;
- e. Making, or causing to be made, and disseminating an unauthorized copy of data pertaining to a school employee in any form, including without limitation the printed or electronic form of computer data, computer programs, or computer software residing in, communicated by, or produced by a computer or computer network;
- f. Signing up a school employee for a pornographic Internet site; or
- g. Without authorization of the school employee, signing up a school employee for electronic mailing lists or to receive junk electronic messages and instant messages.

Examples of "Bullying" may also include but are not limited to **a repetitive pattern of behavior** involving one or more of the following:

- 1 Sarcastic comments "compliments" about another student's personal appearance or actual or perceived attributes,
- 2 Pointed questions intended to embarrass or humiliate,
- 3 Mocking, taunting or belittling,
- 4 Non-verbal threats and/or intimidation such as "fronting" or "chesting" a person,
- 5 Demeaning humor relating to a student's race, gender, ethnicity or actual or perceived attributes,
- 6 Blackmail, extortion, demands for protection money or other involuntary donations or loans,
- 7 Blocking access to school property or facilities,
- 8 Deliberate physical contact or injury to person or property,
- 9 Stealing or hiding books or belongings, and/or
- 10 Threats of harm to student(s), possessions, or others,

- 11 Sexual harassment, as governed by policy 4.27, is also a form of bullying,
- 12 Teasing or name-calling based on the belief or perception that an individual is not conforming to expected gender roles (Example: “Slut”) or conduct or is homosexual, regardless of whether the student self-identifies as homosexual (Examples: “You are so gay.” “Fag” “Queer”).

Students are encouraged to report behavior they consider to be bullying, including a single action which if allowed to continue would constitute bullying, to their teacher or the building principal. The report may be made anonymously. Teachers and other school employees who have witnessed, or are reliably informed that, a student has been a victim of behavior they consider to be bullying, including a single action which if allowed to continue would constitute bullying, shall report the incident(s) to the principal. Parents or legal guardians may submit written reports of incidents they feel constitute bullying, or if allowed to continue would constitute bullying, to the principal. The principal shall be responsible for investigating the incident(s) to determine if disciplinary action is warranted.

The person or persons reporting behavior they consider to be bullying shall not be subject to retaliation or reprisal in any form.

Students found to be in violation of this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion. In determining the appropriate disciplinary action, consideration may be given to other violations of the student handbook which may have simultaneously occurred.

Notice of what constitutes bullying, the District’s prohibition against bullying, and the consequences for students who bully shall be conspicuously posted in every classroom, cafeteria, restroom, gymnasium, auditorium, and school bus. Parents, students, school volunteers, and employees shall be given copies of the notice.

Copies of this policy shall be available upon request

Legal Reference: A.C.A. § 6-18-514 A.C.A. § 5-71-217
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STUDENT ASSAULT OR BATTERY -- Policy 4.21

A student shall not threaten, physically abuse, or attempt to physically abuse, or behave in such a way as to be perceived to threaten bodily harm to any other person (student, school employee, or school visitor). Any gestures, vulgar, abusive or insulting language, taunting, threatening, harassing, or intimidating remarks by a student toward another person that threatens their well-being is strictly forbidden. This includes, but is not limited to, fighting, racial, ethnic, religious, or sexual slurs.

Furthermore, it is unlawful, during regular school hours, and in a place where a public school employee is required to be in the course of his or her duties, for any person to address a public school employee using language which, in its common understanding, is calculated to:

- a) cause a breach of the peace;
- b) materially and substantially interfere with the operation of the school;
- c) arouse the person to whom it is addressed to anger, to the extent likely to cause imminent retaliation. Students guilty of such an offense may be subject to legal proceedings in addition to student disciplinary measures.

Legal Reference: A.C.A. § 6-17-106 (a) Date Adopted: 07/25/05

LASER POINTERS -- Policy 4.28

Students shall not possess any hand held laser pointer while in school; on or about school property, before or after school; in attendance at school or any school-sponsored activity; en route to or from school or any school-sponsored activity; off the school grounds at any school bus stop or at any

school-sponsored activity or event. School personnel shall seize any laser pointer from the student possessing it and the student may reclaim it at the close of the school year, or when the student is no longer enrolled in the District.

Legal References: A.C.A. § 6-18-512

A.C.A. § 5-60-122

Date Adopted: 07/25/05

WEAPONS AND DANGEROUS INSTRUMENTS -- Policy 4.22

No student shall possess a weapon, display what appears to be a weapon, or threaten to use a weapon while in school, on or about school property, before or after school, in attendance at school or any school sponsored activity, en route to or from school or any school sponsored activity, off the school grounds at any school bus stop, or at any school sponsored activity or event. Military personnel, such as ROTC cadets, acting in the course of their official duties are exempted.

A weapon is defined as any firearm, knife; razor; ice pick; dirk; box cutter; numchuck; pepper spray, mace or other noxious spray, explosive, Taser or other instrument that uses electrical current to cause neuromuscular incapacitation; or any other instrument or substance capable of causing bodily harm. For the purposes of this policy, "firearm" means any device designed, made, or adapted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive or any device readily convertible to that use.

Possession means having a weapon, as defined in this policy, on the student's body or in an area under his/her control. If a student discovers prior to any questioning or search by any school personnel that he/she has accidentally brought a weapon to school prior to any questioning or search by any school personnel in his/her a vehicle on school grounds, and the student informs the principal or a staff person immediately, the student will not be considered to be in possession of a weapon. The weapon shall be confiscated and held in the office until such time as the student's parent/legal guardian shall pick up the weapon from the school's office. Repeated offenses are unacceptable and shall be grounds for disciplinary action against the student as otherwise provided for in this policy.

Except as permitted in this policy, students found to be in possession on the school campus of a firearm shall be recommended for expulsion for a period of not less than one year. The superintendent shall have the discretion to modify such expulsion recommendation for a student on a case-by-case basis. Parents or legal guardians of students expelled under this policy shall be given a copy of the current laws regarding the possibility of parental responsibility for allowing a child to possess a firearm on school property. Parents or legal guardians shall sign a statement acknowledging that they have read and understand said laws prior to readmitting the student. Parents or legal guardians of a student enrolling from another school after the expiration of an expulsion period for a firearm policy violation shall also be given a copy of the current laws regarding the possibility of parental responsibility for allowing a child to possess a firearm on school property. The parents or legal guardians shall sign a statement acknowledging that they have read and understand said laws prior to the student being enrolled in school.

The mandatory expulsion requirement for possession of a firearm does not apply to a firearm brought to school for the purpose of participating in activities approved and authorized by the district that include the use of firearms. Such activities may include ROTC programs, hunting safety or military education, or before or after-school hunting or rifle clubs. Firearms brought to school for such purposes shall be brought to the school employee designated to receive such firearms. The designated employee shall store the firearms in a secure location until they are removed for use in the approved activity.

The district shall report any student who brings a firearm to school to the criminal justice system or juvenile delinquency system by notifying local law enforcement.

Legal References:

A.C.A. § 6-18-502 (c) (2)(A)(B)

A.C.A. § 6-18-507 (e) (1)(2) A.C.A. § 6-21-608

A.C.A. § 5-4-201

A.C.A. § 5-4-401

A.C.A. § 5-27-210

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5-27-210. Parental responsibility for student's firearm possession.

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Firearm" means:

(A) Any device designed, made, or adapted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive or any device readily convertible to that use, including such a device that is not loaded or lacks a clip or other component to render it immediately operable; or

(B) Components that can readily be assembled into a device described in subdivision (a)(1)(A) of this section; and

(2) "Parent" means a parent, stepparent, legal guardian, or person in loco parentis or who has legal custody of a student pursuant to a court order and with whom the student resides.

(b) A parent of a minor is guilty of a Class B misdemeanor if:

(1) The parent knows that the minor is in illegal possession of a firearm in or upon:

(A) The premises of a public or private school;

(B) A public or private school's athletic stadium or other facility or building in which school-sponsored events are conducted; or

(C) A public park, playground, or civic center; and

(2) The parent fails to:

(A) Prevent the illegal possession; or

(B) Report the illegal possession to an appropriate school or law enforcement official.

History. Acts 1999, No. 1149, §§ 1, 2.**TOBACCO AND TOBACCO PRODUCTS -- Policy 4.23**

Smoking or use of tobacco or products containing tobacco in any form (including, but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, and snuff) in or on any real property owned or leased by a District school, including school buses, is prohibited. Students who violate this policy may be subject to legal proceedings in addition to student disciplinary measures.

With the exception of recognized tobacco cessation products, this policy's prohibition includes any tobacco or nicotine delivery system or product. Specifically, the prohibition includes any product that is manufactured, distributed, marketed, or sold as e-cigarettes, e-cigars, e-pipes, or under any other name or descriptor.

Legal Reference: A.C.A. § 6-21-609

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DRUGS AND ALCOHOL -- Policy 4.24

An orderly and safe school environment that is conducive to promoting student achievement requires a student population free from the deleterious effects of alcohol and drugs. Their use is illegal, disruptive to the educational environment, and diminishes the capacity of students to learn and function properly in our schools.

Therefore, no student in the Flippin School District shall possess, attempt to possess, consume, use, distribute, sell, buy, attempt to sell, attempt to buy, give to any person, or be under the influence of any substance as defined in this policy, or what the student represents or believes to be any substance as defined in this policy. This policy applies to any student who; is on or about school property; is in attendance at school or any school sponsored activity; has left the school campus for any reason and returns to the campus; is en route to or from school or any school sponsored activity.

Prohibited substances shall include, but are not limited to, alcohol, or any alcoholic beverage, inhalants

or any ingestible matter that alter a student's ability to act, think, or respond, LSD, or any other hallucinogen, marijuana, cocaine, heroin, or any other narcotic drug, PCP, amphetamines, steroids, "designer drugs," look-alike drugs, or any controlled substance. Selling, distributing, or attempting to sell or distribute, or using over-the-counter or prescription drugs not in accordance with the recommended dosage is prohibited.

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Last Revised: 6/25/12

STUDENT DRESS AND GROOMING -- Policy 4.25

The Flippin School Board of Education recognizes that dress can be a matter of personal taste and preference. At the same time, the District has a responsibility to promote an environment conducive to student learning. This requires limitations to student dress and grooming that could be disruptive to the educational process because they are immodest, disruptive, unsanitary, unsafe, could cause property damage, or are offensive to common standards of decency.

Students are prohibited from wearing, while on the school grounds during the school day and at school-sponsored events, clothing that exposes underwear, buttocks, or the breast of a female. This prohibition does not apply, however to a costume or uniform worn by a student while participating in a school-sponsored activity or event.

The Superintendent shall establish student dress codes for the District's schools, to be included in the student handbook, and are consistent with the above criteria.

Legal References: A.C.A. § 6-18-502(c)(1) A.C.A. § 6-18-503(c)

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GANGS AND GANG ACTIVITY -- Policy 4.26

The Board is committed to ensuring a safe school environment conducive to promoting a learning *environment where students and staff can excel. An orderly environment cannot exist where unlawful acts occur causing fear, intimidation, or physical harm to students or school staff. Gangs and their activities create such an atmosphere and shall not be allowed on school grounds or at school functions.*

The following actions are prohibited by students on school property or at school functions:

3. Wearing or possessing any clothing, bandanas, jewelry, symbol, or other sign associated with membership in, or representative of, any gang;
4. Engaging in any verbal or nonverbal act such as throwing signs, gestures, or handshakes representative of membership in any gang;
5. Recruiting, soliciting, or encouraging any person through duress or intimidation to become or remain a member of any gang; and/or
6. Extorting payment from any individual in return for protection from harm from any gang.
7. Students found to be in violation of this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion.

Students arrested for gang related activities occurring off school grounds shall be subject to the same disciplinary actions as if they had occurred on school grounds.

Legal References: A.C.A. § 6-15-1005(b)(2) A.C.A. § 5-74-201

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STUDENT SEXUAL HARASSMENT -- Policy 4.27

The Flippin School District is committed to having an academic environment in which all students are treated with respect and dignity. Student achievement is best attained in an atmosphere of equal educational opportunity that is free of discrimination. Sexual harassment is a form of discrimination that undermines the integrity of the educational environment and will not be tolerated.

Believing that prevention is the best policy, the District will periodically inform students and employees about the nature of sexual harassment, the procedures for registering a complaint, and the possible redress that is available. The information will stress that the district does not tolerate sexual harassment and that students can report inappropriate behavior of a sexual nature without fear of adverse consequences. The information will take into account and be appropriate to the age of the students.

It shall be a violation of this policy for any student to be subjected to, or to subject another person to, sexual harassment as defined in this policy. Any student found, after an investigation, to have engaged in sexual harassment will be subject to disciplinary action up to, and including, expulsion.

Sexual harassment refers to unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or other personally offensive verbal, visual, or physical conduct of a sexual nature made by someone under any of the following conditions:

1. Submission to the conduct is made, either explicitly or implicitly, a term or condition of an individual's education;
2. Submission to, or rejection of, such conduct by an individual is used as the basis for academic decisions affecting that individual; and/or
3. Such conduct has the purpose or effect of substantially interfering with an individual's academic performance or creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive academic environment.

The terms "intimidating," "hostile," and "offensive" include conduct of a sexual nature which has the effect of humiliation or embarrassment and is sufficiently severe, persistent, or pervasive that it limits the student's ability to participate in, or benefit from, an educational program or activity.

Actionable sexual harassment is generally established when an individual is exposed to a pattern of objectionable behaviors or when a single, serious act is committed. What is, or is not, sexual harassment will depend upon all of the surrounding circumstances. Depending upon such circumstances, examples of sexual harassment include, but are not limited to: unwelcome touching; crude jokes or pictures; discussions of sexual experiences; pressure for sexual activity; intimidation by words, actions, insults, or name calling; teasing related to sexual characteristics; and spreading rumors related to a person's alleged sexual activities.

Students who believe they have been subjected to sexual harassment, or parents of a student who believes their child has been subjected to sexual harassment, are encouraged to file a complaint by contacting a counselor, teacher, Title IX coordinator, or administrator who will assist them in the complaint process. Under no circumstances shall a student be required to first report allegations of sexual harassment to a school contact person if that person is the individual who is accused of the harassment.

To the extent possible, complaints will be treated in a confidential manner. Limited disclosure may be necessary in order to complete a thorough investigation. Students who file a complaint of sexual harassment will not be subject to retaliation or reprisal in any form.

Students who knowingly fabricate allegations of sexual harassment shall be subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion.

Individuals who withhold information, purposely provide inaccurate facts, or otherwise hinder an investigation of sexual harassment shall be subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion.

Legal References: Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 USC 1681, et A.C.A. § 6-15-1005 (b) (1)

Date Adopted: 07/25/05

VIDEO SURVEILLANCE -- Policy 4.48

The board has a responsibility to maintain discipline, protect the safety, security, and welfare of its students, staff, and visitors while at the same time safeguarding district facilities, vehicles, and equipment. As part of fulfilling this responsibility, the board authorizes the use of video/audio surveillance cameras. The placement of video/audio surveillance cameras shall be based on the presumption and belief that students, staff and visitors have no reasonable

expectation of privacy anywhere on or near school property, facilities, vehicles, or equipment, with the exception of places such as rest rooms or dressing areas where an expectation of privacy is reasonable and customary.

Signs shall be posted on campus buildings and in district vehicles to notify students, staff, and visitors that video cameras may be in use. Parents and students shall also be notified through the student handbook that cameras may be in use in school buildings, on school grounds and in school vehicles. Students will be held responsible for any violations of school discipline rules caught by the cameras.

The district shall retain copies of video recordings for a minimum of two (2) weeks before they are erased which may be accomplished by either deletion or copying over with a new recording. Parents wishing to view a video recording need to be aware that it may not be available after the two week period unless the video contains evidence of misconduct.

Video recordings shall be considered student education records and any release or viewing of such records shall be in accordance with current law. Videos containing evidence of a violation of student conduct rules and/or state or federal law shall be retained until the issue of the misconduct has been settled.

Students who vandalize, damage, disable, or render inoperable (temporarily or permanently) surveillance cameras and equipment shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action and referral to appropriate law enforcement authorities.

Legal References: 20 USC 1232(g) 34 CFR 99.3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 12, 31 20 U.S.C. 7115

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SEARCH, SEIZURE, AND INTERROGATIONS -- Policy 4.32

The District respects the rights of its students against arbitrary intrusion of their person and property. At the same time, it is the responsibility of school officials to protect the health, safety, and welfare of all students enrolled in the District in order to promote an environment conducive to student learning. The Superintendent, principals, and their designees have the right to inspect and search school property and equipment. They may also search students and their personal property in which the student has a reasonable expectation of privacy, when there is reasonable and individualized suspicion to believe such student or property contains illegal items or other items in violation of Board policy or dangerous to the school community. School authorities may seize evidence found in the search and disciplinary action may be taken. Evidence found which appears to be in violation of the law shall be reported to the appropriate authority.

School property shall include, but not be limited to, lockers, desks, and parking lots, as well as personal effects left there by students. When possible, prior notice will be given and the student will be allowed to be present along with an adult witness, however, searches may be done at any time with or without notice or the student's consent. A personal search must not be excessively intrusive in light of the age and sex of the student and the nature of the infraction.

The Superintendent, principals, and their designees may request the assistance of law enforcement officials to help conduct searches. Such searches may include the use of specially trained dogs.

A school official of the same sex shall conduct personal searches with an adult witness of the same sex present.

State Law requires that Department of Human Services employees, local law enforcement, or agents of the Crimes Against Children Division of the Department of Arkansas State Police, may interview students without a court order for the purpose of investigating

suspected child abuse. In instances where the interviewers deem it necessary, they may exercise a “72-hour hold ” without first obtaining a court order. Other questioning of students by non-school personnel shall be granted only with a court order directing such questioning, with permission of the parents of a student (or the student if above eighteen [18] years of age), or in response to a subpoena or arrest warrant.

If the District makes a report to any law enforcement agency concerning student misconduct or if access to a student is granted to a law enforcement agency due to a court order, the principal or the principal’s designee shall make a good faith effort to contact the student’s parent, legal guardian, or other person having lawful control by court order, or person acting in loco parentis on student enrollment forms. The principal or the principal’s designee shall not attempt to make such contact if presented documentation by the investigator that notification is prohibited because a parent, guardian, custodian, or person standing in loco parentis is named as an alleged offender of the suspected child maltreatment. This exception applies only to interview requests made by a law enforcement officer, an investigator of the Crimes Against Children Division of the Department of Arkansas State Police, or an investigator or employee of the Department of Human Services.

In instances other than those related to cases of suspected child abuse, principals must release a student to either a police officer who presents a subpoena for the student, or a warrant for arrest, or to an agent of state social services or an agent of a court with jurisdiction over a child with a court order signed by a judge. Upon release of the student, the principal or designee shall give the student’s parent, legal guardian, or other person having lawful control by court order, or person acting in loco parentis notice that the student has been taken into custody by law enforcement personnel or a state’s social services agency. If the principal or designee is unable to reach the parent, he or she shall make a reasonable, good faith effort to get a message to the parent to call the principal or designee, and leave both a day and an after-hours telephone number.

Legal References: A.C.A. § 6-18-513 A.C.A. § 9-13-104 A.C.A. § 12-18-609, 610, 613
A.C.A. § 12-18-1001, 1005
Date Adopted: 9/6/06 Last Revised: 06/27/11; 06/22/15

**CONDUCT TO AND FROM SCHOOL AND TRANSPORTATION
ELIGIBILITY -- Policy 4.19**

Students are subject to the same rules of conduct while traveling to and from school as they are while on school grounds. Appropriate disciplinary actions may be taken against commuting students who violate student code of conduct rules.

The preceding paragraph also applies to student conduct while on school buses. Students shall be instructed in safe riding practices. The driver of a school bus shall not operate the school bus until every passenger is seated. Disciplinary measures for problems related to bus behavior shall include suspension or expulsion from school, or suspending or terminating the student’s bus transportation privileges. Transporting students to and from school who have lost their bus transportation privileges shall become the responsibility of the student’s parent or legal guardian.

Students are eligible to receive district bus transportation if they live too great a distance to walk.
Legal Reference: A.C.A. § 6-19-119 (b) Ark. Division of Academic facilities and Transportation Rules Governing Maintenance and Operations of Ark. Public School Buses and Physical Examinations of School Bus Drivers4.0
Date Adopted: 07/25/05 Last Revised: 07/24/06

CORPORAL PUNISHMENT-- Policy 4.39

The Flippin School Board authorizes the use of corporal punishment to be administered in accordance with this policy by the Superintendent or his/her designated staff members who are required to have a state-issued license as a condition of their employment.

Prior to the administration of corporal punishment, the student receiving the corporal punishment shall be given an explanation of the reasons for the punishment and be given an opportunity to refute the charges.

All corporal punishment shall be administered privately, i.e. out of the sight and hearing of other students, shall not be excessive, or administered with malice, and shall be administered in the presence of another licensed staff member employed by the District.

Legal Reference: A.C.A. § 6-18-503 (b)____A.C.A. § 6-18-505 (c) (1)

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SUSPENSION FROM SCHOOL -- Policy 4.30

Students who are not present at school cannot benefit from the educational opportunities the school environment affords. Administrators, therefore, shall strive to find ways to keep students in school as participants in the educational process. There are instances, however, when the needs of the other students or the interests of the orderly learning environment require the removal of a student from school. The Board authorizes school principals or their designees to suspend students for disciplinary reasons for a period of time not to exceed ten (10) school days, including the day upon which the suspension is imposed. The suspension may be in school or out of school. Students are responsible for their conduct that occurs:

- At any time on the school grounds;
- Off school grounds at a school-sponsored function, activity, or event; and
- Going to and from school or a school activity.

The school principal or designee shall proceed as follows in deciding whether or not to suspend a student.

- a. the student shall be given written notice or advised orally of the charges against him/her;
- b. if the student denies the charges, he/she shall be given an explanation of the evidence against him/her and be allowed to present his/her version of the facts; and
- c. if the principal finds the student guilty of the misconduct, he/she may be suspended.

When possible, notice of the suspension, its duration, and any stipulations for the student's re-admittance to class will be given to the parent(s), legal guardian(s), or to the student if age eighteen (18) or older prior to the suspension. Such notice shall be handed to the parent(s), legal guardian(s), or to the student if age eighteen (18) or older or mailed to the last address reflected in the records of the school district.

Generally, notice and hearing should precede the student's removal from school, but if prior notice and hearing are not feasible, as where the student's presence endangers persons or property or threatens disruption of the academic process, thus justifying immediate removal from school, the necessary notice and hearing should follow as soon as practicable.

It is the parents' or legal guardians' responsibility to provide current contact information to the district which the school shall use to immediately notify the parent or legal guardian upon the suspension of a student.

The notification shall be by one of the following means, listed in order of priority:

- A primary call number
 - The contact may be by voice, voice mail, or text message

- An email address
 - A regular first class letter to the last known mailing address
- The district shall keep a log of contacts attempted and made to the parent or legal guardian.
- During the period of their suspension, students serving out-of-school suspensions shall not be permitted on campus except to attend a student/parent/administrator conference.
- During the period of their suspension, students serving in-school suspension shall not attend or participate in any school-sponsored activities during the imposed suspension.

Suspensions initiated by the principal or his/her designee may be appealed to the Superintendent, but not to the Board.

Suspensions initiated by the Superintendent may be appealed to the Board.

Note: A.C.A. § 6-18-507(f)(3) requires attempts at contacting parents be made first by phone. If such contact fails, then contact may be by email, and if that is unsuccessful, contact may be by regular first class mail.^{2w}

Legal References: A.C.A. § 6-18-507 *Goss v Lopez*, 419 U.S. 565 (1975)
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EXPULSION -- Policy 4.31

The Board of Education may expel a student for a period longer than ten (10) school days for violation of the District’s written discipline policies. The Superintendent may make a recommendation of expulsion to the Board of Education for student conduct deemed to be of such gravity that suspension would be inappropriate, or where the student’s continued attendance at school would disrupt the orderly learning environment or would pose an unreasonable danger to the welfare of other students or staff.

The Superintendent or his/her designee shall give written notice to the parents or legal guardians (mailed to the address reflected on the District’s records) that he/she will recommend to the Board of Education that the student be expelled for the specified length of time and state the reasons for the recommendation to expel. The notice shall give the date, hour, and place where the Board of Education will consider and dispose of the recommendation.

The hearing shall be conducted not later than ten (10) school days following the date of the notice, except that representatives of the Board and student may agree in writing to a date not conforming to this limitation.

The President of the Board, Board Attorney, or other designated Board member shall preside at the hearing. The student may choose to be represented by legal counsel. Both the district administration and School Board also may be represented by legal counsel. The hearing shall be conducted in open session of the Board unless the parent, or student if age 18 or older, requests that the hearing be conducted in executive session. Any action taken by the Board shall be in open session.

During the hearing, the Superintendent, or designee, or representative, will present evidence, including the calling of witnesses that gave rise to the recommendation of expulsion. The student, or his/her representative, may then present evidence including statements from persons with personal knowledge of the events or circumstances relevant to the charges against the student. Formal cross-examination will not be permitted. However, any member of the Board, the Superintendent, or designee, the student, or his/her representative may question anyone making a statement and/or the student. The presiding officer shall decide questions concerning the appropriateness or relevance of any questions asked during the hearing.

Except as permitted by policy 4.22, the Superintendent shall recommend the expulsion of any student for a period of not less than one (1) year for possession of any firearm prohibited on school campus by law. The Superintendent shall, however, have the discretion to modify the expulsion recommendation for a student on a case-by-case basis.

Parents or legal guardians of a student enrolling from another school after the expiration of an expulsion period for a weapons policy violation shall be given a copy of the current laws regarding the possibility of parental responsibility for allowing a child to possess a weapon on school property. The parents or legal guardians shall sign a statement acknowledging that they have read and understand said laws prior to the student being enrolled in school.

The Superintendent and the Board of Education shall complete the expulsion process of any student that was initiated because the student possessed a firearm or other prohibited weapon on school property regardless of the enrollment status of the student.

Legal Reference: A.C.A. § 6-18-507 Date Adopted: 07/25/05; Last Revised: 10/27/08

COMPLAINTS -- Policy 6.7

It is a goal of the Board and the District to be responsive to the community it serves and to continuously improve the educational program offered in its schools. The Board or the District welcomes constructive criticism when it is offered with the intent of improving the quality of the system's educational program or the delivery of the District's services.

The Board formulates and adopts policies to achieve the District's vision and elects a Superintendent to implement its policies. The administrative functions of the District are delegated to the Superintendent who is responsible for the effective administration and supervision of the District. Individuals with complaints concerning personnel, curriculum, discipline (including specific discipline policies), coaching, or the day to day management of the schools need to address those complaints according to the following sequence:

6. Teacher, coach, or other staff member against whom the complaint is directed
7. Principal
8. Superintendent

Other than in the few instances where statutorily allowed or required, student discipline and personnel matters may not be discussed in Board meetings. Individuals with complaints regarding such matters need to follow the sequence outlined above.

Unless authorized by the Board as a whole for a specific purpose, no individual Board member has any authority when acting alone. District constituents are reminded that the Board serves as a finder of fact, not unlike a jury in matters regarding student suspensions initiated by the Superintendent, expulsions, and personnel discipline. For this reason, the board may not be involved or informed prior to a board hearing on particular disciplinary matters.

Complaints that are related to district use or administration of federal funds generated through specific programs identified by the Arkansas Department of Education and authorized in the 2002 reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act may be taken directly from a patron or by referral from the Arkansas Department of Education (ADE). If taken directly from a patron, the complaint may be submitted by either a signed statement or by a certified, recorded deposition or statement in which the complainant is identified. The complaints shall be addressed in the following manner.

1. The complaint shall be referred to the federal programs director, who shall assemble a team of at least two people to investigate the complaint.
2. Throughout the investigation, sufficient notes and records will be taken and maintained to substantiate the position of the findings of the investigation.
3. The team will interview the complainant and others as necessary to enable the team to make a determination of the validity of the complaint. The team may consult with individuals with knowledge or expertise in the matter which is the subject of the complaint, including legal counsel.

4. The investigation of complaints referred by the ADE shall be completed within 30 work days of receipt of the complaint, unless a longer time period has been approved by the ADE.
5. The investigation of complaints made directly to the district shall be completed within 40 work days unless there are extenuating circumstances; in such a case, a preliminary report shall be made within 40 work days of receipt of the complaint, which shall include an explanation of the unusual circumstances requiring additional time to complete the investigation.
6. The report of the conclusions of the investigation shall be given to the complainant. It shall contain: a summary of the allegations of the complaint; a summary of the investigative actions taken by the team; a summary of the findings concerning each alleged violation or implied violation; a statement of corrective actions needed to resolve the issues involved in each allegation and finding of complaint.

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INTERNET SAFETY and ELECTRONIC DEVICE USE POLICY – Policy 4.29

Definition: For the purposes of this policy, "electronic device" means anything that can be used to transmit or capture images, sound, or data.

The District makes electronic device(s) and/or electronic device Internet access available to students, to permit students to perform research and to allow students to learn how to use electronic device technology. Use of district electronic devices is for educational and/or instructional purposes only. Student use of electronic device(s) shall only be as directed or assigned by staff or teachers; students are advised that they enjoy no expectation of privacy in any aspect of their electronic device use, including email, and that monitoring of student electronic device use is continuous.

No student will be granted Internet access until and unless an Internet and electronic device use agreement, signed by both the student and the parent or legal guardian (if the student is under the age of eighteen [18]) is on file. The current version of the Internet and electronic device use agreement is incorporated by reference into board policy and is considered part of the student handbook.

Technology Protection Measures

The District is dedicated to protecting students from materials on the Internet or world wide web that are inappropriate, obscene, or otherwise harmful to minors; therefore, it is the policy of the District to protect each electronic device with Internet filtering software that is designed to prevent students from accessing such materials. For purposes of this policy, "harmful to minors" means any picture, image, graphic image file, or other visual depiction that:

(A) taken as a whole and with respect to minors, appeals to a prurient interest in nudity, sex, or excretion;

(B) depicts, describes, or represents, in a patently offensive way with respect to what is suitable for minors, an actual or simulated sexual act or sexual contact, actual or simulated normal or perverted sexual acts, or a lewd exhibition of the genitals; and

(C) taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value as to minors.

Internet Use and Safety

The District is dedicated to ensuring that students are capable of using the Internet in a safe and responsible manner. The District uses technology protection measures to aid in student safety and shall also educate students on appropriate online behavior and Internet use including, but not limited to:

- interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms;
- Cyberbullying awareness; and
- Cyberbullying response.

Misuse of Internet

The opportunity to use the District’s technology to access the Internet is a privilege and not a right. Students who misuse electronic devices or Internet access in any way will face disciplinary action, as specified in the student handbook and/or Internet safety and electronic device use agreement. Misuse of the Internet includes:

- The disabling or bypassing of security procedures, compromising, attempting to compromise, or defeating the district’s technology network security or Internet filtering software;
- The altering of data without authorization;
- Disclosing, using, or disseminating passwords, whether the passwords are the student’s own or those of another student/faculty/community member, to other students;
- Divulging personally identifying information about himself/herself or anyone else either on the Internet or in an email unless it is a necessary and integral part of the student’s academic endeavor. Personally identifying information includes full names, addresses, and phone numbers.
- Using electronic devices for any illegal activity, including electronic device hacking and copyright or intellectual property law violations;
- Using electronic devices to access or create sexually explicit or pornographic text or graphics;
- Using electronic devices to violate any other policy or is contrary to the Internet safety and electronic device use agreement.

Legal References: Children’s Internet Protection Act; PL 106-554
FCC Final Rules 11-125 August 11,2011
20 USC 6777 47 USC 254(h)(l) 47 CFR 54.520
47 CFR 520(c)(4) A.C.A. § 6-21-107 A.C.A. § 6-21-111

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FLIPPIN SCHOOL DISTRICT PROVIDED TECHNOLOGY USER ACCEPTANCE POLICY

Requirements

Required Personal Email and Apple ID

In order to use the District Provided Technology to its full potential, students will need to create a personal email account, if they do not already have an existing email account, such as gmail, yahoo, and/or hotmail. Once the personal e-mail is set up, it must be binded with an Apple ID. The Apple ID can be setup without a credit card. Once the email is established, students can begin to download free applications, personal paid applications, and school provided applications.

Setting up a personal email account and Apple ID prior to the new school year will allow students to begin using their device on the first day of the new school year.

Receiving the Device

Devices will be distributed once the parent and student have both reviewed and signed the Flippin School District Provided Technology Acceptance Use Policy and Optional Insurance Coverage Form.

Returning the Device

Devices will be returned during the final week of school. Seniors will return their device the week prior to graduation. In the event a student graduates early, withdraws, or is expelled from Flippin School District before the end of the school year, the device will be returned at that time.

Failing to Return Device

Devices and accessories must be returned at the end of each school year. A student failing to return the device and accessories at the end of the year, or prior to his/her departure from Flippin School District, may be subjected to criminal prosecution or civil liability. A theft report will be filed with the local authorities if a school owned device is not returned.

Device Identification

Devices provided by Flippin School District are uniquely identified, labeled, and case protected. Devices issued to each student will be assigned a unique identification for administrative purposes.

Device Inspection

Flippin School District will respect the privacy of the student's use of the device and will not track daily use at school or home unless deemed necessary. Students will make the device and device accessories available to Flippin School District faculty for necessary inspection, physical maintenance, and software maintenance.

Device Care and Responsibilities

- Do not remove the school provided case
- Handle the device with care while using the device in the classroom and transporting device between the school and home
- Insert charging cables carefully to avoid damage
- Clean device with a soft cloth to prevent scratches and damages
- Do not clean the device with cleansing liquids
- Do not leave the device in any unsupervised area
- Fully charge the device before arriving to Flippin School District each school day
- Students who fail to bring device to school will be required to complete class assignments without the device

General Precautions

- To avoid pressure damaging, do not lean on device
- Do not place heavy objects on the device
- Do not leave your device in a dirty area. Dirt and dust can accumulate on and underneath the device, causing damage.

School Provided Software and Content

Flippin School District will provide the necessary applications for students to create, edit, and publish content for course materials and assignments.

Personal Software and Content

Flippin School District allows students to download personal software and content via the portal provided on the device. Flippin School District does not allow students to alter the integrity of the school provided device with illegal software. Downloading illegal software to the device, also referred to as "Jailbreaking" or hacking, will result in disciplinary action.

Repairs

Students and parents are responsible for any damages incurred on the school provided device. Flippin School District's Technology Department will perform repairs on the school provided device.

Loss/Theft/Criminal Acts

Parents and students are required to file a police report in the event that a school provided device is stolen or vandalized. Copies of this report must also be provided to Flippin School District. Once a copy of the report has been given to Flippin School District, a student may be issued another device.

STUDENT VEHICLES -- Policy 4.33

A student who has presented a valid driver's license and proof of insurance to the appropriate office personnel, may drive his/her vehicle to school. Vehicles driven to school shall be parked in the area designated for student parking. Parking on school property is a privilege which may be denied to a student for any disciplinary violation, at the discretion of the student's building principal.

Students are not permitted to loiter in parking areas and are not to return to their vehicles during the school day for any reason unless given permission to do so by school personnel.

It is understood that there is no expectation of privacy in vehicles in parking areas. Drivers of vehicles parked on a school campus will be held accountable for illegal substances or any other item prohibited by District policy found in their vehicle. The act of a student parking a vehicle on campus is a grant of permission for school or law enforcement authorities to search that vehicle.

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Section 6: Student Health and Related Services

WELLNESS POLICY -- Policy 5.29

The health and physical well-being of our students directly affects their ability to learn. Childhood obesity increases the incidence of adult diseases occurring in children and adolescents such as heart disease, high blood pressure and diabetes. The increased risk carries forward into their adulthood. Research indicates that a healthy diet and regular physical activity can help prevent obesity and the diseases resulting from it. It is understood that the eating habits and exercise patterns of students cannot be magically changed overnight, but at the same time, the Board of Directors believes it is necessary to strive to create a culture in our schools that consistently promotes good nutrition and physical activity.

The problem of obesity and inactivity is a public health issue. The Board of Directors is keenly aware that it has taken years for this problem to reach its present level and will similarly take years to correct. The responsibility for addressing the problem lies not only with the schools and the Arkansas Department of Education (ADE), but with the community and its residents, organizations and agencies. Therefore, the District shall enlist the support of the larger community to find solutions which improve the health and physical activity of our students.

Goals

In its efforts to improve the school nutrition environment, promote student health, and reduce childhood obesity, the District will adhere to the ADE Rules Governing Nutrition and Physical Activity Standards And Body Mass Index For Age Assessment Protocols. To promote nutrition, physical activity, and other school based activities that will improve student wellness, the District has established the following goals.¹

1. Appoint a district school health coordinator (designated district official) who shall be responsible for ensuring that each school fulfills the requirements of this policy;
2. Implement a grade appropriate nutrition education program that will develop an awareness of and appreciation for nutrition and physical activity throughout the curriculum;
3. Enforce existing physical education requirements and engage students in healthy levels of vigorous physical activity;
4. Strive to improve the quality of physical education curricula and increase the training of physical education teachers;
5. Follow the Arkansas Physical Education and Health Education Frameworks in grades K-12;
6. Not use food or beverages as rewards for academic, classroom, or sports performances;
7. Ensure that drinking water is available without charge to all students;
8. Establish class schedules and bus routes that do not directly or indirectly restrict meal access;
9. Provide students with ample time to eat their meals in pleasant cafeteria and dining areas;
10. Establish no more than nine (9) school wide events that permit exceptions to the food and beverage limitations established by Rule. The schedule of the events shall be by school, approved by the principal, and shall be part of the annual school calendar;
11. Abide by the current allowable food and beverage portion standards;
12. Meet or exceed the more stringent of Arkansas' or the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Nutrition Standards for reimbursable meals and a la' carte foods served in the cafeteria;
13. Restrict access to competitive foods-as required by law and Rule;
14. Conform new and/or renewed vending contracts to the content restrictions contained in the Rules and reduce district dependence on profits from the sale of competitive foods.
15. Provide professional development to all district staff on the topics of nutrition and/or physical activity;
16. Utilize the School Health Index available from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) to assess how well the district is doing at implementing this wellness policy and at promoting a healthy environment for its students;

Advisory Committee

To enhance the district's efforts to improve the health of our students, a School Nutrition and Physical Activity Advisory Committee (SNPAAC) shall be formed. It shall be structured in a way that ensures age-appropriate recommendations are made that correlate to our district's grade configurations. The SNPAAC shall have the powers and responsibilities delegated to it by statute and Rule and are incorporated into this policy by reference. The overarching goal of the committee shall be to promote student wellness by monitoring how well the district is doing at implementing this policy. The SNPAAC shall use modules 1, 2, 3, 4, and 8 of the CDC's School Health Index as a basis for annually assessing each school's progress toward meeting the requirements of this policy. The results of the annual assessment shall be included in each school's ACSIP, provided to each school's principal, and reported to the board. Goals and objectives for nutrition and physical activity shall also be included in the ACSIP.

Members of the District's Board of Directors, school administrators, school nutrition personnel, teacher organizations, parents, students, professional groups (such as nurses), and community members shall be included in the development, implementation, and periodic review of the District's wellness policy to the extent interested persons from each group desire to be included.

The SNPAAC shall provide recommendations to the school district concerning menus and other foods sold in the school cafeteria. Such recommendations shall be based, at least in part, on the information the Committee receives from the District on the requirements and standards of the National School Lunch Program and from menus for the National School Lunch Program and other food sold in the school cafeteria on a quarterly basis.

The District will work with the SNPAAC to:

- A. Encourage participation in extracurricular programs that support physical activity, such as walk-to-school programs, biking clubs, after-school walking etc.;
- B. Encourage the implementation of developmentally appropriate physical activity in after-school childcare programs for participating children;
- C. Promote the reduction of time youth spend engaged in sedentary activities such as watching television and playing video games; and
- D. Encourage the development of and participation in family-oriented community-based physical activity programs.

The District shall periodically assess, with input from the SNPACC, the District and individual schools' status regarding implementing this policy. The assessment shall be based, at least in part, on:

- the extent to which District schools are in compliance with this policy;
- the extent to which this policy compares to other model local school wellness policies; and
- a description of the progress made in attaining the goals of this policy.

The assessment results along with the content of this policy shall be periodically reported to the public, including parents, students, and other members of the community.

Legal References: Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act 42 U.S.C. § 1751 et seq. as amended by PL 111-296 (Section 204) of 2010. (Section 204 is codified at 42 U.S.C. § 1758(b))
Child Nutrition Act of 1966 42 U.S.C. § 1771 et seq.
A.C.A. § 6-20-709 A.C.A. §§ 20-7-133, 134, and 135
ADE Rules Governing Nutrition and Physical Activity Standards And Body Mass Index For Age Assessment Protocols
Allowable Competitive Foods/Beverages - Maximum Portion Size List for Middle, Junior High, and High School
Nutrition Standards for Arkansas Public Schools

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HEALTH SERVICES -- Policy 5.18

The Board believes that healthy children promote a better learning environment, are more capable of high student achievement, and will result in healthier, more productive adults. Therefore, the goal of the District's health services is to promote a healthy student body. This requires both the education of students concerning healthy behaviors, as well as providing health care services to pupils.

While the school nurse is under the supervision of the school principal, the delegation of health care duties shall be in accordance with the Arkansas Nurse Practice Act and the Arkansas State Board of Nursing Rules and Regulations Chapter Five: Delegation of Nursing Care.

Date Adopted: 7/25/05

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES AND PARASITES -- Policy 4.34

Students with communicable diseases or with human host parasites that are transmittable in a school environment shall demonstrate respect for other students by not attending school while they are capable of transmitting their condition to others. Students whom the school nurse determines are unwell or unfit for school attendance or who are believed to have a communicable disease or condition will be required to be picked up by their parent or guardian. Specific examples include, but are not limited to: chicken pox, measles, scabies, conjunctivitis (Pink Eye), impetigo/MRSA (Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus), streptococcal and staphylococcal infections, ringworm, mononucleosis, Hepatitis A, B or C, mumps, vomiting, diarrhea, and fever (100.4 F when taken orally). A student who has been sent home by the school nurse will be subsequently readmitted, at the discretion of the school nurse, when the student is no longer a transmission

risk. In some instances, a letter from a health care provider may be required prior to the student being readmitted to the school.

To help control the possible spread of communicable diseases, school personnel shall follow the District's exposure control plan when dealing with any blood-borne, foodborne, and airborne pathogens exposures. Standard precautions shall be followed relating to the handling, disposal, and cleanup of blood and other potentially infectious materials such as all body fluids, secretions and excretions (except sweat).

In accordance with 4.57—IMMUNIZATIONS, the District shall maintain a copy of each student's immunization record and a list of individuals with exemptions from immunization which shall be education records as defined in policy 4.13. That policy provides that an education record may be disclosed to appropriate parties in connection with an emergency if knowledge of the information is necessary to protect the health or safety of the student or other individuals. A student enrolled in the District who has an immunization exemption may be removed from school at the discretion of the Arkansas Department of Health during an outbreak of the disease for which the student is not vaccinated. The student may not return to the school until the outbreak has been resolved and the student's return to school is approved by the Arkansas Department of Health

The parents or legal guardians of students found to have live human host parasites that are transmittable in a school environment will be asked to pick their child up at the end of the school day. The parents or legal guardians will be given information concerning the eradication and control of human host parasites. A student may be readmitted after the school nurse or designee has determined the student no longer has live human host parasites that are transmittable in a school environment.

Each school may conduct screenings of students for human host parasites that are transmittable in a school environment. The screenings shall be conducted in a manner that respects the privacy and the confidentiality of each student.

Legal References: A.C.A. § 6-18-702

Arkansas State Board of Health Rules And Regulations Pertaining To Immunization Requirements

Arkansas Department of Education Rules Governing Kindergarten Through 12th Grade Immunization Requirements

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STUDENT MEDICATIONS -- Policy 4.35

Prior to the administration of any medication to any student under the age of eighteen (18), written parental consent is required. The consent form shall include authorization to administer the medication and relieve the Board and its employees of civil liability for damages or injuries resulting from the administration of medication to students in accordance with this policy. All signed medication consent forms are to be maintained by the school nurse. Unless authorized to self-administer, students are not allowed to carry any medications, including over-the-counter medications or any perceived health remedy not regulated by the US Food and Drug Administration, while at school. The parent or legal guardian shall bring the student's medication to the school nurse. The student may bring the medication if accompanied by a written authorization from the parent or legal guardian. When medications are brought to the school nurse, the nurse shall document, in the presence of the parent, the quantity and type of the medication(s). If the medications are brought by a student, the school nurse shall ask another school employee to verify, in the presence of the student the quantity of the medication(s). Each person present shall sign a form verifying the quantity and type of the medication(s).

Medications, including those for self-administration, must be in the original container and be properly labeled with the student's name, the ordering health care provider's name, the name of the medication, the dosage, frequency, and instructions for the administration of the medication (including times). Additional information accompanying the medication shall state the purpose for the medication,

its possible side effects, and any other pertinent instructions (such as special storage requirements) or warnings. Schedule II medications that are permitted by this policy to be brought to school shall be stored in a double locked cabinet.

Students with an individualized health plan (IHP) may be given over-the-counter medications to the extent giving such medications are included in the student's IHP.

The only Schedule II medications that shall be allowed to be brought to the school are methylphenidate (e.g. Ritalin or closely related medications as determined by the school nurse), dextroamphetamine (Dexedrine), and amphetamine sulfate (e.g. Adderall or closely related medications as determined by the school nurse).

For the student's safety, no student will be allowed to attend school if the student is currently taking any other Schedule II medication than permitted by this policy. Students who are taking Schedule II medications which are not allowed to be brought to school shall be eligible for homebound instruction if provided for in their IEP or 504 plans.

The district's supervising registered nurse shall be responsible for creating both on campus and off campus procedures for administering medications.

Students who have written permission from their parent or guardian and a licensed health care practitioner on file with the District may:

- 1) Self-administer either a rescue inhaler or auto-injectable epinephrine;
- 2) Perform his/her own blood glucose checks;
- 3) Administer insulin through the insulin delivery system the student uses;
- 4) Treat the student's own hypoglycemia and hyperglycemia; or
- 5) Possess on his or her person:
 - a) A rescue inhaler or auto-injectable epinephrine; or
 - b) the necessary supplies and equipment to perform his/her own diabetes monitoring and treatment functions.

Students who have a current consent form on file shall be allowed to carry and self-administer such medication while:

- In school;
- At an on-site school sponsored activity;
- While traveling to or from school; or
- At an off-site school sponsored activity

A student is prohibited from sharing, transferring, or in any way diverting his/her medications to any other person. The fact that a student with a completed consent form on file is allowed to carry a rescue inhaler, auto-injectable epinephrine, diabetes medication, or combination does not require him/her to have such on his/her person. The parent or guardian of a student who qualifies under this policy to self-carry a rescue inhaler, auto-injectable epinephrine, diabetes medication, or any combination on his/her person shall provide the school with the appropriate medication, which shall be immediately available to the student in an emergency.

Students may be administered Glucagon, insulin, or both in emergency situations by the school nurse or, in the absence of the school nurse, a trained volunteer school employee designated as a care provider, provided the student has:

1. an IHP developed under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 which provides for the administration of Glucagon, insulin, or both in emergency situations; and
2. a current, valid consent form on file from their parent or guardian.

A student shall have access to a private area to perform diabetes monitoring and treatment functions as outlined in the student's IHP.

Emergency Administration of Epinephrine

The school nurse or other school employees designated by the school nurse as a care provider who have been trained¹ and certified by a licensed physician may administer an epinephrine auto-injector in emergency situations to students who have an IHP developed under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 which provides for the administration of an epinephrine auto-injector in emergency situations.

The parent of a student who has an authorizing IHP, or the student if over the age of eighteen (18), shall annually complete and sign a written consent form provided by the student's school nurse authorizing the nurse or other school employee certified to administer auto-injector epinephrine to the student when the employee believes the student is having a life-threatening anaphylactic reaction.

Students with an order from and a licensed health care provider to self-administer auto-injectable epinephrine and who have written permission from their parent or guardian shall provide the school nurse an epinephrine auto-injector. This epinephrine will be used in the event the school nurse, or other school employee certified to administer auto-injector epinephrine, in good faith professionally believes the student is having a life-threatening anaphylactic reaction and the student is either not self-carrying his/her /epinephrine auto-injector or the nurse is unable to locate it.

The school nurse for each District school shall keep epinephrine auto-injectors on hand that are suitable for the students the school serves. The school nurse or other school employee designated by the school nurse as a care provider who has been trained¹ and certified by a licensed physician may administer auto-injector epinephrine to those students who the school nurse, or other school employee certified to administer auto-injector epinephrine, in good faith professionally believes is having a life-threatening anaphylactic reaction.

The school shall not keep outdated medications or any medications past the end of the school year. By this policy, parents are notified that ten (10) days after the last day of school, all medications will be disposed of that are left at the school. Medications not picked up by the parents or legal guardians within the ten (10) day period disposed of by the school nurse in accordance with current law and regulations

Act 1204 of 2011 created the provisions for Glucagon administration to students suffering from Type I diabetes. It deals solely with the administration of Glucagon by school nurses, the training requirements for "volunteer school personnel," and the exemption from liability of the nurses or trained volunteer school personnel resulting from his or her actions or inactions. Districts are not under any obligation to "recruit" volunteers and 4.06 of the Rules explicitly states that no employee shall be pressured into volunteering

References: Ark. State Board of Nursing: School Nurse Roles and Responsibilities

Arkansas Department of Education and Arkansas State Board of Nursing Rules Governing the Administration of Glucagon to Arkansas Public School Students Suffering from Type I Diabetes

A.C.A. § 6-18-707

A.C.A. § 6-18-1005(a)(6)

A.C.A. § 17-87-103 (11)

A.C.A. § 20-13-405

A.C.A. § 6-18-711

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STUDENT ILLNESS/ACCIDENT -- Policy 4.36

If a student becomes too ill to remain in class and/or could be contagious to other students, the principal or designee will attempt to notify the student's parent or legal guardian. The student will remain in the school's health room or a place where he/she can be supervised until the end of the school day or until the parent/legal guardian can check the student out of school.

If a student becomes seriously ill or is injured while at school and the parent/legal guardian cannot be contacted, the failure to make such contact shall not unreasonably delay the school's expeditious transport of the student to an appropriate medical care facility. The school assumes no responsibility for treatment of the student. When available, current, and applicable, the student's emergency contact numbers and medical information will be utilized. Parents are strongly encouraged to keep this information up to date.

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PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS OR SCREENINGS -- Policy 4.41

The Flippin School District conducts routine health screenings such as hearing, vision, and scoliosis due to the importance these health factors play in the ability of a student to succeed in school. The intent of the exams or screenings shall be to detect defects in hearing, vision, or other elements of health that would adversely affect the student's ability to achieve to their full potential.

The rights provided to parents under this policy transfer to the student when he/she turns eighteen (18) years old.

Except in instances where a student is suspected of having a contagious or infectious disease, parents shall have the right to opt their student out of the exams or screenings by using form 4.41F or by providing certification from a physician that he/she has recently examined the student.

Note: This policy is not intended to and does not cover invasive physical examinations. "Invasive Physical Examinations" is defined in federal law as any medical examination that involves the exposure of private body parts, or any act during such examination that includes incision, insertion, or injection into the body. It is our understanding that most students who would receive an invasive physical examination would do so as part of the student's individual health plan (IHP) or while at a school based health clinic; neither situation is intended to be covered by this policy.

In the event a student did not fall under one of the above situations, districts should be aware that an invasive physical examination requires that the student's parent/legal guardian be "directly" notified of the specific or approximate dates (to the extent known) during the school year when the invasive physical examination is scheduled within a reasonable period of time that would provide the parent and opportunity to object. Parents of a student whose IHP covers an invasive physical examination have granted permission for that specific type of exam as part of the establishment of the IHP.

"Directly notified" means by mail or email; inclusion in the student handbook does not meet the law's requirements.

Districts with students who participate as athletes in the Arkansas Special Olympics programs should be aware that the student's physical examination for participation in the program must be signed by either an advanced practice nurse or a licensed physician. Many of the participating students often have multiple health challenges, which can sometimes be deadly in the right circumstances (These are often referred to as "co-morbidities".) As a result, it is important that the Special Olympics athlete medical form be completed by the parent and the qualified health care provider. A copy of the medical form can be found on the Policy Resources Page at <http://arsba.org/policy-resources>.

Legal Reference: A.C.A. § 6-18-701 (b), (c), (f) 20 USC § 1232h (c) [NCLB Act of 2001, Part F, Section 1061 (c) (1)(D), (2)(A)(i)(ii)(B)(C)(iii)(I)(II)(III), (4)(B)(ii), (5)(B), (6)(B)(C)]

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EMERGENCY DRILLS -- Policy 4.37

All schools in the District shall conduct fire drills at least monthly. Tornado drills shall also be conducted not fewer than three (3) times per year with at least one each in the months of

September, January, and February. Students who ride school buses shall also participate in emergency evacuation drills at least twice each school year.

Flippin School District shall annually conduct an active shooter drill and school safety assessment for all District schools in collaboration with local law enforcement and emergency management personnel. The training will include a lockdown exercise with panic button alert system training. Students will be included in the drills to the extent that is appropriate to the age of the student and grade configuration of the school and the drills may be conducted during the instructional day or during non-instructional time periods.

Drills may be conducted during the instructional day or during non-instructional time periods.

Other types of emergency drills may also be conducted to test the implementation of the District's emergency plans in the event of violence, or terrorist attack, natural disaster, other emergency, or the District's Panic Button Alert System. Students shall be included in the drills to the extent practicable.

Note: A.C.A. § 6-15-1302 requires that the district's Panic Button Alert System meet the following requirements:

- a) Connect the caller with 911 while simultaneously notifying designated on-site personnel;
- b) Directly integrate into the existing statewide Smart911 system.
- c) Be available for use as a smartphone application and have a mechanism for panic notifications to be triggered by non-smartphone wireless callers and landline callers; and
- d) Be limited to users designated, approved, and confirmed by school administrators.

Smart911 is required to provide a way for schools to geo-fence the school campus and provide and manage floor plans and other documents to assist emergency responders when they automatically display during a 911 call. Districts are responsible for keeping the floor plans and pertinent emergency contact information for the statewide Smart911 system up to date.

Legal Reference: A.C.A. § 12-13-109 A.C.A. § 6-10-110 A.C.A. § 6-10-121
A.C.A. § 6-15-130 A.C.A. § 6-15-1303 A.C.A. § 6-15-1302
Ark. Division of Academic Facilities and Transportation Rules Governing Maintenance and Operations of Ark Public School Buses and Physical Examination of School Bus Drivers 4.03.1

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CRISIS SITUATIONS AT SCHOOL

The Flippin Public Schools, in conjunction with the city police, city officials, and Marion county officials, has implemented a school board adopted "Crisis Plan" to address immediate needs for the safety and welfare of all students, staff, and visitors on campus. Each staff member has in their possession a written plan to be implemented in case of an emergency situation. The students will practice evacuations, taking shelter, etc., frequently, to keep them aware of safe procedures in case of any crisis situation.

In the event of a crisis situation, school personnel are trained along with city officials, law enforcement and emergency personnel to take charge and implement immediate safety procedures. Parents will be kept informed and students will be released to the parent when the situation is safe. Parents will be informed of crisis situation through local media disbursement and/or school spokesperson. Staging areas will be announced for parents to receive information or retrieve their child. Prospective staging areas will be the Flippin First Baptist Church, Ranger Boats, or Hickey Park in Flippin. Other areas may be necessary and will be announced as needed.

STORM DRILLS

ALARM: Continuous ring of the bell system

Storm drills will be conducted two times during each year. Students have been instructed on plans for these drills.

If there is no tone, notification will be by runner.

1. When alarm is sounded, students move quietly into interior hallways or designated areas.

2. Students are to kneel on floor with head on knees and hands on back of neck.

(Quietness is important.)

3. Check student roll.

4. Remain in this position until an all-clear bell sounds. This will be two short rings.

FIRE DRILLS

In accordance with state regulations, a fire drill will be conducted each month. The plans for leaving each building are posted in all classrooms and the students have been instructed on plans.

- **Signal:** distinct intermittent horn.
- If there is no horn notification will be by runner.

ALARM: Several broken blasts on the bell system

- Fire Drills are necessary for two reasons:
 1. They are required by law
 2. The student must know how to leave the building quickly, quietly, and safely.

During fire drills, the student will **WALK** as fast as traffic will allow, but he/she will never run; and he/she will remain silent.

The student can expect at least one fire drill each month. The teacher will leave the classroom last, having determined that:

- 1. All students have left the classroom.
- 2. Windows are all closed.
- 3. The lights are turned out.
- 4. The door is closed.
- 5. In addition, he/she will carry the roll book to call roll if necessary.

FIRE MARSHALS: Fire Marshals are chosen by the fifth grade teachers based on their responsibility, dependability, and willingness to serve the school. Nine Marshals are chosen each year from the fifth grade to perform those duties as prescribed by the principal. Fire Marshals within Flippin Middle School and High School will be selected by the respective principals from a submitted list.

PARENTAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (DISTRICT) - Policy 6.11

The Flippin School District understands the importance of involving parents and the community as a whole in promoting higher student achievement and general good will between the district and those it serves. Therefore, the district shall strive to develop and

maintain the capacity for meaningful and productive parental and community involvement that will result in partnerships that are mutually beneficial to the school, students, parents, and the community. To achieve such ends, the district shall work to

1. Involve parents and the community in the development of the long range planning of the district;
2. Give the schools in the district the support necessary to enable them to plan and implement effective parental involvement activities;
3. Have a coordinated involvement program where the involvement activities of the district enhance the involvement strategies of other programs such as Head Start, HIPPPY, Parents as Partners, Parents as Teachers, ABC, ABC for School Success, area Pre-K programs and Even Start;
4. Explain to parents and the community the State's content and achievement standards, State and local student assessments and how the district's curriculum is aligned with the assessments and how parents can work with the district to improve their child's academic achievement;
5. Provide parents with the materials and training they need to be better able to help their child achieve. The district may use parent resource centers or other community based organizations to foster parental involvement and provide literacy and technology training to parents.
6. Educate district staff, with the assistance of parents, in ways to work and communicate with parents and to know how to implement parent involvement programs that will promote positive partnerships between the school and parents;
7. Keep parents informed about parental involvement programs, meetings, and other activities they could be involved in. Such communication shall be, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand;
8. Find ways to eliminate barriers that work to keep parents from being involved in their child's education. This may include providing transportation and child care to enable parents to participate, arranging meetings at a variety of times, and being creative with parent/teacher conferences;
9. Find and modify other successful parent and community involvement programs to suit the needs of our district;
10. Train parents to enhance and promote the involvement of other parents;
11. Provide reasonable support for other parental involvement activities as parents may reasonably request..

To ensure the continued improvement of the district's parental/community involvement program, the district will conduct an annual review of its parental involvement policies to examine their effect on promoting higher student achievement. The review shall be done by a committee consisting of parents and other community members, certified and classified staff, and member(s) of the administration.

This policy shall be part of the school's Title I plan and shall be distributed to parents of the district's students and provided, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand.

Legal References: 20 U.S.C. § 6318 (a)(2),(A),(B),(D),(E) (NCBL Act of 2001, Section 1118)
20 U.S.C. § 6318 (e)(1),(2),(3),(4),(5),(6),(8),(9),(10),(11),(13),(14) (NCBL Act of 2001, Section 1118)

Date Adopted: 07/25/05

SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT

Flippin Schools and the parents of the students participating in activities, services, and programs funded by Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) (participating children), agree that this compact outlines how the parents, the entire school staff, and the students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership that will help children achieve the State's high standards.

This school-parent compact became effective during 2008-09 school year.

School Responsibilities

Flippin Schools will:

1. Provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables the participating children to meet the State's student academic achievement standards as follows:

Flippin Schools is dedicated to providing its students with a high quality education that challenges each student to achieve to their maximum potential. Each school within the district will create an environment conducive to achieving this goal. Curricula will be aligned with the ADE Frameworks and used to plan instruction leading to student proficiency on Arkansas' content standards. Student achievement will be increased through an integrated curriculum that promotes continuity and a growth in skills and knowledge from grade to grade and from school to school.

2. Hold parent-teacher conferences (at least annually in elementary schools) during which this

compact will be discussed as it relates to the individual child's achievement. Parent Teacher conferences are scheduled twice a year to be held during the fifth week of each semester. All schools participate in the parent teacher conferences in order to provide students and parents with feedback that will help students reach their educational potential. The parent teacher conferences planned in a timeframe so that the maximum number of parents can participate without having work conflicts.

3. Provide parents with frequent reports on their children's progress. Specifically, the school will provide reports as follows:

Not only will teachers contact parents during scheduled parent teacher conferences but they will also provide student reports via email, postal service, telephone calls, and individual conferences as the need arises throughout the school year.

4. Provide parents reasonable access to staff... Specifically, staff will be available for consultation with parents as follows:

Teachers are available on daily basis as requested by the parents. This availability includes times before, during, and after school should the need arise. Flippin Schools is accessible to parents and community at all times in an effort to create a positive learning environment for students and a positive hospitality for parents/community. All visitors are requested to check in at the specific school's office in observance of security measures.

5. Provide parents opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's class, and to observe classroom activities, as follows:

Flippin Schools understands the importance of parent involvement which includes volunteering. Parents serve on various school and district committees, help within specific classrooms, participate in off-campus activities, and in any other capacity as opportunities arise.

Parent Responsibilities

We, as parents, will support our children's learning in the following ways:

- Monitor attendance.
- Make sure that homework is completed.
- Monitor the amount of television time and Internet connectivity
- Volunteer in my child's classroom as work responsibilities allow.
- Participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to my children's education.
- Promote positive use of my child's extracurricular time.
- Stay informed about my child's education and communicating with the school by promptly reading all notices from the school or the school district either received by my child or by mail and responding, as appropriate.
- Serve, to the extent possible, on policy advisory groups, such as being the Title I, Part A parent representative on the school's School Improvement Team, the Title I Policy Advisory Committee, the District wide Policy Advisory Council, the State's Committee of Practitioners, the School Support Team or other school advisory or policy groups.

Student Responsibilities as Appropriate to Grade Level

We, as students, will share the responsibility to improve our academic achievement and achieve the State's high standards. Specifically, we will:

- Do my homework every day and ask for help when I need to.
- Read at least 30 minutes every day outside of school time.
- Give to my parents or the adult who is responsible for my welfare all notices and information received by me from my school every day.

Additional Required School Responsibilities

Flippin Schools will:

1. Involve parents in the planning, review, and improvement of the school's parental involvement policy, in an organized, ongoing, and timely way.
2. Involve parents in the joint development of any school-wide program plan, in an organized, ongoing, and timely way.
3. Hold an annual meeting to inform parents of the school's participation in Title I, Part A programs, and to explain the Title I, Part A requirements, and the right of parents to be involved in Title I, Part A programs. The school will convene the meeting at a convenient time to parents, and will offer a flexible number of additional parental involvement meetings, such as in the morning or evening, so that as many parents as possible are able to attend. The school will invite to this meeting all parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs (participating students), and will encourage them to attend.
4. Provide information to parents of participating students in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon the request of parents with disabilities, and, to the extent practicable, in a language that parents can understand
5. Provide to parents of participating children information in a timely manner about Title I, Part A programs that includes a description and explanation of the school's curriculum, the forms of academic assessment used to measure children's progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet.
6. On the request of parents, provide opportunities for regular meetings for parents to formulate suggestions, and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions about the education of their children. The school will respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible.
7. Provide to each parent an individual student report about the performance of their child on the State assessment in at least math, language arts and reading.

8. Provide each parent timely notice when their child has been assigned or has been taught for four (4) or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who is not highly qualified within the meaning of the term in section 200.56 of the Title I Final Regulations (67 Fed. Reg. 71710, December 2, 2002).

Optional School Responsibilities

To help build and develop a partnership with parents to help their children achieve the State's high academic standards, Flippin School will:

1. Recommend to the local educational agency (LEA), the names of parents of participating children of Title I, Part A programs who are interested in serving on the State's Committee of Practitioners and School Support Teams.
2. Notify parents of the school's participation in Early Reading First, Reading First and Even Start Family Literacy Programs operating within the school, the district and the contact information.
3. Work with the LEA in addressing problems, if any, in implementing parental involvement activities in section 1118 of Title I, Part A.
4. Work with the LEA to ensure that a copy of the SEA's written complaint procedures for resolving any issue of violation(s) of a Federal statute or regulation of Title I, Part A programs is provided to parents of students and to appropriate private school officials or representatives.

STUDENT RECORDS POLICY --- Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

Student records are defined as any data collected or official record filed with the principal, his secretary, or the school counselor. The intent of this policy is to establish procedures for granting requests of parents for access to their child's records, use of the data and procedures for their transmittal. The school will transmit all requested records within ten working days.

A. Persons having access to records:

1. The parent or legal guardian upon written request to the principal.
2. The student who is eighteen years of age or older.
3. School personnel having access to those data as any person or persons under contract to the district and directly involved in working toward either the affective or cognitive goals of the system.

B. Forms to be used for release of information:

1. Student record (Releases Information).
2. Document of pupils records.
3. Reports of prospective employers.
4. Request of permission to release school records to a third party.
5. Notification of transfer of permanent pupil record to another school system.

Before the Flippin School can release school records of students to another school or an employer, the office must have a release form signed by the parent or, if the student is eighteen years of age or older, by the student. Students, parents, or guardians may correct educational records which they believe are inaccurate, misleading or inappropriate by filing a written statement with the building stating reasons for needed changes or deletions. Directory information may be given to colleges and the military without parent signatures. If a parent does not want this information given out, a letter to this effect must be on file in the school office.

TITLE IX

Flippin Schools shall not exclude from participating in, or subject to discrimination under any education program or activity against any person on the basis of gender. Male and female students are eligible for all services and financial aid without discrimination on the basis of gender. The grievance officer for this policy is the superintendent of the school.

STATE RESIDENCY LAW

Section 165 of Act 169 of 1931, the same being Arkansas Statute 80-1501: the public schools of any school district in this state shall be open and free through completion of the secondary program, to all persons between the ages of five and twenty-one years who are domiciled in the district or, in the case of minors, whose parents or legal guardian are domiciled in the district, or to all persons between these ages who have been legally transferred to the district for education purposes. Effective date: June 17, 1981.

NON-RESIDENT STUDENTS

Non-resident students who are not under disciplinary action by their former school may be admitted by permission of their board and Flippin School Board.

SEARCH & SEIZURE

1. Flippin School District will create and maintain a climate in the school that assures the safety and welfare of all students.
2. Desks, cubbyholes, or lockers are assigned to students to store any item which is necessary for the daily routine of school classes and activities. School authorities reserve the right to conduct a search of desks, cubbyholes, lockers, etc., if there is reasonable belief that a controlled substance, weapon or other contraband is present.
3. School authorities, with reasonable cause, may make a personal search to include purses, backpacks, pockets, or cars to seize any illegal contraband, dangerous weapon, or stolen property.

FAMILY KIT

Welcome to Flippin School

Family Kit Introduction-This kit was designed to allow each family of the *Flippin Public Schools* to become an active part of educating our students. We encourage parents and family members to visit our campus. If you wish to have a conference, appointments can be made by calling each of the school's respective office.

Forward:

A child's education is a responsibility shared by the District and family during the entire time a child attends school. To support the goal of the Flippin School District to educate all students effectively, parents and schools must work together.

Parents in the Flippin School District are diverse in culture, language and needs, and they are an integral component of the District's ability to provide for the educational successes of the student.

The Flippin School District believes that engaging parents in their children's educational endeavors is essential to improving student achievement and that the District should foster and support actual parent involvement in all of its educational endeavors.

We hope these family kits encourage communication with parents. Our goal is to create communication that is both two way and meaningful.

PARENT CENTER

A *Parent Center* has been established to allow parents to obtain materials to help students with projects, computers, printers, copier, family resources, etc. This is available during school hours and after hours.

We are fortunate to have some opportunities for parents to become more actively involved with their child's academic progress in school. We have a "Parent Involvement Center" located in the same building as the elementary cafeteria, facing Alford Street. The Center schedule will be posted for times available to parents. The materials are for parents of children in Kindergarten through twelfth grade to check out to provide extra assistance for those students struggling in the academic areas. There is a good selection of items to choose from and parents are encouraged to use them for their child's academic growth. Access to (protected) internet also will be available at these times. Responsibility of returning items checked out will be in the hands of the parents. Restitution must be made for items damaged or not returned. Items checked out are to be returned within one week.

The Parent Center will be open during Family Reading Night and during other special school functions as announced.

Need Help?

Parenting is the most important and the most difficult job there is today. Everybody needs a little help now and then. Feel free to come by and pick up some 'helpful' parenting hints that we have made available in our counselor's office. We have purchased child care books, magazines and other informative materials that you may find helpful.

What if problems come up??

Parent's discussions of disagreements with teachers need to be based on knowing the facts.

- **Parents may talk directly with the teacher about the problem.** The best approach is to address complaints at first directly to the teacher, either in person or by telephone, and then to other school personnel in the order specified in the student handbook. Sometimes the teacher is unaware of the child's difficulty or perception of a situation. It is important to check the facts directly with the teacher before drawing conclusions or allocating blame. Direct contact is necessary to define the problem accurately and to develop an agreement about how best to proceed.
- **Parents can avoid criticizing teachers in front of students.** Criticizing teachers in front of students does nothing to address the problem. Criticism may foster arrogance, defiance, and rudeness toward teachers. Student's respect for authority figures is generally a shared goal of parents and school staff.
- **Parents can choose an appropriate time and place to discuss the disagreement.** Parents should keep in mind that the end of the day, when both teachers and parents are tired, is probably not the best time for a discussion involving strong feelings. If an extended discussion is needed, make an appointment with the teacher.

Recommended Role of the Parent

Parents have an important role to play in fostering open communication between themselves and teachers. They can

- **INTRODUCE THEMSELVES.** At the beginning of the school year, parents can contact teachers and let them know when they can be reached most easily to discuss their child's

classroom experience, and how they would prefer to be contacted (telephone, email, letter, etc)

- **BE INVOLVED IN CLASSROOM AND SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AT WHATEVER LEVEL WORK AND FAMILY RESPONSIBILITIES ALLOW.** If parents cannot volunteer or go on field trips, they can let the teacher know that they are interested in helping in other ways with a special display or some activity that can be done on an occasional weekend, for example. They can let the teacher know that they have skills they would be willing to share even if they are not sure how they can be useful in the classroom. Or, they can let the teacher know that special circumstances (an extremely ill parent, or an especially demanding job, for example) prevent them from being formally involved, but that they are always interested in how their child is doing and would welcome communications about their child on a regular basis, not just when there's a problem.
- **INITIATE REGULAR CONTACT.** Parents need not wait for the teacher to call them. Parents can contact the teacher at time the teacher has indicated are convenient.

Recommended Role of the Teacher

- The foundation for good parent-teacher relationships is frequent and open communication. Both teachers and parents share the responsibility for creating such a foundation. There are several strategies teachers use to establish a climate conducive to open communication. Teachers can:
- **LET PARENTS KNOW HOW AND WHEN THEY CAN CONTACT THE SCHOOL AND THE TEACHER.** As early in the school year as possible, teachers can explain that: (1) they can be reached at specific times or in specific ways; (2) they can be contacted directly as questions or concerns arise; and (3) they have given a lot of thought to their teaching philosophy, class rules, and expectations. In addition to personal interaction, teachers often use newsletters or letters home to provide this information to parents, perhaps including a phone number and, if available, an electronic mail address by which they can be contacted. Some teachers encourage two-way communication by including in newsletters or letter home a short survey about children's interests or parent's hopes or expectations for the school year.
- **PRACTICE AN OPEN-DOOR POLICY.** Teachers can invite parents to visit the class at any time that is convenient to the parent. When they visit, parents can monitor their child's perceptions of a situation and see for themselves what the teacher is trying to achieve with his or her students.
- **ELICIT EXPRESSIONS OF PARENTS' CONCERNS AND INTEREST IN PREPARATION FOR PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES.** Some schools organize parent teacher meetings to discuss their goals early in the school year. On these occasions, teachers can ask parents to share their main concerns and goals for their child. Brief questionnaires and interest surveys also provide a good basis for meaningful discussions in parent-teacher conferences.
- **INVOLVE PARENTS IN CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES.** Teachers can let parents know how they can be helpful and solicit parents' assistance with specific activities. The more involved parents are in what goes on in the classroom, the more likely they are to understand the teacher's goals and practices.
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Recommended Role of the Administration

Those who manage elementary, middle, and secondary schools are called principals. They asset the academic tone and hire, evaluate, and help improve the skills of teachers and other staff. Principals confer with staff to advise, explain, or answer procedural questions. They visit classrooms, observe teaching methods, review instructional objectives, and examine learning materials. They actively work with teachers to develop and maintain high curriculum standards; develop mission statements, and set performance goals and objectives. Principals must use clear objective guidelines for teacher appraisals.

Principals also meet and interact with other administrators, students, parents, and representatives of community organizations. Principals prepare budgets and reports on various subjects, including finances and attendance, and oversee the requisition and allocation of supplies. As school budgets become tighter, many principals have become more involved in public relations and fund raising to secure financial support for their schools from local businesses and the community.

Principals must take an active role to ensure that students meet national, State, and local academic standards. Many principals develop school/business partnerships and school-to-work transition programs for students. Increasingly, principals must be sensitive to the needs of the rising number of non-English speaking and culturally diverse students. Growing enrollments, which are leading to overcrowding at many existing schools, also are a cause for concern. When addressing problems of inadequate resources, administrators serve as advocates for the building of new schools or the repair of existing ones. During summer months, principals are responsible for planning for the upcoming year, overseeing summer school, participating in workshops for teachers and administrators, supervising building repairs and improvements, and working to be sure the school has adequate staff for the school year.

Decision making authority has increasingly shifted from school district central offices to individual schools. Thus, parents, teachers, and other members of the community play an important role in setting school policies and goals. Principals must pay attention to the concerns of these groups when making administrative decisions.

Tips for Parents

1. Set aside regular time and space for homework
2. Form a two way communication between school and home
3. Talk and listen to the child about school
4. Make sure your child is well rested, well fed and healthy
5. Know your child's grade level requirements and graduation requirements
6. Use the library and other community resources
7. Support family learning through everyday activities
8. Form relationships with the school and teachers and attend school functions
9. Set aside daily family time
10. Support your child's school by notifying the school of your willingness to volunteer
11. Set limits on behavior and discipline patiently
12. Say, "I love you" and "yes" as much as you say, "don't" and "no"
13. Meet your child's friends and get to know their parents

Homework Tips for Parents

1. Set aside a specific time for your child to do homework each night. This will help eliminate procrastination.
2. Designate a quiet and well-lit place for your child to work.
3. Protect your child from annoying distractions. Establish a quiet zone.

4. Be sure your child has the necessary materials and supplies at hand to support his/her homework (e.g., pencils, pen, eraser, pencil sharpener, ruler, paper, etc) Create a school-office atmosphere for your child.
5. Stay in close proximity to your child during homework time.
6. Have your child invite a study buddy over to do homework together.
7. If you are unable to help your child with an assignment, find a relative neighbor, or older student who is willing to help out.
8. Always check your child's homework for quality and completeness.
9. Connect with your child's school on a regular basis. Know the school's homework policy, ask how you can support what the school is doing and question the amount of homework and the purpose of the assignments. Inquire if daily and long-term homework assignments are posted on the school's web site.
10. Homework should be thought of as an extension of your child's classroom. It is an opportunity for your child to review, practice, and rehearse material that has been previously taught.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Flippin Superintendent Office	453-2270
Flippin High School	453-2233
Flippin Middle School	453-6464
Homework Hotline	6th grade: 453-6610
	7th grade: 453-7710
	8th grade: 453-8810
Flippin Elementary Office	453-8860
Fire Department	453-2323
E. Main Street	
Flippin, AR 72634	
Fire Department (non-emergency)	453-8899
E. Main Street	
Flippin, AR 72634	
Police Department	453-8888
E. Main Street	
Flippin, AR 72634	
City Hall	453-8300
E. Main Street	
Flippin, AR 72634	
City Police (Crime Line)	453-8477
E. Main Street	
Flippin, AR 72634	

BUS TRANSPORTATION

School buses are owned and operated by the school district for the purpose of transporting students to and from school who live too great a distance to walk. The drivers have the same authority and responsibility on the bus as the teachers have in the classroom. Appropriate behavior on the bus is essential for the safety and welfare of all persons riding. Students will be issued a list of bus rules at the beginning of the school year. Any student who violates one or more of the rules will have a “bus misconduct” report sent to the principal. Any time a student is not to ride his/her regular bus, a note **MUST** be sent from the parent to the principal and bus driver telling which bus the student is to ride. This is to protect the student. Non-students are never to ride a school bus.

BUS INFORMATION

Bus #	Driver	Start	Route
19	Terri Harmon	6:40	Bull Shoals, Super City, Hwy. 178 & Maple, Rich’s Ornamental Concrete, Point Return Highland, Woodstone, Rivercliff Dr., Lakeview students, Hwy 178 from Tower to school to include Mockingbird Hill, Cedar Glade, Ranger Boats, Micro Plastics, Cave Bottom, Sportsman’s
21	Brian Buresh	6:40	Bull Shoals, Boat Dock Road, Lighthouse Point, Driftwood, Village Wheel, McDonald Meadows, Hwy 178 from Tystar Texaco Station, Bush’s Pizza, Honeysuckle Lane, Mar Mar Resort, Bowling Alley to the Tower, Wilderness Point, County Road 862 (Shell Gap)
8	Mike Erwin	6:40	Bull Shoals, Harps, Bull Shoals Library, Phone Bldg., Kingsway Drive & trailer park, Frankie Lane, Dogwood Apts., MC 8125, Woodland Estates, Morning Glory Fairview Fire Dept., Shady Oaks,
20	Susie Jones	6:55	Cedar Terrace, Highway 62 East from Jefferson Road to School, Johnson Lane and Hillwood Apts., Miller’s Citgo, Walnut, Subway, Lil Britches, 3-6 th Streets, Winchester, South St.
17	Gary Stetler	6:55	Hwy. 62 West to Ozark Realty, Old Dump Road, Hillcrest Manor Subdivision, Park St., Precious Ones, Valley View
18	Debra Mason	6:35	Hwy. 62 from Cotter Bridge to Jefferson Road, Sunrise Plateau, Terry Wood Subdivision, Jerry White Subdivision, Johnston Farms, Hwy. 62B, behind old 101 store, Shady Oaks, Hwy. 202 to Mullins, Twin Lakes Nursing Home.

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| 12 | David Duckworth | 6:10 | Ranchettes, Warner Creek, Whitewater, Old Buffalo, Hall Mountain, HWY 101 |
| 2 | Michael Martin | 6:45 | Wildcat Road, Girard St., Old #1 Road, B.J. Apts., Hillside Apts., Cemetery Road, Airport Road, Denton Ferry Road |
| 4 | Cheree Wagoner | 6:10 | Quarry Mtn., Yoakum Bend, Old Midway, CCC Road, Welcome Ridge Road to Robin wood Lane |

***Routes, Drivers and Bus numbers are subject to change as needs arise.**

VOLUNTEERS – Policy 6.4

Enlisting the support of volunteers is a way in which the District can expand the scope of resources and knowledge available to enrich the students’ educational experiences, while strengthening the relationship between the school and the community. Volunteers can also perform non-instructional tasks that allow licensed personnel more time to devote to instruction.

The Superintendent shall be responsible for establishing and maintaining a program to coordinate the services volunteers are willing and able to contribute with the needs of District personnel. The program shall establish guidelines to ensure volunteers are aware of pertinent District policies and rules. Volunteers who violate school policies or rules, or knowingly allow students to violate school rules, may be asked to leave the school campus. The guidelines should also include provision for evaluation of the volunteer program and a method for soliciting suggestions from both the volunteers and staff for its improvement.

All volunteers who intend to act as head coaches or assistant coaches must:

- 1) Be at least twenty-two (22) years of age;
- 2) Not be a member of the board of directors of the District or the spouse of a member of the board of directors of the District; and
- 3) Meet the requirements adopted by the Arkansas Activities Association (AAA) to volunteer for any athletics program for grades 7-12.

A volunteer may act as a head coach in all varsity junior and senior high sports administered by the AAA except in the following sports:

- Football;
- Basketball; and
- Track and field.
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Background Checks for Volunteers

For the purposes of this policy, “clear background check” shall mean that a background check was performed, as authorized by A.C.A. §§ 12-12-1601 et seq., and that a potential school volunteer has not committed any of the crimes or offenses contained in A.C.A. §§ 6-17-410, 6-17-411 or 6-17-414, as amended, with regard to both the Arkansas and national background checks, and whose name is not found on the Child Abuse Central Registry.

A person wishing to volunteer in a capacity that requires a background check may not perform volunteer services requiring a background check until a clear background check is received by the District. Once received, a clear background check is good for five years; a

background check renewal must be applied for and a clear background check received prior to the time of renewal or an interruption of permitted volunteer service could occur. A clear background check will be accepted of any individual wishing to volunteer provided it was conducted within the timeframe provided for in this policy.

A person who failed a previous background check may petition the Board for a waiver from this policy's requirement. The petition shall be accompanied by a signed authorization for disclosure of his or her entire criminal and child abuse registry history. In deciding whether to grant a waiver, the board may take into consideration the circumstance or circumstances under which the act or omission leading to conviction or Child Abuse Registry true finding, the age of the person at the time of the act or omission, the length of time that has passed without reoffending, and other relevant circumstances. If the Superintendent recommends a waiver be granted, the Board may, by a majority vote adopt a resolution providing an exception to this policy's requirement for a time period not to exceed five years. The board must consider this matter in open session, and may not confer or deliberate in closed or executive session.

The board shall not have the authority to waive the application of this policy to any potential volunteer who is a Registered Sex Offender.

Clear background checks for school volunteers are only required for those individuals who will volunteer for the Registered Volunteer and tutoring (one-on-one and/or groups of five (5) students or less. All clear check volunteers will be issued special volunteer identification to wear prominently when performing their volunteer duties; no person may serve as a volunteer without wearing the provided identification.

No information relating to the application for or receipt of a criminal background check, including that a background check has or has not been applied for, shall be subject to disclosure under the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act, as provided by A.C.A. §§ 12-12-1601 et seq. Requests for background checks and reports on background checks obtained under this policy shall be retained by the district for a minimum of three years.

The District shall maintain the following information on volunteers:

- a) The total number, location, and duties of all volunteers;
- b) The total number of annual hours of service provided by volunteers; and
- c) Any reimbursements made to volunteers for expenses, transportation, or other costs incurred in connection with volunteer services.

Volunteers will be made aware that the Arkansas Department of Humans Services considers volunteers for school districts to be mandated reporters of child maltreatment and will receive training on the responsibilities of a mandated reporter.

Legal References: A.C.A. §§ 6-17-410, 411, 414 A.C.A. § 6-22-101 et seq. A.C.A. §§ 12-12-1601 et seq.
 A.C.A. § 12-18-402 A.C.A. § 12-18-909(g)(21) A.C.A. § 21-13-101 et seq.

Date Adopted: 06/22/15

Last Revised:



Volunteer at Flippin Public Schools

Volunteers are always welcome at Flippin School. Please sign up in our volunteer resource book. There you may list your interest and availability. Staff will refer to the resource book when calling upon volunteers to serve. We will also be sending a parent survey requesting interest so your volunteer work will be meaningful.

**VOLUNTEER APPLICATION
FLIPPIN SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Name: _____ Birthday* (MM, DD,YY) _____

Driver's License Number (and state) _____

Address _____ City _____

Telephone _____ E-Mail _____

What is the best way to contact you? (Phone, e-mail, postal service, etc.)

1. What special skills, interests, hobbies, travels and/or collections do you have to share?
2. Other Volunteer experience: (Types of services/types of organizations)
3. Do you prefer: Working with individuals _____
 Working with groups _____
 Either _____
 Other (specify) _____

4. Type of school: Kindergarten _____
 Grades 1 – 3 _____
 Grades 4 – 5 _____
 Middle School _____
 High School _____

5. Type(s) of volunteer activity preferred:
 _____ Music _____ Art _____ Book Fair
 _____ Reading tutor _____ Gifted program _____ Nurses office
 _____ Math tutor _____ Library _____ Concession stand
 _____ Foreign Language _____ Field day _____ PE Activities
 _____ Field trips _____ Computers _____ Classroom
 _____ School bulletin _____ Point Store _____ Other (specify)

_____ I cannot volunteer on a regular basis but I would be willing to share my hobby, career, resources, etc. on an occasional basis.

Available times: Days _____ Hours: _____

*Background checks will be conducted on volunteers, substitutes, and other persons who work with children at Flippin Elementary School.

PLEASE RETURN THIS APPLICATION TO FLIPPIN ELEMENTARY OFFICE. THANK YOU!

STUDENT ELECTRONIC DEVICE and INTERNET USE AGREEMENT—Policy 4.29F

Student's Name (Please Print) _____ Grade _____
Level _____

School _____
Date _____

The Flippin School District agrees to allow the student identified above (“Student”) to use the district’s technology to access the Internet under the following terms and conditions which apply whether the access is through a District or student owned electronic device (as used in this Agreement, "electronic device" means anything that can be used to transmit or capture images, sound, or data):

1. Conditional Privilege: The Student’s use of the district’s access to the Internet is a privilege conditioned on the Student’s abiding to this agreement. No student may use the district’s access to the Internet whether through a District or student owned electronic device unless the Student and his/her parent or guardian have read and signed this agreement.

2. **Acceptable Use**: **The Student agrees that he/she will use** the District’s Internet access for educational purposes only. In using the Internet, the Student agrees to obey all federal and state laws and regulations. The Student also agrees to abide by any Internet use rules instituted at the Student’s school or class, whether those rules are written or oral.

3. Penalties for Improper Use: If the Student violates this agreement and misuses the Internet, the Student shall be subject to disciplinary action. **[Note: A.C.A. § 6-21-107 requires the district to have “...provisions for administration of punishment of students for violations of the policy with stiffer penalties for repeat offenders, and the same shall be incorporated into the district’s written student discipline policy.” You may choose to tailor your punishments to be appropriate to the school’s grade levels.]**

4. “Misuse of the District’s access to the Internet” includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- a. using the Internet for other than educational purposes;
- b. gaining intentional access or maintaining access to materials which are “harmful to minors” as defined by Arkansas law;
- c. using the Internet for any illegal activity, including computer hacking and copyright or intellectual property law violations;
- d. making unauthorized copies of computer software;
- e. accessing “chat lines” unless authorized by the instructor for a class activity directly supervised by a staff member;
- f. using abusive or profane language in private messages on the system; or using the system to harass, insult, or verbally attack others;
- g. posting anonymous messages on the system;
- h. using encryption software;
- i. wasteful use of limited resources provided by the school including paper;
- j. causing congestion of the network through lengthy downloads of files;

- k. vandalizing data of another user;
- l. obtaining or sending information which could be used to make destructive devices such as guns, weapons, bombs, explosives, or fireworks;
- m. gaining or attempting to gain unauthorized access to resources or files;
- n. identifying oneself with another person's name or password or using an account or password of another user without proper authorization;
- o. invading the privacy of individuals;
- p. divulging personally identifying information about himself/herself or anyone else either on the Internet or in an email unless it is a necessary and integral part of the student's academic endeavor. Personally identifying information includes full names, address, and phone number.
- q. using the network for financial or commercial gain without district permission;
- r. theft or vandalism of data, equipment, or intellectual property;
- s. attempting to gain access or gaining access to student records, grades, or files;
- t. introducing a virus to, or otherwise improperly tampering with the system;
- u. degrading or disrupting equipment or system performance;
- v. creating a web page or associating a web page with the school or school district without proper authorization;
- w. providing access to the District's Internet Access to unauthorized individuals;
- x. failing to obey school or classroom Internet use rules; or
- y. taking part in any activity related to Internet use which creates a clear and present danger of the substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the district or any of its schools.
- z. Installing or downloading software on district computers without prior approval of the technology director or his/her designee.

5. Liability for debts: Students and their cosigners shall be liable for any and all costs (debts) incurred through the student's use of the computers or access to the Internet including penalties for copyright violations.

6. No Expectation of Privacy: The Student and parent/guardian signing below agree that if the Student uses the Internet through the District's access, that the Student waives any right to privacy the Student may have for such use. The Student and the parent/guardian agree that the district may monitor the Student's use of the District's Internet Access and may also examine all system activities the Student participates in, including but not limited to e-mail, voice, and video transmissions, to ensure proper use of the system. The District may share such transmissions with the Student's parents/guardians.

7. No Guarantees: The District will make good faith efforts to protect children from improper or harmful matter which may be on the Internet. At the same time, in signing this agreement, the parent and Student recognize that the District makes no guarantees about preventing improper access to such materials on the part of the Student.

8. Signatures: We, the persons who have signed below, have read this agreement and agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of this agreement.

Student's Signature: _____ Date _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: _____ Date _____

Flippin School District Technology Insurance Plan

Program Fee **\$25 non-refundable per school year.**

Annual Deductible Per Claim

Claim	Damage/Repair Deductible	Claim	Lost/Stolen Deductible
1	\$50	1	\$150
2	\$100	2	\$250

**The deductible/claim is structured annually. Claims from a previous school year are not used in determining the deductible for the currently policy year.*

***If a student un-enrolls from Flippin School District system, the insurance agreement becomes null and void on the date of un-enrollment.*

Coverage: Repair/Replacement of school issued device.

Effective Coverage Date and Expiration

Effective coverage date begins at the official first day of each school year. Expiration coverage date is the official last day of each school year.

Coverage Details

- **Accidental damage:** Covers damages caused by drops, spills, and any other unintentional event.
- **Theft:** Covers loss or damages due to theft. In the event of theft, the claim requires a police report to be filed.
- **Fire:** Covers loss or damages caused by fire. In the event of a fire, the claim must contain an official file report from authorities.
- **Electrical:** Covers damages caused by electrical surges.
- **Natural Disaster:** Covers loss or damages in the event of a natural disaster.

Coverage Exclusion

- **Dishonest, Fraudulent, Intentional, Negligent, or Criminal Acts:** Coverage is not provided if damage or loss occurs in conjunction with a dishonest, fraudulent, intentional, negligent, or criminal act.
- **Removing Protected Case:** Coverage is not provided if damage or loss occurs if the school-provided case has been removed. Removing the school-provided case is prohibited.
- **Jailbreaking:** Coverage is not provided if any "jailbreaking" or installation of any prohibited software alters the manufacturer's warranty.
- **Charger:** Insurance does not cover the charging cable and charging adapter.

Flippin School District Technology Insurance Application

Name of Insured Student:	
Graduating Year:	
Parent Name:	
Mailing Address:	
Home Phone:	

YES__

I WILL participate in the Flippin School District iPad Insurance Plan. I agree to the provision outlined in the policy terms and understand the following guidelines:

- Enrollment in this program covers repair/replacement of the insured device.
- Two claims per school year is permissible and any incident thereafter is handled by the principal of the school.
- Tiered deductible is annual. Claims from the prior school year are not used in calculating the deductible.
- Dishonest, fraudulent, intentional, or criminal acts causing damage to the device is the responsibility of the student/family.
- Jailbreaking the device voids warranty and is not covered under this policy.
- Devices must be in the school provided case. Damages that occur when the device is not housed in the school- provided case is not covered under this policy.
- The program fee is not refundable .
- This policy only covers the school issued device and does not cover the charger.

NO__ I choose NOT to participate in the Flippin School District iPad Insurance Plan. I understand that in the event the device is damaged and not insured that the repairs or replacement of the device will be at the FULL cost and paid to Flippin School District.

I have read the terms of the Flippin School District iPad Acceptance Use Policy and iPad Insurance Plan and I understand and agree to abide by these terms.

Printed Parent Name Parent Signature Date

Printed Student Name Student Signature Date

GLUCAGON ADMINISTRATION CONSENT FORM – Policy 4.35F

Student's Name (Please Print) _____

This form is good for school year _____. This consent form must be updated anytime the student's medication order changes and renewed each year and/or anytime a student changes schools.

Medications, including those for self-administration, must be in the original container and be properly labeled with the student's name, the ordering provider's name, the name of the medication, the dosage, frequency, and instructions for the administration of the medication (including times). Additional information accompanying the medication shall state the purpose for the medication, its possible side effects, and any other pertinent instructions (such as special storage requirements) or warnings.

I hereby authorize the school nurse or his/her designee to administer the following medications to my child.

Name(s) of medication(s) _____

Name of physician or dentist (if applicable) _____

Dosage _____

Instructions for administering the medication _____

Other instructions _____

I acknowledge that the District, its Board of Directors, and its employees shall be immune from civil liability for damages resulting from the administration of medications in accordance with this consent form.

Parent or legal guardian signature _____

Date _____

Date Adopted: 06/24/13

Last Revised

MEDICATION SELF-ADMINISTRATION CONSENT FORM -- Policy 4.35F2

Student's Name (Please Print) _____

This form is good for school year _____. This consent form must be updated anytime the student's medication order changes and renewed each year and/or anytime a student changes schools.

The following must be provided for the student to be eligible to self-administer ~~asthma~~ rescue inhalers and/or auto-injectable epinephrine. Eligibility is **only** valid for this school for the current academic year.

- a written statement from licensed a health-care provider who has prescriptive privileges that he//she has prescribed the rescue inhaler and/or auto-injectable epinephrine for the student and that the student needs to carry the medication on his/her person due to a medical condition;
- the specific medications prescribed for the student;
- an individualized health care plan developed by the prescribing health-care provider containing the treatment plan for managing asthma and/or anaphylaxis episodes of the student and for medication use by the student during school hours; and
- a statement from the prescribing health-care provider that the student possesses the skill and responsibility necessary to use and administer the asthma inhaler and/or auto-injectable epinephrine.

If the school nurse is available, the student shall demonstrate his/her skill level in using the rescue inhalers and/or auto-injectable epinephrine to the nurse.

Rescue inhalers and/or auto-injectable epinephrine for a student's self-administration shall be supplied by the student's parent or guardian and be in the original container properly labeled with the student's name, the ordering provider's name, the name of the medication, the dosage, frequency, and instructions for the administration of the medication (including times). Additional information accompanying the medication shall state the purpose for the medication, its possible side effects, and any other pertinent instructions (such as special storage requirements) or warnings. Students who self-carry a rescue inhaler or an epinephrine auto-injector shall also provide the school nurse with a rescue inhaler or an epinephrine auto-injector to be used in emergency situations.

My signature below is an acknowledgment that I understand that the District, its Board of Directors, and its employees shall be immune from civil liability for injury resulting from the self-administration of medications by the student named above.

Parent or legal guardian signature _____

Date _____

Date Adopted: 06/24/13

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GLUCAGON AND/OR INSULIN ADMINISTRATION CONSENT FORM - Policy 4.35F3

Student's Name (Please Print) _____

This form is good for school year _____. This consent form must be updated anytime the student's medication order changes and renewed each year and/or anytime a student changes schools.

The school has developed an individual health plan (IHP) acknowledging that my child has been diagnosed as suffering from diabetes. The IHP plan authorizes the school nurse to administer Glucagon or insulin to my child in an emergency situation.

In the absence of the nurse, trained volunteer district personnel may administer to my child in an emergency situation:

Glucagon _____ Insulin _____

I hereby authorize the school nurse to administer Glucagon and insulin to my child, or in the absence of the nurse, trained volunteer district personnel designated as care providers, to administer the medication(s) I selected above to my child in an emergency situation to the school nurse in the original container properly labeled with the student's name, the ordering provider's name, the name of the medication, the dosage, frequency, and instructions for the administration of the medication (including times). Additional information accompanying the medication shall state the purpose for the medication, its possible side effects, and any other pertinent instructions (such as special storage requirements) or warnings.

I acknowledge that the District, its Board of Directors, its employees, or an agent of the District, including a healthcare professional who trained volunteer school personnel designated as care providers shall not be liable for any damages resulting from his/her actions or inactions in the administration of Glucagon or insulin in accordance with this consent form and the IHP.

Parent or legal guardian signature _____

Date _____

Date Adopted: 06/24/13; 06/22/15
Last Revise

EPINEPHRINE EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATION CONSENT FORM --Policy 4.35F4

Student's Name (Please Print) _____

This form is good for school year _____. This consent form must be updated anytime the student's medication order changes and renewed each year and/or anytime a student changes schools.

My child has an IHP developed under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 which provides for the administration of epinephrine in emergency situations. I hereby authorize the school nurse or other school employee certified to administer auto-injectable epinephrine in emergency situations when he/she believes my child is having a life-threatening anaphylactic reaction.

The medication must be in the original container and be properly labeled with the student's name, the ordering provider's name, the name of the medication, the dosage, frequency, and instructions for the administration of the medication (including times). Additional information accompanying the medication shall state the purpose for the medication, its possible side effects, and any other pertinent instructions (such as special storage requirements) or warnings.

Date of physician's order _____

Circumstances under which Epinephrine may be administered

Other instructions _____

I acknowledge that the District, its Board of Directors, and its employees shall be immune from civil liability for damages resulting from the administration of auto-injector epinephrine in accordance with this consent form, District policy, and Arkansas law.

Parent or legal guardian signature _____

Date _____

Date Adopted: 06/24/13

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**HOME SCHOOLED STUDENTS' LETTER OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE IN AN
EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY -Policy 4.56.2F**

Student's Name (Please Print) _____

Parent or Guardian's Resident Address

Street _____ Apartment _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Student's date of birth ___/___/___ Last grade level the student completed _____

Student has demonstrated academic eligibility by obtaining a verifiable minimum test score of the 30th percentile or better in the previous 12 months on the Stanford Achievement Test Series, Tenth Edition, or another nationally recognized norm-referenced test approved by the State Board of Education. _____

Name of test, Date taken, and score
achieved _____

Extracurricular activity(ies) the student requests to participate in

Course(s) the student requests to take at the school

Proof of identity _____

Date Submitted ___/___/___

Parent's Signature _____

Date Adopted: 06/22/15

Last Revised:

OBJECTION TO PUBLICATION OF DIRECTORY INFORMATION—Policy 4.13F

(No to be filed if the parent/student has no objection)

I, the undersigned, being a parent of a student, or a student eighteen (18) years of age or older, hereby note my objection to the disclosure or publication by the Flippin School District of directory information, as defined in Policy No. 4.13 (Privacy of Students' Records), concerning the student named below. The district is required to continue to honor any signed opt-out form for any student no longer in attendance at the district.

I understand that the participation by the below-named student in any inter-scholastic activity, including athletics and school clubs, may make the publication of some directory information unavoidable, and the publication of such information in other forms, such as telephone directories, church directories, etc., is not within the control of the District.

I understand that this form must be filed with the office of the appropriate building principal within ten (10) school days from the beginning of the current school year or the date the student is enrolled for school in order for the District to be bound by this objection. Failure to file this form within that time is a specific grant of permission to publish such information.

I object and wish to deny the disclosure or publication of directory information as follows

- Deny disclosure to military recruiters _____
- Deny disclosure to Institutions of postsecondary education _____
- Deny disclosure to Potential employers _____
- Deny disclosure to all public and school sources _____

Selecting this option will prohibit the release of directory information to the three categories listed above along with all other public sources (such as newspapers), AND result in the student's directory information not being included in the school's yearbook and other school publications.

Deny disclosure to all public sources ___

Selecting this option will prohibit the release of directory information to the first three categories listed above along with all other public sources (such as newspapers), but permit the student's directory information to be included in the school's yearbook and other school publications.

Name of student (Printed)

Signature of parent (or student, if 18 or older)

Date form was filed (To be filled in by office personnel)

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We ask that you read this handbook carefully and keep it for future reference. It is our hope that all students and parents will read the handbook in order to understand their responsibility for compliance with the rules and regulations stated within these pages.

MISSION STATEMENT

In our classroom we respect each other and try our best. We are a team. We learn from mistakes. We create. We celebrate each other's success.

BELL SCHEDULE

Monday through Thursday			Red Friday	White Friday
	*7:50-8:39	1st Period	Flex CAPS/Enrichment	Flex CAPS/Enrichment
First Block	8:43-9:30*	2nd Period	Red Block 1	White Block 1
	*9:34-10:21	3rd Period	Red Block 2	White Block 2
Second Block	10:25-11:12*	4th Period	Differentiated Learning	Differentiated Learning
Lunch	11:12-11:42	Lunch	Lunch-----	
	*11:46-12:33	5th Period	CAPS	CAPS
Third Block	12:37-1:25*	6th Period	Red Block 3	White Block 3
	*1:29-2:17	7th Period	Red Block 4	White Block 4
Fourth Block	2:21-3:09*	8th Period	Tutoring	Tutoring

***Denotes beginning and end of blocked classes on Mondays through Thursdays.**

SCHOOL COLORS & MASCOT

The Flippin High School colors are red and white; the school mascot is the BOBCAT.

ALMA MATER

We're loyal to you FHS,
 We're red and we're white FHS,
 We know you can stand...
 Against the best in the land,
 For your standards are great FHS.
 So on with your work FHS,
 Not a student will shirk FHS,
 Our team is our greatest pleasure,
 Always good sports together,
 Three cheers for you FHS...
 Rah...Rah...Rah!!

ATTENDANCE

MANDATORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

The policy of the Board of Education requires that all children between the ages of five and eighteen attend school.

ATTENDANCE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The intent of the attendance policies and procedures is to foster communication between students, their parents, and the school that will insure student attendance optimal for earning credit toward graduation.

1. For a student having four consecutive days of absence, parents must contact the office to verify reasons for the absence. If verification within present prescribed reasons for absence is not obtained, the student's name will be given to the county juvenile officer. If the parent knows the child will be out of school for four or more consecutive days, ***then he or she should contact the principal's office.***
2. When a student has accumulated six ***unexcused*** absences during the semester, the office will notify the parents by letter **or phone** and urge the parents to contact the school.
3. When a student has accumulated ten ***unexcused*** days during the semester, notification to the parent will be sent by **letter and phone; contact by letter** will be made to the county juvenile intake officer. **After missing 10 unexcused days, students and their parents will be asked to meet with the high school attendance committee.**
4. When a student misses twelve ***unexcused*** days in one semester, a letter will be sent to the parents indicating days missed and that one more day of absence will warrant the student to be remanded to court.
5. ***When a student misses thirteen unexcused days in one semester, the student will be remanded to court with notification being sent to parents by regular mail.***
6. ***When a student misses thirteen days in one semester, credit could be denied for the semester.***
7. Any exception to these policies must be officially documented and approved by the principal.

GENERAL ATTENDANCE POLICIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

1. Being tardy to school three or more times will result in 20 minutes detention. A student who is more than three minutes late to school will be considered truant.
2. Two to four class periods absence in a day equals ½ day absence, five to eight total class periods missed in one day equals one full day of absence.
3. If a student misses only one class period in a day, those hours will be added to correlate with one half day and full day absences.
4. A student who “cuts” a class will be considered truant and disciplined accordingly.
5. Students having an extreme illness which would cause them to be absent for more than twelve days plus absences in excess of the twelve days would be allowed to make those causes known to the principal along with the doctor's recommendation, and for just cause, would be allowed to petition the attendance committee through the principal to make formalized arrangements which shall be outlined in a written plan.
6. If for any reason a student must leave school during the day, they must “sign out” in the principal's office after obtaining permission. If prior permission has been obtained, it

- should be in the form of a note from the parents.
7. Students who are absent during either part of the day or all of the day shall not participate in any school activity on that day or night unless permission is given by the principal.

Please refer to the district section of the handbook for more detailed information about excused and unexcused absences.

MAKING UP ASSIGNMENTS

Each student is responsible for making up all homework and tests after an absence. Students will have one additional day per day of absence to make up homework and tests. **Every Friday during tutoring, students will be expected to make up any missing or incomplete assignments even if the student does not meet with that teacher for class on that Friday.**

School-sponsored activities should not be allowed to interfere with due dates or tests dates when other arrangements are possible, practical, and best for the student. For example, if a student knows he or she will miss class for a school sponsored activity, that student should make arrangements with the teacher for that class before leaving for the school activity. This allows both the teacher and student to develop a plan for keeping that student on or close to the same pace as his or her peers.

TARDINESS

A student who arrives late for school must “check-in” through the principal’s office and obtain an admittance slip before going to class. All tardies to class will be handled by the individual teachers. If a student is over three minutes late to class, the teacher will severe the student to the principal as being truant. The principal’s office will issue tardy slips **ONLY** for those students who arrive at school after the first period tardy bell.

ACADEMICS

A unit of credit is defined as that credit granted for the successful completions of two semesters work in a given subject. One-half unit of credit is granted for completion of one semester of work in a course (grades 9-12).

To be considered on track to graduate, students must have six (6) academic credits as a sophomore, twelve (12) credits as a junior and seventeen (17) credits as a senior.

SCHEDULING INFORMATION

Dropping courses: All schedule changes must be made during the first week of a semester. Students dropping a course after the first week will receive an “F” on their transcript. If a student drops a course at the end of a semester, the teacher must have written notice from the office before dropping the student from the class list.

Schedule change requests will be permitted only for the following reasons:

1. When a student completes a course during summer school.
2. When a student fails a course prerequisite.

3. When a change is required due to a clerical error.
4. When a teacher recommends a change in the level of the course.

Policy for credit recovery: Sometimes it is necessary for students to enroll in credit recovery. To keep students from falling behind we offer online classes and summer school. In order to earn summer school credit, a student must have taken and failed the given course during a regular school term. Any variation from this policy must have prior written approval from the principal. **There is a cost associated with online courses and summer school.**

REPORT CARDS AND PROGRESS REPORTS

Pupil progress is reported to parents four times each year. Parents are invited to visit the school to confer with the teachers and principals relative to the instruction of their children. .

SEMESTER EXAMS

All students will take comprehensive semester exams which will be 20% of their semester grade. If students must be absent during semester tests, given during the last week of each semester, permission to take those exams at a different time must be granted by the principal.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Graduation Ceremony Participation: A student must attend graduation practice to march in graduation exercises. For graduation, dress clothes should be worn. Caps and gowns will be worn by all graduates. All state and local requirements for graduation must be met in order for a student to march in graduation exercises.

Honor Graduates: To graduate with honors a student must complete the FHS diploma with SMART CORE curriculum, earn credit in at least one AP course, earn credit in two years of the same foreign language, and obtain a Local GPA for the following designations: Summa cum laude = 4.00; magna cum laude = 3.75-3.99; cum laude = 3.50-3.74. This will be based on 8 semesters of high school. (All other requirements of number of semesters in attendance will stay the same). Student speakers for graduation will be determined by committee which may include but not be limited to the principal, counselor, senior sponsors, and honor graduates.

Credits Required for Graduation (22 credits):

- 4 English
- 3 Social Studies (1/2 must be economics)
- 4 Mathematics
- 3 Science
- ½ Physical Education
- ½ Health
- ½ Oral Communications
- ½ Fine Arts
- 6 Electives Required

GPA DESIGNATIONS (as found on transcripts)

Two different grade point averages (GPA) appear on student transcripts: State GPA Weighted and Local GPA. These grade point averages are used for different purposes.

Local GPA—all grades listed on the transcript that receive credit, including weighted AP classes. This GPA is used to determine eligibility for the following: honor graduate designation, NHS membership, driver permits, Renaissance rewards, School of Innovation participation, insurance rate reduction, and local scholarship designation.

State GPA Weighted—all grades listed on the transcript that receive credit, including the weighted AP classes, EXCEPT those designated on the transcript as *local credit only* (LC) such as CAP grades and grades for the second year of PE. ADE recommends that this GPA show up on the transcript.

Course	1	2	Credit	Course	1	2	Credit	Course	1	2	Credit	
Algebra I	C	C	1.00	Art I	B		0.50	Algebra II	A	A	1.00	
AVHS Health		C	0.50	CAPs 10th Grade (LC)	A	A	0.50	Oral Communication 1/2 CR		B	0.50	
CAPs 9th Grade (LC)	A	A	0.50	Civics BD	B		0.50	CAPs 11th Grade (LC)	A	A	0.50	
Computer Business Applications	B	B	1.00	Economics BD		B	0.50	English 11 BD	B	B	1.00	
German I	B	A	1.00	Geometry	C	B	1.00	Pre AP Chemistry		C	D	1.00
Jr G Ath PE I	A	A	1.00	German II	B	B	1.00	Pre AP Pre Calc/w trig		A	A	1.00
Pre AP English 9	B	B	1.00	Pre AP Biology	B	B	1.00	Sr G III / IV		A	A	0.00
Pre AP Physical Science	C	C	1.00	Pre AP English 10	B	B	1.00	World History		B	B	1.00
				Sr G Ath PE II (LC)	A	A	1.00					
Credit:	7.000			Credit:	7.000			Credit:	6.000			
GPA:	2.8462			GPA:	3.0769			GPA:	3.0909			

Type	GPA
Local GPA	3.0750
State GPA Weighted	3.0000
Total Credit:	20.000

ACADEMIC AWARDS ASSEMBLY

Toward the end of each school year, an Academic Awards Assembly will be held during the school day. Certificates or medals will be given for outstanding academic achievement in a class, outstanding membership in a club, or maintaining a 3.0 grade point average. These students will be chosen by the teachers in their particular academic areas.

ACTIVITIES, CLUBS, AND SPORTS

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

The clubs will meet as needed to transact regular business. Students have the right to join existing clubs and shall not be restricted from membership on the basis of race, sex or national origin.

Art Club	Quiz Bowl	NHS/NJHS
CIAO	FFA	Renaissance
Drama Club	Interact	Student Council
FBLA	MCYL	Writing Club

RENAISSANCE: Renaissance is a student incentive program. Awards will be given quarterly for things such as:

1. "A" honor roll
2. "AB" honor roll
3. 3.0 GPA

FIELD DAY PARTICIPATION

Each spring, the elementary school has a field day for its students. High School students beginning with the twelfth grade are asked to help with this event. In order to be eligible a student must submit a field trip form completed by his or her teachers.

FLIPPIN NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INFORMATION

The name of this organization will be the Flippin High School National Honor Society. The local chapter of the National Honor Society will uphold the purposes set forth in the National Honor Society Handbook.

Faculty Council/Principal: The Faculty Council is a panel consisting of the advisors who shall serve as ex-officio members, and of the five teachers appointed by the principal, who shall serve as voting members. All students who are scholastically eligible for membership will be rated by members of the faculty in the areas of character, service, and leadership. The Faculty Council will make the final decision. The principal shall receive appeals in cases of non-selection of candidates and the disciplining or dismissal of members.

Membership: Selection for membership in the Flippin National Honor Society will be based on the following criteria:

1. A student must be classified as a sophomore, junior, or senior at the time of selection. A National Honor Society member who transfers to Flippin from another school and brings a letter from the former principal or charter advisor to the new school advisor will be accepted automatically as a member of the Flippin chapter. Transfer members must meet Flippin standards within one semester in order to retain membership.
2. A student must have a 3.5 Local GPA or better.
3. Students must maintain standards under which they are inducted in order to remain members.

INTERSCHOLASTIC COMPETITION

Flippin School is a member of the Arkansas Activities Association (AAA). Each student, faculty member, parent and fan is responsible for abiding by AAA rules and regulations. Sportsmanship is the key objective of the AAA and is the real measure of true participants and fans. A 2.0 grade point average each semester must be maintained to be eligible for interscholastic competition such as any sport, FFA, band, etc. (AAA website is ahsaa.org)

FIELD TRIP GUIDELINES

In order to participate in extracurricular or non-academic field trips which take place during the school day, students must adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Students who are failing two or more classes may not participate in extracurricular or non-academic field trips which will cause them to be absent from class.
2. Students who are failing one class may participate only with written permission from the teacher whose class they are failing.
3. Participating students will turn in to the field trip sponsor one day prior to the field trip a completed "pass/fail" form that has been initialed by those teachers whose class they will miss.
4. The form should be completed within the week prior to the field trip.
Should the field trip take place in the first week of a grading period, the pass/fail grade decision may be based on the previous grading period.

These guidelines do not apply to competitive or sporting events. These activities have their own guidelines for participation.

STUDENT INSURANCE

The school does not cover medical expenses for students. If your son or daughter has an accident at school, the school will **not** pay for hospital care, emergency care or doctor bills. If your insurance policy does not cover your child, you might wish to purchase student insurance offered by several insurance companies at reasonable rates. Check with your insurance agent.

STUDENTS IN ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL ACTIVITIES OF OTHER SCHOOLS

A student of Flippin High School who attends another public school activity can and will be disciplined for violations of school rules at those activities.

SCHOOL DANCES

Students are permitted to have the Junior/Senior Prom; any other dances must be approved by the principal. Attendance to all dances will be limited to Flippin students and invited guests that attend another secondary school who are in good standing with that school. All invitations of non-Flippin students will be cleared through the high school principal.

For the Junior/Senior Prom (a semi-formal event), all dates must be invited by either a junior or senior and be in grades 10-12.

CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE

Offenses listed in this section allow the administrator's discretionary use of a full range of disciplinary consequences from a WARNING to EXPULSION.

CLASS RULES*

1. Be in your seat with needed supplies and completed assignments, ready to work when the tardy bell rings.
2. Students will keep hands, feet and objects to themselves.
3. No swearing, teasing, rude gestures, or put downs.
4. Follow instructions when given.

** Each teacher may add up to three additional rules with the approval of the principal.*

When a student breaks a rule, there are various levels of punishment and/or warnings. In each class period the first rule broken is a warning. But the second and any other infraction will get punishment. During a nine week period only three warnings are permitted, it then goes to the first consequence. If six infractions are recorded in the grading period, it is automatic second consequence for three more infractions. When a student breaks a rule after nine infractions he/she will be sent to the principal. This procedure starts over at the beginning of each grading period.

If a student chooses to break a rule, the following will occur:

Warning	No Consequences
1 st Consequence	20 minutes after school detention
2 nd Consequence	40 minutes after school detention
3 rd Consequence	Refer to principal's office
Severe Clause	Student immediately goes to principal's office

If a student is referred to the principal's office under the assertive discipline program, the following procedure will be followed each nine week period.

1 st Referral	60 minutes detention or six swats with a paddle.
2 nd Referral	80 minutes detention or eight swats with a paddle.
3 rd Referral	100 minutes detention or ten swats with a paddle.
4 or more Referrals	1 day suspension for each infraction

Any total of more than five swats will be spread over two days.

After school detention is held for sixty minutes at the end of each school day. A student has five minutes from the end of last period class to go to detention. Every minute a student is late will be doubled. If a student does not attend required detention, accumulated time to sixty minutes will be doubled. Detention is served the next school day after the infraction occurs. A copy of the misconduct form is given to the student and should be taken home to inform parents of the upcoming detention, and must be brought to the detention room as a ticket of admission.

THE FOLLOWING RULES APPLY TO DETENTION HALL:

1. There will be no talking to other students or the teacher.
2. Copy-work will be given at the beginning of each detention period and will be consecutive numbering.
3. The work sheets will be copied at the rate of at least two every 20 minute period.
4. When a student's name is called for dismissal, all sheets will be turned into the duty teacher.
5. If the appropriate sheets are not turned in, that day's detention will not count.
6. No other work should be brought into the detention room.
7. Only pens and pencils along with assigned work sheets are allowed on the student's desk.
8. If a student gets one hundred minutes of built up detention time that student must attend that day's detention for all sixty minutes or the student will be suspended for one day. This can be in school or out of school suspension. This will not eliminate the detention time and it will still have to be served. A student who gets one hundred-forty or more minutes of built up detention time gets one day automatic suspension (in school or out of school). The detention time still stands and will have to be served.

ALTERNATIVE DISCIPLINE

If a parent has a situation where his/her child's attending after school detention is virtually impossible, the parent of the child may request alternative discipline.

Alternative discipline may be requested in the following way:

1. The student must pick up an alternative discipline form from the office.
2. The form must be taken home and signed by the child's parent.
3. No swats will be given without written and verbal verification.
4. Alternative discipline will only be given due to extenuating circumstances as explained by the parents and approved by the principal. Any request coming in after detention was to

be served will not relieve the student of the detention responsibility or the penalties for missing detention. This means that if alternative discipline is not completed by the time the detention should be served, the time involved will be doubled.

Multiple discipline referrals will result in administrative conferences with a parent or guardian and could lead to a suspension. Multiple misconducts by a student will result in a letter being sent home.

SEVERE CLAUSE

The severe clause is used when a student's conduct is too severe to be handled by the classroom teacher including but not limited to the following:

1. If a student commits or threatens to do physical harm to another student or adult.
2. If a student destroys student, teacher or school property.
3. If a student refuses to work or is insubordinate.
4. If a student engages in any behavior that keeps a teacher's classroom from functioning (swearing, fighting, screaming, etc.).
5. If a student aides, encourages, or participates in a disruptive activity that in any way disturbs the educational process and impedes teaching.

DRESS CODE FOR STUDENTS

The following is a list of approved or not approved clothing to be used as a guide for Flippin students. This is not intended to be a complete list.

APPROVED:

1. Dresses, shorts, and skirts are to be no shorter than mid-thigh while standing.
2. Tops must be long enough to cover the waistband of the pants, shorts or skirt with which the top is being worn with hands raised.
3. Shoes must be worn at all times.
4. When wearing tight fitting pants, such as opaque leggings, the top must completely cover the buttocks area when arms are raised above the head.

NOT-APPROVED:

1. **Clothing that exposes underwear, buttocks, or breast of a female are prohibited** (not applicable to costume or uniform worn while participating in a school sponsored activity). Act 835
2. Halter tops or similar items.
3. Very sheer blouses or see through tops without appropriate underclothes
4. Clothing advertising any product or activity that is considered damaging to a person's health or morals including things thought to be sexually or racially oriented that would be considered demeaning to either sex or any race (Example: tobacco, alcohol, drugs, profanity, etc.).
5. Wearing of hats, caps, or any head covering in buildings by either boys or girls
6. Shirts with a plunging neckline or shirts with low arm holes
7. Any clothing with holes above the appropriate short length.
8. Gang related paraphernalia or clothing.
9. Extremely low sagging pants.

10. Chains hanging from pockets or belt loops.
11. Pants/shorts worn below the hips; underwear must be covered.
12. A distracting body piercing and jewelry.
13. Tops, pants and shoes designed to serve as or look like sleeping clothes.

All violations will require adjustment of clothing by immediately changing to appropriate attire before returning to class. Multiple violations for the school year will be handled as per the following:

- 1st violation – Change clothing and warning
- 2nd violation – Change clothing and 20 minutes detention
- 3rd violation – Change clothing and 60 minutes detention
- 4th and any additional violations – Change clothing and suspension

DRESS CODE FOR SPONSORED ACTIVITIES

All on-campus events are covered by the school dress code. Exceptions by the sponsor must be cleared through the principal's office for off campus events. *Students attending and/or participating in Homecoming or Prom are expected to observe the guidelines of ACT 835 (6-18-503) of 2011. Current styles of dress will be considered, but the clothing should not expose underwear, buttocks, or the breast of a female.*

EXTREME MISCONDUCT

Electronic Devices (cell phones, Chromebooks, digital cameras, MP3 players, etc) Usage— Violation of Policy: If a student's electronic device is a distraction in class, the teacher will follow the assertive discipline policy beginning with a warning for the first offense. If a student is suspected of using the device for dishonest academic purposes, then the device will be given to the principal and may be held for the parent or guardian. If a student is believed to have been using the device for taking, transmitting, or receiving inappropriate texts or photos, then the device will be given to the principal and may be held for the parent or guardian.

Bullying: If any student is guilty of bullying another student, the following consequences will follow: first offense—conference with the principal and counselor; second offense—three-day in-school suspension; third offense and any additional offenses—five day out-of-school suspension with possible referral to alternative school.

Fighting: If it is impossible to determine which student is at fault for the fight, then the students who are involved in the fight will be suspended. First fight will result in a five-day suspension. Second fight will result in a recommendation for expulsion from school. The assault of another student will result in a ten-day suspension and recommendation for expulsion from school.

Alcoholic Beverages: Any student guilty of possession or use of alcoholic beverages on the school premises will be suspended from school for five days and be recommended for counseling and reported to law enforcement. If the student is in possession at an extra-curricular activity, they will be barred from attending extra-curricular activities for the remainder of the year in addition to the above consequences. A second offense will result in a ten day suspension from school, a recommendation for counseling, and a report to law enforcement authorities. A third offense will result in a ten day suspension from school with recommendation for expulsion for the remainder of the school year.

Illegal Drugs: Any student guilty of possession or use of illegal or un-prescribed drugs on the school premises or at a school activity will be suspended from school for ten days and recommended for expulsion for at least the remainder of the school year. The student will also be referred for counseling, referred to a drug education program, and reported to law enforcement officials.

Tobacco Products: Possession, smoking and other use of tobacco products is prohibited on the school campus. Possession of and smoking e-cigarettes is prohibited. The first offense will result in a three day suspension; the second, a six day suspension; the third, a nine day suspension; the fourth offense will result in recommendation for expulsion from school. As per Act 854 (1987), Act 779 (1997), and Act 1555 (1999), students may also be turned over to juvenile authorities as this is a misdemeanor violation punishable by a fine of \$10 to \$100. In addition, possession of or using hooka-like products is prohibited.

SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION FROM SCHOOL

To maximize student attendance, suspension from school will be a last resort, but situations may arise where it becomes necessary to suspend students from school. The consequence may be one to ten days of in-school suspension, out-of-school suspension, or possible expulsion.

1. Initially, a student will be given in-school suspension up to a maximum of two days per school year.
2. After reaching two days of in-school suspension, the next disciplinary procedure will be out-of-school suspension.

There are some exceptions where a student may be required to spend time in out-of-school suspension with possibly a combination of in-school, out-of-school days employed. Some situations that would be covered in this are included but not limited to:

1. Infectious diseases
2. Habitual uncleanliness
3. Immorality
4. Fighting

CAUSES FOR SUSPENSION/EXPULSION MAY BE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING:

- **CRIMINAL ACTIVITY:** Committing or participating in any criminal act not specified above.
- **DAMAGE OR THEFT** involving school and/or private property
- **Overt DISRESPECT FOR SCHOOL EMPLOYEES**
- **DISRUPTIVE ACTIVITY:** Aiding, encouraging or participation in a disruptive activity that in any way disturbs the educational process and impedes another's freedom to properly utilize school facilities and programs
- **EXTORTION:** Intimidating any student with the intent of obtaining money
- **FIREWORKS:** A student shall not possess, handle, or store firecrackers, smoke bombs, cherry bombs, or any other kind of fireworks that reasonably could be a danger to anyone, that could cause damage to school property, or that could be disruptive to the learning climate of the school.
- **GAMBLING:** A student shall not participate in any activity which may be termed gambling

- or wagering where the stakes are money or any other object of value.
- **HAZING**
- **INSUBORDINATION:** Refusing to immediately carry out the direct and reasonable request of a school employee, including going to the office immediately when told
- **LASER POINTER:** Possession of a laser pointer (Act 1408 of 1999)
- **LEAVING CAMPUS** without permission (counted as truancy)
- **PARKING VIOLATIONS**
- Use of **PROFANE, VIOLENT, VULGAR OR INSULTING LANGUAGE**
- **PHYSICAL ABUSE OR ASSAULT OF SCHOOL STAFF:** (Act 104 of 1983 Special Session 6-18-502) A student shall not cause or attempt to cause physical injury to a school employee, fellow student or any other individual.
- **THEFT:** Students shall make restitution of any property stolen by them and shall be subject to other disciplinary measures.
- **THREATENING** others
- **TOBACCO:** Possession or use of **TOBACCO PRODUCTS**
- **TRUANCY** and **EXCESSIVE TARDIES**
- **WEAPONS POSSESSION:** Possessing (on person, in vehicle, or in locker) on school premises a gun, pistol, ice pick, switch blade knife or other harmful weapon or dangerous instrument. A student shall not possess, handle or store contraband materials while on school property or at school sponsored events. Act 567 of 1995 requires expulsion for a period of not less than one year for possession of any firearm or other weapon on the school campus.
- **EXCESSIVE OR REPETITIVE PDA**

The school district reserves the right to punish behavior which is not conducive to good order a in the schools, even if such behavior is not specified in the preceding written rules.

SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION PROCEDURES

SUSPENSION PROCEDURE

1. A teacher may temporarily dismiss any student from class for disciplinary reasons. The teacher shall, when feasible, accompany the student to the office of the principal or designee and shall, as soon as practical, file with the principal a written statement about the student's dismissal from class.
2. The principal or designee shall determine whether to reinstate the student to class, to reassign the student, or to take other disciplinary action.
3. The principal of any school or designee is authorized to suspend students from school for disciplinary reasons up to ten school days, including the day upon which the suspension was initially imposed.
4. Prior to such suspension, the principal or designee, shall inform the student either orally or in writing about the infraction.
5. If the student denies the charges, the principal shall explain to him/her the evidence which forms a basis of the charges and shall permit the student to present his/her side of the story. This is considered to be a hearing.

6. When the principal considers that a suspension is proper, the student will be sent home with a copy of the suspension notice. A student-parent-principal conference will be requested for the morning of the student's approved return to school if the suspension is more than one day.
7. Additionally the parent will be mailed a copy of the suspension notice which shall include the reasons for the suspension, its duration, the manner in which the student may be readmitted to school and the procedure for considering reinstatement.
8. The principal or designee may require the attendance of the student involved at said conference as a condition for considering reinstatement.
9. When a student has been notified of his or her suspension from school, he or she shall remain away from school until the principal or designee reinstates them, except that a suspended student may return to school when accompanied by their parent or guardian for a student-parent-principal conference.
10. If a student's parent or guardian wishes to appeal a suspension, a student-parent-principal conference should be requested by the parent or guardian. If no agreement is reached an appeal of the ruling can be made to the superintendent the request of the parent or guardian. The principal or designee shall extend the suspension of the student and shall furnish the superintendent of schools with a full report on the suspension within a period of five days from the request.
11. The superintendent of schools or designee shall have the authority to revoke, terminate, or otherwise modify the suspension and will notify the principal and parents of his actions within five days of receipt of the principal's report.
12. If the superintendent or designee agrees with the suspension or modifies the suspension imposed by the principal and if the student or the parent so request, a hearing shall be scheduled before the school board within five days after the superintendent has notified the parent or student of their action. The board may revoke, terminate, alter or modify the suspension.
13. A suspended student will be readmitted to school after being suspended for ten school days including the day upon which the suspension was initially imposed, even if the appeal process has not been completed.
14. A suspension that does not amount to an expulsion for the remainder of the semester but is more than ten days is authorized. This long-term suspension, however, shall come only after the student has been afforded notice, opportunity for a hearing and the same procedural rights as for expulsion.
15. If the school is undergoing a violent upheaval or if orderly educational processes have otherwise been substantially disrupted, standard suspension or expulsion policies may not be in order. In other words, students may be suspended indefinitely without being given notice, a hearing, and without the other rights provided herein first being fully observed. This procedural exception would apply only in rare instances such as riots or where emergency circumstances make it unreasonable for the administration and board to consider the case within the usual time. In all such cases, notices, hearings, and other rights shall be provided in accordance with the normal provisions at the earliest practical date after order is restored.

EXPULSION PROCEDURE

The principal of a school may recommend that a student be expelled from school with loss of credit. A written recommendation to the superintendent shall include a statement of the charge against the student. A student may be suspended during the time of this procedure.

1. If the superintendent concurs with the recommendation, he shall schedule a hearing before the school board.
2. The school board may expel a student for the remainder of the semester, for the remainder of the school year, or permanently for conduct it deems to be of such seriousness as to make a suspension inappropriate, or when it finds that the student's continued attendance at school would be unacceptably disruptive to the educational program or would present unreasonable danger to other students and faculty members.
3. Permanent expulsion is appropriate for any felony committed on campus, as well as in instances in which serious bodily harm occurs to another person.
4. The superintendent or designee shall give written notice to the parent if the student is a minor or to the student if he or she is an adult, mailed within ten calendar days from the alleged incident which caused the expulsion recommendation. A hearing will be conducted not earlier than three calendar days or more than seven calendar days following the date of the notice except that the superintendent and the student and the student's parent may agree in writing to a date not conforming to this limitation.
5. The notice also will state charges against the student in clear and concise terms.
6. In every case of a hearing held by a school board regarding the expulsion of a student, the president of the board or, in his or her absence, another member selected by the board shall preside at the hearing. The student shall be entitled to representation by a lawyer or lay counsel.
7. The superintendent or designee shall present evidence and may present witnesses or statements of those persons who have personal knowledge of the events or circumstances which give rise to the expulsion recommendation at the hearing.
8. The student or representative may then present witnesses or statements by witnesses with personal knowledge of events or circumstances relevant to the issues.
9. Members of the board may question any witness.
10. At the conclusion of the hearing, the board may discuss the matter and dispose of it by vote.
11. If the board does not expel the student with loss of credit, it may impose less severe disciplinary actions, such as long-term suspension, which may be without opportunity for make-up of school work. The board shall briefly state its findings in writing within ten days after the hearing.
12. The president of the board or the presiding officer has the authority to limit unproductive, long, or irrelevant questioning by non-board members.

GROUP HEARINGS FOR SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION

When two or more students are charged with violating the same rule and have acted in concert and the facts are basically the same for all such students, a single hearing may be conducted for them if the president of the board believes the following conditions exist:

13. No student will have their interest substantially prejudiced by a group hearing. If during the hearing, the president finds that a student's interest will be substantially prejudiced by the group hearing, a separate hearing may be ordered for the student.
14. A group hearing will not likely result in confusion.

AREAS OPEN TO STUDENTS BEFORE SCHOOL & DURING LUNCH

Before school begins each morning, students may go to the cafeteria to eat breakfast, to the gym to sit in bleachers, or to the library to study. During lunch, students may eat in the cafeteria, may go to the gym to sit in bleachers, go to the library to work if they have a note from a teacher, attend club meetings. The Alford Street side of campus and area between the elementary school and cafeteria are not approved areas. The middle school hallway and the parking lot of the middle school are not approved areas. All students grades nine through twelve must come directly from buses or cars to the high school campus. No students should be on the elementary campus except for walking to the high school campus. No students should be in any other building before the bell rings or during lunch.

PARKING

Students who drive must park in the lot west of the agriculture building. All students driving to school must register their cars in the office and no one is permitted to return to the parking lot without permission from the office. All students must vacate their vehicles upon arriving at school.

CLOSED CAMPUS

By School Board action, Flippin Public School has a closed campus. Students are not permitted to leave school upon arrival at school without permission from the office. Non-students are not permitted to visit campus. Students driving vehicles to school are to park them in the student parking area and stay out of the vehicle (includes motorcycles and bicycles) until school is dismissed.

SCHOOL MEALS

1. Meal costs are as follows:

Breakfast	Full Price	\$1.00	Reduced	\$.30
Lunch	Full Price	\$2.25	Reduced	\$.40
2. Lunch money can be given to classroom teachers and the high school office.
3. Reduced and full priced lunches should be purchased at least in groups of five days.
4. Families may apply for free or reduced lunches. A separate application must be filed for each child in the family. A new application must be filed each year for every child.
5. Any questions should be directed to Pam Burns at (870) 421-1806.

TELEPHONE USE

The telephone in the office and all other school phones are for school business and emergency calls only. Students needing to use a phone must have permission from the office.

SERVICES

LIBRARY

The library shall be organized as a resource center of instructional material for the entire educational program. The following is a list of rules for the High School Library:

1. All books taken from the library must be checked out and have the book stamped with the due date.
2. Students who have overdue books and/or fines may not check out any additional library items until their debts are resolved.
3. Magazines are available for pleasure reading and may be used in the library only.
4. Do not write in books or magazines or deface them in any way.
5. Only librarians on duty are to be in the circulation office area.
6. Students who are asked to leave the library three times due to discipline will lose their library privilege for the semester. If library privileges are lost, the student may use the library only before school, after school, or during the lunch period.
7. The library will be open during the lunch period.
8. Printing services are available for student projects.

LOCKERS

Lockers will be assigned free to students with priority on assignment given from twelfth grade downward. Individual locks may be placed on hall lockers at the student's discretion. Lockers are to be used for the storing of school books and other personal items necessary for carrying on normal routines of the educational day.

SCHOOL STORE

Pens, pencils, notebooks, note cards, highlighters, erasers, poster board, and computer disks can be purchased in the high school office **before school, during lunch, and after school.**

STUDENT TEXTBOOK/EQUIPMENT CHECK-OUT

Textbooks and calculators are available from the school for check out to students. Each student is responsible for books/equipment checked out, and if school books/equipment are lost they will be paid for by the student. If a student loses a textbook in a class a second book may immediately be checked out. The student will be responsible for both texts at the end of the school year. If a third textbook is needed in a class, a report will be made to the office as the student will have to pay for at least one textbook before the third will be issued.

All students in grades 9-12 will be issued Chromebooks for classroom instruction.

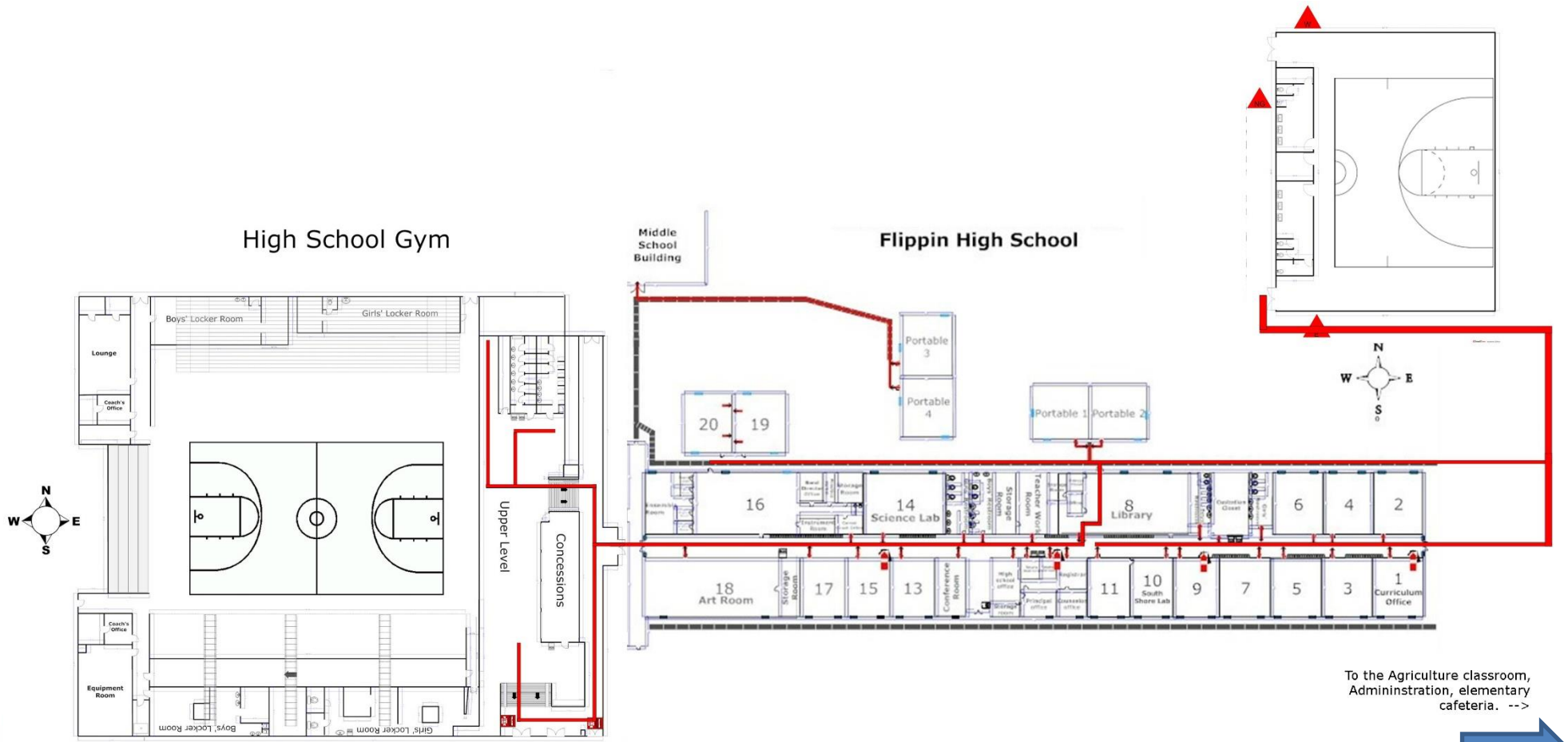
MARRIED & PREGNANT STUDENTS

Married or pregnant students shall be governed on the same basis as other students.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

In accordance with Act 1220 of 2005, Flippin High School will observe the following guidelines:

- Parents may provide food only for their child.
- No food other than cafeteria food may be sold until at least 30 minutes after the high school lunch period.
- Students may not bring food and share with other students.



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| 3 G. Riggs | 9 J. Boggan | 15 TBD | Portable 1 P. Stout | |
| 4 K. Randall | 10 Southshore Lab | 16 N. Blasdel | Portable 2 J. Walser | |
| 5 M. Hemme | 11 J. Jefferson | 17 J. Lynch | Portable 3,4 C. Robertson | |
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PREFACE

The primary purpose of this handbook is to acquaint the students of Flippin Middle School with the rules, regulations and customs so that they may more readily adapt themselves to the principles of our school. We ask that you read this handbook carefully and keep it for future reference. Failure to read and be familiar with this book will not relieve any student of any responsibility for compliance with the rules and regulations stated herein.

Welcome to Flippin Middle School

We encourage parents and family members to visit our campus. If you wish to have a conference, appointments can be made by calling the office at **870-453-6464**.

Forward: A child's education is a responsibility shared by the District and family during the entire time a child attends school. To support the goal of the Flippin School District to educate all students effectively, parents and schools must work together. Parents in the Flippin School District are diverse in culture, language and needs, and they are an integral component of the District's ability to provide for the educational successes of the student.

The Flippin School District believes that engaging parents in their children's educational endeavors is essential to improving student achievement and that the District should foster and support actual parent involvement in all of its educational endeavors. We hope these family kits encourage communication with parents. Our goal is to create communication that is both two way and meaningful.

The following are a few family events and services Flippin Middle School offers to attain that goal:

- Open House – Each fall our superintendent offers a 'state of the school' address. Please come and get to know the staff and your school.
- Parent/Teacher Conferences – Flippin School District will schedule at least two parent/teacher conferences per school year. Parents are encouraged to schedule additional parent/teacher conferences at any time they deem needed.
- 6th grade orientation – Held each fall to assist students entering Flippin Middle School in that transition.
- There is a Cookout/Talent Show in the spring where parents and teachers have the opportunity to come together, celebrate and raise money for middle school students.
- Academic Planning - We conduct a meeting in the spring to explain the smart/common core curriculum and to discuss graduation requirements in high school.
- An 8th grade transition meeting is held every spring to discuss high school graduation requirements, meet high school staff and make curriculum requests for the following year.
- We celebrate 'Building Communities Just for Kids' where we discuss high academic standards, professional development, student assessment and accountability.
- The District may plan and engage in other activities and events determined by them to be beneficial in the fostering of effective communication with parents.

Flippin Middle School Teachers

- Superintendent – Kelvin Hudson
- Principal – Gregg Yarbrough
- Counselor – Michelle Curtis
- Secretary – Lisa Sanders
- Special Education – Kristen Rodriquez
- Paraprofessionals – Susan Manning, Doyce Parnell, Jessica Gilliland, Rebecca Towne
- Science – Caleb Hudson & Wendy Treat
- Social Studies – Judith Lawrence & Kallie Copeland
- Math – Anna Batterton, Daniel Hickey, & Danyial Williamson
- English – Lisa Thompson, Veronica Pace, & Susie Jones
- Business – Heather Hudson
- Physical Education/Team Sports – Olivia Hughes, Jason Hughes, & Dion Hargrove
- Art – Cheryl Blasdel
- Music – Niall Blasdel
- QUIPS – TBD
- Interventionist – Janice Stewart
- Media Specialist – Kylee Stoner

GENERAL INFORMATION

SCHOOL COLORS AND MASCOT

The Flippin Middle School colors are *red* and *white* and the school mascot is the *bobcat*.

SCHOOL SPIRIT

School spirit is hard to define, yet it is a powerful force in any school. It is so important, that without it a school can never be great. First, it is more than a loud voice. It begins in the classroom where we do our best. It is our athletic teams striving hard to win, our classes, clubs and other competitive organizations desiring to excel. It is courtesy and consideration that you have for each other, for others who may be our guests and the support you give fellow students in their respective activities. It is you in the halls, in your classes, on campus or wherever you might be. It is the thrill of victory and the acceptance of honorable defeat. It is the knowledge that you have done your best. All these things bind us together and make us proud to be BOBCATS. School spirit is something that can become a part of us and influence us to be good school citizens now and useful adult citizens.

PHILOSOPHY

The Flippin Middle School is designed and planned exclusively for sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students. The staff can focus their complete attention on the social, emotional, physical and intellectual needs of this development age group.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Flippin Middle School is to strive for the highest level of student achievement by meeting their academic, social, emotional, and physical needs through equitable quality instruction, student participation and parental involvement.

CITIZENSHIP

Learn and obey rules, be respectful of others and their property, be responsible for one's own actions.

SCHOOL INSURANCE

The school does not cover medical expenses for students. If your son or daughter has an accident at school, the school will not pay for hospital care, emergency care or doctor bills. If your insurance does not cover your child, you might wish to purchase student insurance offered by several insurance companies at reasonable rates. Check with your insurance agent

THE NEED FOR REFORM & COMPONENTS OF AN EFFECTIVE MIDDLE SCHOOL

In 1989, the Carnegie Council on Adolescent Development released its now famous report entitled *Turning Points*. *Turning Points* dramatically outlined a burning need for reform in middle level education. *Turning Points* also opened a door that had been closed for years. Behind that door was the fact that educators, school board members, parents, and citizens generally need to be more cognizant of this age group (10-15) and what an effective educational program for this group requires. In essence, there was a call to break old paradigms and recognize a third level of education. No longer should we think of elementary and secondary without recognizing the middle.

Flippin Middle School has answered the call for reform. Teachers have access to the latest research. Staff development is being provided to bridge the elementary/secondary gap. Hours and hours have been spent studying the unique needs of these preadolescents. Programs to meet their needs have been developed. As a result, FMS is now a better place for students and teachers.

The following page outlines the eight recommendations from *Turning Points* and provides some insight as to why it is now time to address the needs of students caught in the middle.

“Start by doing what’s necessary; then do what’s possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.”

-St. Francis of Assisi

REASONS FOR CHANGE IN MIDDLE LEVEL EDUCATION

Middle grade schools – junior high, intermediate, and middle schools – are potentially society’s most powerful force to recapture millions of youth adrift and help every young person thrive during early adolescence.

A volatile mismatch exists between the organization and curriculum of middle grade schools and the intellectual and emotional needs of young adolescents. Caught in the vortex of changing demands, an engagement of many young in learning diminishes and their rates of alienation, substance abuse, absenteeism, and dropping out of school begin to rise.

Most adolescents attend massive, impersonal schools, learn from unconnected and seemingly irrelevant curricula, know well and trust few adults in school, and lack access to health care and counseling. Millions of these young people fail to receive the guidance and attention they need to become healthy, thoughtful, productive adults.

--Turning Points: Preparing American Youth for the 21st Century. Carnegie Council on Adolescent Development, June 1989.

EIGHT RECOMMENDATIONS FROM TURNING POINTS

1. Create small communities for learning where stable, close, mutually respectful relationships with adults and peers are considered fundamental for intellectual development and personal growth.
2. Teach core academic programs that result in students who are literate, including in the sciences, and who know how to think critically, lead a healthy life, behave ethically, and assume the responsibilities of citizenship in a pluralistic society. Youth services to promote values for citizenship in an essential part of the core academic program.
3. Ensure success for all students through elimination of tracking and promotion of cooperative learning, flexible in arranging instructional time, and adequate resources (time, space, equipment, and materials) for teachers.
4. Empower teachers and administrators to make decisions about the experiences of middle grade students through creative control over the instructional program linked to greater responsibilities for students’ performance, governance committees that assist the principal in designing and coordinating school-wide programs, and autonomy and leadership with sub-schools or houses to create environments tailored to enhance the intellectual and emotional development of all youth.
5. Staff middle schools with teachers who are expert at teaching young adolescents and who have been specifically prepared for assignment to the middle grades.

6. Improve academic performance through fostering the health and fitness of young adolescents, by providing a health coordinator in every middle school, access to health care and counseling services, and a health-promoting school environment.
7. Re-engage families in the education of young adolescents by giving families meaningful roles in school governance, communicating with families about the school program and student's progress, and offering families opportunities to support the learning process at home and at school.
8. Connect schools with communities, which together share responsibility for each middle grade student's success, through identifying service opportunities in the community, establishing partnerships and collaboration to ensure students' access to health and social services, and using community resources to enrich the instructional program and opportunities for constructive after-school activities.

BELL SCHEDULE

<u><i>Period</i></u>	<u><i>Time</i></u>
1 st	7:50 – 8:39
2 nd	8:43 – 9:30
3 rd	9:34 – 10:21
4 th	10:25 – 11:12
5 th	11:16 – 12:03
Middle School Lunch	12:03 – 12:33
6 th	12:37- 1:25
7 th	1:29 – 2:17
8 th	2:21 – 3:09

ACADEMICS

ASSESSMENT

There will be no semester test grade, both nine weeks grades will be averaged for a semester grade. Grades assigned to students for performance in a course shall reflect only the extent to which a student has achieved the expressed academic objectives of the course. Grades that reflect other educational objectives such as those contained in the learner outcomes and curriculum frameworks may also be given. Grades cannot be inflated or deflated for non-academic work (eg. signed papers, extra credit, etc.)

1. **Alternatives to traditional pencil/paper exams:**

- A. Student Portfolio
- B. Demonstration of Mastery
 - a. Project
 - b. Public presentation

2. **Homework**

Homework is considered essential to student progress. Experience dictates that students who fail to regularly complete homework will have difficulty progressing to the next grade.

DROPPING COURSES

All schedule changes must be made during the first week of a semester. Extenuating circumstances will be handled on a case-by-case basis. In order to drop an elective course, the following procedure must be followed:

1. Student obtains drop slip from the office.
2. Slip is completed and signed by the following persons:
 - Student
 - Parent/Guardian
 - Involved Teachers
3. Counselor revises schedule.
4. Students will continue their old schedule until they are given their new schedule.

ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT PROGRESS

It shall be the policy of the Board of Education that each student's progress be assessed at each grade level in acquiring mastery of competencies, skills, and subject matter required by law and state standards. Assessment data may include competency test scores, standardized test scores, subject matter mastery test scores and observations of teachers and parent(s)/guardian(s). The professional staff is directed to implement an appropriate plan and maintain records by documenting these assessments. Student **Academic Improvement Plans** (AIPs) are evaluated by teachers and parents to determine appropriate interventions to move that student toward grade level proficiency. These AIPs are then signed by all parties involved and a copy is then mailed to the parents.

REPORTING STUDENT PROGRESS TO PARENTS

Report cards are sent to parents four times each year, the specific time being at the close of each nine week's period, except the final report shall be made and sent by mail the week following school closing. Parents are invited to the school to confer with the teachers and principal relative to the instruction of their children, parents will be expected to arrange such conferences by an appointment in advance. Additional bimonthly reports may be requested through the Middle School Office.

Progress reports are mailed to the parents of all students at mid-term. Parent-teacher conferences are currently scheduled twice per school year at mid-term of the first and third quarters. It is the intention of the middle school to publish a notice in the local newspaper honoring parents who attend both conferences. Parents may also call the office to request a conference with one or more teachers at any time during the school year.

ACTAAP SUCCESS DAYS

This is a **reward program** to assist in motivating our students to score *Proficient* or *Advanced* on the Benchmark Exam. If a student scores *Proficient* or *Advanced* on one of the Benchmark exams, they receive one ACTAAP Success Day, where they can be absent and it counts as a school business absence.

The student will choose a day from the list provided by the school and arrange the absence ahead of time as shown on the Instruction Sheet. We will announce the rewards to the students before the ACTAAP tests to encourage them to do their best. The reward days are given the next fall after the spring test. The counselor and the principal will sign off on the form to make sure a student qualifies and does so within the proper requested time lines.

MIDDLE SCHOOL REMEDIATION PROGRAM

Math and literacy teachers will review the Academic Improvement Plans (AIPs) of 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students from benchmark tests of the previous year. The teacher will determine the instructional strategies that would best suit those students according to the results of the tests and will use "best practices" techniques to help address those needs. Each AIP will be reviewed with the student's parent or guardian with input on the best course of action for his or her academic decisions.

Students who have not met the proficiency level in math literacy, and/or science will be required to participate in this program following the testing of which they did not reach the state level of proficiency. Failure to complete the aforementioned program may result in the loss of an elective(s) to provide adequate time to complete the remediation requirement.

Teacher-led instruction and computer-based instruction will be combined to help students. The students will be assessed periodically using a variety of formative and summative assessments to determine progress and help direct the teacher's instructional decisions for future classes. All teachers will have copies of their students' AIPs to help assist in literacy and math skills.

HONOR ROLL AND AWARD'S PROGRAM

Those students having no grades below "B" will be on the honor roll at the end of each nine-week period. Toward the end of each school year, an Honor's Program will be held. Certificates will be given for academic excellence. Outstanding students in each subject matter field or organization will be honored. These students are chosen by the teachers in their particular field.

CURRICULUM

The Flippin School District will use the Arkansas Curriculum Frameworks to plan instruction leading to student demonstration of proficiency. Student testing data will be analyzed by the faculty to determine our student and curriculum needs.

The Department, with advice from public schools and institutions of higher education, shall devise an assessment system that will measure progress toward meeting the content standards expressed in the Arkansas Frameworks. We will incorporate The ACT Aspire will be used to assess student progress and curriculum revisions throughout the school year.

Aspire includes test items that are aligned with the AR Frameworks as well as state tests. Students will also practice "constructed response" questions with an established rubric in all content areas, these evaluations shall serve as a major factor in determining accreditation status of public schools.

SMART CORE AND CORE

All parents and students will have a meeting with the counselor in the spring or August prior to the beginning of a new school year before a student sixth (6th) grade year and every year thereafter. During this time, a course of study will be developed, maintained, or modified by this group. Any changes in the original plan will take place at this time. Parents will be notified of the time and location of this meeting in writing by mail/newsletter newspaper and by the school calendar posted on the school website. All subsequent schedule changes will only take place through recommendation and approval by the faculty, counselor, parents, and student. This will be initiated in writing by the parties involved.

Students and parents will be given a consent form document provided by the district in determining the educational path for their child. This form will be added to the student's permanent transcript at that time and will be reviewed by any of the aforementioned members involved in this process.

The core curriculum for Flippin Middle School shall encompass all types of developmentally appropriate learning experiences and provide for differences in rates of learning among children. It shall emphasize overarching processes of reasoning and problem solving, communicating, connecting (linking knowledge, skills, and other understandings within and across disciplines to real-life situations), and internalizing (acting on the learning to make it meaningful, useful, and worthwhile.)

Grades 6-8

Reading, writing and mathematics shall be incorporated into all curriculum areas. All students shall receive instruction in each content area annually:

- Life science systems
- Measurement
- Geometry and special sense
- Data analysis and statistics
- Patterns, algebra, and functions
- Language arts
- Earth/Space systems
- Physical systems
- Environmental education
- Listening, speaking, and viewing
- Mathematics
- Number sense, properties, and operations

SCHOOL REGULATIONS

AREAS OPEN TO STUDENTS BEFORE SCHOOL & DURING LUNCH

Before school begins students must go to the cafeteria where they may eat breakfast or sit quietly. During lunch, students may remain in the cafeteria or go to a designated area outside the middle school buildings. The designated area will be on rotational basis by grade level.

All students grade 6-8 must come directly from buses or cars to the approved areas of campus. No student should be on the elementary campus except to walk to the Middle School. Students will not be allowed in the high school hallways. No students should be in any other building before the first bell rings or during lunch. *Middle School students cannot socialize with high school students during the school day.*

PHYSICAL EDUCATION EXCUSES

P.E. grades are based primarily on participation. To be excused from PE, a student must bring a note from home and submit it to the office. The note will be initialed by office personnel and the student will then give it to the appropriate instructor. Medical excuses will be accepted from a doctor.

SCHOOL TRIPS

Middle school students participating in field trips or after school activities must have written permission from their parents. All students will follow the teacher's directions and all school rules. School dress code will apply unless the sponsor clears other dress through the office. To be eligible to attend field trips students must demonstrate good citizenship. Students who have been disciplined for theft, vandalism, overt disrespect, etc. will not be allowed to attend field trips. The FMS faculty may implement additional field trip eligibility requirements such as: no outstanding work, passing grades in all core classes, and/or GPA requirements. Students are expected to ride the bus to and from school activities unless a parent wishes to take the child with them, (the child can be excused to accompany the parent). *In order for a student to be released to anyone other than the parent, a note must be sent with the student and signed by the principal prior to the departure from school.*

VERBAL ABUSE OF SCHOOL OFFICIALS

Verbal abuse of school officials is prohibited according to Arkansas Statute 6-17-106. It reads “Every person who shall abuse or insult a public school teacher while such teacher is performing normal, regular, or assigned school responsibilities shall be guilty. A person who violates this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction, shall be liable to a fine of not less than \$100 and not more than \$1500.” (AR Code 6-17-106 as amended by Act 1565, 2001)

OUTSTANDING DEBTS

Any student that has any outstanding balance owed to the school in the form of excessive unpaid lunch bill, library fines, damaged or lost school books, uniforms not returned or damaged, band instruments or classroom equipment, organizational fines or dues, and any other debt that is considered excessive will not be allowed to participate in any school extra-curricular or co-curricular activities, field trips or be allowed attendance for any school related activity outside of the normal school hours on the school campus until the debt is found to be in good standing or other arrangements have been made for repayment of the debt with the school administrator. *Outstanding Debt* is defined as any fine or non-returned item that has been unresolved carrying over from one school year to the next school year. It could also include issues that are not resolved within established time frames outlined by the administrator, teacher or sponsor.

DRESS AND APPEARANCE

The following guidelines should be used as a guide for Flippin Middle School students. It is not intended to be a complete list. Dress code rules are to be followed at all school functions.

1. **Clothing that exposes underwear, buttocks, or breast of a female are prohibited** (not applicable to costume or uniform worn while participating in a school sponsored activity). Act 835
2. Dresses, skirts, and shorts should not be shorter than the length of a dollar bill measured from the top of the knee cap, while standing
3. Tops should be long enough to cover the waistband of the pants, shorts or skirt that is being worn
4. Shoes should be worn at all times (unless directed by a teacher)
5. When wearing spandex type pants (et al yoga pants and opaque leggings), the top must completely cover the buttocks when arms are raised
6. Hairstyles, piercings, and clothing should NOT be a distraction and/or cause a disruption to the educational process. Should the aforementioned become a distraction, students will be asked to change before returning to class

DRESS NOT APPROVED:

1. Halter tops, tank tops, and similar items that expose the breast of female or male
2. Strapless shirts

3. Very sheer blouses, see through tops, worn without appropriate underclothes, or tops that are cut low enough to expose breasts
4. Clothing advertising any product or activity that is considered damaging to a person's health or morals including things thought to be sexually or racially oriented that would be considered demeaning to either sex or any race (et al tobacco, alcohol, drugs, profanity, etc.)
5. Wearing of hats, caps, or any head coverings in buildings
6. Tops, bottoms, and/or shoes designed to serve as sleeping clothes (et al Pajamas)
7. Any clothes with holes above the appropriate short length that show skin or underwear
8. Gang-related paraphernalia or clothing
9. Extremely low sagging pants
10. Face painting without prior approval by the principal (et al Spirit Week)

GUM, CANDY, AND FOOD ITEMS

All food items are to be consumed during lunch hour in the lunchroom. Candy and other food items purchased from a school approved fundraiser will be consumed in the cafeteria during lunch or when permission has been given by the classroom teacher. Middle School students will be allowed to chew gum at individual teacher's discretion.

LUNCH PROCEDURES

1. Flippin School District does not offer credit for food items purchased in the school cafeteria; payment for such items is due at the time the food items are received. Parents or students choosing to do so may pay weekly or monthly in advance for student's meals.
2. Meal prices are:

Breakfast:	Full-Price: \$1.00/day	Reduced: \$.30/day
	\$5.00/week	\$1.50/week
	\$20.00/month	\$6.00/month
Lunch:		
	Full-price: \$2.25/day	Reduced: \$.40/day
	\$11.25/week	\$2.00/week
	\$45.00/month	\$8.00/month
3. Lunch money should be placed in an envelope with the student's name on the front and given to the office (or their first period teacher) before the start of the school day.
4. **Account payments may also be made online (using a credit or debit card) at EZSchoolPay.com or go to Flippin School District website and click on the EZSchoolpay.com link.**

**Note: Families are encouraged to apply for free or reduced lunches. A separate application for each child in the family must be filed each year. Free/reduced lunch applications will be sent home with every student on the first day of school. Applications may also be picked up in the office throughout the year between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Anyone other than a parent/guardian wishing to eat breakfast or lunch with a student must have a written note from the parent/guardian to be considered for approval by the principal.*

CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE

ASSERTIVE DISCIPLINE

To guarantee all students in our school an excellent learning climate, the Flippin School Board has adopted as policy the Assertive Discipline Program. The program places the responsibility for behavior on the student. Every classroom has the rules posted with consequences for those students who choose not to follow the rules. We believe all students can behave appropriately and will tolerate no student interfering with a teacher's right to teach or a student's right to learn. Negative consequences are implemented to alter inappropriate behavior. We believe that by working together to identify reasons for misbehavior and addressing those needs, we can bring about genuine cooperation which we are all striving for. Discipline issues will be dealt with using a variety of measures ranging from a verbal reprimand to a maximum of expulsion.

CLASSROOM RULES

1. Be in your seat, with needed supplies and completed assignments, ready to work when the tardy bell rings.
2. Students will keep hands, feet and objects to themselves.
3. No swearing, teasing, rude gestures or put-downs.
4. Follow instructions when given.

**Each teacher may add additional rules that are specific to their particular classroom as long as they are approved by the principal.*

CONSEQUENCES FOR BREAKING CLASSROOM RULES

When a student breaks a rule there are various levels of punishment and/or warnings. During a nine week grading period, only three (3) warnings are permitted. After a student has received their third warning, they will receive:

- 15 minutes of after school detention for warnings 4-6
- 30 minutes of after school detention for warnings 7-9
- 45 minutes of after school detention for warnings 10-12
- Then, when a student breaks a rule, they will be sent to the principal (see Severe Clause)

**Any student receiving two or more warnings in a single class period will receive detention.*

AFTER SCHOOL DETENTION

After-School Detention is held for 60 minutes beginning five (5) minutes after 8th period. If a student is late for detention, each late minute will be doubled up to a maximum of 10 minutes. Any student who is more than 5 minutes late will be considered absent and their accumulated time will double up to a maximum of 60 minutes.

The following rules apply to detention hall:

1. Pen or pencil is required
2. No talking.
3. Detention assignment will be consecutive numbering worksheet which will be copied at a rate of at least ½ page for every 15 minute period.
4. Students not completing the assignment will be given another day's detention.
5. All detention is served the next school day (e.g., received Monday, serve Tuesday after school). A copy of the misconduct form is given to the student to be taken home so parents will be informed of the up-coming detention.
6. Transportation for detention is the responsibility for the parent or guardian.
7. The Principal has the discretion to use suspension or other forms of discipline at any time if necessary. The principal may also adjust detention time if necessary.

SEVERE CLAUSE

Severe Clause is used when a student's behavior is too severe to be handled by the classroom teacher including, but not limited to, the following:

1. Bullying
2. Destruction of Property
3. Insubordination
4. Classroom Disruption
5. 13 or More Misconducts in a Class

If a student is severed to the principal's office, the following procedure will be followed each nine week period:

1st referral – 60 minutes of detention or 3 swats with a paddle

2nd referral – 60 minutes of detention or 3 swats with a paddle

3rd referral – 75 minutes of detention or 4 swats with a paddle

4th referral and beyond – 1 day of suspension for each referral

**The principal has discretion to use suspension or other forms of discipline at any time if necessary. The principal may also adjust the detention time if necessary.*

The following procedures will be observed:

- a. Referrals will be sent to the office. The principal will add any comments necessary, conference with the student if necessary, make notation in the student's file, and return one copy of the referral to the teacher. The principal will give one copy to the student.
- b. The student will take the referral home, have it signed by a parent, and return it to the office before first period begins on the next school day. Failure to return the signed referral in a timely fashion could result in further disciplinary action.

**Students are subject to receiving a severe referral to the office for inappropriate behavior anywhere on school premises, at school-sponsored events, or while attending another public school activity.*

EXTREME MISCONDUCT

Any student who accumulates twenty-five written misconducts in a school semester will be suspended for the remainder of the semester, or if there are more than ten school days left in the semester, recommended to the school board for expulsion from school for the remainder of the semester. This action will be based on an unacceptable level of disruption to the education program. The following process will be followed if extreme misbehavior occurs:

Number of written misconducts*	Consequence(s)
5	Principal conference, letter to parent
10	Superintendent conference, letter to parent
13	One day suspension, letter to parent
15	Parent conference, letter to parent
18	Two day suspension, letter to parent
20	Parent conference, letter to parent
24	Phone contact to parent
25	Ten days suspension and/or expulsion for the remainder of the semester

**The misconduct count will start over at the beginning of the second semester.*

REMOVAL BY A TEACHER

A teacher may remove a student from class and send that student to the principal. If a teacher removes a student from class twice in any nine week grading period, the principal may not return the student to the teacher's class until a parent conference has been held. (Act 1281 of 1999, 6-18-511)

CONSEQUENCES FOR BREAKING SCHOOL RULES

Policy – 4.25

Dress Code Violations:

- 1st offense** - Written warning, change clothes, and parents notified
- 2nd offense** - Written warning, change clothes, and parents notified
- 3rd offense** - Written warning, change clothes, and parents notified
- 4th and future offenses** – Change clothes and detention will be assigned by the principal.

Policy – 4.18

Public Displays of Affection

- 1st offense** – 60 minutes of detention
- 2nd offense** - 1 day of ISS
- 3rd offense** - 3 days of ISS

Policy - 4.47

Cell Phone:

**Flippin Middle School will not be held responsible for lost/stolen cell phones or similar communication devices should a student choose to bring such devices to school. Any student found in violation of District policy 4.47 with such a device will face the following consequences:*

1. **Classroom Disruptions:** student will be given a warning and assertive discipline plan will be followed. Should the student reach a **3rd offense** in a classroom the cell phone may be confiscated and turned in to the office for parent to pick up and the student may receive a “severe” to the principal
2. **Academic Dishonesty:** severe to the principal and phone confiscated
3. **Indecent Visual Depiction:** severe to the principal and phone confiscated

Policy – 4.21

Fighting and/or assault:

- 1st fight** – 3 day suspension
- 2nd fight** – 5 day out of school suspension
- 3rd fight** – 10 day out of school suspension with recommendation for expulsion

**Assault of a fellow student or school employee will result in a 10- day suspension and recommendation for expulsion.*

Policy – 4.23

Possession or use of Tobacco:

- 1st offense:** 3 days ISS
- 2nd offense:** 3 days out of school suspension
- 3rd offense:** 5 days out of school suspension
- 4th offense:** 10 days out of school suspension with recommendation for expulsion

Policy – 4.24

Possession or use of Drugs:

1st offense: 10 day suspension and recommendation for expulsion.

Possession or use of Alcohol:

- 1st offense:** 5 day suspension and recommendation for counseling.
- 2nd offense:** 10 day suspension from school (OSS), recommended for counseling, and reported to law enforcement authorities.
- 3rd offense:** 10 day suspension from school (OSS), and recommended expulsion.

Policy - 4.43 & 4.27

Bullying and/or Sexual Harrassment:

- 1st offense:** Reprimand by principal and 60 minutes of detention
- 2nd offense:** Reprimand by principal and 1-3 days suspension
- 3rd and subsequent offenses:** may result in 5-10 days suspension and/or the student being turned over to juvenile authorities.

** Counseling will be recommended as a follow-up procedure.*

Policy – 4.21, 4.26, & 4.43

Threats of violence:

1st offense: 1-3 days suspension

2nd offense: 5-10 days suspension

3rd offense: 10 days – recommendation for expulsion

**Student also may be turned over to police, juvenile officials, and/or parents*

Policy – 4.18

Truancy:

1st offense: Reprimand by principal and 60 minutes of detention.

2nd offense: Reprimand by principal and 3 days suspension (ISS).

3rd and subsequent offenses: may result in 5-10 days suspension and/or the student will be turned over to juvenile authorities.

Policy – 4.18

Destruction of property

Theft of property:

1st offense: (To the extent possible) the students will make restitution for the property and receive a reprimand by the principal.

2nd offense: Restitution and 3 days of suspension.

3rd and subsequent offenses: Restitution, 5-10 day suspension, and/or student will be turned over to juvenile authorities.

Policy - 4.29

Violation of acceptable

Computer use policy:

Students in violation of this policy will face disciplinary action(s) ranging from a reprimand to detention, to loss of computer privileges, to suspension and/or expulsion.

CONSEQUENCES FOR BREAKING BUS RULES

Policy – 4.19

When a student breaks the bus rules, the following will occur:

1. First “bus misconduct” report constitutes a verbal reprimand and counsel on proper bus behavior.
2. Second “bus misconduct” report will be a warning that the next offense will result in suspension for 5 days from riding the bus. Parent will be notified.
3. Third “bus misconduct” report constitutes a 5-day suspension from riding the bus. Parent will be notified.
4. Fourth “bus misconduct” report will result in a 10 day suspension from riding the bus. Parent will be notified.
5. Fifth “bus misconduct” report will result in expulsion from riding the bus for the remainder of the present school year. In rare cases of extenuating circumstances, swats may be substituted for days off the bus at two (2) swats for each day. This option may be used only once during a school year.

**The school district reserves the right to punish behavior which is not conducive to good order and discipline in the schools, even though such behavior is not specified in the preceding written rules.*

IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSION

The Flippin Middle School uses In-School Suspension (ISS) as a part of the middle school disciplinary policy. The primary objective of suspension is to modify student behavior without utilizing more drastic disciplinary measures such as corporal punishment, out of school suspension or expulsion.

In-School Suspension Policies

- A. Assignment to in-school suspension will be made only by the principal. The principal will have the authority to make an assignment to suspension whenever he feels it is warranted. Primary considerations will be the severity of the infraction and the number of times a student has been referred to the office. However, input from teachers may be taken into consideration. Parents will be notified in writing of the reason for the assignment, the number of days of the assignment, and the beginning and ending dates of the assignment.
- B. Parents shall have the option of choosing out of school rather than ISS for assignments up to ten (10) days. To exercise this option, parents will so indicate on the suspension notice before signing and returning it to the principal. Suspension shall be for the same number of days as the ISS. Out of school suspension shall begin on the school day following the day the parent notifies the principal of their choice.
- C. Any student who receives three different assignments to ISS during a nine-week grading period, may be suspended for three (3) days (out of school) if he/she is guilty of a behavior, which would have otherwise resulted in another assignment to ISS.

Rules for In-School Suspension

- A. Students will have necessary material to do academic assignments. Students will be in the Suspension room and seated by 7:50 a.m. Any student not seated by that time will not be allowed to enter and will make up that day and serve an additional day. Students will be released at 3:09 p.m. Students who fail to serve ISS will be suspended (out of school) for 1 day.
- B. Students will report to the supervisor and take assigned seats immediately and begin work as assigned.
- C. Any student not working on assignments will be assigned another day.
- D. Talking or leaving seat will result in another day of ISS being assigned. If a student has a question concerning an assignment, he/she must raise his/her hand for recognition by the supervisor. The supervisor will go to the student.
- E. Students who miss ISS and are absent from school will make up that day provided the absence from school is excused. If a student misses ISS but is present for school that day or has an unexcused absence from school, the day will be made up and a penalty will be added.
- F. Students in ISS will not be allowed to participate in school activities on the day(s) they are serving ISS. Any student discipline problem in ISS classroom will result in swats or out of school suspension.

SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION

To maximize student attendance, suspension from school will be a last resort, but situations may arise where it becomes necessary to suspend students from school. Consequences may be one to ten days of in-school suspension, out-of-school suspension or possibly expulsion.

- A. Initially a student will be given in-school suspension up to a maximum of five (5) days per year. In-school suspension may include academic and physical education as well as community service activities.
- B. After reaching five days of in-school suspension, the next disciplinary procedure will be out-of-school suspension.
- C. After ten (10) days of suspension per semester, students will be placed in an Alternative Education setting.
- D. **A teacher may temporarily dismiss for disciplinary reasons any student from class.** The teacher shall, when feasible, accompany the student to the office of the principal or designee and shall, as soon as practical, file with the principal a written statement about the student's dismissal from class. The principal or designee shall determine whether to reinstate the student in class, reassign him/her or take other disciplinary action.

**Note: The initial suspension of a student out of school for multiple days can be served as follows: 1st day out of school suspension; the remaining days can be requested in writing by the parents to be served as in-school suspension or three (3) swats with the paddle for the remaining days.*

SUSPENSION PROCEDURES

1. ***Any student suspended (out of school)*** or who has been assigned in-school suspension more than one time in a school year will not be allowed to go on field trips during that school year
2. Assignments will be available, (at parents request), in the office at 3:05 the day following a suspension of more than one day to aid students in keeping up with classroom requirements. All homework, tests and quizzes will be made up in accordance with the Make-Up Work Policy.

GROUP HEARINGS FOR SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION

When two or more students are charged with violating the same rule and have acted in concert and the facts are basically the same for all such students, a single hearing may be conducted for them if the president of the board believes the following conditions exist:

1. A group hearing will not likely result in confusion and/or
2. No student will have his/her interest substantially prejudiced by a group hearing. If, during the hearing, the president finds that a student's interest will be substantially prejudiced by the group hearing, a separate hearing may be ordered for that student.

DUE PROCESS

Flippin Middle School will follow due process concerning all disciplinary actions.

ALTERNATIVE DISCIPLINE

If alternative discipline is desired, a parent must request it of the principal and it will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

<h2>ATTENDANCE</h2>

- A. The following procedures will be initiated as absences accumulate in each semester: Policy 4.7
- a. Upon accumulating 6 days of unexcused absences, a letter, certified letter, or phone call will be made to the parents informing them of the total days absent to date. This letter will request parents to contact the office by phone to address the number of absences.
 - b. When 10 days of unexcused absences have been accumulated, a letter, certified letter, or phone call will be sent out the parents to inform them of the total absences to date. This letter will request parents to contact the office by phone to set up a time to develop a formalized written plan for addressing said absences.
 - c. When 13 days of unexcused absences have been accumulated, a letter, certified letter, and/or a phone call will be sent to the parents notifying them of the total absences. Notification will also be made to the County Juvenile Intake Officer on the 13th day. Notification will include the consequences if the 13th day is missed in the semester.
 - d. Students missing 13 days in one semester will be remanded to the prosecuting attorney for excessive absences as required by law.
 - e. The parent or guardian may petition the administration (in writing), ***prior to missing the 13th day***, for special arrangements to address the student's absences. If these arrangements are granted by the school, these arrangements will be formalized into a written agreement of conditions and consequences for not fulfilling the requirements. The agreement is to be signed by the school administration, parent or guardian, and student.
 - f. Students that miss four or more periods may not participate in any school activity that day or night. If a student misses on Friday, he/she would not be eligible to participate in Saturday activities without administrative approval. Extenuating circumstances may be approved by the principal.

ADMITTANCE SLIP

A student must obtain an admittance slip in the office upon arriving late to school. In the case of an absence, students will be required to have a note from their parent/guardian to return to school. The note should explain the reason for the absence and provide a phone number where the parent/guardian may be reached.

Notes for an excused absence must be turned into the office within one school week from the date the student returns to school. The parent/guardian should notify the office during an extended illness period. Students arriving late or leaving school early must check in and out through the middle school office.

Parents, legal guardians, or a verified release from the parents to a responsible adult is required before releasing a child. Any parent, legal guardian or responsible adult must come to the middle school office to check out a student. Students will be notified from the office and sent to the office to check out. A student will not be allowed to leave the campus for any reason without an adult accompanying him/her.

TARDINESS

Students should report immediately to the office, if they are not inside their assigned room when the tardy bell rings, to receive a tardy slip at the beginning of the school day. Failure to go directly to the office and return to the designated class will result in a violation of the school truancy policy. Any tardy incurred the remainder of the school day will be directed by the classroom teacher and count as one of the warnings for that student within that classroom.

<h2>SERVICES</h2>

STUDENT TEXTBOOKS

All textbooks are issued to students at no charge. Each student is expected to take responsibility for proper care of textbooks. As set forth by the State Department of Education, the life expectancy of a textbook is six years. A student, losing a textbook or damaging a book, other than wear through normal use, will be expected to pay for the book. Report cards will be held until book fines are paid.

PARENT CONTACT

The parent/guardian is encouraged to contact the school regularly regarding the student's progress, any problems, or accomplishments. If parent/guardian wishes to do any volunteer work, please contact the Middle School office at **453-6464**.

SCHOOL STORE

In the Middle School office, purchases of pens, pencils, notebooks, etc. can be made. The appropriate time for these transactions is before school, lunch, and after school.

HOMEWORK HOTLINE

Flippin Middle School Homework Hotline can be accessed after 3:30 p.m.

6th: 453-6610

7th: 453-7710

8th: 453-8810

TELEPHONE USE

Flippin Middle School provides a telephone in the office that may be used for emergencies, academic reasons, and trip schedule changes.

LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER

The library is organized as a resource center of instructional materials for the entire educational program. Following is the list of library expectations:

- A. The library is reserved for those students who want to read or study during either free time or class time. Visiting is not approved at any time.
- B. The library is reserved for students needing to use materials for assignments.
- C. Students are to do homework not requiring research in the classroom.
- D. All items taken from the library must be checked out and have the due date stamped on the item.
- E. No writing in books or magazines is permitted.
- F. Students having an "F" on their report card may use the library for research or project work only with written permission of a teacher/
- G. Only librarians on duty are to be in the workroom office area.
- H. Students who are asked to leave the library three (3) times because of disruptions will lose their library privilege for the semester.
- I. Book fines are five (5) cents per day after the two-week check out period. Reference books will be twenty-five (25) cents per day.
- J. Students are to return magazines to desk or the magazine rack and push chairs under the table prior to leaving the library.
- K. School computers may be used for research, STAR, AR testing and approved internet access. Students will be unable to access any e-mail services.

LOCKERS

Lockers will be assigned free of charge to students, with priority of assignment given from 8th grade downward. Individual locks may be placed on hall lockers at the student's discretion as long as a key or combination is given to the office. Lockers are to be used for storing of school books and other personal items necessary for carrying on normal routines of the educational day. Lockers are expected to be kept neat and clean at all times.

PARENTAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (SCHOOL) – Policy 6.12

Flippin School understands the importance of involving parents and the community as a whole in promoting higher student achievement and general good will between the school and those it serves. Therefore, Flippin School shall strive to develop and maintain the capacity for meaningful and productive parental and community involvement that will result in partner-ships that are mutually beneficial to the school, students, parents, and the community.

To achieve such ends, the school shall work to:

1. Involve parents and the community in the development and improvement of Title I programs for the school;
2. Have a coordinated involvement program where the involvement activities of the school enhance the involvement strategies of other programs such as Head Start, HIPPIY, Parents as Partners, Parents as Teachers, ABC, ABC for School Success, area Pre-K programs and Even Start; and Even Start;
3. Explain to parents and the community the State’s content and achievement standards, State and local student assessments and how the school’s curriculum is aligned with the assessments and how parents can work with the school to improve their child’s academic achievement;
4. Provide parents with the materials and training they need to be better able to help their child achieve. The school may use parent resource centers or other community based organizations to foster parental involvement and provide literacy and technology training to parents.
5. Educate school staff, with the assistance of parents, in ways to work and communicate with parents and to know how to implement parent involvement programs that will promote positive partnerships between the school and parents;
6. Keep parents informed about parental involvement programs, meetings, and other activities they could be involved in. Such communication shall be, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand;
7. Find ways to eliminate barriers that work to keep parents from being involved in their child’s education. This may include providing transportation and child care to enable parents to participate, arranging meetings at a variety of times, and being creative with parent/teacher conferences;
8. Find and modify other successful parent and community involvement programs to suit the needs of our school;
9. Train parents to enhance and promote the involvement of other parents;
10. Provide reasonable support for other parental involvement activities as parents may reasonably request.
11. To help promote an understanding of each party’s role in improving student learning, the Flippin School shall develop a compact that outlines the responsibilities of parents, students, and the school staff in raising student academic achievement and in building the partnerships that will enable students to meet the State’s academic standards.
12. The Flippin School shall convene an annual meeting, or several meetings at varying times if necessary to adequately reach parents of participating students, to inform parents of the school’s participation in Title I, its requirements regarding parental involvement, and the parents’ right to be involved in the education of their child.
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14. This policy shall be part of the school’s Title I plan and shall be distributed to parents of the district’s students and provided, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand.

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A Parent Center has been established to allow parents to obtain materials to help students with projects, computers, printers, copier, family resources, etc. The Parent Center is located in Flippin Administration building. Parenting pamphlets and other free resources are located in the Middle School office. Student packets/family kits are distributed during the enrollment process. These include a student handbook, a written copy of the discipline policy, school bus rules, free and reduced lunch information, emergency contact forms, and other materials relevant to students and their families.

ACTIVITIES, CLUBS, AND SPORTS

Clubs will be organized as needed and will meet to transact regular business.

Alpha Omega	Art Club	Fire Marshals
National Junior Honor Society	Math/Science Club	Student Council
Outdoor Club	Book Club(s)	

NJHS Requirements: A faculty committee must approve a charter and constitution before students can apply for membership. Students have the right to join an existing club and will not be restricted from membership on the basis of race, sex, or national origin. The grade point eligibility requirement is 3.5. No more than three written misconducts per semester will be allowed.

Student Council Requirements: The council is made up from nominations and elections and has an approved charter and constitution. Members must maintain a 2.0 GPA and model proper attitude and behavior. Members who have more than two after school detentions or more than two total days of school suspension in their year long term can be considered for removal

Teachers' Aides: Students that want to be a teacher's aide must maintain a grade point average of 2.0 for each semester. Teacher's aides are the responsibility of the sponsoring teacher and must report to that particular teacher's classroom at the appropriate hour on a daily basis.

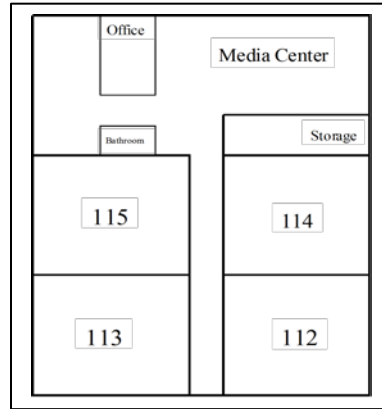
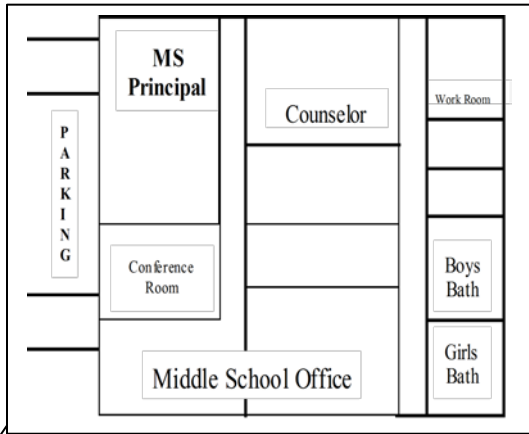
SCHOOL DANCES

Students may be permitted to have two (2) dances. Attendance to all dances will be limited to Flippin Middle School students.

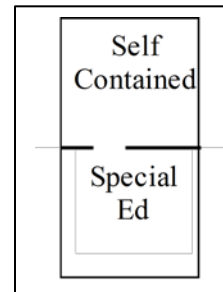
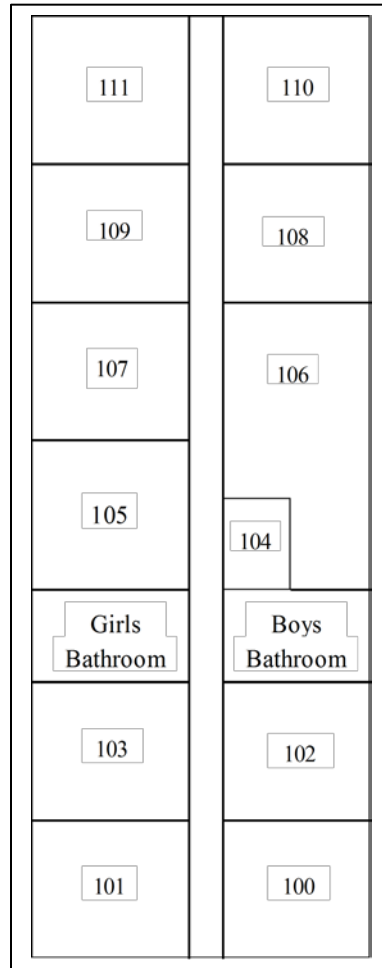
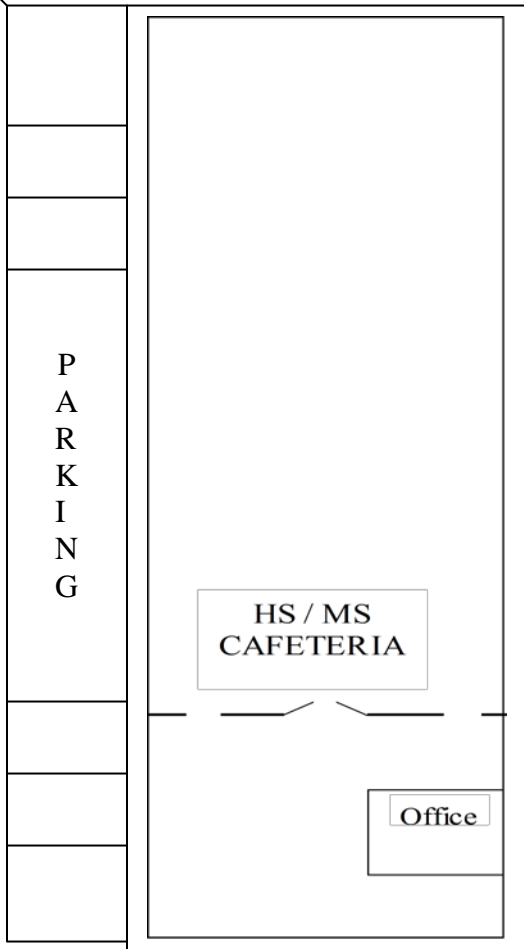
PARTICIPATION IN FUNDRAISING

According to Arkansas Law 6-18-1104 Flippin Middle School will comply with the state regulations regarding fund-raising programs. Students may participate in such events only with written parental permission but will not forfeit school privileges for not participating. Students participating in door to door sales must be accompanied by an adult and parents must accept responsibility for adult supervision (6-18-1101.) All fund-raising activities must be approved by the Flippin School Board in advance.

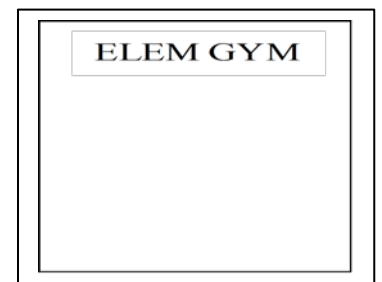
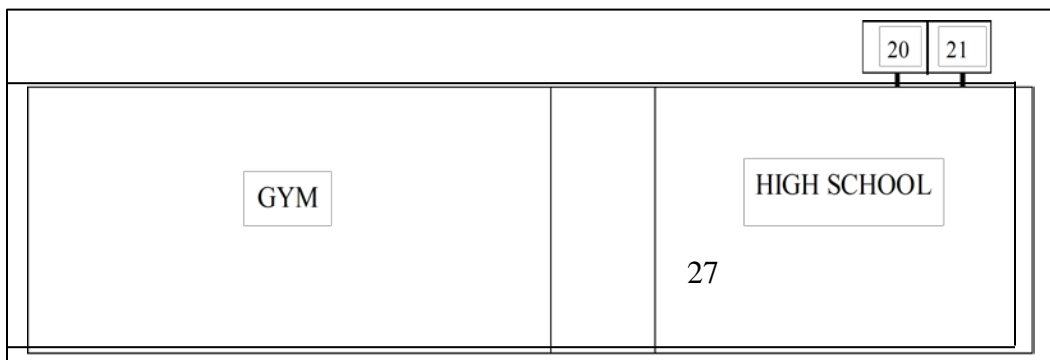
MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMPUS



MAIN ENTRANCE



- 100 Danyial Williamson**
- 101 Computer Lab**
- 102 Susie Jones**
- 103 Judith Lawrence**
- 104 Lab Storage**
- 105 Lisa Thompson**
- 106 Science Lab**
- 107 Anna Batterton**
- 108 Caleb Hudson**
- 109 Wendy Treat**
- 110 Veronica Pace**
- 111 Kallie Daffron**
- 112 Heather Hudson**
- 113 Kristen Rodriquez**
- 114 Business Lab**
- 115 Olivia Hughes**
- 20 Morgan Hardin**
- 21 Daniel Hickey**



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PHILOSOPHY AND OBJECTIVES

SCHOOL MOTTO: What's **BEST** For Kids!

SHARED CORE BELIEFS:

1. Everyone is valued through holistic caring in a safe environment.
2. Student-centered learning which encourages each child's individual growth.
3. Strong, positive, ongoing relationships between the students, parents, teachers, and the community where everyone is a student and a teacher.
4. Learning is focused and has rigor and relevance for real world application.

ELEMENTARY MISSION:

Practice Safety
Accept Responsibility
Work Hard
Show Respect

SCHOOL PHILOSOPHY: The Flippin Public School endeavors to prepare knowledgeable, active citizens to participate in the democratic process. Its graduates should be prepared for a life which is useful, satisfying, and well adjusted. The school strives to give students the tools needed to continue learning throughout their lives, enabling them to adapt and to compete in a changing world.

SCHOOL OBJECTIVES:

1. To exemplify and have high expectations for high standards of academic achievement.
2. To expose students to rich culture, literature, art and music for the purpose of knowledge and appreciation.
3. To develop leadership and logical thinking skills needed for future academic success.
4. To teach the rights and responsibilities of citizenship.
5. To expose the students to and provide opportunity for practice with modern technology.
6. To develop competitive attitudes as well as cooperative initiative.
7. To encourage good health habits for the care and development of a healthy body.
8. To teach and practice high ethical and moral values.
9. To teach respect for people, ideas, authority and property.

DISTRICT MISSION: Flippin School District will create a caring environment built on nurturing relationships in which students are actively engaged in meaningful learning.

FACULTY AND STAFF

Below are the names of those in the District and Flippin Elementary School that will be involved in providing various services for your child. These are the valued individuals who will be working in a school effort to provide the best services possible for your child.

Superintendent Principal	Mr. Kelvin Hudson Mrs. Tracie Luttrell
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Kindergarten	First Grade	Second Grade
Rhonda Wagoner Mattie Crawford Alexis Thompson Kelli Dye	Lori Manchester Paula Edmonson Andrea Benedict Yvette Roberts	Dinah Sisney Kristie Sumpter Sarah Jefferson

Third Grade	Fourth Grade	Fifth Grade
Shelly Diffey Linda Arnold Donna Due	Darrah Black Lewonna Nelson Julie Beaver Sheri Groesbeck	Shauna Barnett Ronna Fulton Pam Hudson

Special Education	Librarian	Speech Therapy
Karla Elliott Charity Strong	Suzie Rook	Susan Leonard

Art	Music
Tonya Sneed	Shelly Xiques

Gifted and Talented	Counselor	Nurse
Susan Dyche	Angie Nix	Tracie Gilliland

Secretaries	Physical Education	Computer Lab Manager
Diane Duckworth Dorene Farris	Sonya Hall	Debbie Stafford

Special Ed Aides	Interventionists
Katie Shrable Becky Fox Meadow Engle Ila Smith	Mary Humphrey Lisa Politte Anita Stoner Juanelle Potter



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THE SCHOOL DAY

Children are not to arrive on campus before 7:20 a.m. as there will not be a teacher on duty. Please be sure that students do not arrive before staff will be on duty to supervise students. Students eating breakfast are to report to the cafeteria as soon as they arrive at school. Students who are not eating breakfast will go directly to the pavement between buildings until 7:30 a.m. where they will go to the designated areas of the playground for their particular grade level. K-2nd – Area 1 – playground equipment, 3rd – 5th go to area 2 – basketball courts and swings.

The first bell will ring at 7:45 a.m. with the tardy bell ringing at 7:50 a.m. The school day will begin with taking attendance and lunch count. After attendance is taken, the day will begin with the Pledge of Allegiance and one minute of silence.

Car riders and walkers will be dismissed at 3:05 p.m. Bus riders will be dismissed at 3:07 p.m. Students who are waiting for their rides home after school continue to be on school property and are in the school jurisdiction where rules will be enforced.

Children are not allowed to leave school during school hours unless it is an absolute necessity. In that event, students must check out through the office and must be escorted from the school grounds by the parent or guardian.

Parents are requested to make arrangements for baby-sitting, transportation, appointments, etc. before the children come to school. Responsibility is part of education. Give your child a chance to develop.

Pre-School Program

The Flippin Pre-School is a program for three to five year old children, located on our campus. The pre-school has a set curriculum of working with the children who have somewhat delayed development in one or more areas of the normal growth process. Services for the pre-school

age child will be provided as soon as the student has been evaluated and determined the child qualifies according to the Arkansas Department of Education pre-school standards.

The parent will be responsible for getting the child to school and also picking them up from school. Pre-school children are not allowed to ride the school buses due to the “Child Restraint Law” of children riding in a vehicle without seat belts or car seats. The children will attend from 7:30 am – 3:00 pm.

The main focus of the pre-school program is to provide services to the children in need to better prepare them for the regular kindergarten program without needing special services. With the staff and facilities available, each classroom can manage up to twenty students. Priority will be given to those with the greatest developmental need. The procedure for enrollment is as follows:

- A. Contact the Coordinator or teacher at 870-453-7445.
- B. Complete the enrollment forms and bring the following:
 1. Birth Certificate
 2. Immunization record
 3. Social Security card
 4. Recent physical exam
 5. Medical records pertinent to the developmental delay
- C. Child will be evaluated to determine qualification for services

Our preschool program also has a room that students can attend with a weekly tuition.

KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

The objectives of the Flippin Kindergarten Program are to strive to help each child become self-confident in the school situation. We want the child to be positively attracted to school, teachers, friends, experiences, books, and learning.

Guide to Kindergarten Successes

The pamphlet, “Guide to Kindergarten Successes,” is given to the parents of each child entering kindergarten at the time of enrollment. Additional copies are available in the elementary office.

A successful start can give your child the confidence needed to be a motivated, happy, successful student. The first year of school sets the foundation for future accomplishments. Working on readiness skills before and during kindergarten would greatly benefit your child. Early attention to these skills and concepts can help ensure your child’s success in the first year of public school. A list of these skills and concepts are included in the “Guide to Kindergarten Successes”.

SCHOOL DRESS & APPEARANCE

Primarily, the parents are responsible for seeing that their child is prepared properly for school. School dress codes will be strictly enforced. There are, however, some rules which we require of students.

1. Bare backs, bare midriffs, spaghetti straps (for 3rd - 5th grade), or “muscle shirts” are prohibited. Straps should be two inches wide for 3rd – 5th grade students to meet requirements.
2. No shoes with cleats, built in rollers, or wheels on shoes.

3. No bare feet.
4. Long dresses and sandals are discouraged as these affect the student's ability to participate in recess and P.E. activities. Appropriate gym shoes are required to participate in activities on the gym floor.
5. Shorts must be of a reasonable length and fit. This means shorts at least to mid-thigh and not so tight as to be indecent.
6. Students should wear appropriate clothing in respect to changing weather conditions.
7. Headwear, including hats, caps, and bandanas may not be worn in the buildings by either males or females for instructional, equity, and health reasons.
8. Anything advertising any product or activity that is considered damaging to a person's health or morals including things thought to be sexually or racially oriented or that would be considered demeaning to either sex or any race will be prohibited. (Examples: tobacco, alcohol, drugs, profanity, etc.)
9. Gang related paraphernalia or clothing is prohibited. (Examples: hats turned around backward, bandanas, chains).
10. Clothing such as overalls must be properly fastened as designed.
11. Hair paint will be prohibited.
12. Body graffiti, such as drawings, tattoos, sticker tattoos, etc. are discouraged and will be addressed as a disciplinary issue due to the distraction it causes in class. Consideration may be given for special occasions such as homecoming, etc.
13. No clothing that exposes underwear, buttocks, or the breast of a female while on the grounds of a public school during the regular school day and at school-sponsored activities and events. (*Legal Reference - Act 835 of 2011*)

SCHOOL VISITORS

Students will not be permitted to bring guests to class. The purpose of the school is not to entertain guests but to help students to obtain an education that will enable them to enjoy a fruitful life. Parents are encouraged and welcome to visit the classes during scheduled parent visitations. Arrangements must be made through the office for any other visits to the classroom. Visitor passes will not be issued to persons for drop-in observations or conferencing without prior arrangements with the teacher and notification by the teacher to the office. Parents bringing forgotten books, projects, lunches, etc. to school for the child should bring these items to the office for distribution to keep interruptions to a minimum.

All parents and visitors visiting the campus must get a VISITOR'S PASS from the office before entering the campus during the regular school day. These passes are only to be used to go to the location designated at the time of issuance. Exceptions may be made on days of special activities but must have office approval.

Parent visits to classrooms are discouraged due to distraction to classroom presentations. Special situations may occur for parent to sit in the classroom to deter a student's behavior and to give insight to parent of classroom expectations. The principal must make the appropriate arrangements for the special visitations. Parents are encouraged to attend orientations at the beginning of school, scheduled parent/teacher conferences, and to respond to teacher correspondence or request for conferences by any support staff involved in the education process of their child.

All parents are afforded the same opportunities to visit their children during the school day. This includes, but is not limited to; eating lunch with your child, attending special programs, parent-teacher conferences and leaving items for your child in the office. If one exists, a restraining order must be on file in the office and will be the only thing that will keep a parent from being afforded the same opportunities as the other parent.

DISMISSAL OF STUDENTS

Parents must sign students out in the office anytime they leave school before regular dismissal. Students will only be allowed to leave school with **written parent permission** to the classroom teacher stating reason, time and with whom the child is to leave. Parents **must send a note to the teacher if the student is to go home in some way other than the normal method.**

Unless a court has indicated otherwise by custody papers, we will release a student only to the parent(s) indicated on the enrollment form.

THINGS TO LEAVE AT HOME

- * Radios, cassette players, tape players, CD players, cell phones, video games, IPOD, MP3 Players, will not be permitted at school during the school day unless permission has been given by the teacher for field trips.
- * Toys, hardballs, firearm shells, toy guns, roller skates, roller blades, skateboards, etc. shall not be brought to school.
- * A student shall not possess, handle, or transmit a knife, razor, ice pick, explosive, pistol, rifle, shotgun, pellet gun or any other object that can be considered a weapon or dangerous instrument.
- * It is requested that only money for lunches and supplies be brought to school.
- * Chewing gum will not be permitted on campus during regular school hours without teacher permission.
- * Pets are not allowed in the school area. Please try to keep pets from following the student to school.

Any item brought to school that is not appropriate or disrupts class will be confiscated and will be returned to the student the **FIRST** time and **ONLY** to a parent or guardian in person every time after that.

CARE OF THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

Part of **PAWS** is **Accept Responsibility**. Everyone on campus should accept responsibility for the appearance of our campus. An attractive school ground makes a good first impression. Littering (candy wrappers, drinking cups, paper, etc.) cannot be permitted if we strive to maintain an attractive area on our campus.

The school property is provided for the use of the pupils enrolled in this school. The school will call upon any pupil to replace or pay for any damage or defacement of this property.

CARE OF TEXTBOOKS & LIBRARY BOOKS

All textbooks are issued to students at no charge. Each student is expected to take responsibility for proper care of textbooks. As set forth by the State Department of Education, the life expectancy of a textbook is five years. A student losing or damaging a textbook or library book, other than wear through normal use, will be expected to pay for the book. Report cards will be held until book fines **are paid**.

PHYSICAL WELLNESS AND NUTRITION

Act 1220 of 2003 requires every school district to help raise awareness of the importance of nutrition and physical activity. This will be done by enforcing nutrition and physical activity standards for all students in Flippin Elementary School. No vending machines will be available to elementary students during the school day. Nutritious meals will be served on a daily basis according to State guidelines at breakfast and lunch. There will only be nine times during the school year to serve refreshments or items of less nutritional value. Those will be as follows: four Good Behavior parties, Halloween, Christmas, Valentine's Day, Easter, and Field Day. **No snacks or treats will be allowed to be brought to school for a class of a child with a birthday.** Snacks cannot be given to a whole class except for those parties mentioned above. Parents may send a snack with their own child but nothing to share with others. If a child brings his own lunch, parents are encouraged to make the lunch of nutritious content to the best of the ability. Soft drinks are discouraged from being sent with school meals. Energy drinks should not be brought to school.

Physical activity is encouraged. Thirty minutes of physical activity has been scheduled for all students during the school day. These will be in fifteen minute breaks. Students are encouraged to get actively involved in the planned physical activities. Physical education is required for all students. The focus is to promote healthy eating habits and to engage in healthful physical activity.

SCHOOL LUNCHES AND BREAKFAST PROGRAM

The cafeteria is operated on a non-profit basis and meals are planned for their nutritional value. All meals are served with 4 oz. of milk. Students may bring their lunch from home and purchase milk for 25 cents. Students will be given approximately 20 minutes to eat their lunch. Although lunch time is rather social, students should not waste their time visiting when they should be eating. Students will be encouraged to drink their milk and eat their meal. If a student has an allergy to milk or certain foods, a physician verification statement is necessary to keep on file for the Arkansas State Health Department.

The lunch schedule will be as follows:

- 10:30 a.m. – Pre-school
- 11:15 a.m. – Kindergarten & 1st Grade
- 12:00 p.m. – 2nd & 3rd Grade
- 12:45 p.m. – 4th & 5th Grade



Parents who wish to eat lunch with their child should make arrangements with the office. A Visitor's Pass must be acquired in the office before entering the campus. The cost of an adult lunch is \$2.50 and breakfast is \$1.50. Breakfast is served in the cafeteria from 7:20 to 7:45 a.m.

ELEMENTARY MEAL PRICES:

Reduced Prices	Full Paid Prices
Breakfast	Breakfast
Day: \$.30	Day: \$ 1.00
Week: \$1.50	Week: \$ 5.00
Month: \$6.00	Month: \$20.00
Lunch	Lunch
Day: \$.40	Day: \$ 2.00
Week: \$2.00	Week: \$ 10.00
Month: \$8.00	Month: \$ 40.00

(Prices for the month are based on a 4 week month.)

Flippin School District does not offer credit for food items purchased in the school cafeteria. Each student is responsible for providing lunch or breakfast money at the beginning of each week. The money needs to be turned in to the student’s homeroom teacher. Money should be placed in an envelope with the student’s name and the teacher’s name on it. It should be turned in to the homeroom teacher.

Free and reduced breakfast and lunches may be acquired by filing an application, which is sent to everyone at the beginning of the school year. Everyone is urged to fill out and return the application as soon as possible. Qualifications are based on income. Not only will qualifying provide a service to the family, it also aides our school in receiving Federal funds.

LUNCHROOM BEHAVIOR

Part of **PAWS** is **Working Hard**. In the cafeteria, this means working hard to finish your meal in the time that you are given. Another part of **PAWS** is **Practice Safety**. In the cafeteria, this means walking, keeping your hands, feet and objects to yourself and keeping your voice at a level 2 or below. Students will arrive at the cafeteria by class and will be dismissed by class.

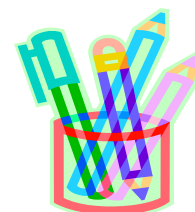
POSITIVE REWARDS:

1. Individual names will be drawn from our “shout out” bucket and those students will be allowed to choose a friend to sit with them at the special table.
2. Individual students who are exemplifying **PAWS** in the cafeteria will be allowed to sit at the special table.
3. Classes can be given a shout out for exceptional display of **PAWS** in the cafeteria.

CONSEQUENCES:

1. Verbal warning
2. Removal from group to sit alone
3. Severe—send to principal

FLIPPIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
2016-2017 SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS



KINDERGARTEN

Two #2 pencils
1 Box of Crayola Crayons-8 basic colors
1 Box Crayola Crayons-16 color regular size
Chunk eraser
Kindergarten writing tablet
Small plastic school box
Elmer's white school glue
Scissors (recommend Fiskars)
Kindergarten nap mat
Back Pack
NO PERSONAL PENCIL SHARPENERS

SECOND GRADE

1 pink chunk eraser
1 box of #2 pencils
1 box of house top erasers
1 small bottle of Elmer's glue
Scissors (recommend Fiskars)
Box of crayons (8-16 count)
School box
12" ruler w/metric and inches
1 pkg. loose leaf wide ruled notebook paper
1 Plastic Folder
NO TRAPPER KEEPERS

FOURTH GRADE

3 packages of loose leaf paper
3 packages of (20) #2 lead pencils
2 pkgs. Post-It Notes--3"
1 pencil box
1 hand-held pencil sharpeners
2 pkg. stick glue
1 package of colored pencils
2 composition notebooks
2 red checking pens, 2 blue, 2 black
Elmers Glue
Scissors
Crayons, 16 color regular size
1 plastic pocket folder
1 one inch Clear View 3 ring binder (no Large binders)
1 pkg. Big tab write-on dividers
3 pocket folders w/prongs-red, blue and green

FIRST GRADE

Small Plastic School Box
K-2 Primary Journal (Mead)
2 Boxes Crayola Crayons – Basic colors (24 ct.)
1 Package Pencil Top Erasers
2 Packages #2 Pencils
Scissors (Fiskars)
2 Packages Glue Sticks
Elmer's Glue
1 Package Highlighters
2 Red Plastic Folders
NO TRAPPER KEEPERS OR SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS

THIRD GRADE

Small school box
Large box of crayons (18-24)
3 packages #2 lead pencils
1 package of wide lined notebook paper
2 Composition Notebooks
Elmer's glue
Scissors
12" ruler w/metric and inches
1 Highlighter (yellow or pink)
2 folders
1 package of colored pencils
1 hand-held pencil sharpener
3-5 spiral notebooks (wide-lined paper)
2 packages of chuck erasers
No Colored Markers, Binders or Mechanical Pencils

FIFTH GRADE

1 black plastic pocket folder (no prongs)
2 pkg. loose leaf notebook paper
1 pocket folder (with prongs)
3 composition notebooks
3 (1 inch) binders with pockets
24 count #2 pencils (good quality)
1 pkg. colored pencils
1 pkg. colored markers
scissors (larger size)
2 pkgs. glue sticks
1 pkg. highlighters

SCHOOL STORE

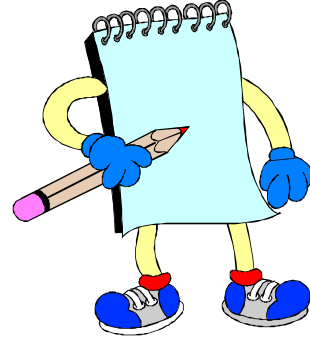
Many of the supplies your child will need at school can be purchased in the school store. Prices may fluctuate due to increase in purchasing costs and transportation.

School Store Hours:

1st recess after school has begun

Items and prices available include:

Spiral notebook (70 sheets)...\$1.00
Memo books...\$0.50
Crayons (16 count)...\$0.75
Pens (blue, red, black ink)...\$0.50
Sponge pencil grips...\$0.25
Rulers(inches w/metric)...\$0.25
Housetop erasers...\$0.05
Novelty erasers...\$0.25
Mechanical pencils...\$0.75 Lead...\$0.50
Pencils: Regular #2/Designer...\$0.20



*Prices and merchandise may change according to availability.

Bus Rules and Regulations

Any student who violates one or more of the rules will have a “bus misconduct” report sent to the principal. The principal will use the following procedures in dealing with the situation.

1. First “bus misconduct” report constitutes a verbal reprimand and counsel on proper bus behavior. Parents will be notified.
2. Second “bus misconduct” report will be a warning that the next offense will result in suspension for 3 days from riding the bus. Parents will be notified.
3. Third “bus misconduct” report constitutes a 3 day suspension from riding the bus. Parents will be notified.
4. Fourth “bus misconduct” report will receive 5 days suspension from riding the bus. Parents will be notified.
5. Fifth “bus misconduct” report will receive a 2 week suspension from riding the bus. Parents will be notified.
6. Sixth “bus misconduct” report will result in expulsion from riding the bus for the rest of the present school year.



The above procedures will not be altered except with extenuating circumstances as determined by the principal and/or bus driver. It should be regarded as a PRIVILEGE to ride to and from school on a bus!

Any time a child is not to ride his or her regular bus, a note **MUST** be sent from the parent to the teacher and bus driver telling which bus the child is to ride. This is to protect the child. Not more than 2 children can ride the bus home with another student on another bus due to overcrowding of the bus.

PARENT PARKING, DROP-OFF, AND PICK-UP

In order to alleviate congestion in front of the elementary school on Alford Street, parents, guardians, or designated transport persons will need to abide by the “Loading and Unloading” signs posted. Persons should pull to the right side of the road to unload or to load students. If students have to cross the street, they should use the crosswalks identified on the street. Double parking to unload students is not safe and impedes traffic. The city police will assist in enforcing parking, loading, and unloading policies.

Parents will not be permitted to park in faculty parking lot of elementary staff to load or unload students unless a parking pass has been issued. Parking passes will be issued for those parents with special needs children (handicapped). Vehicles must be registered in the office, one per family with verification of need, license number of vehicle, and must keep pass displayed where police and school personnel can see it.

Parents may walk their child to the classroom the **first 2 weeks of school**. Parents are encouraged to leave the students at the door rather than entering the building when they walk their child to the classroom. The bell is a reminder that class is about to begin. It should also be a reminder for parents to leave the campus. Parents are encouraged to drop students in front of the elementary school and allow the student to walk to class on their own. Supervisors will be on duty to assure safety and punctuality. The school experience is to educate students to become responsible and to gain knowledge. Also for the safety of all students, only school personnel and registered visitors should be on campus. Bring students that are reluctant to go to class to the office for assistance.

When picking students up after school, parents should wait at the front of the school for their student to walk to the front. Car riders will be dismissed at 3:05 p.m. to allow cars to be gone before buses begin to leave the campus. Bus riders will be dismissed to board buses at 3:07 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

The following procedures will be initiated as absences accumulate in each semester in accordance with Act 1223 which modifies Act 473 of 1989.

1. Upon accumulating 6 days of absences, a letter, certified letter, or phone call will be made to the parents informing them of the total days absent to date. Parents will be requested to contact the office to address the number of absences.
2. When 10 days of absences have been accumulated, a letter, certified letter, or phone call will be made to the parents informing them of the total days absent to date. Parents will be requested to set up a time to develop a formalized written plan for addressing said absences.
3. When 13 days of absences have been accumulated, a letter, certified letter, or phone call will be made to the parents informing them of the total days absent to date. On the 13th day of absence, a letter will be sent to Juvenile Services for excessive absences as required by law.
4. The parent or guardian may petition the administration (in writing), prior to missing the 14th day for special arrangements to address the student’s absences. If these arrangements are granted by the school, these arrangements will be formalized into a written agreement of conditions and consequences for not fulfilling the requirements. The agreement is to be signed by the school administration, parent/guardian, and student.
5. Students who miss ½ of a school day may not participate in any school activity that day or night. Extenuating circumstances may be approved by the principal.

Students will be allowed to make up any work from any absences as long as it falls in the homework make-up timeline as described under “Make-up Work after Absence”.

The student is to have a note from the parent explaining the absence to present to the office personnel when returning from an absence. The parent or guardian may choose to call the office to verify the absence instead of sending the note.

Students arriving late to school must get a “blue slip” from the office before going to class. Students leaving school early must check out through the office and will only be released to the custody of the parent, guardian, or authorized person. Parents must come to the elementary office to pick up and sign the student out.

TARDINESS

Students that check out before 1:00 p.m. will be counted absent for half a day. An afternoon tardy will be counted for checking out after 1:00 p.m. The student is considered tardy and is marked as such in the attendance records. A student who is tardy to class from breakfast or after a recess break is considered to be tardy on campus and will not be marked on attendance records. However, in both instances the student must “check in” with the office. On-campus tardies will be handled by the individual teachers and/or principal.

After five (5) regular tardies, a letter will be sent to inform the parents of the number of tardies and request the necessary adjustments be made. Each accumulation of five regular tardies will be converted to one day absence. Excused tardies include verification of medical intervention and/or family emergency. After ten (10) regular tardies, a letter of reprimand will be sent to the parents followed by a conference and/or telephone call.

GRADING SYSTEM

Flippin Elementary School report cards will be distributed at the end of each quarter (9 weeks) of school. Grade point for class rank is determined according to the grading scale listed in the **Grading Policy 5.15**.

The Kindergarten Progress Report is a report of skill achievements. First and Second grades will receive standards-based report cards indicating which standards students have mastered at each quarter. Honor Roll will be determined by percentage of mastered standards.

NOTIFICATION OF STUDENT PROGRESS

The nine weeks report is the student’s official notification of grades. A parent may receive a conference with a teacher by calling and securing an appointment. It is not the teacher’s responsibility to remain after school to discuss your child without prior arrangements. Scheduled Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held during the 1st and 3rd grading periods. These conferences are held to give the parent and teacher the opportunity to discuss the child’s progress. Parents are encouraged to make appointments for the scheduled conferences. If a parent/guardian cannot meet during regularly scheduled conferences, the teacher will make every effort to make contact through telephone conferences and/or home visits.

For the convenience of parents, you may check your child’s grades online. Check with the school office about getting the account information to have internet access to your children’s grades. Grades will be posted weekly by the classroom teacher.

RETENTION PROCESS

Retention is a last resort at Flippin Elementary. The need for retention will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

HOMEWORK POLICY

It shall be the policy of the Board of Education to delegate the responsibility of assigning homework for students to professional staff.

Grades K-1

Frequency of assignments...2-3 days per week

Time required to complete daily assignments: 15-30 minutes

Grades 2-3

Frequency of assignments...3-4 days per week

Time required to complete daily assignments: 30-45 minutes

Grades 4-5

Frequency of assignments...3-5 days per week

Time required to complete daily assignments: 30-60 minutes

AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING

Flippin Elementary School will offer an after school tutoring program as funds become available for grades Kindergarten through fifth. A student must be referred for tutoring by the classroom teacher for unsatisfactory grades in reading, writing or math. This tutoring may be handled by our "after care" program as well.

PARENT CENTER

We are fortunate to have some opportunities for parents to become more actively involved with their child's academic progress in school. We have a "Parent Involvement Center" located in the same building as the elementary cafeteria, facing Alford Street. The Center will be open on at various times beginning on Thursday after Labor Day. The materials are for parents of children in Kindergarten through twelfth grade to check out to provide extra assistance for those students struggling in the academic areas. There is a good selection of items to choose from and parents are encouraged to use them for their child's academic growth. Access to (protected) internet also will be available at these times. Responsibility of returning items checked out will be in the hands of the parents. Restitution must be made for items damaged or not returned. Items checked out are to be returned within one week.

The Parent Center will be open during Family Reading Night and during other special school functions as announced.

SCHOOL SPONSORED TRIPS

A teacher will be in charge of all students that participate in a school activity away from school. Elementary students participating in field trips or after-school activities must have written permission from their parents. Permission for all school trips will be covered by a blanket field trip form which will be issued to all students at the beginning of the school year. Parents will be notified of specific details prior to each trip. No child will be dismissed from the teacher's supervision until returned to their destination that was agreed upon in advance by proper school authorities; or if a parent should call for the child in person, the child can be excused to accompany the parent.

Field trips are usually a fun, educational experience. Since the students will be representing Flippin Elementary School, teachers reserve the right to formulate certain criteria with administrative approval to hold students accountable for behavior and performance in order to be permitted to attend said field trip. Parents and students will be issued written criteria with specific details of expectations and consequences if not fulfilled.

For insurance purposes, parents, unless employed by the school, cannot ride the bus.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Extra-curricular activities available for elementary students in K-5 are the summer baseball and softball programs, which are managed by the City of Flippin. Sign-up for those summer programs are done through the school in the spring of the year.

The 2nd through 5th grades will have fundamental basketball skills camps, and intramurals are scheduled in the spring of the year. The 4th and 5th grade students are eligible for the Elementary Quiz Bowl competition and Bobcat Singers. Bobcat Singers is a volunteer group of youngsters who practice with the music teacher before school and perform at various school and community activities throughout the year. Chess Club, Math Carnival and Book Clubs are also available.

Pee Wee Basketball is available for 5th and 6th grade students who will compete in a conference schedule during the Spring.

Students must maintain a 2.0 grade point average (C average) on a 4 point scale to participate in all extracurricular activities.

Cub Scout, Girl Scout, and Alpha Omega opportunities are available to students but are not school sponsored.

LOST AND FOUND

Coats, caps, purses, etc. should be labeled with child's name with a permanent marker. Due to the extreme accumulation of items acquired in the lost and found, articles not labeled will periodically be displayed for claiming and if not claimed, donated to the Salvation Army.

PLAYGROUND RULES FOR KINDERGARTEN THRU 5TH GRADE USE ALL PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT APPROPRIATELY

SWINGS

Swing straight and not too high. Do not stand in swings.

One person in each swing, no swinging double.

No pushing swings by others.

Don't jump out of swing while swinging.

REMEMBER, other children enjoy swinging, share them.

MERRY-GO-ROUND

- Keep feet off the ground-do not drag them.
- Keep hands and feet away from the middle turning mechanism.
- Keep a safe speed for the age group riding.
- Stop for others to get on or off.

TEEPEE

- No standing on top bars

SLIDES

- Walk up steps; always slide sitting.
- ALWAYS go up the steps of the slide.

MONKEY BARS

- No penny drops!!

TETHER BALL

- Players should stand back while waiting in line.
- Be sure everyone gets a chance to play-NO PLAYING WINNERS
- Arguments between players will result in both players being excluded from playing tether ball.

FOOTBALL

- Tackle football will not be permitted.

BLEACHERS

- Bleachers are to sit on while watching baseball or softball. They are not to be played on or around.

A **WALKING TRAIL** is available for all students and staff to participate in physical activity of walking, jogging, or running during designated times such as recess, physical education, or class activities. The track should be kept clear for those participating in the physical activity

PLAYGROUND CONDUCT

Part of **PAWS** is **Practicing Safety**. On the playground, practicing safety looks like following the playground rules, listening for the whistle, lining up quickly and quietly, keep hands and feet to yourself and report any incidents immediately.

- We will only show appropriate, non-aggressive behavior toward others.
- We will only throw balls (no other objects) and only in designated areas (open field or away from the buildings and playground equipment).
- We will only play chase in areas away from the playground equipment.
- We will only climb ladders; not trees, fences, or fence posts.
- We will take turns on the equipment.
- We will stay off the gates restricting vehicles from entering playing area.

Occasionally, the playground area is too muddy for safe playing. When it is necessary, the supervising teachers or the principal will announce that play will be restricted to the blacktop area. When this occurs students are to remain on the blacktop surface, refrain from running, and leave regular playground balls in the classroom. Soft, nerf-type balls will be provided for recreation as well as teacher-lead activities such as organized relay races in a designated area or jump rope activities.

PLAYGROUND BOUNDARIES

The blacktop area between the elementary gym and the old Headstart building and from the primary elementary building to the upper elementary building will be used in the case of muddy conditions on the playground.

The area inside the walking track behind the primary elementary building will be used for normal playground activities.

OFF-LIMITS DURING RECESS

- All buildings except for use of restrooms and water fountains. (With the exception of students who are required to stay in for medical or discipline reasons.)
- Parking lots.
- Playing near buildings having classes in session.
- Between 3rd grade building and upper elementary.
- In front of elementary office, 3rd grade, and Special Education building.
- Between cafeteria, music room, and Parent Center and upper elementary building.

REMEMBER the playground equipment is for the recreation of everyone, so please take care of it.

MANNERS

Part of **PAWS** is **Show Respect**. It is expected that students will show teachers and other adults the courtesy of addressing them as Mr., Mrs., Sir, Ma'am, or Coach. Insubordination and disrespect will not be tolerated at school. Courtesy should also be displayed at all school activities, in the classroom, and on campus.

CHARACTER EDUCATION

The staff at Flippin Elementary believes that success is a legacy of good character and academic achievement. In order to encourage students to develop good character traits, we have adopted the Project Wisdom Program in our curriculum.

The centerpiece of the program is a collection of thought-provoking messages that will be presented on a daily basis to all students and staff. The purpose is to encourage students to reflect on the meaning of civic and personal values and the application of those values in their daily lives.

Our goal is to develop integrity in all students by journal writing, daily practice, and creating a caring school environment. It is our hope that the students and staff will carry these values into our communities and into the homes. It is hopeful that parents will also become involved in the character building of their child by inquiring of the Project Wisdom thoughts for the day.

PBIS



This plan applies to potential situations that occur at school events off, or on school property (including buses), before, during, or after school hours.

The Flippin School District believes in providing "Discipline with Dignity" and supports positive consequences that encourage improved behavior. Flippin Elementary addresses behavior with a program called PBIS. School-wide positive behavior intervention and supports (SW-PBIS) is a system of tools and strategies for defining, teaching, acknowledging appropriate behavior, and correcting inappropriate behavior. It is a framework for creating customized school systems that support student outcomes and academic success. SW-PBIS is for the whole school, it is preventative, and it changes the paradigm of focus from negative behaviors and exchanges to positive expectations and interactions. There are four main elements in SW-PBIS: 1. Customized practices to support student behavior, such as defining and teaching appropriate behavior 2. Systems of support for educators in the school; such as school-wide behavioral expectations, indicators, and coaching 3. Data-based decision making, which is the corner stone of the behavior problem-solving process 4. And, the combination of these to enable school-wide outcomes, which promote social proficiency and academic success.

School-wide means that educators support appropriate behavior in classroom and non-classroom (bathrooms, assemblies, hallways) areas. This support happens along a continuum from Tier 1 for all students and Tier 2 for a small group of students to Tier 3 for individual students. The goal is to create an environment that sets up ALL students for success.

An important aspect of SW-PBIS is the understanding that appropriate behavior and social competence is a skill that requires direct teaching to students just like math and reading. There is no assumption, in SW-PBIS, that students will learn social behavior automatically or pick it up as they go through life.

Each teacher will prepare a minimal number of general rules for the classroom and prescribe consequences for any violation. Individual discipline plans may become necessary for those students that habitually violate the rules.

	Classroom	Cafeteria	Bathrooms	Hallways	Buses	Recess
Practice Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep your hands & feet to yourself Remain in assigned location 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wait in line for your turn Walk while picking up and returning your tray 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report problems, vandalism, etc. Wash hands "Walking" feet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walk on the right Wear appropriate shoes at all times "Quiet" feet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enter and exit in an orderly fashion Stay in your seat Report any incidents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Line up quickly and quietly Keep your hands & feet to yourself Report any incidents
Accept Responsibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be an active listener Participate actively 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay in designated area Clean up your eating area Keep food in cafeteria 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do your business & leave Flush the toilet Clean up after yourself Throw your trash away 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carry an appropriate hall pass Go straight to your destination Use your own locker Pick up litter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay seated while the bus is moving Keep your body and your belongings inside the bus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remain in assigned location Use equipment correctly Pick up all trash
Work Hard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Show your best effort Finish classwork Voice levels 0, 1 or 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enter and exit quietly Get what you need while you are in line Voice levels 0, 1 or 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep restroom clean Voice levels 0, 1 or 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow all hallway rules "Quiet" feet Voice level 0 or 1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be on time to the bus Voice levels 0, 1 or 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Play hard Take turns Share the equipment Have FUN!
Show Respect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow directions Raise your hand Use appropriate language Use an appropriate tone 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow directions Listen to adults Practice good table manners Keep food on your plate or in your mouth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respect the privacy of others Keep our facilities clean Wait patiently 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep hands & feet to yourself Observe personal space Listen to adults in hallway 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow directions Wait in line Listen to the bus driver Share seats Use appropriate language 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow directions Listen to the whistle Keep our campus clean 



Flippin Elementary School PBIS Matrix - PAWS



K-5 Discipline Plan

Bullying/ Harrasment	MINOR	Always a MAJOR offense.
	MAJOR	Student delivers disrespectful messages to another person that includes threats of intimidation, obscene gestures, pictures or written notes. Bullying must include three items. 1. Aggression 2. Dominance 3. Persistence.
Lying/ Cheating	MINOR	Student delivers message that is untrue.
	MAJOR	Student delivers message that is untrue and deliberately violates rules.
Defiance/ Disrespect/ Non-Compliance	MINOR	Student engages in brief or low-intensity failure to respond to adult requests.
	MAJOR	Student engages in sustained (or high-intensity) failure to respond to adult requests.
Disruption	MINOR	Student engages in low-intensity, but inappropriate, disruption.
	MAJOR	Student engages in sustained or high-intensity disruption. Behavior causing an interruption in a class activity. Disruption includes sustained loud talk, yelling or screaming, noise with materials, horseplay or roughhousing, and/or sustained out-of-seat behavior.
Inappropriate Language	MINOR	Student delivers low-intensity verbal messages/gestures that include swearing, name calling or use of words in an inappropriate way.
	MAJOR	Student delivers abusive, profane verbal messages/gestures that include swearing, name calling, or use of words in an inappropriate way and directed at others.
Out-of-Bounds	MINOR	Always a MAJOR offense.
	MAJOR	Student is in an area that is outside of school boundaries (as defined by the school)
Physical Contact	MINOR	Student engages in non-serious, but inappropriate physical contact. Student touches another student or gets in another student's space without permission and in such a manner that makes the other student uncomfortable.
	MAJOR	Student engages in actions involving serious physical contact where injury may occur, such as hitting, punching, hitting with an object, kicking, and hair pulling. Student touches another person's private areas or displays own private areas.
Property Misuse	MINOR	Student engages in low-intensity misuse of property.
	MAJOR	Student engages in an activity that results in damage, disfigurement, or destruction of property.
Technology Violation	MINOR	Student engages in non-serious, but inappropriate use of cell phone, computer, camera or other technology device.
	MAJOR	Student engages in serious and inappropriate use of cell phone, computer, camera or other technology device.
Theft	MINOR	Always a MAJOR offense.
	MAJOR	Student is in possession of, having passed on, or being responsible for removing someone else's property.

Offenses listed in this section allow the administrator's discretionary use of a full range of disciplinary consequences from a **WARNING** to **EXPULSION**. Each disciplinary case is handled on an individual basis with consideration for the offense, the severity of the misbehavior, the age of the student, and the number of times the student has been in trouble for the offense. The listed consequences are only a guide used by the administration with discretion to modify as needed. The possible offenses and consequences are listed on the following two pages.

K-5 Discipline Plan

Offense	Possible Consequence
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inappropriate Clothing • Distractive hairstyle, and or Accessories 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turn clothing inside out (MINOR) • Confiscation of Accessories(MINOR) • Student sent home to correct (MAJOR) • Parent called for replacement clothing (MAJOR)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tardiness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consequences noted in the handbook under the heading TARDINESS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skipping Class (Absent on Campus) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warning (MINOR) • Loss of privileges (MAJOR) • Make up time during student free time (MAJOR) • Parent Contact
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leave Campus/Truancy • “Out of Bounds” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warning (MINOR) • Parent Contact • Juvenile Office contact (MAJOR) • Corporal Punishment (MAJOR)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dishonesty (Forgery, Cheating, Lying) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warning (MINOR) • Loss of Privileges (MINOR) • Loss of assignment grade (MAJOR) • Parent Contact
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vulgar, Obscene, Abusive, or Threatening language or Gestures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warning (MINOR) • Loss of Privileges (MINOR) • Student referred to Counselor (MAJOR) • Corporal Punishment (MAJOR) • Parent Contact
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disrespectful/Disruptive behavior, Failure to Comply/Rough play 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warning (MINOR) • Loss of Privileges (MINOR) • Parent Contact • In-School Suspension – ISS (MAJOR) • Corporal Punishment (MAJOR) • Out of School Suspension – OSS (MAJOR)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Habitual failure to complete work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warning (MINOR) • Loss of Privileges (MINOR) • Student referred to the Counselor (MAJOR) • Parent Contact
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical Contact/Participation in Fighting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warning (MINOR) • Loss of Privileges (MINOR) • Parent Contact • In-School Suspension – ISS (MAJOR) • Corporal Punishment (MAJOR) • Out of School Suspension- OSS (MAJOR)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possession or Theft of School or Personal Property • Deface, Destruction of School or Personal Property 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monetary Restitution(MAJOR) • Confiscation (MAJOR) • Loss of Privileges (MAJOR) • Parent Contact • In-School Suspension – ISS (MAJOR) • Corporal Punishment (MAJOR) • Out of School Suspension – OSS (MAJOR) • Contact Police for Counseling (MAJOR)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tobacco/Alcohol (Possession and/or Usage) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confiscation (MAJOR) • Parent Contact • In-School Suspension – ISS (MAJOR) • Corporal Punishment (MAJOR) • Out of School Suspension – OSS (MAJOR) • Contact Police, if merited (MAJOR)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verbal Abuse Directed at School Personnel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Contact **The law state: Any person who shall abuse or insult a public school teacher while the teacher is performing normal and regular or assigned school responsibilities shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction be liable for a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$1,500. (Complies with Act 888 of 1995)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technology Violation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warning (MINOR) • Parent Contact • Loss of Privileges (MINOR) • In-School Suspension – ISS (MAJOR) • Corporal Punishment (MAJOR) • Out of School Suspension - OSS (MAJOR)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possession of Weapon, Knife, Laser Pointer, or other dangerous object 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warning (MINOR) • Confiscation (MINOR/MAJOR) • Loss of Privileges (MAJOR) • Parent Contact • In-School Suspension – ISS (MAJOR) • Corporal Punishment (MAJOR) • Out of School Suspension – OSS (MAJOR) • Contact Police, if merited (MAJOR)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Throwing Objects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warning (MINOR) • Loss of Privileges (MINOR) • Parent Contact • In-School Suspension – ISS (MAJOR) • Corporal Punishment (MAJOR)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bullying 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warning (MAJOR) • Loss of Privileges (MAJOR) • Parent Contact • In-School Suspension - ISS (MAJOR)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporal Punishment (MAJOR) • Out of School Suspension – OSS (MAJOR)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possession of personal entertainment hand held electronic devices. (IPOD, MP-3, Nintendo DS, etc.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warning (MINOR) • Confiscation (MINOR/MAJOR) • Parent Pickup Device (MAJOR) • Parent Contact

PARENT ACTION COUNCIL (P.A.C.)

The Parent Action Council is a vital source of support for our school. PAC is a great opportunity for parents to become involved in the implementation of the programs and activities the students receive at our school. Parents can become actively involved in the operation of the school by becoming a member of PAC, attending the meetings, and giving your input into ways to improve the school. Our parents are the key to the overall success of our school and your involvement is critical. PAC provides our school with many of the extras which couldn't be provided without the outside help. They supply such things as supplementary support for programs to be presented to our school including programs from the Arkansas Arts Council, Natural History Educational Co., the Little Rock Zoo, Arkansas Game and Fish, North Arkansas Drug Awareness and Prevention and various speakers which might be needed for special situations with students. PAC has a number of fund raisers throughout the year to provide the monies to offer the above services. You will be notified of the particulars in each fundraiser. Parents will also be notified of meetings of the PAC through notes home with the students. Become active in your child's school by becoming an active member in the Parent Action Council.

FLIPPIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

THE JOURNEY BEGINS.....



FAMILY KIT 2016 - 2017

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Flippin Elementary School recognizes the importance of parents being involved in the everyday routine of education with their child/children. At Flippin Elementary School, parents have the opportunity to begin the year with their child by attending the annual orientation meetings of each grade level. These meetings basically give the parents and students opportunity to see the facilities, meet the teachers, and get an overview of the expectations of the child and parent for support. The Orientation meetings are scheduled for kindergarten and first grades the week before school starts. Parents are notified by letter of the time and date of the orientation. Second through fifth grade have their orientation meetings in the evenings of the first week of school. A note will be sent home with the children giving notice of the time and dates of the orientation.

Throughout the school year there will be various opportunities for parent interaction, participation, and information to enhance the support of the children. Parent/teacher conferences can be scheduled as needed by simply calling the elementary office for an appointment to meet with the teacher. There are formal parent/teacher conferences scheduled during the months of September and February.

A Parent Center is located in the Flippin Elementary School where parents can check out academic materials to enhance or provide practice for students that may be struggling in math, reading, language arts, vocabulary, science, and social studies. We have materials just for parents to assist in some parenting skills, practice at home to enhance learning, cooperation, and basic appropriate behavior. The only requirements are the materials must be checked out to the parent and returned in a timely manner so others have the opportunity to use them. Any item not returned will result in replacement by the last person that checked the item out.

Parents have other opportunities to participate in various programs that involve their children. Each grade level performs in one or more programs throughout the year in either music, physical education, or a classroom production. Some of these classroom events include 4th grade's "Read Around the World", "Indian Heritage Night", field trip to the Buffalo River, and an over-night event to the Arkansas Children's Museum of Discovery. Parents are welcomed and encouraged to attend Field Day at the end of the school year and other educational field trips.

A volunteer database will be maintained to enable teachers to draw from human resources out of the boundary of the classroom. Volunteer applications will be made available to the public to maintain and update the database.

Parental support and involvement will be encouraged to provide the best educational experience for the children.

Message Broadcasting System will be used periodically to inform the community of upcoming events and special situations.

STUDENTS

- Meet all challenges with confidence and determination
- Do your best by coming to school every day
- Work to make the best grades
- Be a good citizen, evaluate situations carefully, and do the right thing.

Family Kit Introduction

This kit is distributed through Flippin Elementary School to allow each family of the District to become an active part of educating our students. Parents and family members are encouraged and welcome to visit our campus. For more information on becoming more involved in your child's education, to schedule a conference, or to become a volunteer, call the office at 453-8860.

Positive tips on parenting and parent/school involvement can be found at:

<http://www.familylit.com>

<http://www.arkansaspta.org>

<http://www.parentsplace.com>

<http://www.parentsoup.com>

<http://www.parenthoodweb.com>

<http://www.parenting-ed.org>

<http://www.just4kids.org>

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT

www.flippinschools.net

Family Nights/Events

August – Orientation by grade level

September – Parent/Teacher Conferences; Book Fair; Family Reading Night, Boy Scout Recruitment; Movie on the Blacktop

October – Indian Heritage Night; Girl Scout Recruitment Night; Family Reading Night; Movie on the Blacktop

November – Homecoming parade and activities; 4th and 5th Grade Science Night

December – Third Grade Christmas Music Program

January – Family Reading Night

February – Family Reading Night; Parent/Teacher Conferences; Book Fair

March – Family Reading Night

April – Family Reading Night; Reading Road Trip U.S.A.; HOFNOD; 5th Grade Finale (music program); Movie on the Blacktop

May – Field Day; Movie on the Blacktop