

*FALLS HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENT HANDBOOK
2017-2018*



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WELCOME TO FALLS HIGH SCHOOL

The staff at Falls High School is looking forward to making this a successful school year for all of our students. With parents and staff working together, we can assure a quality educational experience.

Part of our mission statement at FHS says that the school has the responsibility to provide broad educational opportunities for all students, and the student has the responsibility to take advantage of these opportunities, and demonstrate this responsibility by taking ownership of his/her own education. Let's work together to make our school the best it can be. Have a great school year!

Superintendent
Kevin Grover

Falls High School Principal
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PREFACE

The purpose of this handbook is to present information needed by the student and his/her parent or legal guardians. By working with school staff, the student will be provided with opportunities he/she needs to do well in high school and therefore be more ready for life and future educational opportunities.

This handbook should be kept available for students and parent(s)/guardian(s) to use and for referral when you have questions about rules, regulations, and procedures at Falls High School.

An overall rule and operational procedure is to be in the right place, at the right time, doing the best you can of what is expected. When you are uncertain or do not understand a rule/procedure, politely ask questions.

If you have questions regarding Falls High School procedures and practices, please feel free to contact an administrator by calling 283-2571.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 361
INTERNATIONAL FALLS, MINNESOTA
2017-18 SCHOOL CALENDAR

TUESDAY	AUGUST 29	ALL EMPLOYEE MEETING-TEACHER WORK DAY
TUESDAY	AUGUST 29	6 th /7 th /New Student Orientation (5:00-5:30 p.m.)
TUESDAY	AUGUST 29	FHS Meet the Teacher Night (5:30-7:30 p.m.)
WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 30	TEACHER INSERVICE DAY
MONDAY	SEPTEMBER 4	NO CLASSES – LABOR DAY
TUESDAY	SEPTEMBER 5	FIRST DAY OF CLASSES
WEDNESDAY	OCTOBER 11	FHS PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES (5:00-8:00 p.m.)
THURSDAY	OCTOBER 12	FHS PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES (5:00-8:00 p.m.)
FRIDAY	OCTOBER 13	TEACHER INSERVICE – NO CLASSES
THURSDAY	OCTOBER 19	EDUCATION MINNESOTA BREAK – NO CLASSES
FRIDAY	OCTOBER 20	EDUCATION MINNESOTA BREAK – NO CLASSES
FRIDAY	NOVEMBER 3	END OF FIRST QUARTER
MONDAY	NOVEMBER 6	NO CLASSES – EXCHANGE DAY FOR PARENT
	TEACHER	
		CONFERENCES AND EVENING OPEN HOUSE
FRIDAY	NOVEMBER 10	NO CLASSES – EXCHANGE DAY FOR PARENT
TEACHER		
		CONFERENCES
THURSDAY	NOVEMBER 23	THANKSGIVING RECESS – NO CLASSES
FRIDAY	NOVEMBER 24	THANKSGIVING RECESS – NO CLASSES
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 13	FHS PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES (5:00-8:00 p.m.)
THURSDAY	DECEMBER 21	LAST DAY FOR CLASSES BEFORE WINTER BREAK
TUESDAY	JANUARY 2	SCHOOL REOPENS
MONDAY	JANUARY 22	TEACHER INSERVICE–NO CLASSES
		END OF SECOND QUARTER/FIRST SEMESTER
MONDAY	FEBRUARY 19	PRESIDENT’S DAY – NO CLASSES
WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY 28	FHS PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES (5:00-8:00 p.m.)
TUESDAY	MARCH 27	END OF THIRD QUARTER
FRIDAY	MARCH 30	SPRING BREAK – NO CLASSES
MONDAY	APRIL 2	SPRING BREAK – NO CLASSES
MONDAY	MAY 28	MEMORIAL DAY – NO CLASSES
THURSDAY	MAY 31	LAST DAY OF CLASSES
FRIDAY	JUNE 1	TEACHER WORK DAY
SUNDAY	JUNE 3	GRADUATION – 3:00 PM

ISD #361 EXTENSION/ROOM ASSIGNMENTS

2017-2018 School Year

All Extensions Dial: (218) 283-2571 (updated 8/31/17)

EXT	NAME	ROOM	EXT	NAME	ROOM	EXT	NAME
271	Adaptive Help-FES	FES208A	112	Grover, Kevin	FHSOfc	253	Nemec, Marci
109	Amdahl, R Comm. Ed.	CE157	194	Grover, Stacy	FHS122	234	Nosan, Shelby
107	Anderson, Charlie	FHS218	171	Hall Monitor	FHS206A	137	Olson, David
263	Auran, Lisa	FES106	164	Hamers, Katie	FHS217	245	OT/PT
153	Awe, Will	FHS210	256	Hamilton, Jody	FES208	108	OT/PT
273	Baron, Mandi	FES2B	257	Hayward, Laura	FES100	176	P & I Coord.
182	Besch, Tina	FHS122	169	Health Room	FHS226	131	Palm, Sue
119	Blesi, Mike	FHSOfc	100	Heiss, Vicki	FHSOfc	131	Palm, Sue
172	Boelk, Michelle	FHS241	279	Hemstad, Chris	FHS117	239	Pavleck, Molly
175	Boiler Room	FHS141	258	Hendrickson, Karli	FES101	242	Peterson, Paul
151	Boyle, Jay	FHS221	230	Hell, Jamie	FESOfc	135	Peterson, Sarah
139	CADD Room	FHS147	244	Hjelle, Paul	FES114	163	Puncochar, Ryan
122	Casareto, Tony	FHS115	185	Holt, Tom	FHSOfc	174	Renberg, Lela
272	Christianson, Ginger	FES2A	181	Hopkins, Michelle	FHS122	155	Ringhofer, Timm
161	Christianson, Rosa	FHS213	128	Jaksa, Carol	FHS121	126	Rolando, Don
246	Christianson, Rosa	FES116	186	Johnson, Barb	CE157	152	Rudolph, Jeanna
238	Cipriano, Ariana	FES109	275	Johnson, Barb	FESOfc	120	Sandberg, John
271	Cipriano, Ariana	FES208A	264	Johnson, Shawn	FES107	255	Schindeldecker, D
240	Cody, Angie	FES111	103	Jorgenson, Lori	FHSOfc	276	Schwartz, Angie
145	Computer Lab	FHS202	254	Katrin, Jill	FES206	235	Sick Room
278	Conf Room FES	FESOfc	189	Kaviuk, Nick (Equip)	FHS163	271	Speech-FES
123	Conf Room FHS	FHS123	266	Kitchen FES	FESCaf	288	Speech-FHS
288	Conf Room WEE	FHS112	133	Kitchen FHS	FHS135	113	Staples, Sarah
121	Copy Room FHS	FHS133A	140	Koenig, Josh	FHS150A	246	Strand, Jeanne
178	Copy Room WEE	FHS100	170	Koenig, Tamara	FHS229	124	Study Hall
167	Cowman, Maria	FHS222	166	Kujala, Kasey	FHS208	232	Tate, Melissa
265	Custodians FES	FESCust	268	LaVigne, Kristie	FES1	162	Taylor, Jenny
134	Custodians FHS	FHS137	187	LaVigne, Sandy	FHS157	191	Thompson, Heidi
127	Delack, Leah	FHS120	160	Library-FHS	FHSLMC	105	Toninato, Josie
193	Dowty, Derek	FHS114	237	Library-FES	FHSLMC	168	Vollom, Tom
260	Ebel, Heather	FES103	132	Line, Karla	FHS130	267	Walls, Missy
262	Eldien, Brittany	FES105	247	Little, Jeanne	FES200	277	Wenberg, Jen
248	Erickson, Kevin	FES201	154	Mannausau, Alex	FHS211	147	Wenberg, Jen
269	Ettestad, Seth	FES108A	138	Mason, Bill-AD	FHS148	251	Wendt, Sara
158	Ettestad, Seth	FHS100A	236	Mason, Terry	FES108	101	West, Lisa
104	Everson, Tim	FHSOfc	141	McDonald, George	FHS153	243	Winkel, Katie
231	Faculty Lounge FES	FESOfc	251	McDonald, Kim	FES203	249	Wood, Nicci
156	Faculty Lounge FHS	FHS216	117	McDonald, Michele	FHS108	144	Wood, Norman
146	Forsythe, Val	FHS203	102	Mitchell, Debbie	FHSOfc	142	Woods Room
118	Gilbert, Kayla	FHS215	270	MN Reading Corp.	FES5	179	Youso, Laurie
110	Glowack, Marc	FHSOfc	259	Morrison, Jill	FES102	252	Zika, Luke
106	Grewatz, Thane	FHSOfc	261	Nault, Tynyn	FES104		

Special Numbers	Special Numbers/Fax Numbers	Fax Numbers
Bronco Arena: 283-2424	ALC/Backus: 373-3300	Falls High School Fax: 283-2384
Bus Garage: 283-2050	Falls Elementary Fax: 283-3133	Central Office Fax: 283-8104

WEDNESDAY EARLY DISMISSAL SCHEDULE

Falls Elementary & West End Elementary Schools

School Day 8:30 AM - 3:10 PM M, T, Th, F
 School Day 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM **Wednesday**

Falls High School

School Day 8:30 AM - 3:20 PM M, T, Th, F
 School Day 8:30 AM - 2:40 PM **Wednesday**

Locate your child's regular drop off time in the first column and follow across to determine Wednesday adjusted time.

Normal Drop-Off Time M, T, TH, F	"Early Out" Drop-Off Time Wednesdays
3:20 PM	2:40 PM
3:22 PM	2:42 PM
3:24 PM	2:44 PM
3:26 PM	2:46 PM
3:28 PM	2:48 PM
3:30 PM	2:50 PM
3:32 PM	2:52 PM
3:34 PM	2:54 PM
3:36 PM	2:56 PM
3:38 PM	2:58 PM
3:40 PM	3:00 PM
3:42 PM	3:02 PM
3:44 PM	3:04 PM
3:46 PM	3:06 PM
3:48 PM	3:08 PM
3:50 PM	3:10 PM
3:52 PM	3:12 PM
3:54 PM	3:14 PM
3:56 PM	3:16 PM
3:58 PM	3:18 PM
4:00 PM	3:20 PM
4:02 PM	3:22 PM
4:04 PM	3:24 PM
4:06 PM	3:26 PM
4:08 PM	3:28 PM
4:10 PM	3:30 PM
4:12 PM	3:32 PM
4:14 PM	3:34 PM
4:16 PM	3:36 PM
4:18 PM	3:38 PM
4:20 PM	3:40 PM
4:22 PM	3:42 PM
4:24 PM	3:44 PM
4:26 PM	3:46 PM
4:28 PM	3:48 PM
4:30 PM	3:50 PM
4:32 PM	3:52 PM
4:34 PM	3:54 PM
4:36 PM	3:56 PM
4:38 PM	3:58 PM
4:40 PM	4:00 PM
4:42 PM	4:02 PM
4:44 PM	4:04 PM
4:46 PM	4:06 PM

DATA PRIVACY ACT Copies of the school district's full data privacy policy may be obtained from the superintendent's office.

ATTENDANCE

Parents are notified by recorded phone message of all absences not reported to the school on a nightly basis. Parents are notified in writing by mail of all truants. Please clear absences, immediately, by calling 283-2571 ext. 100 absences after 3 days all absences not cleared will turn into a truant. Please leave a detailed message anytime with the following information. Day of absence, Student's First and Last name, Grade, Reason for absence, and Parent/Guardian's First and Last name.

1. **Six (6) absences per semester in each class.** (Truancies are counted as absences.)

Students are allowed 6 nonexempt absences in each class per semester. The 7th and all subsequent absences not considered exempt in a given period during the semester will be counted as truants. Student will face disciplinary actions from the district for each truant. Continued truancy may result in loss of credit. Students are allowed one (1) appeal per class per semester.

2. **Four (4) unexcused tardies per semester in each class.**

Students may be removed from class when they reach 5 or more tardies (teacher's discretion). Students denied credit may appeal the decision to the principal or his designee. Students are allowed one (1) appeal per class per semester. Students that are removed from class will be assigned to ISS. While in ISS, students may be required to participate in remediation in order to pass the state required MCA test and achieve the school academic goal.

3. **Three (3) truancies per school year.**

Truancy from one or more class periods on three different school days will result in a letter being mailed home outlining repercussions of continued truancy. Truancy from one or more class periods on seven different school days will result in child being referred to the Koochiching County Truancy Program.

Students will **NOT** be dropped from courses because of excess absences or truancies unless it is an action resulting from the county truancy program. In the event a student is removed from class and placed in ISS, they may be given work to ready themselves for MCA testing and achievement of the school academic goal. Students may not receive credit for work during truant periods.

Exceptions to the above rules may be made on an individual basis for extenuating circumstances over which the student has no control, such as the extended illness of the student or a death in the family.

The principal or his/her designee should be contacted by the parent or guardian if **special attendance problems** arise so that an agreement can be made to deal with the problem. A statement by the physician will be required in a case where a chronic or extended medical problem causes excessive absences. An attendance committee comprised of teachers, administrators, and staff will review chronic attendance problems and refer to the proper resource.

Attendance-Extracurricular Activities

Students participating in any extracurricular activity must be in attendance 1/2 day to participate or practice that day, unless prior approval has been obtained through the principal's office. This policy also applies to pre-excused absence.

Students will not be allowed to "sleep in" for a couple of hours the morning after an out-of-town game. Student athletes who fail to comply with this regulation will be rendered ineligible for the next game/contest. Exceptions will be made for extenuating circumstances.

Any student who is invited or selected to participate in any post season tournament/all-star team must use their allotted absence days (6). Absence exemption will not be granted for participation in sports or other co-curricular activities not sponsored by the school district.

Absences

Students who arrive after 8:30 a.m. must first report to the office. Failure to report to the office could result in detention. Students that may need to leave campus during the school day must receive a pass and check back in when they return. Failure to do so will result in detention/ISS.

Although parents have the right to keep their children home from school, **the school determines if an absence will count towards the allotted 6 per semester.** Students and their parents are requested to make arrangements in advance if a personal absence is needed.

Exempt Absences (not counting towards allotted six (6) per semester are): illness of the student, field trip, OSS, serious illness or death in the family, observance of a religious holiday, required presence in court, and medical or dental treatment. In addition, local district policy includes participation in school activities. Two (2) campus visits are allowed for Junior's and Senior's per year. Written verification from schools attended is required.

Pre-Excused Absences: Students needing personal absence of three or more consecutive days are requested to fill out a pre-excused absence form available in the office. The form must be signed by a parent/guardian, filled in and signed by the student's teachers, and

approved by the principal or his designee. Sixty percent (60%) will count against the six (6) allotted absence days per semester; forty percent (40%) will be exempt from the allotted absence days. Due dates for school work while absent should be worked out with the individual teachers.

The pre-excused absence form must be turned into the office at least 2 school days in advance of the requested absence. Students, who have failing grades, incompletes, or detention, will not be approved. Pre-excused absence counts towards the maximum absence rule (6 per semester). Examples of pre-excused absences that may be approved are family vacations (including hunting and fishing), participation in civic and religious events, and personal family business.

Tardy Regulations

A student who arrives at school after 8:30 a.m. must immediately report to the Office and get a tardy slip. Report to **class** if you are tardy period's 2-7. If you are more than ten (10) minutes late you become truant. One hour detention will be issued for students reaching tardy #3 and each tardy thereafter per semester.

PBIS-Positive Behavioral Intervention Supports

PBIS is an architecture for addressing behavior through the prevention-oriented structuring of research-based interventions and supports in a hierarchical and progressive manner for the purpose of improved behavioral and academic outcomes. When a student is noticed for doing something good for the school community the student is issued a Bronco Pride card which than can be redeemed for a prize. The PBIS system uses minor and major offenses for recording behavior. Some examples of minor offenses are: Minor Defiance, Minor Disruption, and Minor Dress Code. Some examples of major offenses are: Defiance, Fighting, and Lying/Cheating. When a student reaches four minor offenses the four minor offenses change to one major which equals one detention.

Suspension

Out-of-school suspension may be assigned when deemed necessary. Examples of behaviors that result in suspension are insubordination, failure to serve detention, fighting, bullying, harassment, substance violations, vandalism, assault, and causing a false alarm. In many cases, a referral is made to the juvenile officer.

Students serving ISS will receive 2 bathroom breaks, are required to eat lunch in the ISS room, and will abide by the ISS classroom rules. ISS will be assigned 2 days after the incident has occurred or the office becomes aware of it. The ISS date to serve will be assigned by the ISS Monitor or Administration. Students serving ISS may be assigned work to help them pass their MCA tests and achieve the school academic goal.

Students assigned ISS or OSS will **not be eligible to participate or attend any co-curricular or extra-curricular activities on the day(s) of the suspension**. Students who habitually do not serve detention may be put on room restriction and lose hall passes until detention is served.

Detention

After-school detention is a disciplinary measure which is frequently used as a deterrent to several school rule infractions. When a student is assigned to detention, he/she is expected to have the time served on or before the date specified by the principal, or teacher. Students will follow all school rules while serving detention which includes no hats, electronic devices, and sleeping. Students are required to bring school work, and following directions of the detention supervisor. **If a student doesn't complete the specified hours of detention by the date due, he/she will be assigned a day of Lunch Detention. Detention may be served from 7:40-8:20 am (1hr) or 7:50-8:20 am (30 min) in the FHS office. Detention may be served from 3:30-4:20 pm in the FHS Library.** Students who habitually do not serve detention may be put on room restriction and loose hall passes until detention is served.

Lunch Detention

Lunch detention may be used for individuals that typically do not serve their assigned detention. This option may only be determined by the assistant principal, principal, school monitor, teacher or superintendent. In the ISS room all detention rules apply which includes no hats, electronic devices, and sleeping. Students are required to bring school work, and following directions of the detention supervisor.

Removal from Class

Removal from class is the short term exclusion of the student from class during which time the school retains custody of the student.

The following is the procedure for the removal from class:

- a. The initial right and responsibility for the removal of a student from class is that of the classroom teacher. After the initial removal from the class, the student will be sent to the office or ISS room for the remainder of the hour.
- b. If a second removal from a class occurs, an informational administrative conference will be held between the teacher and the principal or the principal's designee. At this conference a decision will be reached as to the length of the time that the student will be removed from class.
- c. The student shall be returned to the class upon completion of the terms of re-admittance established at the informational administrative conference including, but not limited to, completion of any makeup work and/or a behavior contract.

- d. Per direction of the classroom teacher, the student is to report directly to the office or ISS room, when sent out of class. Failure to do so could result in further disciplinary action. Students sent to ISS may be assigned classroom work by the teacher or work to help them pass their MCA tests and achieve the school academic goal.

Disciplinary Guidelines

(Rules Apply to Full Time and Post-Secondary Students)

- I. Disorderly Conduct:** insubordination, loud profanity, fighting, creating a disturbance or any inappropriate behavior.
- A. 1-10 day suspension OSS/ISS.
 - B. 2 game/2 week suspension from extracurricular events (whichever is greater) whether participating or a spectator.
 - C. Complaint filed with the juvenile officer.
 - D. Hearing with the juvenile officer, administrator, student, parent/guardian or any combination thereof.
- II. Obscenity:** a student using obscene gestures, language, signs, pictures and/or publications.
- A. Assigned detention or ISS
 - B. Possible suspension.
 - C. Parent conference.
 - D. Possible referral to juvenile officer.
- III. Assault:** attack another person without being provoked.
- First Offense:*
- A. 3-10 day suspension OSS/ISS.
 - B. 2 game/2week suspension from extracurricular events (whichever is greater) whether participating or a spectator.
 - C. Defender must file charges with county attorney.
 - D. Hearing with juvenile officer, administrator, student, parent/guardian or any combination thereof
 - E. Disciplinary action against defender will be determined based on circumstances.
- Second Offense:*
- A. Assaulter will be excluded from high school for the remainder of the school year.
 - B. Assaulter will be referred to an alternative learning source.
 - C. Defender must file charge with the county attorney.
 - D. Additional suspension or expulsion will be administered when any school employee is assaulted or injured by a student.
- IV. Bullying and Harassment:** This includes the fear and victimization of a student inhibiting their learning experience and learning environment, relating but not limited to: religious, racial, verbal, cyber, sexual or physical harassment and/or bullying behaviors. NOTE: In harassment cases, the victim has an obligation to report the incident.
- First Offense:*
- A. Administrator and/or juvenile officer resolve.
 - B. Detention or ISS (to be determined by administration)
 - C. 2 game/2week suspension from extracurricular events (whichever is greater) whether participating or a spectator.
 - D. Suspension (ISS/OSS)
- Second Offense:*
- A. Suspension (ISS/OSS)
 - B. Hearing involving administrator, juvenile officer, students, parents/guardian or any combination thereof.
- Third Offense:*
- A. Perpetrator(s) excluded from high school for the remainder of the school year.
 - B. Petition filed by juvenile officer against perpetrator(s).
 - C. Referral to alternative learning source.
- V. Truancy:**
- First Offense:*
- A. One hour of detention per hour skipped, up to three (3) hours.
 - B. One day of ISS per four (4) to six (6) hours of truancy.
 - C. Referral to Juvenile Officer/School Social Worker.
 - D. Parent/guardian notification
- Second Offense:*
- A. One hour of detention per hour skipped, up to three (3) hours.
 - B. One day of ISS per four (4) to six (6) hours of truancy.
 - C. Parent/guardian notification
- Third and Subsequent Offenses:*
- A. One hour of detention per hour skipped, up to three (3) hours.
 - B. One day of ISS per four (4) to six (6) hours of truancy.
 - C. Informational letter sent home regarding Koochiching County Truancy Program.

D. Parent/guardian notification.

NOTE: If parent/students fail to clear a pending absence within three (3) school days, they will be recorded as truant. Please clear absences, immediately, by calling 283-2571 ext. 100. (Absent on Monday – must be cleared by the end of the day on Wednesday). Please leave a detailed message anytime with the following information. Day of absence, Student’s First and Last name, Grade, reason for absence, and Parent/Guardian’s First and Last name.

VI. Vandalism and Theft:

- A. Suspension (ISS/OSS)
- B. Parent/guardian conference.
- C. Restitution.
- D. Referral to the juvenile officer or city attorney (adult).

VII. Tobacco Violations: *(Use or possession of any tobacco products (including e-cigarettes) on school property.)* Smoking or use of any other tobacco products by students (regardless of age) on school premises or at school events or activities is prohibited. Possession of tobacco products on school premises is also prohibited. **Falls High School is Tobacco-Free.**

First Offense:

- A. One day of ISS
- B. Referral to the juvenile officer
- C. 2 game/2 week suspension from extracurricular events (whichever is longer) whether participating or a spectator when offense occurs outside the school day at a district function

Second Offense:

- A. Two days of ISS
- B. Referral to the juvenile officer
- C. Parent conference
- D. 4 game/4 week suspension from extracurricular events (whichever is longer) whether participating or a spectator when offense occurs outside the school day at a district function

Third and Subsequent Offenses:

- A. Three days of ISS
- B. Referral to the juvenile officer
- C. Parent conference
- D. 6 game/6 week suspension from extracurricular events (whichever is longer) whether participating or a spectator when offense occurs outside the school day at a district function

Tobacco offenses accumulate for school career

VIII. Alcoholic Beverages and Drugs:

- A. Use or possession of alcoholic beverages shall not be permitted on school property or at school activities. Any student using or possessing alcoholic beverages during the school day shall be charged with the violation and receive Out of School Suspension (OSS) and/or In School Suspension (ISS). Any student using or possessing alcoholic beverages outside the school day at a district function will be charged and receive a 2 game/2 week suspension from extracurricular events (whichever is longer) whether participating or a spectator. Any student caught violating this rule a second time will again be charged and will be suspended from school for up to ten (10) days.
- B. Illegal use or possession of drugs or drug paraphernalia shall not be permitted on school property or at any school event or activity. Any student using or possessing an illegal drug or drug paraphernalia will be charged with the violation and will be suspended from school for up to ten (10) days or expelled from school for one (1) year. Violations will result in 2 game/2 week suspension from extracurricular events (whichever is greater) whether participating or a spectator. Any student caught violating this rule a second time will again be charged and expelled from school for one (1) year.
- C. Any student caught in possession of drugs on school property and caught selling drugs will be expelled from school for one calendar year.
- D. Regulations pertaining to the use or possession of drugs and/or alcoholic beverages apply to all students enrolled in school regardless of age.

IX. Weapons and Articles:

- A. **It is unlawful for any person to bring to school or have in their possession any weapons:** guns, knives, cigarette lighters, explosive devices (fake or real, makes no difference), fire crackers, stink bombs, stun gun, pepper spray, or anything construed by the school to be dangerous or cause alarm or fear in any person in the school or on school property.
- B. Some chains may also be considered dangerous weapons. A notification will be given and documented. Further wear will result in suspension and/or expulsion proceedings.
- C. Violation of said article will result in immediate suspension until a hearing can be arranged with school, parents, and law enforcement personnel.

- D. A student who brings a weapon to school shall be expelled for a period of one (1) year. The principal, under appropriate circumstances, may recommend and the board may impose a lesser penalty. The student may also have charges filed against him/her by a law enforcement agency.
- E. School Board Policy 501, School Weapons Policy: IV. EXCEPTIONS A. A student who finds a weapon on the way to school or in a school location, or a student who discovers that he or she accidentally has a weapon in his or her possession and takes the weapon immediately to the principal's office shall not be considered to possess a weapon. If it would be impractical or dangerous to take the weapon to the principal's office, a student shall not be considered to possess a weapon if he or she immediately turns the weapon over to an administrator, teacher or head coach or immediately notifies an administrator, teacher or head coach of the weapon's location.

X. Possession and/or misuse of other devices or other potentially dangerous devices, including but limited to, laser pointers, drones, taser, mace, or pepper spray.

First Offense: Written warning and device confiscated for the day, and parent/guardian must come in to the school to pick up the device.

Second & Third Offense: 1 hour detention, device confiscated *and* parent/guardian must come in to the school to pick up the device.

Fourth & Fifth Offense: One day of ISS, parent/guardian must come in to the school to pick up the device.

Sixth and Subsequent Offenses: The electronic device will be kept for one (1) week and two (2) days of ISS, parent/guardian must come to the school to pick up the device.

XI. Terrorist Threat: A terrorist threat is defined as a threat, including but not limited to, verbal and physical threats made either directly or indirectly with the purpose to terrorize another or others. Charges may be filed with law enforcement.

A. Inappropriate Comment: General comment not directed at individual or group.

1. Mandatory counselor appointment (Anger Management)
2. Parent meeting with administrator, student, and juvenile officer
3. Detention/ISS
4. Locker search

B. Threatening statement directed at person or small group.

1. Parent meeting, juvenile officer
2. Mandatory counseling and follow-up
3. ISS/OSS/Expulsion
4. Possible charges

C. Pre-meditated [thought out] plan or comment of terroristic activity directed at individual or group.

1. Parent meeting and juvenile officer
2. Mandatory counseling and follow-up
3. ISS/OSS/Expulsion
4. Possible charges

XII. Electronic Devices:

CELL PHONES, iPod, gaming/music devices, laptop, iPad, etc. can be disruptive to the educational process and may not be used during the school day (8:30 am - 3:20 pm) with the exception of assigned lunch period and "passing time" between classes. These types of devices must be shut off and are suggested to be kept in the school locker during the periods that they are not to be used. Students caught using electronic devices during the school day (not counting assigned lunch and passing time) will have device confiscated by the classroom teacher till the end of the school day. If a student refuses or is argumentative, 1 day of ISS/OSS will automatically be assigned and the device will be confiscated. The school will **not** be responsible for lost or stolen items.

First Offense: Written warning and taken away for the day.

Second & Third Offense: 1 hour detention, device taken away for the day.

Fourth & Fifth Offense: One day of ISS, parent/guardian must come to the school to pick up the device.

Sixth and Subsequent Offenses: The electronic device will be kept for one (1) week **OR** two (2) days of ISS, parent/guardian must come to the school to pick up the device.

*** Recording events/taking pictures at school is not allowed without administrator approval and will result in disciplinary action. Posting video or pictures to computer sites that were taken at the school without proper approval is not allowed and will result in disciplinary action regardless of when the posting occurred.**

***Any device with camera capability and similar devices are not permitted to be used in the locker rooms or bathrooms of ISD 361 at any time. Use of such items in the locker room or bathroom will result in disciplinary action.**

***Sexting – the act of sending sexually explicit messages or photographs, primarily between mobile phones. Students**

involved in such activities will be referred to law enforcement and may face school sanctions if it is determined that any part of the event took place during school hours.

XII. Dress Code:

Students in the classrooms including the pool area are expected to keep themselves well-groomed, neat, and appropriately dressed at all times. FHS has a **NO HAT** rule which does not allow head covering including hats, scarves, and hoods during school hours, 8:00 am – 3:20 pm. Any form of dress which is considered contrary to good hygiene or which is distracting, disruptive, or which is not considered appropriate in appearance (halter tops, tube tops, short shorts, short skirts, two piece swim suits, chains, spikes, sun glasses, long trench coats, or clothing that is profane, supports toilet papering, or advertises guns, alcohol or tobacco products) and detrimental to the purpose or conduct of the school will not be permitted. Bandanas and headbands that look like bandanas may not be displayed in any manner. **You must cover the four (4) B's: back, bottom, bosom (cleavage), and belly.** Shoes and long pants are required in certain classes for health and safety reasons. Shorts, Skirts, and dresses should be mid-thigh. Students who violate may be sent home and charged with an absence.

First Offense: Written/verbal warning and student will correct violation for remainder of the day (ex: turn shirt inside out, change clothing, etc.).

Second Offense: 1 hour detention and student will correct violation for remainder of the day (ex: turn shirt inside out, change clothing, etc.).

Third and Subsequent offenses: Parent/guardian contacted, detention/ISS, and student will correct violation for remainder of the day (ex: turn shirt inside out, change clothing, etc.).

XIII. Intimacy:

Intimacy is a private matter. No kissing, hugging, or other forms of body contact will be allowed in school. Violations will be dealt with in the following manner:

First Offense:

- A. Referral to an administrator
- B. Verbal warning

Second Offense:

- A. Referral to an administrator
- B. Parent contact/conference
- C. Detention

Third and Subsequent Offenses: Detention/Suspension (ISS/OSS).

Keep intimacy a private matter and show respect for each other in public.

NOTICE: No written policy can adequately address each and every specific situation regarding pupil conduct. In general, a student may be subject to disciplinary action for willful violation of school rules; **willful conduct which materially and substantially disrupts the rights of other pupils or the property of the school.**

Disciplinary Actions

DEPENDING UPON THE SEVERITY OF THE INCIDENT, ADMINISTRATION MAY IMMEDIATELY INITIATE A HIGHER LEVEL OF DISCIPLINE.

LEVEL 1

A teacher may select, but is not limited to, one of the following punishments when a violation occurs:

- A. Detention before or after school. Work supervised by assigning teacher.
- B. Parent-teacher-student conference.
- C. Phone call to parents or note (referral) to the administrator.
- D. Removal from class. This step will require a conference before student is re-admitted.
- E. Parent requested to sit in class (s).
- F. ISS

Failure to comply, subjects the student to Level 2.

LEVEL 2

Meeting of the teacher, student, parent/guardian, administrator or any combination thereof to determine disciplinary action.

Failure to comply, subjects the student to Level 3.

LEVEL 3

- A. Involvement of additional authority, law enforcement, juvenile officer (court), superintendent.
- B. Up to ten (10) days of suspension may be assigned, or other disciplinary action deemed appropriate.
- C. For serious or repetitive offenses a teacher may omit Level 1 and refer the student to Level 2 or Level 3 after conferring with an administrator.

Failure to comply, subjects the student to Level 4.

LEVEL 4

The student will be subjected to the expulsion procedures of School District #361 in accord with MN Statutes.

Canine Detection Services

The International Falls School District has entered into an agreement with Interquest Detection Canines, Inc. to provide trained detection canines to conduct random, unannounced inspections of all campus locations within the district. This does include school and district events taking place off campus. These canines are trained to detect the presence of illicit drugs, alcohol, and gunpowder based items. Campus buildings, parking lots, and grounds will be randomly inspected for prohibited items. This includes the school safety zone extending beyond the school property line which is 300 feet or one block whichever is greater. If prohibited items are detected and found, the district will initiate the appropriate disciplinary action. These canines are non-aggressive retrieving breeds such as Golden and Labrador retrievers. They are trained to discriminate specific scents of contraband items and indicate the area where the scent is detected. Interquest provides service to over 1,200 public school districts across the nation.

With the recent publicity concerning the dramatic increase in teenage drug use and school violence, the International Falls School District is taking every reasonable precaution to insure a safe and healthy learning environment for all concerned.

Honor Policy

Any student guilty of any form of cheating, including plagiarism and assisting another student to cheat, will receive no credit for the work involved. **Such conduct will require the notification of an administrator and the student's parent/guardian.** Repeated violation may result in loss of credit for the class.

"What is plagiarism? Plagiarism is the act of taking someone else's ideas, thoughts, or writings and claiming them for one's own. This may occur either through ignorance, carelessness, or laziness. Most typically, the student will copy from a source (book, magazine, pamphlet, encyclopedia, or Internet) word for word and neglect to give any source credit for the materials. Whether this happens accidentally or deliberately, it is an illegal and unacceptable practice."

Open Study Hall

Open Study Hall is a privilege that allows juniors and seniors the option of leaving school or reporting to designated areas during their open hour. A student who has been approved for open study hall and receives ISS or OSS will lose their open study hall privilege for that semester. If a student exhibits poor or unsafe behavior (s) during open study hall or is failing a class (es), administration reserves the right to revoke the open study hall privilege until deemed appropriate to reinstitute. Applications may be picked up in the high school office the week of September 5th. Parents may stop in the FHS office to complete the form or a student may take the form with them and notarized return to the FHS office. The student must meet with Mr. Glowack to go over the form before Open study hall is granted.

Dropping Classes (Electives)

1. A student may not change classes they have registered for unless there are extenuating circumstances. In the event of extenuating circumstances a student shall have five (5) school days from the beginning of any course/semester to drop/add a class with no penalty. Students may drop/add after the five (5) day period only with the permission of the instructor or extenuating circumstances. Dropping without teacher approval after five (5) days will result in an "F". PSEO and Online learner withdrawal after five (5) days will result in an "F" on your high school transcript and coinciding mark on postsecondary transcript. The permission of the parent/guardian is needed before a student is allowed to drop a class. A form will be given to the student to take home for his/her parent's/guardian's signature.
2. It is the student's responsibility to contact the counselor concerning the dropping of a course, taking the form home to be signed by the parent/guardian, and returning the signed form to the counselor before the deadline date for each semester.
3. Concurrent Enrollment Students may transition into high school classes to maintain high school credit if the course work becomes too difficult
4. Parents/guardians are urged to contact the Principal's Office or the Counselor's Office if they have questions regarding the process for dropping classes or the athletic eligibility of their students by calling 283-2571.

Behavior Contract

A behavior contract is a **disciplinary** agreement between a student and a teacher. The agreement specifies the conditions that must be met to remain in class or participate in a school field trip. **Failure to follow the conditions will result in removal from the class and/or trip and the grade will be recorded as "NC", No Credit.** Students removed from class or a trip will be assigned to ISS and may be provided classroom assignments or work to strengthen their ability on the MCA tests and school academic goal.

Fire and Tornado Drills

Fire and tornado drills are held each year and monitored by local officials. It is the teachers' responsibility to instruct students in proper evacuation procedures. It is the students' responsibility to know the specific directions for leaving each of the rooms in which he/she has classes. An exit plan is posted in each room. False alarms shall not be given, signaled or transmitted or caused or permitted to be given, signaled or transmitted in any manner. Charges could be filed by the fire or police department. Students who do not follow fire and/or tornado drill procedures and rules will be subject to a meeting with administration and detention will be

assigned.

Lock Down Drills

Lockdown Drills are held each year to practice emergency procedures and are required by law. It is the teacher's responsibility to instruct students in proper procedures in their classroom. It is the students' responsibility to know what they need to do in each of their classes in the event of a lockdown. In the event a student is outside of their assigned class when a lockdown occurs, enter the closest room immediately. In the event you are in the bathroom or lobby area, go to the office immediately. Students who do not follow the lock down drill procedures and rules will be subject to a meeting with administration and detention will be assigned.

Lockers

School lockers are the property of School District #361. At no time does the school district relinquish its exclusive control of lockers provided for the convenience of students. Inspection of the interior of lockers may be conducted by school authorities for any reason at any time without notice, without student consent, and without a search warrant. The personal possessions of students within a school locker may be searched only when school authorities have a reasonable suspicion that the search will uncover evidence of a violation of law or school rules. As soon as practicable after the search of a student's personal possessions, the school authorities must provide notice of the search to students whose lockers were searched, unless disclosure would impede an ongoing investigation by police or school officials.

Students *must* remain in their assigned locker and *must report any malfunctions to the office immediately*. If the locker/lock is ruled unfixable, a new lock will be assigned. Jamming your lock is not allowed. For safety reasons, backpacks, purses and jackets are to be left in lockers. At no time is a student to share his/her combination with another student. Students are responsible for the contents of their lockers. Lockers will be emptied by custodians the day after school releases for the summer. Remaining items in lockers will be disposed of that day.

Searches

We are always concerned about providing a safe educational environment for our students. The site administrator or his/her designee has the authority to conduct a search. The scope of the search may include a student's person and areas over which he/she has control, including but not limited to cell phones, computer files, purses, backpacks, any locker assigned the student by the school, and the student's vehicle. The administrator must have reasonable suspicion to believe that under the circumstances, the student may have concealed evidence of misconduct in areas under his/her control. This includes measures taken to keep the school free of chemicals/drugs and/or weapons. Therefore, at times designated by the administration, searches will be conducted to determine the presence of any chemicals/drugs or related paraphernalia and/or weapons. These searches may be conducted on all school property and may utilize law enforcement resources including K-9's.

Out of Town Trips

All pertinent school rules are in effect during school sponsored out-of-town trips. On such events students are representing Falls High School and the community as a whole so they are expected to exhibit the "Bronco Power" PBIS initiative (Proud ~ Optimistic ~ Welcoming ~ Engaged ~ Respectful) and "PUT THEIR BEST FOOT FORWARD" at all times. Students who are participating in out-of-town events must be transported in a school vehicle.

If parents wish to have their **own** child ride home with them, parents/guardians must send a note to school in advance. Only the principal/designee(s) or activities director for MSHSL activities may grant permission.

Parking Regulations

Students are to park **ONLY** in the school lot east of the swimming pool, being careful to avoid parking too close to the swimming pool doors. **Blocking the emergency lane may result in vehicles being towed away at the owner's expense. Students are *NOT* to park in the lot to the south of the building or on 11th Street in front of the school.** Cars parked in the student lot must have parking stickers attached to a window. Parking stickers may be obtained in the office at no cost to the student. Failure to display parking stickers may result in detention, suspension, or towing of the vehicle at owner's expense. Students must park their vehicles appropriately aligned to make room for students and guests. Student vehicles parked inappropriately blocking in vehicles, making it difficult to enter/exit, causing safety concerns or taking up space will be subject to disciplinary action and/or law enforcement referral.

Snowmobiles, ATV's, Motorcycles are to be parked in the east parking lot of Bronco Arena; failure to do so may result in detention. Snowmobiles are not to be run on district facility grounds. Disciplinary action will be enforced for the safety and upkeep of district property.

The parking lot is school district property, therefore, student vehicles in the lot may be subject to search by administration if circumstances warrant.

Assemblies

Assemblies (Grades 6-12) for speakers, pep fests, and special events (PBIS, homecoming, winter sports week) will be conducted as long as student behavior is not disruptive. An indication of the cultural level of the school is the conduct of its student body at an assembly. Unacceptable behavior may result in the removal, disciplinary action and/or suspending of assemblies for the remainder of the school year.

Closed Noon Hour/Leaving School Grounds

FHS has a **closed** campus for all age levels, excluding FHS juniors and seniors who have authorized permission. Students are to **eat** their noon lunches **in the cafeteria**. Those who do not wish to purchase a school lunch that is served daily may bring lunches

from home to be **eaten in the cafeteria**. Students who leave the building without permission may be regarded as truant or skipping and will be disciplined. Habitual violators will be suspended. Parents requesting their child to eat lunch out of the building with them are required to check into the office when picking them up. Students are to remain in the cafeteria, lobby, front entrance, or library during lunch period. Roaming the halls or in the parking lot is not allowed and may result in disciplinary action.

Cafeteria

A meal account “pin” number will be issued to each student upon deposit of funds in a meal account or approval of the “Application for Educational Benefits” (free/reduced meal form). **Keep this number confidential; do not lend it out.** A positive balance must be maintained in the meal account; **NO CHARGING WILL BE ALLOWED.** Deposits will be accepted in the FHS office Monday – Friday during the school day or online in your child’s skyward account. Checks or credit cards will be accepted for meal payments, but may not be cashed. **NO BORROWING OR SHARING OF PIN NUMBERS WILL BE ALLOWED.** The person making the purchase must be the same as the person whose name the account is in. Anyone attempting to use an account number not their own will be subject to disciplinary measures. If you suspect your account privacy has been jeopardized, please contact the office to obtain a new number.

Food will be served in the cafeteria before 8:25 a.m. and at designated lunch hours only.

Behavior and appearance in the cafeteria are a reflection of the cultural level of our student body. Please abide by these guidelines:

- A. No pushing, shoving or getting ahead in line.
- B. Keep the condiment cart clean and dispose of wrappers.
- C. Students are responsible for keeping the area where they sit clean and for removing all lunch items from the table.
- D. Do not throw trays in the garbage. It costs the school district money to replace them which leads to increases in lunch prices.
- E. No throwing of food is allowed.
- F. Food is to be eaten in the cafeteria.
- G. Students must remain in the cafeteria, lobby, front entrance, or library during lunch.
- H. Students are allowed to purchase food and drinks from the cafeteria between classes. All wrappers and bottles must be disposed of properly. If wrappers, bottles, and other garbage are left in the hallways, students will not be allowed to purchase food items between classes.
- I. Ala carte purchases will be permitted for “free lunch” students upon deposit of funds in their meal account.
- J. Students are not allowed to order food to be delivered to the school for lunch.

****Violations of the above guidelines may result in cleaning duty, detention, and/or suspension.**

Emergency Contacts (listed in Skyward)

In the event the school is unable to contact the Parents/Guardians listed we will then try the Emergency contacts that you have provided the school with. When listing an Emergency Contact(s) for your child(ren) please be aware that, this is giving the school permission to contact them in case your child(ren) becomes ill or injured during school hours and may need to be picked up from school. The school will only release students to guardians or emergency contacts listed in skyward. Therefore it is very imperative you keep the school up to date with the emergency contact information. The emergency contact listed will also receive Emergency outreach calls. For example if the school closes due to inclement weather conditions an automatic phone message will go to all numbers listed in skyward including all guardian and emergency numbers listed.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher conferences are held periodically at designated times. Parents are encouraged to make additional appointments with teachers or other school personnel if they feel the need to do so. The school phone number is 283-2571.

Visitors

Anyone other than students or school employees who enter the building during the school day must report to the Main High School Office Door #1 for a Visitor’s Pass before going anywhere in the building. Violators may be subject to trespassing charges. Student visitors who wish to attend classes for a day must give two days’ notice and have written permission from teachers and administration. **No visitors will be allowed during the first two or last two weeks of school.** Exceptions may be made on an individual basis.

Hazing Prohibition

The purpose of this policy is to maintain a safe learning environment for students and staff that are free from hazing. "Hazing" means committing an act against a student, or coercing a student into committing an act, that creates a substantial risk of harm to a person, in order for the student to be initiated into or affiliated with a student organization, or for any other purpose.

"Student organization" means a group, club, or organization having students as its primary members or participants. It includes grade levels, classes, teams, activities, or particular school events. A student organization does not have to be an official school organization to come within the terms of this definition.

FHS Announcement

Daily announcements will be electronically available on the school webpage and one will be posted in the office. The bulletin contains information pertinent to students and staff. Notices intended for the bulletin should be written, approved by Principal Everson, and given to Vicki Heiss the day before the announcement.

Hall Passes

Once classes start, students may not be in the halls unless they have a pass. Students can be expected to be asked for passes by Teachers, Principals, and Dean of Students. Misuse of a pass will result in the loss of the pass privilege, possible room restriction, or detention.

2017-2018 Class Schedule

(The warning bell at 8:25 a.m. is a signal for students to go to their first hour class)

Class Schedule (Mon./Tues./Thurs./Fri.)

PERIOD	START TIME	END TIME	MINUTES
1	8:30	9:20	50
2	9:25	10:15	50
3	10:20	11:10	50
4	11:15	12:05	50
5	12:10	1:29	
1st Lunch	12:10	12:39	29
2nd Lunch	12:35	1:04	29
3rd Lunch	1:00	1:29	29
6	1:35	2:25	50
7	2:30	3:20	50

Class Schedule (Wednesday only)

PERIOD	START TIME	END TIME	MINUTES
1	8:30	9:14	44
2	9:19	10:03	44
3	10:08	10:52	44
4	10:57	11:41	44
5	11:46	1:00	
1st Lunch	11:46	12:15	29
2nd Lunch	12:08	12:37	29
3rd Lunch	12:31	1:00	29
6	1:05	1:50	45
7	1:55	2:40	45

Dances

All dances will be held at the high school with the exception of Harvest Ball, Snowball, and Prom. Dances are limited to grades 7-9 or 9-12 current Falls High School students. Exception: out of town students in grades 11-12 may apply in advance to attend dances.

Student Council

Falls High Student Council is composed of students elected from the student body. Council members represent their class and their school, and are encouraged to work toward open communication between teachers, administration, and the community. Student Council is involved in school projects, activities, community service, and school issues. Elections are held in the spring of each year.

2017-2018 STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS

Advisor: RACHEL AMDAHL

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER:

President: TORI HELL

Vice President: TENNEYSON AMDAHL

Secretary: GRACE GILBERT

Treasurer: CHRISTIAN NELSON

Historian: GRACE BRAGG

Public Relations: ANNA LEVENE

~2017-18 Falls High Student Council Members~

7TH GRADE	8TH GRADE	9TH GRADE Freshmen	10TH GRADE Sophomores	11TH GRADE Juniors	12TH GRADE Seniors
BAILEY HERBERG	GRACIE BOWLES	ELLA BAHR	TENNEYSON AMDAHL	ROSE ARNOLD	ANNA LEVENE
ELEN WINDELS	ADRIAN MANNAUSAU	ANNA WINDELS	GRACIE BAHR	GRACE BRAGG	GINA AURAN
EMMA SAXTON	MEGAN MCBRIDE	BRYANT KOENIG	CHRISTIAN NELSON	GRACE GILBERT	MEGAN NEMEC
HARPER AMDAHL	KADEN VOHLER	OLIVIA MCBRIDE	WESTON PIEKARSKI	MORGAN HEDLUND	JENA SULLIVAN
ISABELLE HEMSTAD	NATHAN JOHNSON	CHLOE SULLIVAN	SHAWN CHRISTOPHERSON	LIBBY MIGGINS	ERIC EARLEY
SHAY MANNAUSAU	ALLISON HUTCHINSON	GWENYTH SHINNERS	ANNA COWMAN	WHITNEY GOVIN	TORI HELL
					ARIANA VACURA

Student on the School Board

School District #361 offers a unique opportunity for a Falls High student to be represented on the School Board. One student from grades 10-12 will be chosen by the Student Council to represent the student body on the School Board. The position is for one year and is non-voting.

Fund Raising Activities

No fund raising activities will be allowed on school property without permission of the school principal or designee. A general guideline is that fund raising must be done by an organized school group and pertain to school sponsored activities. Fundraising events must be submitted to the Principal's office for prior approval.

Background Check/Criminal History

In accord with Minnesota Law 123B.03 BACKGROUND CHECK, all district employees and volunteers specifically assigned to duties of direct student supervision will have a criminal history background check on file with ISD #361.

Technology Use

The intent of our acceptable use policy is to establish and administer guidelines for the use of ISD #361 technology resources by staff, students, and any other users. Technology resources include all voice, video, and data systems such as telephones, televisions, computers, networks, and supplies. The use of technology and the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate or unauthorized use will result in disciplinary action, including the termination of those privileges. The complete version of our acceptable use policy can be found with the ISD #361 Attendance Policies or on the Internet at www.isd361.k12.mn.us via the District Wide button.

ISD#361 has completed installation of a wireless network at Falls High School. Some ISD 361 computer devices use the wireless network while other devices are using our wired network. All ISD #361 devices are filtered. This means all activity is audited and can be monitored. **If you connect your personal device to the ISD #361 guest network, keep in mind that it, too, will run through the filter and all activity is audited and can be monitored.**

Distribution of Literature/Posters

There will be no distribution of non-school printed materials on school property without permission of the school principal or his/her designee. All posters must be cleared by an administrator. Posters are to be displayed only in the stairwells and lobby areas. The complete version of this policy 505 Distribution of Non-school sponsored materials on school premises by students and employees is posted on the website.

Books and Fines

Students who lose or damage textbooks or other school property must compensate the school for the loss or damage. Willful acts of vandalism to school property will result in charges being filed with law enforcement officials. Conflicts regarding fines and fees will be settled in conciliation court. Non-payment of a fine or fee will result in referral to Collection Agency. The school will charge an appropriate replacement fee for textbooks, workbooks, or library books lost or destroyed by students.

Fees

Fees are charged in certain classes to cover costs that are above and beyond the allowed costs of materials for student projects. Classroom projects will not be allowed to leave the classroom until all fees have been paid. A fee is charged for each extra-curricular activity a student participates in. A maximum out-of-pocket expense for each family is intended to reduce the financial burden on any one family. Students should not be discouraged from participating in school activities because of cost, as the school district can help students and parents/guardians find alternate sources to help pay fees. Contact the Activities Director at 283-2571 ext.110 for information on activity fees.

Physical Education Class

A student may, when it is necessary, be excused from Physical Education classes. A student shall not be excused from physical education unless he/she presents a written excuse from one of the following:

Doctor.....this excuse must include the length of time for non-participation.

Nurse.....the school nurse evaluate the student's illness or injury

Parent.....this is valid for one class meeting in a case where the student cannot immediately obtain a doctor's excuse or where the student had just returned to school after a sustained illness. If a student is excused from participation in physical education he/she shall remain in the physical education area if the excuse is for two weeks or less. He/she may be programmed into a study hall if the excuse is longer.

Media Center

The Falls High School Media Center is located in Room #218 (2nd floor) and is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on school days.

During the school day, students must have a signed pass by his/her teacher. During lunch, students must sign in as they enter the LMC, **leaving the library via the emergency exit during a non-emergency will result in detention/suspension.** Students not using the library for the purpose of studying, reading, or using the computers will be asked to leave the library.

The purpose of the Media Center is to support the school's curriculum and educational programs, and to provide educational and recreational reading opportunities.

PRINT MATERIALS include magazines, books and newspapers.

12 NETWORKED COMPUTERS with internet access allow easy access to a variety of networked resources and databases.

BOOKS may be checked out for 21 days. REFERENCE MATERIALS can be checked out for 3 days while, MAGAZINES AND NEWSPAPERS are to be used in the library only.

While in the Library/Media Center, students should be quiet, respectful of others, and constructively occupied.

Medication

Medication is given to students at school, or they are allowed to self-administer it per policy, only when their health or learning would be jeopardized without it. Written consent from parents and a health care provider are always required for staff to give medication to students at school. Parents need to contact the school nurse before any medication can be given at school. It must be checked out by the nurse first. All medication must be supplied in a properly labeled bottle. Please contact the nurse (283-2571 ext. 131) if you feel your student requires medicine at school or stop in the school.

School personnel are not allowed to dispense over-the-counter medication to students. The school nurse will assist students who must take prescribed medication regularly during school hours. A consent form signed by a health care provider and parent is needed.

Health Service

The school nurse is available on certain days each week and upon request. Services available include health counseling, vision screening, and medication arrangements.

Homebound Instruction

Upon the recommendation of a doctor and with the approval of the principal or designee(s), home and hospital instruction is provided for students who are ill or seriously injured, causing them to miss school for an extended time. Homebound is arranged through the Principal's office (283-2571).

THE MINNESOTA GRADUATION RULE and how it affects YOU

The 2003 Minnesota State Legislature repealed the Profile of Learning. Students may request to graduate under the Profile option by contacting the Guidance Office. Twenty-three (23) standards will have to be completed.

Under the new Graduation Rule, each student will have to:

1. Pass the graduation component of the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment III in MATH with a score of 600 or above. (This test is first administered in **Grade 11**).
2. Pass the graduation component of the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment III in READING with a score of 600 or above. (This test is first administered in **Grade 10**).
3. Take the ACT Plus Writing. (ACT is administered in **Grade 11**).

*In the event that state graduation requirements change, ISD 361 will follow the most current requirements and students/parents will be notified of any changes at that time.

Graduation Requirement 24 Credits

Students begin earning credits in ninth grade. Included in these credits must be four (4) English, four (4) social studies, three (3) sciences, and three (3) math. In addition, one (1) Music/Art, and one (1) Technology/FACS credits are required. Health/PE is required in ninth grade and a .5 PE credit is required in grades 10-12. An additional one credit is needed to meet academic rigor and graduation requirements. A course description and registration booklet is given to students. Students must have earned the required number of credits to receive a diploma and participate in the graduation ceremony. Extenuating circumstances may be appealed to the Principal.

Honor Roll

Graduating with honors requires a cumulative GPA of 3.95 or higher through their senior year.
There are three honor rolls established by the principal's office.

Principal's List	4.000 GPA
"A" Honor Roll	3.700 - 3.999
"B" Honor Roll	3.000 - 3.699

An honor roll is issued following each marking period.

Quarter 1
Semester 1
Quarter 3
Semester 2

Grading System

7th through 12th grade students are assigned letter grades each quarter. A quarter and cumulative GPA is listed on each report card as follows:

A = 4.0	B = 3.0	C = 2.0	D = 1.0
A- = 3.7	B- = 2.7	C- = 1.7	D- = 0.6
B+ = 3.3	C+ = 2.3	D+ = 1.3	F = 0

Bonus GPA Grading System

Students completing a weighted course with a grade of C or higher will earn the following GPA points for that course:

A = 4.5	B = 3.5	C = 2.5	D = 1.0
B- = 4.2	B- = 3.2	C- = 1.7	D- = 0.6

Weighted Grades

Weighted grades are set forth for grades 9 through 12. The school district policy encourages students to enroll in the district’s most challenging academic courses to maximize rigor and student potential. A weighted grade course is defined by the district as a Falls High School course designated by the School Board as having grades weighted. To qualify for additional weighted points a student must complete the board approved applied course with a semester grade of “C” or higher. For additional information on the ISD 361’s weighted grading policy, see School Board Policy 613.5, Series 600.

Academic Excellence Award

All 9th – 10th graders with a cumulative GPA of 3.7 or higher, 11th graders with a cumulative GPA of 3.85 or higher, or a 12th grader with a cumulative GPA of 3.95 or higher may apply. Information with sample criteria and an application are mailed to eligible students in the spring. Those students meeting the guidelines of 300 points or higher are recognized during the spring pep fest with an “Award of Excellence” certificate, which enables them to purchase a Greek award to be applied to a letterman’s jacket. The “Academic Excellence” designation is also added to their transcript for each year they qualify.

Activities

In addition to the regular curriculum, School District #361 attempts to provide students with opportunities for a well-rounded educational experience. Eligibility papers must be signed before you are allowed to practice your given sport. All fees must be paid before the first official game.

I. Athletics

Boys' Sports:	<u>Fall</u>	<u>Winter</u>	<u>Spring</u>
	Football	Basketball	Track
	Cross-Country	Hockey	Baseball
	Trap	Swimming	Golf
		Wrestling	Trap

Girls' Sports:	<u>Fall</u>	<u>Winter</u>	<u>Spring</u>
	Volleyball	Basketball	Track
	Cross-Country	Hockey	Softball
	Swimming	Wrestling	Golf
	Trap		Trap

II. Cheerleading

There is a cheerleading squad for each of the following sports: football, boys’ basketball, and hockey. Try-outs are held in the spring. Falls High eligibility and MSHL rules apply.

III. Prom-Junior & Senior

The planning of the prom and post prom is done by the Prom Committee (students in junior and senior class) and its advisor(s). All aspects including but not limited to: planning, fundraising, decorating, selling of tickets, and collecting of the Grand March admittance fee are the responsibilities of the Prom committee, the advisor(s), and volunteers.

Prom attendees must be an active FHS junior or senior student **by credit** at the end of the first semester and in good standing at the time of the event. Out of town students may apply in advance to attend prom with a FHS student. Guests attending cannot be exceed the age of 19 as of the prom date. Guests must be in good academic and community standing at the time of the event.

IV. Music

Falls High School has a very fine music department, providing students who have an interest in music opportunities to develop their talents. Music activities include band, chorus, swing choir, and pop choir. Performing at games, concerts, competitions, and special events are part of participating in a music group. Elective credit is also earned, and students may qualify for the school letter.

V. Speech

As a member of the speech team, students have the opportunity to build self-confidence in a full schedule of interscholastic competition sponsored by the MSHS League.

VI. Annual Staff

This group works closely with an advisor in planning and producing the annual. The staff consists of an editor-in-chief, class editors, layout people, computer operators, and photographers. The annual is a student production which reflects the interests and activities of student life. The annual is produced in the graphic production class, a one credit elective. Mr. Anderson is the advisor.

VII. Minnesota Honor Society

The Minnesota Honor Society is an organization formed to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop character in the students of secondary schools. Selection for membership is by a

Faculty Council and is based on outstanding scholarship, character, leadership, and service.

Minnesota State High School League

Falls High School is a member of the Minnesota State High School League, an association of secondary schools formed to govern interscholastic contests in athletics, debate, speech, drama, and music. All players and contestants are subject to the rules and regulations of the League. FHS is a member of Region 7 and various other conferences which brings our school into competition with many area schools. Students and players are reminded that at all contests and festivals promote sportsmanship and school pride and are the basis for good competition and behavior.

School Colors

Purple and Gold

School Mascot

Bronco

School Song

Come On Falls High, Come on Falls High,
Fight, Fight, Fight, Fight, Fight!
Score those points and keep a goin'
Show them who's got might, Rah, Rah, Rah!
Keep a footin', Keep a rootin'
Plow through their whole team!
And when you're in that goal sight,
Fight, Fight, Fight!

Yeah team, fight team fight
Yeah team, fight team fight
Team, Team, Team!
(Repeat first part)

Sportsmanship

Come on let's raise our voices loud and strong.
Let's give a cheer to boost our team along.
We'll teach our boys to fight with all their might;
We'll win a victory in sportsmanship tonight.
And be it win or lose, we'll never fuss,
We'll make our Alma Mater proud of us.
With a loud and lusty hip hooray, our friendly foes we'll play.
(Repeat entire verse)

Religious, Racial and Sexual Harassment

Everyone at District 361 has a right to feel respected and safe. Consequently, we want you to know about our policy to prevent religious, racial or sexual harassment and violence of any kind.

1. A harasser may be a student or an adult. Harassment may include the following when related to religion, race, sex or gender:
 - A. name calling, jokes or rumors
 - B. pulling on clothing
 - C. graffiti
 - D. notes or cartoons
 - E. unwelcome touching of a person or clothing
 - F. offensive or graphic posters or book covers
 - G. any words or actions that make you feel uncomfortable, embarrass you, hurt your feelings or make you feel bad.
 - H. digital harassment in any of the above forms
2. If any words or actions make you feel uncomfortable or fearful, you need to tell a teacher, counselor, the principal or the Human Rights Officer.
3. You may also make a written report. It should be given to a teacher, counselor, the principal or the Human Rights Officer.
4. Your right to privacy will be respected as much as possible.
5. We take seriously all reports of religious, racial or sexual harassment or violence and will take all appropriate actions based on your report.
6. The School District will also take action if anyone tries to intimidate you or take action to harm you because you have reported an incident.
7. This is a summary of the School District policy against religious, racial and sexual harassment and violence. Complete policies are available in the Superintendent's office upon request or online on the district website.

RELIGIOUS, RACIAL AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND VIOLENCE ARE AGAINST THE LAW. DISCRIMINATION IS AGAINST THE LAW.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #361

International Falls Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, nation-al origin, sex, sexual orientation, religion, and disability, receipt of public assistance, marital status or age.

Section 504 Officer (Gr. K-5)

Melissa Tate, Elementary Principal
1414 11th Avenue, International Falls, MN 56649
218-283-2571 ext. 232
Alternate: Marc Glowack, Dean of Students Gr. 6-12

Section 504 Officer (Gr. 6-12)

Marc Glowack, Dean of Students 6-12
1515 11th Street, International Falls, MN 56649
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Alternate: Melissa Tate, Elementary Principal

Title IX Officer (District-wide)

Kevin Grover Superintendent of Schools
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Title IX Officer (Alternate)

Tim Everson, FHS Principal
1515 11th Street, International Falls, MN 56649
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Human Rights Officer

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Human Rights Officer (Alternate)

Missy Tate, FES Principal
1414 11th Avenue, International Falls, MN 56649
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Directory Information

Directory information means information contained in an education record of a student which would not generally be considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if disclosed. It includes, but is not limited to: the student's name, address, telephone listing, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received and the most recent previous educational agency or institution attended. Directory information does not include personally identifiable data which references religion, race, color, social position or nationality. The school district may disclose directory information from the education records of a student without prior written consent of the parent of the student or eligible student, except as provided herein. Prior to such disclosure the school district shall:

Annually give public notice by any means that are reasonably likely to inform the parents and eligible students of:

1. the types of personally identifiable information that the school district has designated as directory information;
2. the parent's or eligible student's right to refuse to let the school district designate any or all of those types of information about the student as directory information.

Bus Policy

District 361 Transportation Department

Bus Garage: 283-2050

In the interest of the safety and comfort of bus students, ISD #361 has a student management and bus suspension policy that is fair to all students. The bus driver has the authority to assign seats on the bus as he/she feels is necessary. When a student breaks a ridership rule the transportation coordinator will enter the infraction on the student management system. It will then be determined if the infraction deserves a warning, (minor offense) or if needs more of a discipline action, a (major offense) will be given to the student. The transportation coordinator may consult the transportation director and building principal on the severity of the infraction, but the transportation director, building principal and the transportation coordinator will have final say on the allocation of disciplinary actions.

The student management system uses minor and major offenses for recording behavior. Some examples of Minor offenses are: Minor Defiance and Minor Disruption. Some examples of Major offenses are: Defiance, Fighting, Lying/Cheating, and Vandalism.

When a student reaches four minor offenses the four minor offenses change to one major which equals one detention.

(This schedule and discipline policy may be adjusted to accommodate students with disabilities.)

First Offense:

- A. Transportation Director and Coordinator resolve.
- B. Detention or ISS (to be determined by Director and Coordinator)
- C. Suspension (ISS/OSS)

Second Offense:

- A. Detention or Suspension (ISS/OSS)
- B. Hearing involving transportation director and coordinator and an building administrator, juvenile officer, students, parents/guardian, student or any combination thereof.

- C. Loss of bus riding privileges', time decided by transportation director and coordinator.

Third Offense:

- A. Suspension (ISS/OSS)
- B. Petition filed by juvenile officer against perpetrator(s).
- C. Loss of bus privileges', time to be decided by transportation director and coordinator.

For flagrant violations or incidents that endanger other students, an immediate suspension will occur. The suspension is from all school buses. The suspension is for bus riding only. Attendance at school is still required.

The 1994 legislature established that riding a school bus is a privilege, not a right. Bus riding privileges may be revoked for failing to demonstrate knowledge of school bus safety principles.

Student safety at the bus stops and on the bus is our number one concern. Students that make the bus ride unsafe will be dealt with immediately and disciplined accordingly.

Weather Policy Closing Schools Due to Inclement Weather

Closing schools due to bad weather is a difficult decision under the best of circumstances. There are school districts which use hard and fast criteria such as temperature and wind chill, and other school districts will use a combination of factors. In most school districts, the governing policy is to direct the superintendent to execute a decision based upon the best interest of the students and their families.

ISD 361 administration employs a three-part system to determine school closings due to weather: (1) road surface conditions, (2) visibility, and (3) actual air temperature. Common sense dictates that if the roads are iced over and with little opportunity to gravel and salt on the bus routes, school closes regardless of temperature and visibility. By the same token, if the roads are clear and dry, but visibility is under a quarter of mile in a sustained manner, we would close school regardless of temperature.

Closing schools based solely on temperature is the most difficult criterion to use. Factors such as length of bus routes, availability of spare buses on an immediate basis, and temperatures moderating through the day are all part of the decision to close school. It is also important to determine where and when temperatures would be taken. ISD 361 utilizes the automatic weather service at Falls International Airport. This system gives constant updates on visibility, wind, and temperature. Our history in ISD 361 is not to establish by school district policy a predetermined temperature for school closing. Administratively the "close school" decision would be triggered by a -40 F ambient temperature if there were little chance of moderation during the day. This decision would be made by 5:30 A.M.

Parent cooperation is essential for any inclement weather condition. Children need to be dressed for the conditions. It is not uncommon to see students come to school with short skirts, bare legs, sweat shirts or light jackets, no hats, no gloves, or boots. Some districts have very stringent policies covering student winter dress before the student is allowed on a district school bus. ISD 361 has not considered this policy due primarily to difficulty of enforcement.

No school closing decision will be universally accepted. Issues of family schedules, day care, and a host of other problems are always created when a school closes with little notice to parents. Issues of student safety are paramount and this essentially lies in the parent's decision making. A parent always reserves the right to keep their child home and this would be treated as an excused absence. Excessive absences will be handled with the school attendance policy.

Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCA) Refusal to Participate

Parents have the right to refuse to have their student participate in the state-required standardized assessments. Parents need to complete and return the attached form to the school no later than January 15th if they wish to opt their student out of testing in the spring.

We encourage parents to allow their students to participate in the MCA testing in the spring at our school. This is a way that we can measure how well the academic standards have been aligned to our curriculum and daily instruction. Having our students participate in the assessments and then analyzing the results is an effective way to measure how well we are doing as a school and helps us to make necessary changes to help improve our instruction.

More information regarding MCA testing can be found at the following website: <http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/fam/tests/index.htm>

Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.31, subdivision 4a requires the commissioner to create and publish a form for parents and guardians to complete if they refuse to have their student participate in state-required standardized assessments. Your student's district may require additional information.



Parent/Guardian Refusal for Student Participation in Statewide Assessments

To opt out of statewide assessments, this form must be completed by the parent/guardian and returned to the student's school.

To best support school district planning, please submit this form to the student's school no later than January 15 of the academic school year. For students who enroll after a statewide testing window begins, please submit the form within two weeks of enrollment. Parents/guardians are required to submit a refusal form **each year** they wish to opt the student out of statewide assessments.

Date _____ (This form is **only** applicable for the 20__ to 20__ school year.)

Student's Legal First Name _____ Student's Legal Middle Initial _____

Student's Legal Last Name _____ Student's Date of Birth _____

Student's District/School _____ Grade _____

Please initial to indicate you have received information about statewide testing.

_____ I received information on statewide assessments and choose to opt my student out. MDE provides a *Parent/Guardian Guide to Statewide Testing* on the [MDE website](#) (Students and Families > Statewide Testing).

Reason for refusal:

Please indicate the statewide assessment(s) you are opting the student out of this school year:

_____ MCA/MTAS Reading

_____ MCA/MTAS Science

_____ MCA/MTAS Mathematics

_____ ACCESS or Alternate ACCESS for ELLs

I understand that by signing this form I may lose valuable information about how well my student is progressing academically. In addition, opting out may impact the school, district, and state's efforts to equitably distribute resources and support student learning.

Parent/Guardian Name (print) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

To be completed by school or district staff

Student ID or MARSS Number _____

BOARD POLICY 413

SERIES: 400

SUBJECT: HARASSMENT AND VIOLENCE

ADOPTED: By reference

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I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to maintain a learning and working environment that is free from harassment and violence on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, familial status, status with regard to public assistance, sexual orientation, or disability.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

- a. The policy of the school district is to maintain a learning and working environment that is free from harassment and violence on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, familial status, status with regard to public assistance, sexual orientation, or disability. The school district prohibits any form of harassment or violence on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, familial status, status with regard to public assistance, sexual orientation, or disability.
- b. A violation of this policy occurs when any pupil, teacher, administrator, or other school personnel of the school district harasses a pupil, teacher, administrator, or other school personnel or group of pupils, teachers, administrators, or other school personnel through conduct or communication based on a person's race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, familial status, status with regard to public assistance, sexual orientation, or disability, as defined by this policy. (For purposes of this policy, a school personnel includes school board members, school employees, agents, volunteers, contractors, or persons subject to the supervision and control of the district.)
- c. A violation of this policy occurs when any pupil, teacher, administrator, or other school personnel of the school district inflicts, threatens to inflict, or attempts to inflict violence upon any pupil, teacher, administrator, or other school personnel or group of pupils, teachers, administrators, or other school personnel based on a person's race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, familial status, status with regard to public assistance, sexual orientation, or disability.
- d. The school district will act to investigate all complaints, either formal or informal, verbal or written, of harassment or violence based on a person's race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, familial status, status with regard to public assistance, sexual orientation, or disability, and to discipline or take appropriate action against any pupil, teacher, administrator, or other school personnel who is found to have violated this policy.

III. DEFINITIONS

- a. "Assault" is:
 - 1. an act done with intent to cause fear in another of immediate bodily harm or death;
 - 2. the intentional infliction of or attempt to inflict bodily harm upon another; or
 - 3. the threat to do bodily harm to another with present ability to carry out the threat.

b. "Harassment" prohibited by this policy consists of physical or verbal conduct, including, but not limited to, electronic communications, relating to an individual's or group of individuals' race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, familial status, status with regard to public assistance, sexual orientation, or disability when the conduct:

1. has the purpose or effect of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working or academic environment;
2. has the purpose or effect of substantially or unreasonably interfering with an individual's work or academic performance; or
3. otherwise adversely affects an individual's employment or academic opportunities.

c. "Immediately" means as soon as possible but in no event longer than 24 hours.

d. Protected Classifications; Definitions

1. "Age" means the person is over the age of 25 years.
2. "Disability" means any condition or characteristic that renders a person a disabled person. A disabled person is any person who:
 - a. has a physical, sensory, or mental impairment which materially limits one or more major life activities;
 - b. has a record of such an impairment; or
 - c. is regarded as having such an impairment.
3. "Familial status" means the condition of one or more minors being domiciled with:
 - a. their parent or parents or the minor's legal guardian; or
 - b. the designee of the parent or parents or guardian with the written permission of the parent or parents or guardian. The protections afforded against harassment on the basis of family status apply to any person who is pregnant or is in the process of securing legal custody of an individual who has not attained the age of majority.
4. "Marital status" means whether a person is single, married, remarried, divorced, separated, or a surviving spouse and, in employment cases, includes protection against harassment on the basis of the identity, situation, actions, or beliefs of a spouse or former spouse.
5. "National origin" means the place of birth of an individual or of any of the individual's lineal ancestors.
6. "Sex" includes, but is not limited to, pregnancy, childbirth, and disabilities related to pregnancy or childbirth.
7. "Sexual orientation" means having or being perceived as having an emotional, physical, or sexual attachment to another person without regard to the sex of that person or having or being perceived as having an orientation for such attachment, or having or being perceived as having a self-image or identity not traditionally associated with one's biological maleness or femaleness. "Sexual orientation" does not include a physical or sexual attachment to children by an adult.
8. "Status with regard to public assistance" means the condition of being a recipient of federal, state, or local assistance, including medical assistance, or of being a tenant receiving federal, state, or local subsidies, including rental assistance or rent supplements.

e. Sexual Harassment; Definition

1. Sexual harassment consists of unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, sexually motivated physical conduct or other verbal or physical conduct or communication of a sexual nature when:
 - a. submission to that conduct or communication is made a term or condition, either explicitly or implicitly, of obtaining employment or an education; or

- b. submission to or rejection of that conduct or communication by an individual is used as a factor in decisions affecting that individual's employment or education; or
- c. that conduct or communication has the purpose or effect of substantially or unreasonably interfering with an individual's employment or education, or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive employment or educational environment.

2. Sexual harassment may include, but is not limited to:

- a. unwelcome verbal harassment or abuse;
- b. unwelcome pressure for sexual activity;
- c. unwelcome, sexually motivated, or inappropriate patting, pinching, or physical contact, other than necessary restraint of pupil(s) by teachers, administrators, or other school personnel to avoid physical harm to persons or property;
- d. unwelcome sexual behavior or words, including demands for sexual favors, accompanied by implied or overt threats concerning an individual's employment or educational status;
- e. unwelcome sexual behavior or words, including demands for sexual favors, accompanied by implied or overt promises of preferential treatment with regard to an individual's employment or educational status; or
- f. unwelcome behavior or words directed at an individual because of gender.

F. Sexual Violence; Definition

1. Sexual violence is a physical act of aggression or force or the threat thereof which involves the touching of another's intimate parts, or forcing a person to touch any person's intimate parts. Intimate parts, as defined in Minn. Stat. § 609.341, includes the primary genital area, groin, inner thigh, buttocks, or breast, as well as the clothing covering these areas.

2. Sexual violence may include, but is not limited to:

- a. touching, patting, grabbing, or pinching another person's intimate parts, whether that person is of the same sex or the opposite sex;
- b. coercing, forcing, or attempting to coerce or force the touching of anyone's intimate parts;
- c. coercing, forcing, or attempting to coerce or force sexual intercourse or a sexual act on another; or
- d. threatening to force or coerce sexual acts, including the touching of intimate parts or intercourse, on another.

G. Violence; Definition

Violence prohibited by this policy is a physical act of aggression or assault upon another or group of individuals because of, or in a manner reasonably related to, race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, and familial status, status with regard to public assistance, sexual orientation, or disability.

IV. REPORTING PROCEDURES

A. Any person who believes he or she has been the victim of harassment or violence on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, familial status, status with regard to public assistance, sexual orientation, or disability by a pupil, teacher, administrator, or other school personnel of the school district, or any person with knowledge or belief of conduct which may constitute harassment or violence prohibited by this policy toward a pupil, teacher, administrator, or other school personnel or group of pupils, teachers, administrators, or other school personnel should report

the alleged acts immediately to an appropriate school district official designated by this policy. The school district encourages the reporting party or complainant to use the report form available from the principal of each building or available from the school district office, but oral reports shall be considered complaints as well. Nothing in this policy shall prevent any person from reporting harassment or violence directly to a school district human rights officer or to the superintendent.

- B. In Each School Building. The building principal, the principal's designee, or the building supervisor (hereinafter building report taker) is the person responsible for receiving oral or written reports of harassment or violence prohibited by this policy at the building level. Any adult school district personnel who receives a report of harassment or violence prohibited by this policy shall inform the building report taker immediately. If the complaint involves the building report taker, the complaint shall be made or filed directly with the superintendent or the school district human rights officer by the reporting party or complainant. School district personnel who fail to inform the building report taker of a report of harassment or violence in a timely manner may be subject to disciplinary action.
- C. Upon receipt of a report, the building report taker must notify the school district human rights officer immediately, without screening or investigating the report. The building report taker may request, but may not insist upon, a written complaint. A written statement of the facts alleged will be forwarded as soon as practicable by the building report taker to the human rights officer. If the report was given verbally, the building report taker shall personally reduce it to written form within 24 hours and forward it to the human rights officer. Failure to forward any harassment or violence report or complaint as provided herein may result in disciplinary action against the building report taker.
- D. The school district shall conspicuously post the name of the human rights officer(s), including mailing addresses and telephone numbers.
- E. Submission of a good faith complaint or report of harassment or violence prohibited by this policy will not affect the complainant or reporter's future employment, grades, or work assignments.
- F. Use of formal reporting forms is not mandatory.
- G. Reports of harassment or violence prohibited by this policy are classified as private educational and/or personnel data and/or confidential investigative data and will not be disclosed except as permitted by law. The school district will respect the privacy of the complainant(s), the individual(s) against whom the complaint is filed, and the witnesses as much as possible, consistent with the school district's legal obligations to investigate, to take appropriate action, and to comply with any discovery or disclosure obligations.

V. INVESTIGATION

- A. By authority of the school district, the human rights officer, upon receipt of a report or complaint alleging harassment or violence prohibited by this policy, shall immediately undertake or authorize an investigation. The investigation may be conducted by school district officials or by a third party designated by the school district.
- B. The investigation may consist of personal interviews with the complainant, the individual(s) against whom the complaint is filed, and others who may have knowledge of the alleged incident(s) or circumstances giving rise to the complaint. The investigation may also consist of any other methods and documents deemed pertinent by the investigator.
- C. In determining whether alleged conduct constitutes a violation of this policy, the school district should consider the surrounding circumstances, the nature of the behavior, past incidents or past or continuing patterns of behavior, the relationships between the parties involved, and the context in which the alleged incidents occurred. Whether a particular action or incident constitutes a violation of this policy requires a determination based on all the facts and surrounding circumstances.
- D. In addition, the school district may take immediate steps, at its discretion, to protect the complainant, pupils, teachers, administrators, or other school personnel pending completion of an investigation of alleged harassment or violence prohibited by this policy.

- E. The investigation will be completed as soon as practicable. The school district human rights officer shall make a written report to the superintendent upon completion of the investigation. If the complaint involves the superintendent, the report may be filed directly with the school board. The report shall include a determination of whether the allegations have been substantiated as factual and whether they appear to be violations of this policy.

VI. SCHOOL DISTRICT ACTION

- A. Upon completion of the investigation, the school district will take appropriate action. Such action may include, but is not limited to, warning, suspension, exclusion, expulsion, transfer, remediation, termination, or discharge. School district action taken for violation of this policy will be consistent with requirements of applicable collective bargaining agreements, Minnesota and federal law, and school district policies.
- B. The result of the school district's investigation of each complaint filed under these procedures will be reported in writing to the complainant by the school district in accordance with state and federal law regarding data or records privacy.

VII. REPRISAL

The school district will discipline or take appropriate action against any pupil, teacher, administrator, or other school personnel who retaliates against any person who makes a good faith report of alleged harassment or violence prohibited by this policy or any person who testifies, assists, or participates in an investigation, or who testifies, assists, or participates in a proceeding or hearing relating to such harassment or violence. Retaliation includes, but is not limited to, any form of intimidation, reprisal, harassment, or intentional disparate treatment.

VIII. RIGHT TO ALTERNATIVE COMPLAINT PROCEDURES

These procedures do not deny the right of any individual to pursue other avenues of recourse which may include filing charges with the Minnesota Department of Human Rights, initiating civil action, or seeking redress under state criminal statutes and/or federal law.

IX. HARASSMENT OR VIOLENCE AS ABUSE

- A. Under certain circumstances, alleged harassment or violence may also be possible abuse under Minnesota law. If so, the duties of mandatory reporting under Minn. Stat. § 626.556 may be applicable.
- B. Nothing in this policy will prohibit the school district from taking immediate action to protect victims of alleged harassment, violence, or abuse.

X. DISSEMINATION OF POLICY AND TRAINING

- A. This policy shall be conspicuously posted throughout each school building in areas accessible to pupils and staff members.
- B. This policy shall be given to each school district employee and independent contractor at the time of entering into the person's employment contract.
- C. This policy shall appear in the student handbook.
- D. The school district will develop a method of discussing this policy with students and employees.
- E. The school district may implement violence prevention and character development education programs to prevent and reduce policy violations. Such programs may offer instruction on character education including, but not limited to, character qualities such as attentiveness, truthfulness, respect for authority, diligence, gratefulness, self-discipline, patience, forgiveness, respect for others, peacemaking, and resourcefulness.
- F. This policy shall be reviewed at least annually for compliance with state and federal law.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 120B.232 (Character Development Education)
Minn. Stat. § 121A.03, Subd. 2 (Sexual, Religious, and Racial Harassment and Violence Policy)
Minn. Stat. Ch. 363A (Minnesota Human Rights Act)
Minn. Stat. § 609.341 (Definitions)
Minn. Stat. § 626.556 *et seq.* (Reporting of Maltreatment of Minors)
20 U.S.C. §§ 1681-1688 (Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972)
29 U.S.C. § 621 *et seq.* (Age Discrimination in Employment Act)
29 U.S.C. § 794 (Rehabilitation Act of 1973, § 504)
42 U.S.C. § 1983 (Civil Action for Deprivation of Rights)
42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.* (Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964)
42 U.S.C. § 2000e *et seq.* (Title VII of the Civil Rights Act)
42 U.S.C. § 12101 *et seq.* (Americans with Disabilities Act)
Puller v. Indep. Sch. Dist. No. 701, 528 N.W.2d 273 (Minn. Ct. App. 1998)

Cross References: MSBA/MASA Model Policy 102 (Equal Educational Opportunity)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 401 (Equal Employment Opportunity)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 402 (Disability Nondiscrimination Policy)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 403 (Discipline, Suspension, and Dismissal of School District Employees)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 406 (Public and Private Personnel Data)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 414 (Mandated Reporting of Child Neglect or Physical or Sexual Abuse)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 415 (Mandated Reporting of Maltreatment of Vulnerable Adults)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 506 (Student Discipline)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 515 (Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 521 (Student Disability Nondiscrimination)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 522 (Student Sex Nondiscrimination)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 524 (Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 525 (Violence Prevention)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 528 (Student Parental, Family, and Marital

**INTERNATIONAL FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #361**

BOARD POLICY	514 ___ ___ ___
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SUBJECT: Bullying Prohibition Policy	
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- I. PURPOSE**
A safe and civil environment is needed for students to learn and attain high academic standards and to promote healthy human relationships. Bullying, like other violent or disruptive behavior, is conduct that interferes with students’ ability to learn and/or a teachers’ ability to educate students in a safe environment. The school district cannot monitor the activities of students at all times and eliminate all incidents of bullying between students, particularly when students are not under the direct supervision of school personnel. However, to the extent such conduct affects the educational environment of the school district and the rights and welfare of its students and is within the control of the school district in its normal operations, the school district intends to prevent bullying and to take action to investigate, respond to, and to remediate, and discipline for those acts of bullying which have not been successfully prevented. The purpose of this policy is to assist the school district in its goal of preventing and responding to acts of bullying, intimidation, violence, and other similar disruptive and detrimental behavior.
- II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**
A. An act of bullying, by either an individual student or a group of students, is expressly prohibited on school premises, on school district property, at school functions or activities, or on school transportation. This policy applies not only to students who directly engage in an act of bullying but also to students who, by their indirect behavior, condone or

support another student's act of bullying. This policy also applies to any student whose conduct at any time or in any place constitutes bullying or other prohibited conduct that interferes with or obstructs the mission or operations of the school district or the safety or welfare of the student, other students, or materially and substantially interferes with a student's educational opportunities or performance or ability to participate in school functions or activities or receive school benefits, services, or privileges. This policy also applies to an act of cyberbullying regardless of whether such act is committed on or off school district property an/or with or without the use of school district resources.

- B. No teacher, administrator, volunteer, contractor, or other employee of the school district shall permit, condone, or tolerate bullying.
- C. Apparent permission or consent by a student being bullied does not lessen or negate the prohibitions contained in this policy.
- D. Retaliation against a victim, good faith reporter, or a witness of bullying is prohibited.
- E. False accusations or reports of bullying against another student are prohibited.
- F. A person who engages in an act of bullying, reprisal, retaliation or false reporting of bullying or permits, condones, or tolerates bullying shall be subject to discipline or other remedial responses for that act in accordance with school district's policy (see MSDBA/MASA Model Policy 506). The school district may take into account the following factors:
 - 1. The developmental and maturity levels of the parties involved;
 - 2. The levels of harm, surrounding circumstances, and nature of the behavior;
 - 3. Past incidences or past or continuing patterns of behavior;
 - 4. The relationship between the parties involved; and
 - 5. The context in which the alleged incidents occurred.

Consequences for students who commit prohibited acts of bullying may range from remedial responses or positive behavioral interventions up to and including suspension and/or expulsion. The school district shall employ research-based developmentally appropriate best practices that include preventative and remedial measures and effective discipline for deterring violations of this policy, apply throughout the school district, and foster student, parent and community participation.

Consequences for employees who permit, condone, or tolerate bullying or engage in an act of reprisal or intentional false reporting of bullying may result in disciplinary action up to and including termination or discharge.

Consequences for other individuals engaging in prohibited acts of bullying may include, but not be limited to, exclusion from school district property and events and/or termination of services and/or contracts.

- G. The school district will act to investigate all complaints of bullying reported to the school district and will discipline or take appropriate action against any student, teacher, administrator, volunteer, contractor, or other employee of the school district who is found to have violated this policy.

III. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this policy, the definitions included in this section apply.

- A. "Bullying" means intimidating, threatening, abusive, or harming conduct that is objectively offensive and:
 - 1. An actual or perceived imbalance of power exists between the student engaging in the prohibited conduct and the target of the prohibited conduct, and the conduct is repeated or forms a pattern; or
 - 2. Materially and substantially interferes with a student's educational opportunities or performance or ability to participate in school functions or activities or receive school benefits, services, or privileges.

The term, "bullying," specifically includes cyberbullying as defined in this policy.

- B. "Cyberbullying" means bullying using technology or other electronic communication, including, but not limited to, a transfer or a sign, signal, writing, image, sound, or data, including a post on a social network Internet website or forum, transmitted through a computer, cell phone, or other electronic device. The term applies to prohibited conduct which occurs on school premises, on school district property, at school functions or activities, on school

transportation, or on school computers, networks, forums, and mailing lists, or off school premises to the extent that it substantially and materially disrupts student learning or the school environment.

- C. “Immediately” means as soon as possible but in no event longer than 24 hours.
- D. “Intimidating, threatening, abusive, or harming conduct” means, but is not limited to, conduct that does the following:
 - 1. Causes physical harm to a student or a student’s property or causes a student to be in reasonable fear of harm to person or property;
 - 2. Under Minnesota common law, violates a student’s reasonable expectation of privacy, defames a student, or constitutes intentional infliction of emotional distress against a student; or
 - 3. Is directed at any student or students, including those based on a person’s actual or perceived race, ethnicity, color, creed, religion, national origin, immigration status, sex, marital status, familial status, socioeconomic status, physical appearance, sexual orientation including gender identity and expression, academic status related to student performance, disability, or status with regard to public assistance, age, or any additional characteristic defined in the Minnesota Human Rights Act (MHRA). However, prohibited conduct need not be based on any particular characteristic defined in this paragraph or the MHRA.
- E. “On school premises, on school district property or at school related functions or activities, or on school transportation” means all school district buildings, school grounds, and school property or property immediately adjacent to school grounds, school bus stops, school buses, school vehicles, school contracted vehicles, or any other vehicles approved for school district purposes, the area of entrance or departure from school grounds, premises, or events, and all school-related functions, school-sponsored activities, events, or trips. School district property also may mean a student’s walking route to or from school for purposes of attending school or school-related functions, activities, or events. While prohibiting bullying at these locations and events, the school district does not represent that it will provide supervision or assume liability at these locations and events.
- F. “Prohibited conduct” means bullying or cyberbullying as defined in this policy or retaliation or reprisal for asserting, alleging, reporting, or providing information about such conduct or knowingly making a false report about bullying.
- G. “Remedial response” means a measure to stop and correct prohibited conduct, prevent prohibited conduct from recurring, and protect, support, and intervene on behalf of a student who is the target or victim of prohibited conduct.
- H. “Student” means a student enrolled in a public school or a charter school.

IV. REPORTING PROCEDURE

- A. Any person who believes he or she has been the victim of bullying or any person with knowledge or belief of conduct that may constitute bullying or prohibited conduct under this policy shall report the alleged acts immediately to an appropriate school district official designated by this policy. A person may report bullying anonymously. However, the school district may not rely solely on an anonymous report to determine discipline or other remedial responses.
- B. The school district encourages the reporting party or complainant to use the report form available from the principal or building supervisor of each building or available in the school district office, but oral reports shall be considered complaints as well.
- C. The building principal or the principal’s designee or the building supervisor (hereinafter the “building report taker”) is the person responsible for receiving reports of bullying or other prohibited conduct at the building level. Any person may report bullying or other prohibited conduct directly to one of the following individuals:
 - 1. **Building Principals:**
Tim Everson, Head Principal: Falls High School; 218-283-2571 ext. 104
Marc Glowack, Dean of Students: Falls High School; 218-283-2571 ext. 110
Melissa Tate; Falls Elementary School; 218-283-2571 ext. 232
 - 2. **6 Title IX Officer/Human Rights Officer:**
Kevin Grover, Superintendent of Schools ISD #361 District Office
1515 11th Street; International Falls, MN 56649 218-283-2571 ext. 112

If the complaint involves the building report taker, the complaint shall be made or filed directly with the school district human rights officer by the reporting party or complainant.

The building report taker shall ensure that this policy and its procedures, practices, consequences, and sanctions are fairly and fully implemented and shall serve as the primary contact on policy and procedural matters. The building report taker or a third party designated by the school district shall be responsible for the investigation. The building report taker shall provide information about available community resources to the target or victim of the bullying or other prohibited conduct, the perpetrator, and other affected individuals as appropriate.

- D. A teacher, school administrator, volunteer, contractor, or other school employee shall be particularly alert to possible situations, circumstances, or events that might include bullying. Any such person who witnesses, observes, receives a report of, or has other knowledge or belief of conduct that may constitute bullying or other prohibited conduct shall make reasonable efforts to address and resolve the bullying or prohibited conduct and shall inform the building report taker immediately. School district personnel who fail to inform the building report taker of conduct that may constitute bullying or other prohibited conduct, or who fail to make reasonable efforts to address and resolve the bullying or prohibited conducts in a timely manner may be subject to disciplinary action.
- E. Reports of bullying or other prohibited conduct are classified as private educational and/or personnel data and/or confidential investigative data and will not be disclosed except as permitted by law.
- F. Submission of a good faith complaint or report of bullying or other prohibited conduct will not affect the complainant's or reporter's future employment, grades, or work assignments, or educational or work environment.
- G. The school district will respect the privacy of the complainant(s), the individual(s) against whom the complaint is filed, and the witnesses as much as possible, consistent with the school district's obligation to investigate, take appropriate action, and comply with any legal disclosure obligations.

V. SCHOOL DISTRICT ACTION

- A. Within three days of the receipt of a complaint or report of bullying or other prohibited conduct, the school district shall undertake or authorize an investigation by the building report taker or a third party designated by the school district.
- B. The building report taker or other appropriate school district officials may take immediate steps, at their discretion, to protect the target or victim of the bullying or other prohibited conduct, the complainant, the reporter, and students or others, pending completion of an investigation of the bullying or other prohibited conduct, consistent with applicable law.
- C. The alleged perpetrator of the bullying or other prohibited conduct shall be allowed the opportunity to present a defense during the investigation or prior to the imposition of discipline or other remedial responses.
- D. Upon completion of the investigation that determines that bullying or other prohibited conduct has occurred, the school district will take appropriate action. Such action may include, but is not limited to, warning, suspension, exclusion, expulsion, transfer, remediation, termination, or discharge. Disciplinary consequences will be sufficiently severe to try to deter violations and to appropriately discipline prohibited conduct. Remedial responses to the bullying or other prohibited conduct shall be tailored to the particular incident and nature of the conduct and shall take into account the factors specified in Section II.F. of this policy. School district action taken for violation of this policy will be consistent with the requirements of applicable collective bargaining agreements; applicable statutory authority, including the Minnesota Pupil Fair Dismissal Act; the student discipline policy (See MSBA/MASA Model Policy 506) and other applicable school district policies; and applicable regulations.
- E. The school district is not authorized to disclose to a victim private educational or personnel data regarding an alleged perpetrator who is a student or employee of the school district. School officials will notify the parent(s) or guardian(s) of students who are targets of bullying or other prohibited conduct and the parent(s) or guardian(s) of alleged perpetrators of bullying or other prohibited conduct who have been involved in a reported and confirmed bullying incident of the remedial or disciplinary action taken, to the extent permitted by law.
- F. In order to prevent or respond to bullying or other prohibited conduct committed by or directed against a child with a disability, the school district shall, when determined appropriate by the child's individualized education program (IEP) team or Section 504 team, allow the child's IEP or Section 504 plan to be drafted to address the skills and proficiencies the child needs as a result of the child's disability to allow the child to respond to or not to engage in bullying or other prohibited conduct.

VI. REPRISAL

The school district will discipline or take appropriate action against any student, teacher, administrator, volunteer, contractor, or other employee of the school district who commits an act of reprisal or who retaliates against any person who asserts, alleges, or makes a good faith report of alleged bullying or prohibited conduct, who provides information about bullying or prohibited conduct, who testifies, assists, or participates in an investigation of alleged bullying or prohibited conduct, or who testifies, assists, or participates in a proceeding or hearing relating to such bullying or prohibited conduct. Retaliation includes, but is not limited to, any form of intimidation, reprisal, harassment, or intentional disparate treatment. Disciplinary consequences will be sufficiently severe to deter violations and to appropriately discipline the individual(s) who engaged in the prohibited conduct. Remedial responses to the prohibited conduct shall be tailored to the particular incident and nature of the conduct and shall take into account the factors specified in Section II.F. of this policy.

VII. TRAINING AND EDUCATION

- A. The school district shall discuss this policy with school personnel and volunteers and provide appropriate training to school district personnel regarding this policy. The school district shall establish a training cycle for school personnel to occur during a period not to exceed every three school years. Newly employed school personnel must receive the training within the first year of their employment with the school district. The school district or a school administrator may accelerate the training cycle or provide additional training based on a particular need or circumstance. This policy shall be included in employee handbooks, training materials, and publications on school rules, procedures, and standards of conduct, which materials shall also be used to publicize this policy.
- B. The school district shall require ongoing professional development, consistent with Minn. Stat. §122A.60, to build the skills of all school personnel who regularly interact with students to identify, prevent, and appropriately address bullying and other prohibited conduct. Such professional development includes, but is not limited to, the following:
1. Developmentally appropriate strategies both to prevent and to immediately and effectively intervene to stop prohibited conduct;
 2. The complex dynamics affecting a perpetrator, target, and witnesses to prohibited conduct;
 3. Research on prohibited conduct, including specific categories of students at risk for perpetrating or being the target or victim of bullying or other prohibited conduct in school;
 4. The incidence and nature of cyberbullying; and
 5. Internet safety and cyberbullying.
- C. The school district annually will provide education and information to students regarding bullying, including information regarding this school district policy prohibiting bullying, the harmful effects of bullying, and other applicable initiatives to prevent bullying and other prohibited conduct. .
- D. The administration of the school district is directed to implement programs and other initiatives to prevent bullying, to respond to bullying in a manner that does not stigmatize the target or victim, and to make resources or referrals to resources available to targets or victims of bullying.
- E. The school district is encouraged to provide developmentally appropriate instruction and is directed to review programmatic instruction to determine if adjustments are necessary to help students identify and prevent or reduce bullying and other prohibited conduct, to value diversity in school and society, to develop and improve students' knowledge and skills for solving problems, managing conflict, engaging in civil discourse, and recognizing, responding to, and reporting bullying or other prohibited conduct, and to make effective prevention and intervention programs available to students.

The administration must establish strategies for creating a positive school climate and use evidence-based social-emotional learning to prevent and reduce discrimination and other improper conduct.

The administration is encouraged, to the extent practicable, to take such actions as it may deem appropriate to accomplish the following:

1. Engage all students in creating a safe and supportive school environment;
2. Partner with parents and other community members to develop and implement prevention and intervention programs;
3. Engage all students and adults in integrating education, intervention, and other remedial responses into the school environment;

4. Train student bystanders to intervene in and report incidents of bullying and other prohibited conduct to the schools' primary contact person;
5. Teach students to advocate for themselves and others;
6. Prevent inappropriate referrals to special education of students who may engage in bullying or other prohibited conduct; and
7. Foster student collaborations that, in turn, foster a safe and supportive school climate.

F. The school district may implement violence prevention and character development education programs to prevent or reduce policy violations. Such programs may offer instruction on character education including, but not limited to, character qualities such as attentiveness, truthfulness, respect for authority, diligence, gratefulness, self-discipline, patience, forgiveness, respect for others, peacemaking, and resourcefulness.

G. The school district shall inform affected students and their parents of rights they may have under state and federal data practices laws to obtain access to data related to an incident and their right to contest the accuracy or completeness of the data. The school district may accomplish this requirement by inclusion of all or applicable parts of its protection and privacy of pupil records policy (See MSBA/MASA Model Policy 515) in the student handbook.

VIII. NOTICE

- A. The school district will give annual notice of this policy to students, parents or guardians, and staff, and this policy shall appear in the student handbook.
- B. This policy or a summary thereof must be conspicuously posted in the administrative offices of the school district and the office of each school.
- C. This policy must be given to each school employee and independent contractor who regularly interacts with students at the time of initial employment with the school district.
- D. Notice of the rights and responsibilities of students and their parents under this policy must be included in the student discipline policy (See MSBA/MASA Model Policy 506) distributed to parents at the beginning of each school year.
- E. This policy shall be available to all parents and other school community members in an electronic format in the language appearing on the school district's or a school's website.
- F. The school district shall provide an electronic copy of its most recently amended policy to the Commissioner of Education.

IX. POLICY REVIEW

To the extent practicable, the school board shall, on a cycle consistent with other school district policies, review and revise this policy. The policy shall be made consistent with Minn. Stat. § 121A.031 and other applicable law. Revisions shall be made in consultation with students, parents, and community organizations.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 121A.03 (Sexual, Religious and Racial Harassment and Violence)
Minn. Stat. §§ 121A.40-121A.56 (Pupil Fair Dismissal Act)
Minn. Stat. § 121A.69 (Hazing Policy)

Cross References:

- MASA/MSBA Model Policy 403 (Discipline, Suspension, and Dismissal of School District Employees)
- MASA/MSBA Model Policy 413 (Harassment and Violence)
- MASA/MSBA Model Policy 414 (Mandated Reporting of Child Neglect or Physical or Sexual Abuse)
- MASA/MSBA Model Policy 415 (Mandated Reporting of Maltreatment of Vulnerable Adults)
- MASA/MSBA Model Policy 423 (Employee-Student Relationships)
- MASA/MSBA Model Policy 501 (School Weapons Policy)
- MASA/MSBA Model Policy 505 (Distribution of Non-school-Sponsored Materials)
- MASA/MSBA Model Policy 506 (Student Discipline)
- MASA/MSBA Model Policy 507 (Corporal Punishment)
- MASA/MSBA Model Policy 515 (Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records)
- MASA/MSBA Model Policy 521 (Student Disability Nondiscrimination)
- MASA/MSBA Model Policy 522 (Student Sex Nondiscrimination)
- MASA/MSBA Model Policy 525 (Violence Prevention)
- MASA/MSBA Model Policy 526 (Hazing Prohibition)
- MASA/MSBA Model Policy 529 (Staff Notification of Violent Behavior by Students)
- MASA/MSBA Model Policy 709 (Student Transportation Safety Policy)
- MASA/MSBA Model Policy 711 (Videotaping on School Buses)
- MASA/MSBA Model Policy 712 (Video Surveillance Other Than on Buses)

All students and parents can access the exact ISD 361 School Board policies on our district website at http://www.isd361.k12.mn.us/districtwide/sb_policies.shtml