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STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

Students living more than four miles from their designated school attendance centers shall be entitled to transportation to and from their attendance center at the expense of the school district.

Parents of students who live where transportation by bus is impracticable or unavailable may be required to furnish transportation to and from the designated attendance center at the expense of the school district shall be reimbursed in accordance with state statute.

A student may be required at the board's discretion, to meet a school vehicle without reimbursement up to three-fourths of a mile. The board may require the parent to transport their children up to two miles to connect with school bus vehicles at the expense of the school district when conditions deem it advisable. It shall be within the discretion of the board to determine such conditions.

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Legal Reference: Neb. Statute 79-601 et seq.

SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

Transportation of students who require special education services shall generally be provided as for other students, when appropriate. Specialized transportation of a student to and from a special education instructional service is a function of that service and, therefore, and appropriate expenditure of special education instructional funds generated through the weighting plan.

Transportation of a student to and from a special education support service is a function of that service, and shall be specified in the individual education program. When the IEP team determines that unique transportation arrangements are required and the arrangements are specified in the IEP, the school district will provide one or more of the following transportation arrangements for instructional services and the AEA for support services:

- Transportation from the student’s residence to the location of the special education or care services and back to the student’s residence.
- Special assistance or adaptations in getting the student to and from and on and off the vehicle, en route to and from the special education.
- Reimbursement of the actual costs of transportation when by mutual agreement the parents provide transportation for the student to and from the special education.

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Legal Reference: 20 U.S.C. §§ 1401, 1701 et seq. (1994).
34 C.F.R. Pt. 300 et seq. (1996).

BUS SCHEDULING AND ROUTING

School bus stops and routes will be determined by *[Administrators and Drivers]* and will be based upon efficiency, safety, board policy and applicable state and federal laws and rules.

The superintendent will:

1. Annually review and assess school bus routes, stops and loading zones for safety, changing student population and supervision of students;
2. Advise parents of any changes in transportation policy affecting their students as early as possible and be responsive to parent's calls for assistance in seeking alternatives to busing; and
3. Work with cities, the county and other appropriate government agencies on a continuing basis regarding transportation issues.

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BUS SAFETY PROGRAM

The superintendent shall direct the preparation of a Safe Pupil Transportation Plan that, at a minimum, shall address weapons, dangerous objects, pupil behavior, terroristic threats, severe weather, hazardous materials, medical emergencies, driver/passenger procedures in the event of mechanical breakdowns of the vehicle, and driver procedures in the event that the drop-off location is uncertain or appears unsafe to leave students. The plan shall also address general guidelines for the functional capacity of a pupil transportation driver and a process to confirm a driver's ability to conduct daily tasks and emergency evacuations.

The superintendent shall plan and implement a safety-training program for pupil transportation vehicle operators and vehicle passengers. The superintendent shall monitor the scheduling of inservice and educational opportunities for transportation personnel to improve their awareness and skills regarding pupil transportation vehicle safety. Pupil transportation vehicle operators shall attend local workshops and all inservice meetings.

Administrative rules and regulations shall be adopted to govern the safe operation of pupil transportation vehicle. Students violating these regulations may have their riding privileges revoked or suspended. Parents will be responsible for damage done to transportation vehicles or equipment by their children.

The school district shall conduct pupil transportation vehicle safe riding practices instruction and emergency safety drills at least twice a year for students who utilize school district transportation. The emergency evacuation drill procedures should be conducted according to guidelines established by the Nebraska Department of Education.

Each pupil transportation vehicle shall have, in addition to the regular emergency safety drill, a plan for helping those students who require special assistance to safety during an emergency. This shall include, but not be limited to, students with disabilities.

Pupil transportation vehicle drivers are required to attend each safety drill.

Pupil transportation operator procedures will include a prohibition against use of a handheld wireless communication device to read a written communication, manually type a written communication, or send a written communication while operating a pupil transportation vehicle which is in motion. Handheld wireless communication device means any device that provides for written communication between two or more parties and is capable of receiving, displaying, or transmitting written communication. Written communication includes, but is not limited to, a text message, an instant message, electronic mail, and Internet web sites.

All transportation vehicles shall be acquired and maintained to meet or exceed NDE

BUS DRIVER SUPERVISION

School bus drivers must pass physical examinations and meet other criteria as established by state and federal law and by the Nebraska Department of Education. Bus drivers must have a valid student transportation vehicle operator's permit and shall have it in their possession when transporting students. This does not apply to the operator of a small vehicle being used only for extracurricular activities.

School bus driver selection procedures will be developed to ensure acceptance of drivers whose capabilities are commensurate with job responsibilities.

All school bus drivers are required to inform the district immediately of any change in their driving or criminal records that could affect their eligibility to maintain the student transportation vehicle operator's permit.

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Legal Reference: NDE Rule 91

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION FOR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The board in its discretion may provide school district transportation for extracurricular activities including, but not limited to, transporting student participation and other students to and from extracurricular events.

Students participating in extracurricular events, other than those held at the school district facilities, may be transported to the extracurricular event by school district transportation vehicles or by another means approved by the superintendent. Students attending extracurricular events, other than those held at the school district facilities may be transported to the extracurricular event by school district transportation vehicles.

Students, who are provided transportation in school district transportation vehicles for extracurricular events, shall ride both to and from the event in the school vehicle unless arrangements have been made with the building principal prior to the event. A student's parent may personally appear and request to transport the student home from a school-transportation vehicle.

It shall be the responsibility of the superintendent to make a recommendation to the board annually as to whether the school district shall provide the transportation authorized in this policy. In making the recommendation to the board, the superintendent shall consider the financial condition of the school district, the number of students who would qualify for such transportation, and other factors the board or superintendent deem relevant.

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Legal Reference: Neb Statute 70-610 et seq.

Cross Reference: 504.19 Student Fees

SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM TRANSPORTATION SERVICE

The school district may use school vehicles for transportation to and from summer extracurricular activities. The superintendent shall make a recommendation to the board annually regarding their use.

Transportation to and from the student's attendance center for summer school instructional programs shall be within the discretion of the board. It shall be the responsibility of the superintendent to make a recommendation regarding transportation of students in summer school instructional programs at the expense of the school district. In making the recommendation to the board, the superintendent shall consider the financial condition of the school district, the number of students involved in summer school programs, and other factors deemed relevant by the board or the superintendent.

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Cross Reference: 604.02 Summer School Instruction

TRANSPORTATION OF NONRESIDENT AND NONPUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

The board has sole discretion to determine the method to be utilized for transporting nonresident and nonpublic students. Nonresident students may be, and resident students attending a nonprofit private school accredited by the Nebraska Department of Education, will be transported from one point to another on an established public school vehicle route at time when transportation is being provided for public school children. Nonresident and nonpublic school students shall obtain the permission of the superintendent prior to being transported by the school district. The superintendent shall determine the nearest or most easily accessible points to pick up and discharge the students.

Parents of resident students who provide transportation for their children attending a nonpublic school accredited by the Nebraska Department of Education will be reimbursed at the established state rate. This reimbursement shall be paid only if the school district receives the funds from the state. If less than the amount of funds necessary to fully reimburse parents of the nonpublic students is received by the school district, the funds shall be prorated.

The charge to the nonresident students shall be determined based on the students' pro rata share of the actual costs for transportation. The parents of these students shall be billed for the student's share of the actual costs of transportation. The billing shall be according to the schedule developed by the superintendent. It shall be the responsibility of the superintendent to determine the amount to be charged and report it to the board secretary for billing.

Continued transportation of nonresident and nonpublic school students on a public school vehicle route will be subject to resident public school students' transportation need. The superintendent shall make a recommendation annually to the board regarding the method to be used. In making a recommendation to the board, the superintendent shall consider the number of students to be transported, the capacity of the school vehicles, the financial condition of the school district and other factors deemed relevant by the board or the superintendent.

Nonresident and nonpublic school students shall be subject to the same conduct regulations as resident public students as prescribed by board policy, and to other policies, rules, or regulations developed by the school district regarding transportation of students by the school district.

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TRANSPORTATION OF NONSCHOOL GROUPS

School district vehicles may be available to local nonprofit entities which promote cultural, educational, civic, community, or recreational activities for transporting to and from non-school sponsored activities within the state as long as the transportation does not interfere with or disrupt the education program of the school district and does not interfere with or delay the transportation of students. The local nonprofit entity must pay the cost of using the school district vehicle as determined by the superintendent. Prior to making the school district transportation vehicle available to the local nonprofit entity, the “school bus” signs shall be covered and the flashing warning lamps and the stop arm made inoperable.

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Cross Reference: 1001 Principles and Objectives for Community Relations

TRANSPORTATION IN INCLEMENT WEATHER

School district buses will not operate when weather conditions due to fog, snow or other natural elements make it unsafe to do so. Because weather conditions may vary around the school district and may change quickly, the best judgment possible will be used with the information available.

The final judgment as to when conditions are unsafe to operate will be made by the superintendent. The superintendent will be assisted by the actual “on location” decisions and reports of the drivers.

When weather conditions deteriorate during the day after school has begun, cancellation notices will be announced by commercial radio. Students will be returned to their regular drop-off sites unless weather conditions prevent it. In that case, students will be kept at or returned to school until they are picked up by the parents.

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SCHOOL-OWNED VEHICLES

The board may approve the purchase of vehicles to be used by staff for district business, including transportation services. The superintendent will develop and maintain regulations that define the appropriate use and care of district vehicles and the responsibilities of district staff using those vehicles.

The use of Homer Community School vehicles will be confined strictly to school related business or activities. Personal use of district vehicles is strictly prohibited except where authorized by contract.

All drivers operating district-owned vehicles shall use seat belts. The driver of any district-owned vehicle is responsible for determining that the proper number of seat belts is available for the passengers. The vehicle shall not be driven until the driver and all passengers are buckled up.

Drivers are responsible for any traffic and parking violations incurred while using the school-owned vehicle.

A vehicle mileage log will be kept in all school-owned passenger vehicles, excluding buses. Drivers will record mileage before and after all trips outside of Homer city limits, and record the purpose for each use. The driver must also check oil level in crankcase when fueling the vehicle.

No alcoholic beverages are allowed in or are to be consumed in any school-owned vehicles. Smoking is not allowed in any school-owned vehicle. Listening to portable audio devices while driving a school-owned vehicle is prohibited. This includes but is not limited to: ear or head phones, MP3 players, CD players, DVD players, and cell phones. In cases where a call must be taken, the driver should pull over to the side of the road and stop, completing the call from the side of the road.

Failure to comply with this policy is grounds for dismissal.

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STUDENT TRANSPORTATION IN PRIVATE VEHICLES

Standing authorization shall be granted by the board to school administrators, school nurses and other student services personnel designated by the superintendent.

Personnel with standing authorization or with special permission to use their own cars for transporting students must carry liability insurance coverage in compliance with state law. A record of such coverage shall be placed on file with the appropriate administrative official.

Special permission for providing student transportation may be granted in exceptional cases by the principal to other professional staff members such as coaches, music teachers and activity sponsors. Exceptional cases shall be determined by review of the number of students traveling, relative costs, safety factors and distance providing as follows:

1. The school administrator has approved the activity;
2. A permission slip signed by the student's parent(s) has been received by the principal or his/her designee, granting permission for the student to participate in the field trip/activity and to ride in a privately-owned vehicle;
3. The *[adult]* driving the vehicle is properly licensed to drive and has provided proof of insurance. Such insurance shall meet or exceed minimum requirements as established by the state of Nebraska and as set by the district;
4. The vehicle contains an adequate number of seat restraints and the adult driver requires their use.

The district will develop procedures to implement this policy.

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USE OF PRIVATE VEHICLES ON SCHOOL BUSINESS

The board discourages the use of private vehicles for district business. Staff will use district-owned vehicles whenever possible and should schedule activities and transportation far enough in advance to avoid any non-emergency use of private vehicles.

The superintendent will develop regulations for staff use of private vehicles that will safeguard the district, its employees and students in matters of safety, insurance and liability. The board will review such regulations at least annually.

No staff member will use a private vehicle for district business without approval in accordance with established district procedures. Authorization to use a private vehicle must be obtained before actual use of the vehicle. *[School administrators, school nurses, other student services personnel and teachers traveling between schools may be granted standing authorization by the board to use their private vehicles on school-related business.]* Staff members who are authorized to use a private vehicle on district business will be reimbursed in an amount established by the board. *[State reimbursement Rate]*

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TRANSPORTATION RECORDS

The superintendent will establish a record keeping system for district transportation services. The system shall itemize usage by vehicle, activity and mileage. Maintenance, repair and depreciation costs shall also be allocated to each vehicle. The board shall review on an annual basis the summary of these records and be advised of recommendations for changes to the district's transportation system.

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USE OF VIDEO CAMERAS ON SCHOOL BUSES

The board supports the use of video cameras on school buses as a means to monitor and maintain a safe environment for students and employees. The video cameras may be used on buses used for transportation to and from school, field trips, curricular events and extracurricular events. The contents of the videotapes may be used as evidence in a student disciplinary proceeding.

Student Records

The content of the videotapes is a student record subject to board policy and administrative regulations regarding confidential student records. Only those persons with a legitimate educational purpose may view the videotapes. In most instances, those individuals with a legitimate educational purpose may be the superintendent, building principal, transportation director, bus driver and special education staffing team. A videotape recorded during a school-sponsored trip, such as an athletic event, may also be accessible to the sponsor or coach of the activity. If the content of the videotape becomes the subject of a student disciplinary proceeding, it may be treated like other evidence in the proceeding.

Notice

The school district will annually provide the following notice to students and parents:

The Board of Education has authorized the use of video cameras on school district buses. The video cameras will be used to monitor student behavior to maintain order on the school buses to promote and maintain a safe environment. Students and parents are hereby notified that the content of the videotapes may be used in a student disciplinary proceeding. The content of the videotapes are confidential student records and will be retained with other student records. Videotapes will only be retained if necessary for use in a student disciplinary proceeding or other matter as determined necessary by the administration. Parents may request to view videotapes of their child if the videotapes are used in a disciplinary proceeding involving their child.

The following notice will also be placed on all school buses equipped with a video camera:

This bus is equipped with a video/audio monitoring system.

Review of Videotapes

The school district shall review videotapes (choose one of the following):

1. when necessary as a result of an incident reported by a bus driver or student. The videotapes may be re-circulated for erasure after _____days.
2. at least (weekly, monthly, etc.) The videotapes may be re-circulated for erasure after_____ days. Note: Videotapes should be kept for a minimum of two weeks.
3. randomly: The videotapes may be re-circulated for erasure after_____days.

Viewing of videotapes is limited to the individuals having a legitimate educational purpose. A written log will be kept of those individuals viewing the videotapes stating the time, name of individual viewing and the date the videotape was viewed.

Video Monitoring System

Video cameras will be (choose on of the following):

1. used on all school district buses.
2. rotated randomly on school district buses.
3. used on only a select number of school district buses.

Determination of how video cameras will be used and which school buses will be equipped with video equipment will made by the superintendent in consultation with the building principals and transportation director.

Student Conduct

Students are prohibited from tampering with the video cameras on the school buses. Students found in violation of this regulation shall be disciplined in accordance with the school district policies and shall reimburse the school district for any repairs or replacement necessary as a result of the tampering.

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SCHOOL FOOD PROGRAM

The school district will operate a school lunch program in each attendance center. The school food program services will include hot lunches through participation in the National School Lunch Program and supplementary foods for students during the school day. Students may bring their lunches from home and purchase milk or juice and other incidental items.

School food service facilities are provided to serve students and employees when school is in session and during school-related activities. They may also be used under the supervision of the *[Superintendent and Head Cook]* for food service to employee groups, parent-teacher meetings, civic organizations meeting for the purpose of better understanding the schools, and senior citizens in accordance with board policy.

The school food program is operated on a nonprofit basis. The revenues of the school food program will be used only for paying the regular operating costs of the school food program. Supplies of the school food program shall be used for the school food program.

The board will set, and periodically review, the prices for school lunches, *[breakfast]* and special milk programs. It shall be the responsibility of the superintendent to make a recommendation regarding the prices of school lunch, *[breakfast]* and milk.

It shall be the responsibility of *[Superintendent; Head Cook]* to administer the program for the proper functioning of the school food program.

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Legal Reference: 42 U.S.C. §§ 1751 et seq. (1994).

Cross Reference: 1006.01 Use of School District Facilities and Equipment

FOOD SERVICE PRICES

The following food service prices be in effect for the current school year:

Lunch prices:

Students, grades K through 6;	\$1.85
Students, grades 7 through 12;	\$2.15
School employees;	\$3.10
Visitors;	\$3.10
Second Main Entrée:	\$1.00

Breakfast prices:

Students, grades K through 12	\$1.30
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Beverages:

Milk;	\$.30
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COLLECTION OF MONEY AND FOOD TICKETS

The superintendent shall be responsible for establishing procedures for the collection of lunch program money and issuance of food tickets. Proper accounting controls shall be created to ensure compliance with the National School Lunch Program.

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FOOD SERVICE RECORDS AND REPORTS

An independent certified public accountant or registered accountant will audit the food services fund annually. The audit will comply with federal requirements.

The food services program will be operated on a non-profit basis. Any income derived from the operation of the program will be used to support the food services program and will not be used for any other purpose.

The board shall review on an annual basis a summary of the food services financial records and be advised of recommendations for changes to the program.

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FREE OR REDUCED COST MEALS ELIGIBILITY AND MEAL CHARGES

The district shall comply with all state and federal laws applying to providing free and reduced meals under the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, and other related federal grant programs.

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Free or Reduced Meals Eligibility

Families of students enrolled in the district who wish to qualify for free or reduced price meals may submit an application on or after July 1 for the current school year. If the financial situation of a household changes during the school year, they may submit a new application to become eligible. Applications are available at the Central Administrative Office of the school building.

Meal Charges

The written meal charge policy and guidelines shall be in place before the beginning of each school year and parents shall be advised of the available payment systems and meal prices. The district will encourage pre-payment of meal balances but the district must include a method for adding funds during the school day such as cash payments at the school office. A qualifying student with money to purchase a reduced price meal must be provided the meal; the district may not use the money for previously unpaid charges if the student intended to buy a meal that day.

All balances remaining in accounts shall carry over to the next month. Balances of households qualifying for free or reduced meals with funds remaining in the account at the end of the school year shall receive a refund. The district shall attempt to contact the household of all students transferring out or graduating from the district to return any unused funds remaining in the student's account. The district may set varying meal charge guidelines for students of different grade levels including charges relating to alternate meals, ala carte items and limits on charges that a parent may set for a student's daily lunch expenditures.

The district must set written guidelines regarding the collection of delinquent meal charges such as the amount of delinquent meal charges which initiate an established collection process, providing notice to households of those students and carrying out appropriate follow-up. Unpaid meal charges are classified as "delinquent debt" and remain on the food service accounting documents until they are collected or written off as uncollectible.

Guidelines must also cover how the district will handle situations where children eligible for reduced meals do not have the money in their accounts to cover the cost of their meal at the time of service. Households must be notified of all payment methods used by the district, including any fees. At least one payment method must be free of

charge. The district cannot solely require the use of an online payment system; another option must be available.

Confidentiality

The information provided by families on the free and reduced price application will be used only for determining eligibility for meal or milk benefits and verification of eligibility. Only staff members and organizations carrying out the activities of the School Lunch Act shall have access to this information.

The district should use methods of lunch payment systems such as pre-payment to avoid openly identifying children who qualify for free or reduced meals. Meal cards, tickets, tokens or other methods of payment must not be coded or colored to identify such status.

Policy Communication

This policy will be provided in writing to all households at the start of each school year and to households that transfer to the district during the school year.

This policy will also be provided annually to all district staff responsible for enforcing the policy including food service professionals. Staff members such as counselors, school nurses, homeless liaisons, and others assisting students in need should also be informed of the policy.

The district will maintain documentation of the annual distribution of this policy.

It shall be the responsibility of the superintendent to implement this policy.

Legal Reference: 42 U.S.C. §§ 1751 et seq.
7 C.F.R. §§ 210 et seq.
USDA Unpaid Meal Charges, SP 46-2016, 47-2016 and 57-2016.

Cross Reference: 504.19 Student Fees

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VENDING MACHINES

Food served or purchased by students during the school day and food served or purchased for other than special circumstances shall be approved by the superintendent. Vending machines in the school building shall be the responsibility of the building principal. Purchases from the vending machines, other than juice machines, shall not be made during the lunch periods.

It shall be the responsibility of the superintendent to develop administrative regulations for the use of vending machines and other sales of food to students.

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Legal Reference: 42 U.S.C. §§ 1751 et seq. (1994).

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SCHOOL FOOD PROCUREMENT

The following procurement policy statement shall govern all purchasing activities that relate to any aspect of the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs. This statement is meant to provide guidance to our personnel and vendors on acceptable and / or required procurement practices. Our goal is to fully implement all required and recommended procurement rules, regulations and policies set forth in 2 CFR 200, 7 CFR parts 210, 3016 and by the State Agency.

Procurement Policy

The purchasing procedure to be followed shall be determined by the anticipated total annual expenditure on items related to the food service program:

- When the annual total for food service program related items is less than \$250,000 per year (per procurement event or in aggregate purchases) this District will follow the informal Small Purchase Procedure.
- When the annual total for food service program related items is greater than \$250,000 per year (per procurement event or in aggregate purchases) this District will follow the Formal Competitive Solicitation Procedures.

Micro-Purchase Procedures

Micro-Purchases may be used for a single purchase under \$10,000 made with a vendor [2 CFR 200.320(a)].

Prices will be reviewed for reasonableness [2 CFR 200.320(a)].

Purchases will be spread equitably among all qualified sources [2 CFR 200.320(a)].

Small Purchase Procedures

For purchases made below the small purchase threshold, a Small Purchase Procedures will be utilized be purchase necessary goods and services. When Small Purchase Procedures are used, this District will take the following steps:

- 1) Contact a minimum of three potential vendors
- 2) Document each vendor's quoted price
- 3) Select the company that provides the lowest, most responsive, and responsible bid
- 4) Inform all bidding companies in writing of the final decision made by the sponsor
- 5) Write contract for meal service between the sponsor and the winning bidder.

Formal Competitive Solicitation Procedures

For purchases made in excess of the small purchase threshold, a Formal Competitive Solicitation will be conducted. When Formal Competitive Solicitation Procedures are used, this District will take the following steps:

- 1) Prepare an IFB or RFP document specifically addressing the items to be procured
 - a. Include detailed specifications

- b. Ensure price will be most heavily weighted
- 2) Publicly announce and advertise the bid/proposal at least 30 calendar days prior to bid opening
 - a. Announcements will include the date, time and location in which bids will be opened
- 3) Determine the most responsive and responsible bid/proposal by using the selection criteria set forth in the bid/proposal document
 - a. Responsive bidders will be those whose bid/proposal conform to all of the terms, conditions and requirements of the IFB/RFP
- 4) Award the contract
 - a. To the most responsive and responsible bidder based on the criteria set forth in the IFB/RFP
 - b. At least two weeks before program operations begin
 - c. If a protest is received, it must be handled in accordance with 7 CFR 210.21
- 5) Retain all records pertaining to the formal competitive bid process for a period of five years plus the current year

(Note: If the bid threshold established in the sponsor's procurement policy statement is less than \$150,000, the smaller bid threshold will govern.)

This District incorporates the following elements into the Procurement Policy Statement, as required by 2 CFR 200 and 7 CFR parts 210.

- A. Competition: We shall demonstrate our goods and services are procured in an openly competitive manner. Competition will not be unreasonably restricted. [7 CFR 210.21(c)(1)] [2 CFR Part 200.319(a)(1-7)]
- B. Comparability: We recognize for true competition to take place, we must maintain reasonable product specifications to adequately describe the products to be purchased and the volume of planned purchases based upon pre-planned menu cycles. 2 CFR 200.319(a)(6)
- C. Documentation: We shall maintain for the current year and the preceding three years all menus, production records, invitations to bid, bid results, bid tabulations or any other significant materials that will serve to document our policies and procedures. [2 CFR 200.318(i)]
- D. Code of Conduct: This program shall be governed by the attached Code of Conduct and it shall apply to all personnel, employees, directors, agents, officers, volunteers or any person(s) acting in any capacity concerning the food service procurement program. [2 CFR 200.318(c)(1)]
- E. Procurement Review Process: This procurement plan shall receive an internal program review on an annual basis by a staff person who is not associated with food service procurement process. This review shall be summarized in written form and kept with the other required program documentation.

F. Contract Administration: Purchases shall be checked or verified by designated staff to assure that all goods and services are received and prices verified. All invoices and receipts shall be signed, dated, and maintained in the documentation file. [2 CFR Part 200.318(b)]

G. General Requirements:

- Small, minority and women's businesses enterprises and labor surplus firms are used when possible. [2 CFR 200.321]
- Ensure compliance with Buy American Provision. [7 CFR 210.21(d)]
- A cost or price analysis in connection with every procurement action in excess of the Simplified Acquisition Threshold including contract modifications. [2 CFR 200.323(a)]
- Documented Procurement Procedures and activities will be maintained. [2 CFR 200.318(a)]

H. Duties of Food Service Supervisor:

1. To work with staff and clients in developing acceptable menus for breakfast and lunch.
2. To compile market orders or requisitions for purchases which accurately reflect the total quantities of required foods to be ordered per (day, week or month).
3. To place and confirm orders with vendors, or make plans to purchase the required items.
4. To keep program menus up to date by testing and using new products and seeking feedback from staff and clients.
5. To send out bid quotation forms to vendors who have expressed an interest in doing business with the sponsor.
6. To make procurement awards based on the lowest and best vendor's response as determined by quality, availability, service and price.
7. To work with vendors on a fair and equal basis.
8. To develop a list of acceptable brands. (multiple Brands per bid item when possible)
9. To conduct an in-house procurement review once per year

School Food Authority Code of Conduct

The District seeks to conduct all procurement procedures in compliance with state and federal regulations and to prohibit conflicts of interest with employees engaged in the selection, award and administration of contracts.

No employee, officer, or agent of the District may participate in the selection, award, or administration of a contract supported by Federal, State, or local funds if he or she has a real or apparent conflict of interest. Such a conflict of interest would arise when the

PHOTOCOPYING SERVICES

Among the facilities available to teachers in carrying out their educational assignments are a variety of machines for reproducing the written and spoken word, either in single or multiple copies.

Infringement on copyrighted material, whether prose, poetry, graphic images, music, audio tape, video or computer-programmed materials, is a serious offense against federal law and contrary to the ethical standards required of staff and students alike.

Violations may result in criminal or civil suits.

The Board therefore requires that all reproduction of copyrighted material be conducted strictly in accordance with applicable provisions of law. Unless otherwise allowed as “fair use” under federal law, permission must be acquired from the copyright owner prior to reproduction of material in any form.

“Fair use” is not a rigidly defined term. “Fair use” is based on the following standards:

1. The purpose and character of the use;
2. The nature of the copyrighted work;
3. The amount of and the substantiality of the portion used;
4. The effect of the use upon the potential market for, or value of, the copyrighted work.

If an individual questions the legality of duplicating materials, he/she should seek permission from the copyright holders.

Employees in violation of copyright law may be required to remunerate the district in the event of loss due to litigation and may be subject to discipline up to and including dismissal.

The superintendent will develop administrative regulations that provide guidelines for the “fair use” of copyrighted materials that meet the requirements of Section 107 of the Copyright Act of 1976 and applicable amendments.

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MAIL AND DELIVERY SERVICE

The interschool mail service is established for school-related purposes. It provides a central mailing service to expedite the distribution of materials and professional communications among schools and staff members.

To avoid overburdening the service, employees will not be allowed to use interschool mail for the delivery of personal letters, notes and materials to other employees.

The recognized collective bargaining unit(s) will be permitted to use the service in accordance with the terms of their contracts, board policy on the use of school facilities and current postal regulations.

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TELEPHONE SERVICE

Cell Phones

The board recognizes that the use of cellular telephones may be appropriate to provide for the effective and efficient operation of the district and to help ensure safety and security of district property, staff and others while on district property or engaged in district-sponsored activities. To this end, the board authorizes the purchase and employee use of cellular telephones, as deemed appropriate by the superintendent.

District-owned cellular telephones shall be used for authorized district business purposes, consistent with the district’s mission and goals. Personal use of such equipment is prohibited except in emergency situations. Any expenses incurred for such personal use shall be reimbursed to the district.

Use of cellular telephones in violation of board policies, administrative regulations and/or state and federal law will result in discipline up to and including dismissal and/or referral to law enforcement officials, as appropriate.

The superintendent is directed to develop administrative regulations for the implementation of this policy, including a uniform and controlled system for identifying employee cellular telephone needs, monitoring use and reimbursement. Provisions may also be included for staff use of privately-owned cellular telephones for authorized district business.

Student use of cell phones during the school day is prohibited unless authorized by a building Administrator.

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FAX SERVICE

The district shall use FAX transmittals for the purpose of prompt exchange of information.

The superintendent shall develop procedures for:

1. Protecting the FAX code number from unsolicited users;
2. Transmitting confidential information;
3. Types of transmissions for which FAX will be used;
4. Developing a fee structure.

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COMPUTER AND DATA SECURITY

The district will implement and maintain practices regarding physical, technical and administrative safeguards for both paper and electronic records. Access to records including computer data stored within all computer systems will be strictly controlled for security.

The LAN Manager/Technology Coordinator is responsible for maintaining security through procedures developed by the superintendent. These procedures will determine who may have various degrees of access to the system and will state requirements for monitoring the continued proper educational use of the system.

These procedures will also describe:

1. Proper methods of disposal of reports containing confidential or financial information at the end of their use.
2. Methods to ensure system security after change of job status of employees having access to system passwords.
3. Methods to provide backup access in the event of the extended absence of the system administrator.

The Superintendent will direct and monitor a process to identify the following elements of computer and data security:

1. What information is considered restricted.
2. Where it currently resides.
3. How it is protected.
4. Who is responsible for providing each level of security for each type of restricted information.
5. Measures to control or reduce district liability in the event of a breach of security including insurable coverage for costs associated with such a breach.

Employees will promptly report to the Superintendent any breach of the district's computerized data that compromises the security, confidentiality or integrity of personal information maintained by the district. The Superintendent will immediately inform the Board of such a breach of information.

Breaches of Security

The Superintendent shall ensure that the district attempts to provide notice of any system security breach, following discovery, to any person whose unencrypted and unredacted personal information was or is reasonably believed to have been accessed and acquired by an unauthorized person. Such attempts to provide notice shall be made with reasonable promptness, except when a law enforcement agency determines and advises the district in writing that the notification would impede a criminal or civil investigation, or the district must take necessary measures to determine the scope of the breach and

to restore the reasonable integrity of the data system. The district will also provide notice of the breach if the encrypted information is accessed and acquired in an unencrypted form, if the security breach is linked to a breach of security of the encryption, or if the security breach involves a person with access to the encryption key.

Definitions

Breach of system security - unauthorized access and acquisition of computerized data that materially compromises the security or confidentiality of personal information maintained by the district as part of the database of personal information regarding multiple individuals and that the district reasonably believes has caused or will cause loss or injury to any state resident. Good faith acquisition of personal information by an employee or agent of the school district for the purpose of the district is not a breach of the security of the system if the personal information is not used for a purpose other than the lawful purpose of the district and is not subject to further unauthorized disclosure.

Person - means any natural person, not an entity or company.

Personal information - includes an individual's first initial and last name in combination with and linked to any one or more of the following, when not encrypted or redacted:

1. Social security number.
2. Driver's license number or state identification card number issued instead of a driver's license.
3. Financial account number, credit or debit card number, in combination with any required security code, access code or password that would permit access to an individual's financial account.

Personal information does not include publicly available information that is lawfully made available to the general public from federal, state or local government records.

Records - means any material, regardless of its physical form, on which information is recorded or preserved by any means, including written or spoken words, graphically depicted, printed or electromagnetically transmitted. This term does not include publicly available directories containing information that an individual has voluntarily consented to have publicly disseminated or listed, such as name, address or telephone number.

PROCEDURE FOR BREACH OF COMPUTERIZED PERSONAL INFORMATION

Notice of a breach of information security will be provided to the individual whose restricted personal information has been acquired by an unauthorized person.

Once it has been determined that a security breach has occurred, the following steps will be taken by the designated employee:

1. If the breach involved computerized data owned or licensed by the district, the district will directly notify those residents whose private information was or is reasonably believed to have been acquired by a person without valid authorization.
2. If the breach involved computer data maintained by the district, the district directly will notify the owner or licensee of the information of the breach immediately following discovery, if the private information was or is reasonably believed to have been acquired by a person without valid authorization.
3. The disclosure to affected individuals will be made in the most expedient time possible and without unreasonable delay, consistent with the legitimate needs of law enforcement or any measures necessary to determine the scope of the breach and to restore the reasonable integrity of the system. Notification should be provided within three (3) working days of discovery of the breach, when possible, but not later than thirty (30) working days.
4. The required notification will include:
 - a. District contact information.
 - b. Description of the categories of information that were or are reasonably believed to have been acquired without authorization.
 - c. Which specific elements of personal or private information were or are reasonably believed to have been acquired.
5. The notification requirement may be delayed if a law enforcement agency determines that such notification will impede a criminal investigation. The required notification will then be made after the law enforcement agency determines that such notification does not compromise the investigation.

The district will provide notice by at least one (1) of the following methods:

1. Written notice to last known home address for the individual.
2. Telephone notice if the individual can be reasonably expected to receive the notice

and the notice is given in a clear and conspicuous manner; describes the incident in general terms; verifies the personal information but does not require the individual to provide personal information; and provides a telephone number to call or Internet website to visit for further information or assistance.
3. Email notice, if a prior business relationship exists and the school district has a valid email address for the individual.
4. Substitute notice if the district determines that the cost of individual notice will be excessive (the district should set a maximum level in writing, such as the level provided for notification through risk coverage), or the district does not have sufficient contact information. Substitute notice shall consist of an email notice, conspicuous posting of the notice on the district's website, and notification to major statewide media.

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DATA OR RECORDS RETENTION

School district records shall be housed in the central administration office of the school district. It shall be the responsibility of the superintendent to oversee the maintenance and accuracy of the records. The following records shall be kept and preserved according to the schedule below:

- Secretary’s financial records Permanently
- Treasurer’s financial records Permanently
- Minutes of the Board of Director Permanently
- Annual audit reports Permanently
- Annual budget Permanently
- Permanent record of individual pupil Permanently
- Records of payment of judgments against the school district 20 years
- Bonds and bond coupons 10 years
- Written contracts 10 years
- Cancelled warrants, check stubs, bank statements, bills, invoices, inventories and related records 5 years
- Program grants As determined by the grant
- Non-payroll personnel records 7 years
- Payroll records 3 years

Employee’s records shall be housed in the central administration office of the school district. The employee’s records shall be maintained by the superintendent, the building administrator and the employee’s immediate supervisor.

The permanent and cumulative records of students currently enrolled in the school district shall be housed in the central administration office of the attendance center where the student attends. Permanent records must be housed in a fireproof vault.

Records of students who have graduated or are no longer enrolled in the school district shall be housed in the central administration office of the attendance center where the student attends. Permanent records must be housed in a fireproof vault.

Records of students who have graduated or are no longer enrolled in the school district shall be housed in the vault at school.

The superintendent may microfilm or microfiche school district records and may destroy paper copies of the records if they are more than three years old. A properly authenticated reproduction of a microfilmed record meets the same legal requirements as the original record.

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INSURANCE

The board will maintain a comprehensive insurance program to provide adequate coverage against major types of risk, loss, or damage, as well as legal liability. The board will purchase insurance at replacement values, when possible, after reviewing the costs and availability of such insurance. The comprehensive insurance program shall be reviewed once every three years.

The school district will assume the risk of property damage, legal liability, and dishonesty in cases in which the exposure is so small or dispersed that a loss does not significantly affect the operation of the education program or financial condition of the school district.

Insurance of buildings, structures, or property in the open will not generally be purchased to cover loss exposures below \$2,500 unless such insurance is required by statute or contract. The school district will make every effort to obtain property, vehicle, and liability insurance at the most economical cost, consistent with required service, by obtaining quotations or by negotiation, using whichever method is advantageous to the district.

Administration of the insurance program, making recommendations for additional insurance coverage, placing the insurance coverage and loss prevention activities shall be the responsibility of the superintendent.

Blanket building and equipment insurance will cover replacement costs with an agreed amount endorsement and with a deductible determined by the *[Board]* to provide the lowest possible premium costs consistent with adequate protection from unanticipated expenditures.

General and personal liability insurance will cover district Board members and employees only while acting in their official capacity.

The district will establish and provide the opportunity for students to purchase student accident insurance. The district will not carry student accident insurance other than liability insurance.

The district will not be liable for theft and damage of personal property of students that is not a requirement for attendance or participation. Additionally, the district will not be liable for theft and damage of personal property of staff.

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