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Included, by way of illustration rather than limitation, are the following:

1. the provision of any private lessons or services for a fee;
2. the use, sale, or improper divulging of any privileged information about a student or client gained in the course of the employee's employment or through access to District records;
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4. the requirement of students or clients to purchase any private goods or services provided by an employee or any business, or professional practitioner with whom any employee has a financial relationship, as a condition of receiving any grades, credits, promotions, approvals, or recommendations.

- C. No employee, officer, **agent, or Board member** ~~or agent~~ shall make use of materials, equipment, or facilities of the District in private practice. Examples would be the use of facilities before, during, or after regular business hours for service to private practice clients, or the checking out of items from an instructional materials center for private practice.

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### 3129 - **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

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#### 6110 - **GRANT FUNDS**

It is the objective of the School Board to provide equal educational opportunities for all students within the District. Government agencies, as well as foundations, businesses, and individuals, periodically offer to the School District both human and material resources that would be of benefit to the students in this school system.

The Board regards available grant funds provided to the District as a public trust. It forbids the use of public monies for partisan political activities and any use that would not be in accordance with Federal regulations and guidelines.

No Federal funds received by the District shall be used to:

- A. develop or distribute materials or operate programs or courses of instruction directed at youths that are designed to promote or encourage sexual activity whether homosexual or heterosexual;
- B. distribute or aid in the distribution by any organization of legally obscene materials to minors on school grounds;
- C. provide sex education or HIV-prevention education in schools unless that instruction is age appropriate and includes the health benefits of abstinence; or
- D. operate a program of contraceptive distribution in schools.

The Superintendent shall review grant opportunities and authorize development of proposals.

#### **Grant Proposal Development**

- A. All grant proposals must support at least one (1) Board goal or priority.
- B. For projects where grant funds will not cover the entire cost of project implementation, additional fund sources must be identified, documented, and approved during the internal review process.

#### **Grant Proposal Internal Review**

- A. Each grant proposal shall be reviewed and approved by the Superintendent prior to submission to the funding source.
- B. The Superintendent may identify a project director prior to proposal submission.

#### **Mandatory Disclosures**

The District must promptly disclose whenever they have credible evidence of a violation of Federal criminal law potentially affecting the Federal award including, but not limited to, fraud, embezzlement, bribery, gratuity violations, identity theft, or sexual assault and exploitation, or a violation of the civil False Claims Act (2 C.F.R. 175.105) regarding the obligation to report credible information related to conduct prohibited by the Trafficking Victims Protection Act, 22 U.S.C. 7104c.

The disclosure must be made in writing to the Federal agency, pass-through entity, and the agency's Office of Inspector General.

### **Whistleblower Protections**

An employee of the District may not be discharged, demoted, or otherwise discriminated against as a reprisal for disclosing information to the appropriate agency or individual that the employee reasonably believes is evidence of gross mismanagement of a Federal contract or grant, a gross waste of Federal funds, an abuse of authority relating to a Federal contract or grant, a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety, or a violation of law, rule, or regulation related to a Federal contract or grant. See Policy 1211 - *Whistleblower Protection*, Policy 3211 - *Whistleblower Protection*, Policy 4211 - *Whistleblower Protection*, and Policy 8900 - *Anti-Fraud*.

### **Grant Administration**

- A. The administration of grants will adhere to all applicable Federal, State, and grantor rules and regulations, including the terms and conditions of the Federal awards, as well as School District policies and procedures.
- B. The Superintendent and/or Board Chairman are authorized to sign related documents for grant administration, including documents required for submittal of grant proposals.
- C. Employee positions established through the use of grant funding shall terminate if and when the related grant funding ceases.
- D. The District, in recognition of its unique combination of staff, facilities, and experience, shall employ internal controls, including the organizational and management strategies necessary to assure proper and efficient administration of grant awards.
- E. All Federal funds received by the District will be used in accordance with the applicable Federal law and regulations and the terms and conditions of the Federal award. Each draw of Federal monies shall be aligned with the District's payment process (whether reimbursement, cash advance, or a combination). If funds are permitted to be drawn in advance, all draws will be equal in magnitude as closely as administratively feasible, to the magnitude of the related program expenditures. When restricted, such monies will be used to supplement programs and funding and not to supplant or replace existing programming or current funding.

Maintenance of Effort (MOE) and Maintenance of Equity (MOEquity) requirements of the Federal program will be met in accordance with the requirements of the specific funded program. The District shall maintain appropriate documentation and records to substantiate compliance or to justify allowable exceptions, exemptions, or waivers.

### **Financial Management**

The financial management of grant funds shall be in compliance with all applicable Federal, State, local and grantor rules, regulations, and assurances as well as District policies and administrative procedures.

The District shall provide for the following:

- A. Identification of all Federal awards received and expended and the Federal programs under which they were received. Federal program and Federal award identification must include, as applicable, the Assistance Listings title and number, Federal award identification number, year the Federal award was issued, and name of the Federal agency or pass-through entity, in District accounts, of all grant awards received and expended and the programs under which they were received. For Federal programs and awards, identification shall include the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) title and number, Federal award identification number and year, name of the Federal agency and name of the pass-through entity, as applicable.
- B. Accurate, current, and complete disclosure of the financial results of each Federal award or program in accordance with the reporting requirements of the grant.

Maintaining records that sufficiently identify the amount, source, and expenditure of Federal funds for Federal

awards. These records must contain information necessary to identify Federal awards, authorizations, financial obligations, and unobligated balances, as well as assets, expenditures, income, and interest. All records must be supported by source documentation.

- C. Effective control over and accountability for all funds, property, and assets. The District must safeguard all assets and ensure they are used solely for authorized purposes. ~~Records that identify adequately the source and application of funds provided for Federally funded activities. These records must contain information pertaining to Federal awards, authorizations, obligations, unobligated balances, assets, expenditures, income and interest and be supported by source documentation.~~
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Further, the District must:

1. establish and maintain effective internal control over the Federal award that provides reasonable assurance that the District is managing the Federal award in compliance with the U.S. Constitution, Federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the Federal award;
  2. comply with the U.S. Constitution, Federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the Federal award;
  3. evaluate and monitor the District's compliance with statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the Federal award;
  4. take prompt action when instances of noncompliance are identified ~~including noncompliance identified in audit findings;~~
  5. ~~take reasonable measures to safeguard protected personally identifiable information and other information the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity designates as sensitive consistent with applicable Federal, State, local, and tribal laws regarding privacy and obligations of confidentiality.~~
- E. Take reasonable cybersecurity and other measures to safeguard information including protected personally identifiable information (PII) and other types of information. This also includes information the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity designates as sensitive or other information the District considers sensitive and is consistent with applicable Federal, State, local, and tribal laws regarding privacy and obligations of confidentiality. Comparison of expenditures with budget amounts for each Federal award.
- F. Actual expenditures or outlays must be compared with budgeted amounts for each Federal award.
- G. Recordkeeping and written procedures to the extent required as may be required by Federal, State, local and grantor rules, and regulations pertaining to the grant award and accountability, including, but not limited to, the following areas:
1. cash management in accordance with 2 C.F.R. 200.305
  2. allowability of costs in accordance with subpart E and the terms and conditions of the Federal award
  3. conflict of interest
  4. procurement
  5. equipment management
  6. conducting technical evaluations of proposals and selecting recipients
  7. compensation and fringe benefits
  8. travel

- H. Disclosure of any potential conflict of interest and all mandatory violation disclosures potentially affecting the Federal award/grant to the Federal awarding agency or pass-through agency in accordance with applicable Federal policy.
- I. Insurance coverage for real property and equipment, if applicable, equivalent to such property owned by the District.

### **Audit Requirements for Federal Awards**

A single or program-specific audit (2 C.F.R. 200.514, 2 C.F.R. 200.507) is required for any year if the District expends \$1,000,000 or more in Federal awards during the District's fiscal year. When Federal awards expended are less than \$1,000,000, the District may be exempt from Federal audit requirements (2 C.F.R. 200.501) for that year. However, in all instances, the District's records must be available for review or audit by appropriate officials of the Federal agency, pass-through entity, and the Government Accountability Office (GAO).

The District shall:

- A. arrange for the audit required in accordance with 2 C.F.R. 200.509 and make sure that the audit is properly performed and submitted in accordance with 2 C.F.R. 200.512;
- B. prepare financial statements including the schedule of expenditures of Federal awards in accordance with 2 C.F.R. 200.510;
- C. promptly follow up and take corrective action on audit findings, including preparing a summary schedule of prior audit findings and a corrective action plan (2 C.F.R. 200.511); and
- D. provide the auditor access to personnel, accounts, books, records, supporting documentation, and any other information needed for the auditor to perform the audit.

### **Certifications and Records Retention**

Financial reports must include a certification, signed by an official who is authorized to legally bind the District. The certification should state:

"I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that the information provided herein is true, complete, and accurate. I am aware that the provision of false, fictitious, or fraudulent information, or the omission of any material fact, may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative consequences including, but not limited to, violations of U.S. Code Title 18, Sections 2, 1001, 1343 and Title 31, Sections 3729-3730 and 3801-3812"

Each certification must be maintained pursuant to the requirements of 2 C.F.R. 200.334. The District shall retain all Federal award records for three (3) years from the date of submission of the final financial report.

### **Program Income**

Program income means gross income earned by a grant recipient that is directly generated by a supported activity or earned as a result of the Federal award during the grant's period of performance.

It includes, but is not limited to, income from fees for services performed, the use or rental of real or personal property acquired under Federal awards, the sale of commodities or items fabricated under a Federal award, license fees and royalties on patents and copyrights, and principal and interest on loans made with Federal award funds. Interest earned on advances of Federal funds is not program income. Except as otherwise provided in Federal statutes, regulations or the terms and conditions of the Federal award, program income does not include rebates, credits, discounts and interest earned on any of them. Additionally, taxes, special assessments, levies, fines, and similar other such revenues raised by a recipient are not program income unless the revenues are specifically identified in the Federal award or Federal awarding agency regulations as program income. Proceeds from the sale of real property, equipment, or supplies are not program income. Finally, license fees and royalties for copyrighted material, patents, patent applications, trademarks, and inventions made under the Federal award subject to 37 C.F.R. Part 401 are not program income.

Unless it has received prior approval to use a different method or the terms and conditions of the grant authorize a different method, the District uses the addition method of accounting for program income. Under the addition method, program income is added to total allowable costs to determine the net allowable costs. Program income will only be used for current costs unless the District is otherwise directed by the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity.

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2 C.F.R. 200.307

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2 C.F.R. 200.313

2 C.F.R. 200.318

2 C.F.R. 200.319

2 C.F.R. 200.320

2 C.F.R. 200.343(b)&(e)

2 C.F.R. 200.501-511

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#### 6111 - INTERNAL CONTROLS

The Superintendent shall establish, document, and maintain effective internal controls over Federal awards that provide reasonable assurance that the District is managing all awards in compliance with the U.S. Constitution, applicable statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the awards. The District will have a process that provides reasonable assurance regarding the achievement of the following objectives:

- A. effectiveness and efficiency of operations
- B. reliability of reporting for internal and external use
- C. compliance with applicable laws and regulations

These internal controls should comply with the guidance in "Standards for Internal Control in the Federal Government" issued by the Comptroller General of the United States or the "Internal Control-Integrated Framework" issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO).

The internal controls must provide reasonable assurance that transactions are properly recorded and accounted for in order to permit the preparation of reliable financial statements and Federal reports; maintain accountability over assets; and demonstrate compliance with Federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the Federal award. The internal controls must also provide reasonable assurance that these transactions are executed in compliance with Federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the Federal award that could have a direct and material effect on a Federal award, as well as any other Federal statutes and regulations that are identified in the compliance supplement. Finally, the District's internal controls must provide reasonable assurance that all Federal funds, property, and other assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition.

The District shall:

- A. comply with the U.S. Constitution, Federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the Federal award; ~~awards;~~
- B. evaluate and monitor its compliance with statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the award;
- C. take prompt action when instances of noncompliance are identified ~~including noncompliance identified in audit findings;~~ and

- D. take reasonable cybersecurity and other measures to safeguard protected information including protected "personally identifiable information" (PII) and other types of information. This also includes information the Federal agency or pass-through entity designates as sensitive or other information the District considers sensitive and is consistent with applicable Federal, State, local, and tribal laws regarding privacy and responsibility over confidentiality."personally identifiable information" (PII) and other information the awarding agency or pass-through entity designated as sensitive or the District considers sensitive consistent with applicable Federal, State, local, and tribal laws and District policies regarding privacy and obligations of confidentiality

### Suggested Resources

- A. "Standards for Internal Control in the Federal Government" issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.
- B. "Internal Control Integrated Framework" (commonly referred to as the Green Book) issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission.
- C. "Compliance Supplement" issued by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget.
- D. Internal control guidance issued by the U.S. Department of Education.

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#### 6112 - CASH MANAGEMENT OF GRANTS

In order to provide reasonable assurance that all assets, including Federal, State, and local funds, are safeguarded against waste, loss, unauthorized use, or misappropriation, the Superintendent shall implement internal controls in the area of cash management.

The District's ~~payment~~ ~~payments~~ methods shall minimize the time elapsing between the transfer of funds from the ~~Federal agency~~ ~~United States Treasury~~ or the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) (pass-through entity) and disbursement by the District, regardless of whether the payment is made by electronic fund transfer, or issuance or redemption of checks, warrants, or payment by other means.

The District shall use forms and procedures required by the grantor agency or pass-through entity to request payment. The District shall request grant funds payments in accordance with the provisions of the grant. Additionally, the District's financial management systems shall meet the standards for fund control and accountability as established by the awarding agency.

The Superintendent is authorized to submit ~~payment requests as often as necessary when electronic fund transfers are used or at least monthly when electronic transfers are not used. See requests for advance payments and reimbursements at least monthly when electronic fund transfers are not used, and as often as deemed appropriate when electronic transfers are used, in accordance with the provisions of the~~ Electronic Fund Transfer Act (15 U.S.C. 1693-1693r).

When the District uses a cash advance payment method, the following standards shall apply:

- A. he timing and amount of the advance payment requested ~~must will~~ be as close as is administratively feasible to the actual ~~disbursements by the District~~ ~~disbursement~~ for direct program or project costs and the proportionate share of any allowable indirect costs.
- B. The District shall make timely ~~payments~~ ~~payment~~ to contractors in accordance with contract provisions.
- C. ~~Whenever possible, advance payment requests by the District must be consolidated to cover anticipated cash needs for all Federal awards received by the recipient from the awarding Federal agency or FLDOE.~~

- D. ~~If to the extent~~ available, the District shall disburse funds available from program income (including repayments to a revolving fund), rebates, refunds, contract settlements, audit recoveries, and interest earned on ~~Federal~~ such funds before requesting additional cash payments.
- E. The District shall account for the receipt, obligation, and expenditure of funds.
- F. Advance payments will be deposited and maintained in insured accounts .
- G. ~~Advance payments will be maintained in interest bearing accounts unless the following apply:~~
1. ~~The District receives less than \$250,000~~120,000 in Federal ~~funding~~awards per year.
  2. ~~The best reasonably available interest bearing account would not reasonably be expected to earn interest in excess of \$500 per year on Federal cash balances.~~
  3. ~~The depository would require an average or minimum balance so high that it would not be feasible within the expected Federal and non-Federal cash resources.~~
  4. ~~A foreign government or banking system prohibits or precludes interest bearing accounts.~~
  5. ~~An interest bearing account is not readily accessible (for example, due to public or political unrest in a foreign country).~~
- H. ~~Pursuant to Federal law and regulations, the District may retain interest earned in an amount up to \$500 per year for administrative costs. Any additional interest earned on Federal funds must be returned~~advance payments deposited in interest bearing accounts must be remitted annually to the Department of Health and Human Services Payment Management System (PMS) through an electronic medium using either ~~the~~ Automated Clearing House (ACH) network or a Fedwire Funds Service payment. Remittances shall include pertinent information of the payee and nature of payment in the memo area (often referred to as "addenda records" by Financial Institutions) as that will assist in the timely posting of interest earned on Federal funds. Pertinent details include the Payee Account Number (PAN) if the payment originated from PMS, or Agency information if the payment originated from Automatic Standard Application for Payment (ASAP), National Science Foundation (NSF), or another Federal agency payment system.
- I. ~~All interest in excess of \$500 per year must be returned to PMS regardless of whether the District was paid through PMS. Instructions for returning interest can be found at <https://pms.psc.gov/grant-recipients/returning-funds-interest.html>.~~
- J. ~~All other Federal funds must be returned to the payment system of the Federal agency. Returns should follow the instructions provided by the Federal agency. All returns to PMS should follow the instructions provided at <https://pms.psc.gov/grant-recipients/returning-funds-interest.html>.~~

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#### 6114 - **COST PRINCIPLES - SPENDING FEDERAL FUNDS**

The Superintendent is responsible for the efficient and effective administration of grant funds through the application of sound management practices. Such funds shall be administered in a manner consistent with all applicable Federal, State and local laws, the associated agreements/assurances, program objectives, and the specific terms and conditions of the grant award.

#### **Cost Principles**

A cost is reasonable if it does not exceed an amount that a prudent person would incur under the circumstances prevailing when the decision was made to incur the cost. Except where otherwise authorized by statute, costs shall meet the following general criteria in order to be allowable under Federal awards:

- A. Be necessary and reasonable for proper and efficient performance and administration of the Federal award and be allocable thereto under these principles.

To determine whether a cost is reasonable, consideration shall be given to:

1. whether a cost is ~~a type~~ generally recognized as ordinary and necessary for the operation ~~of the District~~ or the proper and efficient performance of the Federal award;
2. the restraints or requirements imposed by such factors as sound business practices, arm's length bargaining, Federal, State, local, tribal, and other laws and regulations;
3. market prices for comparable ~~costs~~ ~~goods or services~~ for the geographic area;
4. whether the individuals concerned acted with prudence in the circumstances considering their responsibilities ~~to the District, its employees, its students or membership (if applicable), the public at large, and the Federal Government;~~ and
5. ~~the degree to which the cost represents a deviation from the School Board's established written policies and procedures for incurring costs~~ ~~whether the cost represents any significant deviation from the established practices or Board of Education policy which may unjustifiably increase the expense.~~

While Federal regulations do not provide specific descriptions of what satisfies the "necessary" element beyond its inclusion in the reasonableness analysis above, whether a cost is necessary is determined based on the needs of the program. Specifically, the expenditure must be necessary to achieve an important program objective. A key aspect in determining whether a cost is necessary is whether the District can demonstrate that the cost addresses an existing need, and can prove it.

When determining whether a cost is necessary, consideration may be given to whether:

1. the cost is needed for the proper and efficient performance of the grant program;
2. the cost is identified in the approved budget or application;
3. there is an educational benefit associated with the cost;
4. the cost aligns with identified needs based on results and findings from a needs assessment;
5. the cost addresses program goals and objectives and is based on program data.

A cost is allocable to the Federal award if the ~~cost is goods or services involved are chargeable or~~ assignable to ~~that the~~ Federal award in accordance with the relative benefit received.

This standard is met if the cost:

1. is incurred specifically for the Federal award;
  2. benefits both the Federal award and other work of the District and can be distributed in proportions that may be approximated using reasonable methods; ~~or and~~
  3. is necessary to the overall operation of the District and is assignable **in part** to the Federal award in accordance with **these** cost principles ~~mentioned here~~.
- B. Conform to any limitations or exclusions set forth in the cost principles in **2 C.F.R.** Part 200 or in the terms and conditions of the Federal award, including prohibitions regarding costs incurred for telecommunications and video surveillance services or equipment **or as a substantial or essential component of any system or as critical technology as part of any system. Such prohibition also applies to funds generated as program income, indirect cost recoveries, or to satisfy cost share requirements.**
- C. Be consistent with policies and procedures that apply uniformly to both Federally-financed and other activities of the District ~~including prohibitions regarding costs incurred for telecommunications and video surveillance services or equipment.~~
- D. Be accorded consistent treatment. A cost cannot be assigned to a Federal award as a direct cost if any other cost incurred for the same purpose in like circumstances has been allocated to a Federal award as an indirect cost under another award.
- E. Be determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.
- F. Be representative of actual cost, net of all applicable credits or offsets.
- The term "applicable credits" refers to those ~~transactions that offset or reduce direct or indirect costs receipts or reductions of expenditures that operate to offset or reduce expense items~~ allocable to the Federal award. Typical examples of such transactions are: purchase discounts; rebates or allowances; recoveries or indemnities on losses; **insurance refunds or rebates**, and adjustments of overpayments or erroneous charges. To the extent that such credits accruing to or received by the ~~District State~~ relating to the Federal award, they shall be credited to the Federal award, either as a cost reduction or a cash refund, as appropriate.
- G. Be not included as a match or cost-share **requirements of any other Federally-financed program in either the current or a prior period**, unless the specific Federal program authorizes Federal costs to be treated as such.
- H. Be adequately documented:
1. in the case of personal services, the Superintendent shall implement a system for District personnel to account for time and efforts expended on ~~grant-funded grant-funded~~ programs to assure that only permissible personnel expenses are allocated;
  2. in the case of other costs, all receipts and other invoice materials shall be retained, along with any documentation identifying the need and purpose for such expenditure if not otherwise clear.

- I. Administrative closeout costs may be incurred until the due date of the final report(s). If incurred, these costs must be liquidated prior to the due date of the final report(s) and charged to the final budget period of the award unless otherwise specified by the Federal agency.

All other costs must be incurred during the approved budget period. At its discretion, the Federal agency is authorized to waive prior written approvals to carry forward unobligated balances to subsequent budget periods.

The budget period means the time interval from the start date of a funded portion of an award to the end date of that funded portion during which recipients are authorized to incur financial obligations of carry out authorized work and expend the funds awarded, including any funds carried forward or other revisions pursuant to 2 C.F.R. 200.308 the law. Prior written approval from the Federal awarding agency or state pass-through entity may be required to carry forward unobligated balances to subsequent budget periods, unless waived.

## Selected Items of Cost

The District shall follow the rules for selected items of cost at 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart E when charging these specific expenditures to a Federal grant. When applicable, District staff shall check costs against the selected items of cost requirements to ensure the cost is allowable. In addition, State, District, and program-specific rules, including the terms and conditions of the award, may deem a cost as unallowable and District personnel shall follow those rules as well.

The following rules of allowability must apply to equipment and other capital expenditures:

- A. Capital expenditures for general purpose equipment, buildings, and land are allowable as direct charges, but only except with the prior written approval of the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity.
- B. Capital expenditures for special purpose equipment are allowable as direct costs, provided that items with a unit cost of \$10,000 or more have the prior written approval of the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity.
- C. Capital expenditures for improvements to land, buildings, or equipment that materially increase their value or useful life are allowable as a direct cost but only except with the prior written approval of the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity.
- D. All Federally-funded contracts in excess of \$2,000 related to construction, alteration, repairs, painting, decorating, etc. must comply with Davis-Bacon prevailing wage requirements.
- E. Allowability of depreciation on buildings, capital improvements, and equipment shall be in accordance with 2 C.F.R. 200.436 and 2 C.F.R. 200.465.
- F. When approved as a direct cost by the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity, capital expenditures will be charged in the period in which the expenditure is incurred, or as otherwise determined appropriate and negotiated with the Federal awarding agency.
- G. The District may claim the unamortized portion of any equipment written off as a result of a change in capitalization levels by continuing to claim the otherwise allowable depreciation on the equipment, or by amortizing the amount to be written off over a period of years negotiated with the cognizant agency for indirect cost.
- H. If the District is instructed by the Federal awarding agency to otherwise dispose of or transfer the equipment, the costs of such disposal or transfer are allowable.
- I. Equipment and other capital expenditures are unallowable as indirect costs.
- J.

Statutory requirements may limit the allowability of costs. Any costs that exceed the maximum amount allowed by statute may not be charged to the Federal award. Only the amount allowable by statute may be charged to the Federal award.

Payments made for costs determined to be unallowable by the Federal agency, cognizant agency for indirect costs, or pass-through entity must be refunded (with interest) to the Federal Government.

## Prior Written Approval

To avoid subsequent disallowance or dispute based on unreasonableness or nonallocability, the District may seek the prior written approval of the Federal agency (or, for indirect costs, the cognizant agency for indirect costs) before incurring the cost. The absence of prior written approval on any element of cost will not, in itself, affect the reasonableness or allocability of that cost unless prior approval is specifically required for allowability.

## Cost Compliance

The Superintendent shall require that grant program funds are expended and are accounted for consistent with the requirements of the specific program and as identified in the grant application. Compliance monitoring includes accounting for direct or indirect costs and reporting them as permitted or required by each grant. Costs incurred for the same purpose in like circumstances shall be treated consistently as either direct or indirect costs, but may not be double charged or inconsistently charged as both.

### Determining Whether a Cost is Direct or Indirect:

- A. The association of costs with a Federal award (rather than the nature of the procurement transaction) determines whether costs are direct or indirect. Costs incurred for the same purpose in like circumstances must be treated consistently as direct or indirect.
- B. Direct costs are those costs that can be identified specifically with a particular final cost objective, such as a Federal award, or other internally or externally funded activity, or that can be directly assigned to such activities relatively easily with a high degree of accuracy.

These costs may include: salaries and fringe benefits of employees working directly on a grant-funded project; purchased services contracted for performance under the grant; travel of employees working directly on a grant-funded project; materials, supplies, and equipment purchased for use on a specific grant; program evaluation costs or other institutional service operations; and infrastructure costs directly attributable to the program (such as long distance telephone calls specific to the program, etc.). Direct costs may also include capital expenditures if approved by the Federal agency or pass-through entity, as well as capital expenditures for special purpose equipment with a unit cost of less than \$10,000.

If a cost benefits two (2) or more projects or activities in proportions that can be determined without undue effort or cost, the cost must be allocated to the projects based on the proportional benefit.

- C. Indirect costs are those that have been incurred for a common or joint purpose benefitting more than one cost objective, and not readily assignable to the cost objectives specifically benefitted, without effort disproportionate to the results achieved. Costs incurred for the same purpose in like circumstances shall be treated consistently as either direct or indirect costs.

These costs may include: general data processing, human resources, utility costs, maintenance, accounting, etc.

Federal education programs with supplement not supplant provisions must use a restricted indirect cost rate. In a restricted rate, indirect costs are limited to general management costs. General management costs do not include divisional administration that is limited to one component of the District, the governing body of the District, compensation of the Superintendent, compensation of the chief executive officer of any component of the District, and operation of the immediate offices of these officers.

The salaries of administrative and clerical staff should normally be treated as indirect costs. Direct charging of these costs may be appropriate only if all of the following conditions are met:

1. Administrative or clerical services are integral to a project or activity.

2. Individuals involved can be specifically identified with the project or activity.
3. Such costs are explicitly included in the budget or have the prior written approval of the Federal ~~awarding~~ agency.
4. The costs are not also recovered as indirect costs.

Effort should be given to identify costs as direct costs whenever practical, but allocation of indirect costs may be used where not prohibited and where indirect cost allocation is approved ahead of time by the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) or the pass-through entity (Federal funds subject to 2 C.F.R. Part 200 pertaining to determining indirect cost allocation).

Where a Federal program has a specific cap on the percentage of administrative costs that may be charged to a grant, that cap shall include all direct administrative charges as well as any recovered indirect charges.

### Timely Obligation of Funds

Financial obligations are orders placed for property and services, contracts and subawards made, and similar transactions that require payment under a Federal award that will result in expenditures by a recipient or subrecipient under a Federal award.

~~The term "financial obligations" is used when referencing a recipient's or subrecipient's use of funds under a Federal award.~~

The following listable illustrates when funds are determined to be obligated under the U.S. Department of Education regulations:

If the obligation is for:

- A. Acquisition of property - on the date which the District makes a binding written commitment to acquire the property.
- B. Personal services by an employee of the District - when the services are performed.
- C. Personal services by a contractor who is not an employee of the District - on the date which the District makes a binding written commitment to obtain the services.
- D. Performance of work other than personal services - on the date when the District makes a binding written commitment to obtain the work.
- E. Public utility services - when the District receives the services.
- F. Travel - when the travel is taken.
- G. Rental of property - when the District uses the property.
- H. A pre-agreement cost that was properly approved by the Secretary under the cost principles in 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart E - Cost Principles - on the first day of the project period.

### Period of Performance

All financial obligations must occur during the period of performance. **Period of performance means the time interval between the start and end date of a Federal award, which may include one (1) or more budget periods. Identification of the period of performance shall be specific to the Federal award and consistent with 2 C.F.R. 200.211 and does not commit the Federal agency to fund the award beyond the currently approved budget period.** ~~Period of performance means the total estimated time interval between the start of an initial Federal award when the District is permitted to carry out the work authorized by the grant and the planned end date. The period of performance may include one or more funded portions or budget periods.~~ The period of performance is dictated by statute and will be indicated in the grant award notification ("GAN"). As a general rule, State-administered Federal funds are available for obligation within the year that Congress appropriates the funds for. However, given the unique nature of educational institutions, for many Federal education grants, the period of performance is twenty-seven (27) months. This maximum period includes a fifteen (15) month period of initial availability, plus a twelve (12) month period for carryover. For direct grants, the period of performance is generally identified in the GAN. **Note, however, that certain Federal awards have specific requirements that restrict the use of funds beyond the initial period of performance.**

In the case of a State-administered grant, financial obligations under a grant may not be made until the application is approved or is in substantially approvable form, whichever is later. In the case of a direct grant, a grantee may use grant funds only for obligations it makes during the grant period, unless an agreement exists with the ~~awarding~~ agency or the pass-through entity (e.g., FLDOE) to reimburse for pre-approval expenses.

**If a Federal agency or pass-through entity approves an extension, or if the District extends under C.F.R. 200.308(e)(2), the Period of Performance will be amended to end at the completion of the extension. If a termination occurs, the Period of Performance will be amended to end upon the effective date of termination. If a renewal is issued, a distinct Period of Performance will begin.**

For both State-administered and direct grants, regardless of the period of availability, the District shall liquidate all financial obligations incurred under the award not later than ninety (90) **calendar days after the conclusion of the period of performance of the award (or an earlier date as agreed upon by FLDOE and the District)** ~~end of the funding period unless an extension is authorized~~. Any funds not obligated within the period of performance or liquidated within the appropriate timeframe are said to lapse and shall be returned to the ~~awarding~~ agency. Consequently, the District shall closely monitor grant spending throughout the grant cycle.

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#### 6325 - **PROCUREMENT – FEDERAL GRANTS/FUNDS**

Procurement of all supplies, materials, equipment, and services paid from Federal funds or District matching funds shall be made in accordance with all applicable Federal, State, and local statutes and/or regulations, the terms and conditions of the Federal grant, School Board policies, and administrative procedures.

The Superintendent shall have and hold a procurement and contract administration system in accordance with Federal requirements (2 C.F.R. 200.317-.326; 7 C.F.R. 210.21) for the administration and management of Federal grants and Federally-funded programs. The District shall maintain oversight that requires contractors to perform in accordance with the terms, conditions, and specifications of their contracts or purchase orders. Except as otherwise noted, procurement transactions shall conform to the provisions of the District's documented general purchasing Policy 6320, AP 6320A, and AP 6325.

**When required by Federal program legislation, all** Federally-funded contracts in excess of \$2,000 related to construction, alteration, repairs, painting, decorating, etc. of public buildings or public works must comply with Davis-Bacon and Related Acts prevailing wage requirements.

The District will not request documentation of, consider, or give a preference based on a vendor's social, political, or ideological interests.

he District shall take affirmative steps to assure that small **businesses, minority businesses and women's business enterprises, veteran-owned businesses, and labor surplus area firms** ~~and minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms~~ are used when possible in accordance with 2 C.F.R. 200.321.

ficers, and agents who have purchasing authority shall abide by the standards of conduct covering conflicts of interest and governing the actions of its employees, officers, and agents engaged in the selection, award, and administration of contracts as established in Policy 1129, Policy 3129, and Policy 4129 – *Conflict of Interest*.

The District will avoid acquisition of unnecessary or duplicative items. **Consideration** ~~Additionally, consideration~~ shall be given to consolidating or breaking out procurements to obtain a more economical purchase. **When appropriate, an analysis shall be made between leasing and purchasing property or equipment to determine the most economical approach** ~~And, where appropriate, an analysis shall be made of lease versus purchase alternatives, and any other appropriate analysis to determine the most economical approach.~~ These considerations are given as part of the process to determine the allowability of each purchase made with Federal funds.

To foster greater economy and efficiency, the District may enter into State and local intergovernmental agreements where appropriate for procurement or use of common or shared goods and services.

## Competition

All procurement transactions ~~under the for the acquisition of property or services required under a~~ Federal award paid for from Federal funds or District matching funds shall be conducted in a manner that ~~provides~~ encourages full and open competition and that is in accordance with ~~2 C.F.R. Part 200~~, good administrative practice, and sound business judgment. ~~To ensure~~ In order to promote objective contractor performance and eliminate unfair competitive advantage, the District shall exclude any contractor that has developed or drafted specifications, requirements, statements of work, or invitations for bids ~~or requests for proposals~~ from competition for such procurements.

~~Examples of situations that may restrict competition include, but are not limited to~~ Some of the situations considered to be restrictive of competition include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A. unreasonable requirements on firms ~~in order~~ for them to qualify to do business
- A. unnecessary experience and excessive bonding requirements
- B. noncompetitive pricing practices between firms or between affiliated companies
- C. organizational conflicts of interest
- D. specification of only a "brand name" product instead of allowing for an "or equal" product to be offered and describing the performance or other relevant requirements of the procurement
- E. any arbitrary action in the procurement process

The District shall require that all prequalified lists of persons, firms, or products which are used in ~~procurement transactions~~ are current and include enough qualified sources to provide maximum open competition. When establishing or amending prequalified lists, the District (or subrecipient) must consider objective factors that evaluate price and cost to maximize competition ~~acquiring goods and services are current and include enough qualified sources to provide maximum open and free competition~~. The District shall not preclude potential bidders from qualifying during the solicitation period.

To the extent consistent with established practices and legal requirements applicable to the recipient or subrecipient, this subpart does not prohibit recipients or subrecipients from developing written procedures for procurement transactions that incorporate a scoring mechanism that rewards bidders that commit to specific numbers and types of U.S. jobs, minimum compensation, benefits, on-the-job-training for employees making work products or providing services on a contract, and other worker protections. This subpart also does not prohibit recipients and subrecipients from making inquiries of bidders about these subjects and 2 C.F.R. Revisions 2024: Unofficial Comparison Version assessing the responses. Any scoring mechanism must be consistent with the U.S. Constitution, applicable Federal statutes and regulations, and the terms and conditions of the Federal award.

## Solicitation Language (Purchasing Procedures)

The District shall have written procurement procedures ~~(in accordance with 2 C.F.R. 200.319(b))~~ that require that all solicitations made pursuant to this policy incorporate a clear and accurate description of the technical requirements for the ~~property, equipment, or service being procured. material, product, or service to be procured. Such description shall not, in competitive procurements, contain features which unduly restrict competition.~~ The description may include a statement of the qualitative nature of the ~~property, equipment, material, product, or service to be procured. When necessary, the description must and, when necessary, shall set forth those minimum essential characteristics and standards to which the property, equipment, or service shall conform it shall conform if it is to satisfy its intended use.~~ Detailed product specifications should be avoided if at all possible.

When it is impractical or uneconomical to ~~clearly and accurately describe~~ make a clear and accurate description of the technical requirements, a "brand name or equivalent" description of features to provide procurement requirements may be used. The specific features of the named brand must be clearly stated and the District must identify any additional requirements which the offerors must fulfill and all other factors that will be used in evaluating bids or proposals may be

~~used as a means to define the performance or other salient requirements of procurement. The specific features of the named brand which shall be met by offers shall be clearly stated; and identify all requirements which the offerors shall fulfill and all other factors to be used in evaluating bids or proposals.~~

Any solicitation for the procurement of commodities, contractual services, or leases will include a provision notifying vendors that the Board will not request documentation of, consider, or give a preference based on the vendor's social, political, or ideological interests.

The Board will not approve any expenditure for an unauthorized purchase or contract.

## Procurement Methods

The District shall have and use documented procedures, consistent with the standards described for the following methods of procurement:

### A. Informal Procurement Methods

**Informal procurement methods for small purchases expedite the completion of transactions, minimize administrative burdens, and reduce costs. Informal procurement methods may be used when** ~~When~~ the value of the procurement ~~transaction for property or services~~ under a Federal award does not exceed the simplified acquisition threshold, or a lower threshold established by the State, formal procurement methods are not required. The **informal procurement methods include:**

#### 1. Micro-Purchases

Procurement by micro-purchase is the acquisition of supplies or services, the aggregate dollar amount of which does not exceed \$ ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ **10,000.00 [not to exceed \$10,000]**. To the ~~maximum~~ extent practicable, the District should distribute micro-purchases equitably among qualified suppliers. Micro-purchases may be made without soliciting competitive quotations if Superintendent considers the price to be reasonable based on research, experience, purchase history or other relevant information and **maintains documents to support its conclusion** ~~documents are filed accordingly~~. The District shall maintain evidence of this reasonableness in the records of all purchases made by this method.

**[ ] Unless otherwise defined by State or local law, districts are responsible for determining and documenting an appropriate micro-purchase threshold in accordance with 2 C.F.R. 200.320(a)(iv) based on internal controls, an evaluation of the risk, and its documented procurement procedures. The micro-purchase threshold used by the District shall be authorized or not prohibited under State, local, or tribal laws or regulations. An eligible District may self-certify a threshold up to \$50,000 on an annual basis and must maintain documentation to be made available to the Federal agency or pass-through entity and auditors in accordance with C.F.R. 200.334A district which is qualified as a low risk auditee for the most recent audit (C.F.R. 200.520) may increase the micro purchase threshold up to \$50,000. An eligible district may self-certify the increased micro purchase threshold on an annual basis after completing the annual internal institutional risk assessment to identify, mitigate, and manage financial risks. The self-certification, in accordance with 2 C.F.R. 200.334, must include a justification, clear identification of the threshold, and supporting documentation of any of the following: the qualifications listed above.**

- 2. A qualification as a low-risk auditee, in accordance with the criteria in C.F.R. 200.520;**
- 3. An annual internal institutional risk assessment to identify, mitigate, and manage financial risks; or**
- 4. For public institutions, a higher threshold is consistent with State law.**
- 5. Small Purchases**

Small purchases include the acquisition of property or services, the aggregate dollar amount of which is higher than the micro-purchase threshold but does not exceed the simplified acquisition threshold **[not to exceed \$50,000]** ~~of \$10,000.00~~

. Small purchase procedures provide for relatively simple and informal procurement methods for securing services, supplies, and other property that does not exceed the competitive bid threshold of \$50,000.00. Small purchase procedures require that price or rate quotations shall be obtained from an adequate number of qualified sources. Formal Procurement Methods

When the value of the procurement for property or services under a Federal award exceeds the simplified acquisition threshold, or a lower threshold established by the State, formal procurement methods are required. Formal procurement methods require following documented procedures. Formal procurement methods also require public advertising unless a non-competitive procurement method can be used in accordance with the standards on competition in 200.319 or non-competitive procurement. The formal methods of procurement are:

### 1. Sealed Bids

Sealed, competitive bids shall be obtained when the purchase of, and contract for, single items of supplies, materials, or equipment which amounts to \$50,000.00 or greater and when the Board determines to build, repair, enlarge, improve, or demolish a school building/facility the cost of which will exceed \$50,000.00.

In order for sealed bidding to be feasible, the following conditions shall be present:

- a. a complete, adequate, and realistic specification or purchase description is available;
- b. three (3) or more responsible bidders **have been identified as** willing and able to compete effectively for the business; and
- c. the procurement lends itself to a firm fixed-price contract and the selection of the successful bidder can be made principally on the basis of price.

When sealed bids are used, the following requirements apply:

- a. Bids shall be solicited in accordance with the provisions of State law and Policy 6320. Bids shall be solicited from an adequate number of qualified suppliers, providing sufficient response time prior to the date set for the opening of bids. The invitation to bid shall be publicly posted.
- b. The invitation for bids **must define the items or services with specific information, including any required specifications, for the bidder to properly respond**~~will include product/contract specifications and pertinent attachments and shall define the items and/or services required in order for the bidder to properly respond.~~
- c. All bids will be opened at the time and place prescribed in the invitation for bids; bids will be opened publicly.
- d. A firm fixed price contract **is awarded in writing to the lowest responsive bid and responsible bidder.**~~When specified in the invitation for bids, award will be made in writing to the lowest responsive bidder. Where specified in bidding documents, factors such as discounts, transportation cost, and life cycle costs shall be considered in determining which bid is lowest. Payment discounts must only be used to determine the low bid when the District determines they are a valid factor based on prior experience may only be used to determine the low bid when prior experience indicates that such discounts are usually taken.~~
- e. The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, **but must document and provide justification for all bids it rejects**~~for sound documented reason.~~

### 2. Proposals

Procurement by proposals is a method in which either a fixed price or cost-reimbursement type contract is awarded. Proposals are generally used when conditions are not appropriate for the use of sealed bids or in the case of a recognized exception to the sealed bid method.

If this method is used, the following requirements apply:

- a. Requests for proposals **require public notice, and must**~~shall be publicized and~~ identify all evaluation factors and their relative importance. **To the maximum extent practicable, any proposals submitted in response to the public notice must be considered**~~Any response to the publicized requests for proposals~~

~~shall be considered to the maximum extent practical.~~

- b. Proposals shall be solicited from ~~an ( )~~ an ( ) an adequate number of **[END OF OPTION]** sources.
- c. The District **must have written procedures for conducting technical evaluations and for making selections** ~~shall use its written method for conducting technical evaluations of the proposals received and for selecting recipients.~~
- d. Contracts ~~must~~ **shall** be awarded to the responsible ~~offeror~~ **firm** whose proposal is most advantageous to the **District considering price and other factors** ~~program, with price and other factors considered.~~
- e. All Requests for Proposals (RFPs) and Invitations to Bid (ITBs) shall be opened publicly in accordance with F.S. 287.057.

The District may use competitive proposal procedures for qualifications-based procurement of architectural/engineering (A/E) professional services whereby **the** competitors' qualifications are evaluated and the most qualified competitor is selected, subject to negotiation of fair and reasonable compensation. The method, where **the** price is not used as a selection factor, can only be used **to procure A/E professional services. The method cannot be used to purchase other types of services provided by A/E firms that are in procurement of A/E professional services. It cannot be used to purchase other types of services through A/E firms are** a potential source to perform the proposed effort.

### 3. Noncompetitive Procurement

Procurement by noncompetitive proposals ~~allows for solicitation of a proposal from only one source and~~ may be used only when one or more of the following circumstances apply:

4. **the aggregate amount of the procurement transaction does not exceed the micro-purchase threshold;** ~~micro-purchases~~
5. **the procurement transaction can only be fulfilled by the item is available only from** a single source;
6. the public exigency or emergency for the requirement will not permit a delay resulting from **providing public notice of publicizing** a competitive solicitation;
7. **the District requests in writing to use a noncompetitive procurement method, and the Federal agency or pass-through entity provides written approval; or the Federal awarding agency or pass through entity expressly authorizes noncompetitive proposals in response to a written request from the District**
8. **soliciting several** ~~after solicitation of a number of~~ sources, competition is determined to be inadequate.

### **Domestic Preference for Procurement**

**The District should, to the extent practicable and consistent with law,** ~~As appropriate and to the extent consistent with law, the District shall, to the extent practicable under a Federal award,~~ provide a preference for the purchase, acquisition, or use of goods, products, or materials produced in the United States. (See 7 C.F.R 210.21(d)). If a non-domestic agricultural product is to be provided, the vendor must obtain written approval of the product to be used in advance. Such requirements shall be included in all subawards, **contracts, and purchase orders** ~~including all contracts and purchase orders for work or products~~ under the Federal award.

### **Procurement of Recovered Materials**

**The District must comply with Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 6962. These requirements include:**

- A. **procuring only items designated in the guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 C.F.R. part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired during the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000;**

- B. procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery; and
- C. establishing an affirmative procurement program for the procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.

The District should, to the greatest extent practicable and consistent with law, purchase, acquire, or use products and services that can be reused, refurbished, or recycled; contain recycled content, are biobased, or are energy and water efficient; and are sustainable.

This may include purchasing compostable items and other products and services that reduce the use of single-use plastic products.

## Contract/Price Analysis

The District shall perform a cost or price analysis for every procurement transaction, including contract modifications, in excess of the Simplified Acquisition Threshold (currently \$250,000). The method and degree of analysis conducted depend on the facts surrounding the particular procurement transaction. For example, the District should consider potential workforce impacts in their analysis if the procurement transaction will displace public sector employees. However, as a starting point, the District must make independent estimates before receiving bids or proposals. ~~in connection with every procurement action in excess of [ ] \$250,000, [ ] \$ \_\_\_\_\_ including contract modifications.~~

A cost analysis generally means evaluating the separate cost elements that make up the total price, while a price analysis means evaluating the total price, without looking at the individual cost elements. The District must not use the "cost plus a percentage of cost" and "percentage of construction costs" methods of contracting.

Costs or prices based on estimated costs for contracts under the Federal award are allowable only to the extent that the costs incurred or cost estimates included in negotiated prices would be allowable for the District according to cost principle requirements. ~~The method and degree of analysis is dependent on the facts surrounding the particular procurement situation; however, the District shall come to an independent estimate prior to receiving bids or proposals.~~

~~When performing a cost analysis, the District shall negotiate profit as a separate element of the price. To establish a fair and reasonable profit, consideration is given to the complexity of the work to be performed, the risk borne by the contractor, the contractor's investment, the amount of subcontracting, the quality of its record of past performance, and industry profit rates in the surrounding geographical area for similar work.~~

## Time and Materials Contracts

The District uses a time and materials type contract only (1) after a determination that no other contract is suitable; and (2) if the contract includes a ceiling price that the contractor exceeds at its own risk. Time and materials type contract means a contract whose cost to the District is the sum of the actual costs of materials, and direct labor hours charged at fixed hourly rates that reflect wage, general and administrative expenses, and profit.

~~Because~~Since this formula generates an open-ended contract price, a time-and-materials contract provides no positive profit incentive to the contractor for cost control or labor efficiency. Therefore, the District sets a ceiling price for each contract that the contractor exceeds at its own risk. Further, the District shall assert a high degree of oversight ~~in order~~ to obtain reasonable assurance that the contractor is using efficient methods and effective cost controls.

## Suspension and Debarment

The District will award contracts only to responsible contractors ~~that possess~~possessing the ability to perform successfully under the terms and conditions of the proposed ~~contract~~procurement. All purchasing decisions shall be made in the best interests of the District and shall seek to obtain the maximum value for each dollar expended. When making a purchasing decision, the District shall consider such factors as (1) contractor integrity; (2) ~~compliance with~~ public policy; (3) ~~compliance~~; (4) proper classification of employees; (5) record of past performance; and ~~(6)(4)~~ financial and technical resources.

~~The Superintendent shall have the authority to suspend or debar a person/corporation, for cause, from consideration or award of further contracts. The District is subject to and shall abide by the nonprocurement debarment and suspension~~

~~regulations implementing Executive Orders 12549 and 12689, 2 C.F.R. Part 180.~~

~~Suspension is an action taken by the District that immediately prohibits a person from participating in covered transactions and transactions covered under the Federal Acquisition Regulation (48 C.F.R. chapter 1) for a temporary period, pending completion of an agency investigation and any judicial or administrative proceedings that may ensue. A person so excluded is suspended. (2 C.F.R. Part 180 Subpart G)~~

~~Debarment is an action taken by the Superintendent to exclude a person from participating in covered transactions and transactions covered under the Federal Acquisition Regulation (48 C.F.R. chapter 1). A person so excluded is debarred. (2 C.F.R. Part 180 Subpart H)~~

The District shall not subcontract with or award subgrants to any person or company who is debarred or suspended. For contracts over \$25,000, the District shall confirm that the vendor is not debarred or suspended by either checking the Federal government's System for Award Management, which maintains a list of such debarred or suspended vendors at [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov); collecting a certification from the vendor; or adding a clause or condition to the covered transaction with that vendor. (2 C.F.R. Part 180 Subpart C)

### **Bid Protest**

The District maintains the following protest procedures to handle and resolve disputes relating to procurements and, in all instances, discloses information regarding the protest to the agency.

A bidder who wishes to file a bid protest shall file such notice and follow procedures prescribed by the Request For Proposals (RFPs) or the individual bid specifications package for resolution. Bid protests shall be filed in writing with the Superintendent within seventy-two (72) hours of the opening of the bids in protest.

Within five (5) days of receipt of a protest, the Superintendent shall review the protest as submitted and render a decision regarding the merits of the protest and any impact on the acceptance and rejection of bids submitted. Notice of the filing of a bid protest shall be communicated to the Board and shall be so noted in any subsequent recommendation for the acceptance of bids and awarding of contracts.

Failure to file a notice of intent to protest or failure to file a formal written protest within the time prescribed shall constitute a waiver of proceedings.

### **Maintenance of Procurement Records**

The District shall maintain records sufficient to detail the history of all procurements. These records will include, but are not necessarily limited to the following: rationale for the method of procurement, selection of contract type, contractor selection, or rejection, and the basis for the contract price (including a cost or price analysis).

### **Record Retention**

The District must retain all Federal award records for three (3) years from the date of submission of the final financial report. For awards that are renewed quarterly or annually, the District must retain records for three (3) years from the date of submission of the quarterly or annual financial report, respectively. Records to be retained include, but are not limited to, financial records, supporting documentation, and statistical records. Other records retention requirements shall be in accordance with 2 C.F.R. 200.334.

The District must collect, transmit, and store Federal award information in an open file, non-licensed, and machine-readable formats. The District may substitute electronic versions of original paper records through duplication or other forms of electronic conversion, provided that the procedures are subject to periodic quality control reviews. Quality control reviews

must ensure that electronic conversion procedures provide safeguards against the alteration of records and assurance that records remain in a format that is readable by a computer system.

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#### 7310 - **DISPOSITION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY**

The School Board requires the Superintendent to review the property of the District periodically and to dispose of that material and equipment which is no longer usable in accordance with the terms of this policy.

##### A. Instructional Material

The District shall review instructional materials (i.e. textbooks, library books, manuals, support materials, etc.) periodically to determine the relevance of such materials to the present world and current instructional programs. The following criteria will be used to review instructional materials for redistribution and possible disposal:

1. concepts or content that do not support the current goals of the curriculum
2. information that may not be current
3. worn beyond salvage

##### B. Equipment

For purposes of this policy, equipment shall mean tangible personal property (including information technology systems), a unit of furniture or furnishings, an instrument, a machine, an apparatus, or a set of articles which retains its shape and appearance with use, is nonexpendable, having a useful life of more than one (1) year, and a per-unit cost that equals or exceeds \$1000.00 ( X ) to replace ( ) as a single unit **[END OF OPTIONS]**, and does not lose its identity when incorporated into a more complex unit.

The District shall inspect the equipment used in the instructional program periodically, to determine the condition and usability of such equipment in the current educational program. Should the equipment be deemed no longer serviceable or usable, the following criteria will be used to determine possible disposal:

1. repair parts for the equipment no longer readily available
2. repair records indicate equipment has no usable life remaining
3. obsolete and/or no longer contributing to the educational program
4. some potential for sale at a school auction

5. creates a safety or environmental hazard

#### C. Disposition

The Superintendent is authorized to dispose of obsolete instructional and other property by selling it to the highest bidder, by donation to appropriate parties, or by proper waste removal in compliance with 2 C.F.R. 200.313(e) and 200.314.

When there is a residual inventory of unused supplies exceeding \$10,000 in aggregate value at the end of the period of performance, and the supplies are not needed for any other Federal award, the District may retain or sell the unused supplies. Unused supplies means supplies that are in new condition, not having been used or opened before. The aggregate value of unused supplies consists of all supply types, not just like-item supplies. The Federal agency or pass-through entity may be entitled to compensation in an amount prescribed in 2 C.F.R. 200.314.

Disposal of surplus property purchased with Federal funds shall be disposed of in accordance with Federal procedures.

When original or replacement equipment acquired under a Federal award is no longer needed for the original project or program or for other activities currently or previously supported by a Federal ~~awarding~~ agency, the District shall request disposition instructions from the Federal ~~awarding~~ agency if required by the terms and conditions of the Federal award. Disposition of the equipment will be made in accordance with disposition instructions of the Federal awarding agency.

Except as provided in Section ~~200.313~~ ~~200.312~~, Federally-owned and exempt property, paragraph (b), or if the Federal ~~awarding~~ agency fails to provide requested disposition instructions within 120 days, items of equipment with a current ~~per unit~~ fair-market value in excess of \$10,000 ~~(per unit)~~ 5,000 may be retained by the non-Federal entity or sold. The Federal ~~awarding~~ agency is entitled to an amount calculated by multiplying the current market value or proceeds from sale by the Federal ~~awarding~~ agency's percentage of participation in the cost of the original purchase. If the equipment is sold, the Federal ~~awarding~~ agency may permit the non-Federal entity to deduct and retain from the Federal share \$1,000 ~~500~~ or ten percent (10%) of the proceeds, whichever is less, to cover expenses associated with the selling and handling of the equipment for its selling and handling expenses.

The District may transfer title to the property to the Federal government or to an eligible third party provided that, in such cases, the District shall be entitled to compensation for its attributable percentage of the current fair market value of the property.

When included in the terms and conditions of the Federal award, the Federal agency may permit the District to retain equipment, or authorize the FLDOE to permit the District to retain equipment, with no further obligation to the Federal Government unless prohibited by Federal statute or regulation.

#### D. Availability of Facilities and Property Identified as Surplus, Marked for Disposal, or Otherwise Unused

District facilities and property identified as surplus, marked for disposal, or otherwise unused shall be made available to charter schools on the same basis as it is made available to other District schools. A charter school receiving property from the District may not sell or dispose of such property without the District's written permission. For an existing District school converting to charter status, no rental or leasing fee for the existing facility or for the property normally inventoried to the conversion school may be charged by the Board to the parents and teachers organizing the charter school. The charter school shall agree to reasonable maintenance provisions in order to maintain the facility in a manner similar to Board standards. Any school, including District and charter schools, receiving District property must maintain such property in good working condition and order, excepting normal wear and tear. District and charter schools who cause damage to District property shall be required to reimburse the District for the cost of replacement.

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#### 7450 - **PROPERTY INVENTORY**

The School Board recognizes that efficient management and full replacement upon loss requires accurate inventory and properly maintained property records.

A complete inventory of all District-owned tangible personal property shall be conducted annually and submitted to the Board. A complete inventory shall also be conducted when there is a custodian change at a school or department location. A principal or department head shall obtain a police report for any District-owned tangible personal property that is found missing or stolen from the location's inventory.

For purposes of this policy, "tangible personal property" shall mean any tangible personal property (including information technology systems), a unit of furniture or furnishings, an instrument, a machine, an apparatus, or a set of articles which retains its shape and appearance with use, is nonexpendable, of a nonconsumable nature, having a useful life of more than one (1) year, a per-unit cost that equals or exceeds with a life expectancy of one (1) year or more which has a capitalized value equal to or greater than the value defined in statute.

The District shall develop a property records manual that describes the processes necessary to implement the intent of this policy.

The District is responsible for maintaining and updating property records when there is a change in the status of the property.

Equipment acquired, in whole or in part, under a Federal award will vest upon acquisition to the District, subject to the following conditions:

- A. The equipment shall be used for the authorized purposes of the award project during the period of performance or until the equipment is no longer needed for the purposes of the project.
- B. While the equipment is being used for the originally-authorized purpose, the District (or subrecipient) must not dispose of or encumber its title or other interests without the approval of the Federal agency or pass-through entity. The equipment shall not be encumbered without the approval of the Federal awarding agency or the pass-through entity.

- C. The equipment may only be used and disposed of in accordance with the provisions of the Federal ~~awarding~~-agency or the pass-through entity and Policy 7310 and AP 7310.
- D. The District must use the equipment for the project or program for which it was acquired and for as long as needed, whether or not the project or program continues to be supported by the Federal award. The District must not encumber the equipment without prior approval of the Federal agency or pass-through entity.
- E. When no longer needed for the original project or program, the equipment may be used in other activities in the following order of priority:
1. Activities under other Federal awards from the Federal agency that funded the original program or project; then
  2. Activities under Federal awards from other Federal agencies. These activities include consolidated equipment for information technology systems.
- F. During the time that equipment is used on the project or program for which it was acquired, the District must also make the equipment available for use on other programs or projects supported by the Federal Government, provided that such use will not interfere with the purpose for which it was originally acquired. First preference for other use of the equipment must be given to other programs or projects supported by the Federal agency that financed the equipment. Second preference must be given to programs or projects under Federal awards from other Federal agencies. Use for non-federally funded projects is also permissible, provided such use will not interfere with the purpose for which it was originally acquired. The District should consider charging user fees as appropriate. If the District does use equipment to earn program income, it must not charge a fee that is less than a private company would charge for similar services unless specifically authorized by Federal statute.
- G. When acquiring replacement equipment, the District may either trade-in or sell the equipment and use the proceeds to offset the cost of the replacement equipment.
- H. Property records shall be maintained that include a description of the equipment, a serial number or other identification number, the source of funding for the equipment (including the Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN)), title holder, acquisition date, cost of the property, ~~entity, acquisition date, cost of the equipment,~~ percentage of Federal agency contribution towards the original purchase, ~~the location, use, and condition of the property,~~ participation in the project costs for the award under which the equipment was acquired, ~~the location, use, and condition of the equipment,~~ and ultimate disposition data, including date of disposal and sale price of the ~~property~~ equipment.
- I. A physical inventory of the property must be ~~conducted~~ taken and results reconciled with property records at least once every two (2) years.
- J. A control system shall be ~~in place to provide safeguards for preventing~~ developed to provide adequate safeguards to prevent loss, damage, or theft of the property. Any such loss, damage, or theft of the property must be investigated. The District must notify the Federal agency or pass-through entity of any loss, damage, or theft of equipment that will have an impact on the program ~~shall be investigated~~.
- K. ~~Regular~~ Adequate maintenance procedures shall be implemented to keep the property in ~~working~~ proper condition.
- L. Proper sales procedures shall be established to ensure the highest possible return, in the event the Board is authorized or required to sell the equipment/property.
- M. When ~~original or replacement~~ equipment acquired under a Federal award is no longer needed for the original project/program or for activities currently or previously supported by a Federal ~~awarding~~-agency, ~~and except as otherwise provided by Federal statutes, regulations, or Federal awarding agency disposition instructions,~~ the Board shall request disposition instructions from the Federal ~~awarding~~-agency or pass-through entity if required by the terms and conditions of the Federal award. Disposition of the equipment shall be made in accordance with the provisions of C.F.R. 200.313.
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#### 1410 - **ADMINISTRATIVE SALARY**

The base salary of all administrators shall be determined by the School Board and shall be authorized by the following salary schedules adopted by the Board on the recommendation of the Superintendent:

- A. the annual salary schedule for District-based administrators;
- B. the placement salary schedule school-based administrators (new hires only); and
- C. the performance salary schedule for school administrators.

#### **Annual Salary Schedule for District-Based Administrators**

The annual salary schedule for District-based administrators shall be used as the basis for paying administrators classified as District-based instructional administrators and District-based non-instructional administrators.

~~The annual salary schedule shall provide a salary adjustment for advanced degrees earned.~~

**( ) In setting the salary schedule for school administrators, the Board shall include an adjustment for advanced degrees earned if the degree is held in the school administrator's area of certification.**

#### **Adjustments for Advanced Degrees**

The Board shall also award the following as annual additions to the salaries for an advanced degree beyond educational requirements listed on the job description:

- A. for administrators who were hired before July 1, 2011 for any advanced degree held add \$1,000;
- B. for administrators who were hired after July 1, 2011 in a position that requires a Florida Educator Certificate and they hold an advanced degree in their area of certification add \$1,000;
- C. for administrators who were hired after July 1, 2011 in a position that does not require a Florida Educator Certificate and they hold an advanced degree add \$1,000.

#### **Placement Salary Schedule for School-Based Administrators**

Beginning July 1, 2014, school administrators new to the District, returning to the District after a break in service without an authorized leave of absence, or appointed for the first time to a school-based administrative position in the District shall be placed on the placement salary schedule. After receiving a recommendation from the Superintendent for re-appointment, the school-based administrator will be moved to the performance salary schedule.

### **Performance Salary Schedule for School Administrators**

After receiving a recommendation from the Superintendent, the Board shall establish the annual salary adjustments. The performance salary schedule shall not provide an annual salary adjustment for a school-based administrator who receives a rating other than highly effective or effective for the year.

In addition to the annual salary adjustments described above, the Board shall also award salary supplements that are annual additions to the school-based administrator's salary. Salary supplements shall be paid for the following activities:

- A. assignment to an ESE cluster site (as designated by the ESE Department) add \$1,000;
- B. assignment as a lead principal add \$1200; Selected by the Superintendent.
- C. differentiated pay as approved by the Board;
- D. advanced degree in a position that requires a Florida Educator Certificate, for each degree beyond educational requirements listed in the job description that is held in the individual's area of certification add \$1,000;
- E. advanced degree in a position that does not require a Florida Educator Certificate or for those that were hired into an administrative position prior to July 1, 2011, for each degree beyond educational requirements listed in the job description add \$1,000.

### **Credit for Previous Experience**

The salary established for District administrators and the base salary established for school administrators under the placement salary schedule will include a credit for previous experience in a position with similar responsibilities, as follows:

- A. The minimum time that will be recognized as a year of service is full-time actual service rendered for more than one-half (1/2) of the number of days for the normal contractual period of service for the position held.
- B. Credit for service in another state or as otherwise allowed under the adopted salary schedule shall be determined by using the minimum service required in this District for a comparable position.
- C. Transfer of previous experience in a position with similar responsibilities including supervisory and/or administrative duties may not exceed fifteen (15) years of experience.
- D. An employee who claims credit for previous experience must complete and submit the Experience Verification Form within the first forty-five (45) days of employment to be retroactive to the employee's start date. If the forms are received after the forty-five (45) days, the salary adjustment will be made from the beginning of the pay period during which the forms were received. Previous experience can only be brought in one (1) time for the entire duration of employment with the District regardless of employment changes. The employee has up to thirty (30) days from the date experience is granted to appeal the number of years granted.

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#### 1430.07 - **MILITARY LEAVE**

The School Board supports individuals willing to serve in the armed forces of the United States or the State of Florida to protect our country and State. In accordance with State and Federal laws, administrators who must be absent from work for military service are entitled to take a military leave of absence in accordance with this policy.

Administrators called to duty are required to provide advance notice of need for leave to their supervisor.

#### **Reserve or Guard Training**

All administrators in this District who are commissioned reserve officers or reserve enlisted personnel in the United States military or naval service or members of the National Guard are entitled to leaves of absence from their respective duties, without loss of vacation leave, pay, time, or efficiency rating, on all days during which they are engaged in training ordered under the provisions of the United States military or naval training regulations for such personnel when assigned to active or inactive duty.

Compensation allowed for military leave to participate in required training exercises shall not exceed 240 hours in any one (1) annual period as provided in F.S. 115.07. Such leave is not charged as vacation. It shall be established that the period selected is not at the convenience of the employee but a military necessity, if it falls within the school year. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, leaves of absence for additional or longer periods of time for assignment to duty functions of a military character shall be without pay and may be granted by the Board and when so granted shall be without loss of time or efficiency rating.

When an administrator's assigned employment duty conflicts with ordered active or inactive duty training, it is the responsibility of the Board to provide a substitute employee, if necessary, for the assumption of such employment duty while the employee is on assignment for the training.

#### **Active Military Service**

Administrators who are service members of the National Guard or a reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States shall be granted leave to perform active military service, the first thirty (30) days of any such leave to be with full pay for Federal military service that is equal to or greater than ninety (90) consecutive days.

~~[ ] The Board shall supplement the military pay of its eligible officials and employees who are reservists called to active military service after the first thirty (30) days in an amount necessary to bring their total salary, inclusive of their base military pay, to the level earned at the time they were called to active military duty. [END OF OPTION]~~

Leave of absence for additional or longer periods of time for assignment to duty functions of a military character shall be **with ( X ) without** pay. Administrators on military leave may substitute accrued paid vacation for unpaid leave

**Re-Employment**

Re-employment of all administrators granted military leave shall be governed in accordance with 38 U.S.C. 4312. An administrator who is granted military leave for active duty shall, upon the completion of the tour of duty, be returned to employment without prejudice, provided that the administrator gives notice and files an application for re-employment within the time limitations contained in 38 U.S.C. 4312. The administrator will be returned to duty in the same or a similar position as previously held in accordance with 38 U.S.C. 4312.

**Benefits During Military Leave**

The Board shall continue to provide all health insurance and other existing benefits to administrators as required by the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act, Chapter 43 of Title 38 U.S.C.

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#### 2421 - **CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION**

The School Board recognizes that education is a function of both knowledge and the application of knowledge. Education that ties abstract ideas to practical applications also prepares students to use their minds, as well as preparing them to be citizens, parents, and members of a civilized culture. Career and technical education and academic education are complementary, rather than exclusive.

Career and technical education will provide experiences that complement and reinforce academic concepts that are particularly amenable to contextualized learning in a distinct career area and provide occupationally specific skills.

The Board shall provide career and technical education program offerings that include, but are not limited to:

- A. job preparatory courses designed to provide students with the competencies necessary for effective entry into an occupation;
- B. exploratory courses designed to give students initial exposure to skills and attitudes associated with a broad range of occupations in order to assist them in making informed decisions regarding their future academic and occupational goals;
- C. practical arts courses designed to teach students practical generic skills which, although applicable in some occupations, are not designed to prepare students for entry into an occupation;
- D. career education instruction which is designed to strengthen and integrate basic academic skills and career/technical skills and occupational awareness;
- E. accelerated career and technical programs such as vocational dual enrollment designed to enable high school students to earn elective credit toward graduation and postsecondary credit toward an A.S. degree or a technical certificate.

Additionally, each high school in the District shall host a career fair during the school year and establish a process to provide students in grades 11 and 12 the opportunity to meet or interview with potential employers during the career fair. The career fair must be held on the campus of the high school, except that a group of high schools in the District or the District and other school districts may hold a joint career fair at an alternative location to satisfy this requirement. A joint career fair must be held at a location within reasonable driving distance for students at all participating schools. The career fair must be held during the school day and may use Florida's online career planning and work-based learning system as part of the career fair activities. Alternatively, the District may consult with local workforce development boards, advisory committees, and business groups to determine free or cost-effective methods to provide other career and industry networking opportunities during the school day for secondary students, and exposure for elementary and secondary students to a representative variety of industries, business, and careers.

Any effort to recruit students to participate in a particular career and technical program shall follow applicable State and Federal laws regarding provision of information.

Once developed, the Superintendent shall annually submit a list of the career and technical education curriculum courses available in the District to the Board for approval. If required, the curriculum course list and any other related information shall thereafter be submitted to the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) for approval.

Career and technical education program offerings are available to middle and high school and adult students without regard to race (including anti-Semitism), color, national origin, sex (including sexual orientation, transgender status, or gender identity), age, disability (including HIV, AIDS, or sickle cell trait), pregnancy, marital status, age (except as authorized by law), religion, military status, ancestry, or genetic information which are classes protected by State and/or Federal law. The Superintendent is to ensure that application forms for cooperative education programs contain a notice of nondiscrimination. The notice of nondiscrimination shall be part of the application forms provided to employers.

Procedures for program operation in accordance with applicable labor laws are incorporated in the Florida Department of Education, Curriculum Frameworks, and Student Performance Standards. Those documents are kept on file in the Superintendent's office.

### **Career and Professional Academies; Career-Themed Courses**

The District shall offer career and professional academies at the middle and high school levels, and at least two (2) career-themed courses. A "career and professional academy" is a research-based program that integrates a rigorous academic curriculum with an industry-specific curriculum aligned directly to priority workforce needs established by the regional workforce board or the Department of Economic Development. Students completing career and professional academy programs must receive a standard high school diploma, the highest available industry certification, and opportunities to earn postsecondary credit if the academy partners with a postsecondary institution approved to operate in the State.

A "career-themed course" is a course, or a course in a series of courses, that leads to an industry certification identified in the CAPE Industry Certified Funding List pursuant to rules adopted by the State Board of Education. Career-themed courses have industry-specific curriculum aligned directly to priority workforce needs established by the regional workforce board or the Department of Economic Development. Students completing a career-themed course will be provided opportunities to earn postsecondary credit if the credit for the career-themed course can be articulated to a postsecondary institution approved to operate in the State.

The Board expects career and professional academies offered in the District's high schools to provide rigorous and relevant career-themed courses that articulate to postsecondary-level coursework and provide students with the opportunity to receive a standard high school diploma, the opportunity to earn industry certification, the opportunity to attain the Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars award, and the opportunity to earn postsecondary credit.

The Board further provides the opportunity for middle school students who successfully complete the curriculum of the career and professional academies or a career-themed course to transfer to a high school career and professional academy or a career-themed course currently operating within the District. Students who complete such courses at the middle school level must have the opportunity to earn an industry certificate, high school credit, and participate in career planning, job shadowing, and business leadership development activities. The District shall inform students and parents during course selection for middle school of the career and professional academy or career-themed courses available within the District.

The Board encourages the Superintendent to forge partnerships with local businesses in the development of career and professional academies. These partnerships will help prepare students for the State's workforce needs, as well as help attract, expand, and retain targeted, high-value industry and jobs in the community.

The District's career and professional academies should increase student academic achievement and graduation rates through integrated academic and career curriculum. Each middle school career exploration program, middle and high school career, and professional academies leading to industry certification, and high school graduation requirements shall be aligned.

Each career and professional academy and career-themed course at the high school level must:

- A. provide a rigorous standards-based academic curriculum integrated with a career curriculum; consider multiple styles of student learning; promote learning by doing through application and adaptation; maximize relevance of the subject matter; enhance each student's capacity to excel; and include an emphasis on work habits and work ethics.

- B. include one or more partnerships with postsecondary institutions, businesses, industry, employers, economic development organizations, or other appropriate partners from the local community. Such partnerships with postsecondary institutions shall be delineated in articulation agreements and include any career and professional academy courses or career-themed courses that earn postsecondary credit. Such agreements may include articulation between the secondary school and public or private two (2) year and four (4) year postsecondary institutions and technical centers. Such partnerships must provide opportunities for:
1. instruction from highly skilled professionals who possess industry-certification credentials for courses they are teaching;
  2. internships, externships, and on-the-job training;
  3. a postsecondary degree, diploma, or certificate;
  4. the highest available level of industry certification;
  5. maximum articulation of credits pursuant to F.S. 1007.23 upon program completion.
- C. promote and provide opportunities for students enrolled in a career and professional academy or a career-themed course to attain, at minimum, the Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars award pursuant to F.S. 1009.536.
- D. provide instruction in careers designated as high-skill, high-wage, and high-demand by the regional workforce development board, the chamber of commerce, economic development agencies, or the Department of Economic Opportunity.
- E. deliver academic content through instruction relevant to the career, including intensive reading and mathematics intervention required by F.S. 1003.428, with an emphasis on strengthening reading for information skills.
- F. offer applied courses that combine academic content with technical skills.
- G. provide instruction resulting in competency, certification, or credentials in workplace skills, including, but not limited to, communication skills, interpersonal skills, decision-making skills, the importance of attendance and timeliness in the work environment, and work ethics.

Each career and professional academy at the middle school level must:

- A. lead to careers in occupations designated as high-skill, high-wage, and high-demand in the CAPE Industry Certified Funding List approved under rules adopted by the State Board of Education.
- B. integrate content from core subject areas.
- C. integrate career and professional academy or career-themed course content with intensive reading and mathematics pursuant to F.S. 1003.428.
- D. coordinate with high schools to maximize opportunities for middle school students to earn high school credit.
- E. provide access to virtual instruction courses provided by virtual education providers legislatively authorized to provide part-time instruction to middle school students. The virtual instruction courses must be aligned to State curriculum standards for middle school career and professional academy courses or career-themed courses, with priority given to students who have required course deficits.
- F. provide instruction from highly skilled professionals who hold industry certificates in the career area in which they teach.
- G. provide personalized student advisement that includes a parent-participation component.

An adult student who is enrolled in an apprenticeship program that is registered with the Department of Education in accordance with F.S. Chapter 446, Job Training, is exempt from the provisions of F.S. 1004.91 relating to career preparatory instruction.

#### **High School Credit for Career and Technical Student Organization Participation**

Students in grades 6 through 12 may earn one (1) high school credit upon providing their school with verifiable documentation showing an accumulation of at least 135 hours of participation in career and technical student organization activities that occur outside of regular class time. The 135-hour threshold may be accumulated over the course of one (1) or more academic years.

- A. "Career and technical education program" means a comprehensive program of secondary instruction for which a curriculum framework has been adopted in accordance with F.A.C. 6A-6.0571.
- B. "Career and technical student organizations" or "CTSOs" are organizations for students enrolled in a career and technical education program that engages in career and technical education activities as an integral part of the instructional program to develop knowledge and skills by participating in activities, events, and competitions.

CTSO experiences and activities may count toward a high school credit if they provide the opportunity for students to apply academic and technical content to career experiences. These activities may include events, projects, competitions, and workshops, including preparation or practice time for such activities, supervised agricultural experiences, or any other activity that meets the definition of work-based learning under F.S. 446.0915, that is related to a CTSO.

To apply for a high school credit, a student, including a transfer student, must provide CTSO Lead Advisor with the following forms of verifiable documentation of demonstrable CTSO participation no later than April 30:

- A. dates/times the student participated in a career or technical student organization activity outside of regular class time;
- B. the name of the student organization;
- C. timesheets, sign-in sheets, or other time reports;
- D. a signed statement from the administrator or supervisor of the student organization verifying that the student has completed the reported number of hours;

Within thirty (30) school days of receipt of the student's documents related to CTSO participation, the District's Supervisor of College and Career Programs will review the documentation and notify the student if the student's CTSO participation meets the requirements of F.A.C. 6A-1.09442 and this policy.

CTSO advisors, CTSO teachers, and other relevant District personnel will be provided training on the requirements to award credit for CTSO participation.

### **Industry Certification in Industry-Certified Career Education Programs**

Post-secondary and secondary schools offering career-themed courses, career and professional academies and post-secondary adult vocational courses shall enable students in such programs to earn industry certification in an industry that is:

- A. within an industry that addresses a critical local or Statewide economic need;
- B. linked to an occupation that is included in the workforce system's targeted occupation list; or
- C. linked to an occupation that is identified as emerging.

To earn industry certification, the student must demonstrate the required proficiency on an assessment evaluated by an independent, third-party certifying entity using predetermined standards for knowledge, skills, and competencies.

### **Collection of and Accounting for Expenditure of Block Tuition and Other Fees for Career Centers**

#### **Secondary Career and Technical Education Course Fee**

Career and technical course fee, as listed in the Board-approved fee schedule, is \$30 per year for middle school and \$50 per year for high school per program. This is the maximum allowable fee. The student, upon registering, is expected to agree to pay the fee. These fees may be used to cover the cost of materials, supplies, and dues. Students who are unable to pay the fees may submit a request to the school asking for a fee waiver.

The annual per-student activity fee may not cover all expenses associated with student participation in individual activities; therefore, additional fees to cover expenses, including (but not limited to) materials, supplies, equipment, travel, membership dues, and other purchased services may be assessed by school principals.

## Post-Secondary

The standard tuition of \$2.44 per contact hour for residents and nonresidents and the out-of-state fee shall be \$9.78 per contact hour. For adult general education programs, block tuition of \$45.00 per half year or \$30.00 per term shall be assessed.

All funds received from block tuition shall be used only for adult general education programs as per the Wilton Simpson Technical College Handbook.

The determination of resident status for tuition purposes in career centers shall be made in accordance with State law.

## Waiver of Tuition and Fees for Certain Individuals

Certain individuals may qualify for a waiver of tuition and/or other fees. The following consists of the Board's tuition and other fee waivers.

- A. Tuition shall be waived for undergraduate college credit programs and career certificate programs for each recipient of a Purple Heart or another combat decoration superior in precedent who meets the requirements of State law. Similarly, tuition and fees shall be waived for eligible disabled veterans pursuant to F.S. 1009.21.
- B. Out-of-state fees for career centers for the following:
  1. Students who are undocumented for Federal immigration purposes and:
    - a. attended a secondary school in Florida for three (3) consecutive years immediately before graduating from a high school in Florida;
    - b. apply for enrollment in an institution of higher education within twenty-four (24) months after high school graduation; and
    - c. submit an official Florida high school transcript as evidence of attendance and graduation.
  2. An honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces, the United States Reserve Forces, or the National Guard who physically resides in Florida while enrolled in the career center; or entitled to and uses educational assistance provided by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs for a quarter, semester, or term beginning after July 1, 2015, who physically resides in Florida while enrolled in the career center.
  3. A person who is an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States residing or stationed outside of Florida. Tuition and fees charged to a student who qualifies for this out-of-state waiver may not exceed tuition and fees charged to a resident student.
- C. Transcript fees shall be waived for any individual who is an active duty member or an honorable discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces. Transcript fees shall also be waived for such individual's spouse and dependents.
- D. All registration, tuition, laboratory, and examination fees for a student participating in the Graduation Alternative to Traditional Education (GATE) Program as set forth under F.S. 1004.933. A waiver provided under this subparagraph after a student's first term shall be provided after State aid pursuant to F.S. 1009.895 is applied. Instructional materials assigned for use under the GATE Program will be made available to GATE Program students free of charge. No criteria to determine a student's eligibility to receive a waiver shall differ from F.S. 1004.933.

The District shall report to the FLDOE all students enrolled in the GATE Program during the fall, spring, or summer terms within thirty (30) days after the end of regular registration. For each eligible student, the District shall report the total reimbursable expenses by category.

Career centers shall report to the State Board of Education the number and value of fee waivers granted annually.

Any career center operated by the Board shall, within the nonresident student enrollment systemwide, prioritize the enrollment of a veteran who is granted an out-of-state fee waiver pursuant hereinabove over any other student who is granted an out-of-state fee waiver under this policy.

## Dual Enrollment Agreements Between District Career Centers and District High Schools

Any career center operated by the Board shall enter into a dual enrollment agreement with each high school in any District it serves. The agreement will:

- A. identify the courses and programs that are available to students through career dual enrollment and the clock hour credits that students will earn upon completion of each course and program;
- B. delineate the high school credit earned for the completion of each career dual enrollment course;
- C. identify any college credit articulation agreements associated with each clock hour program;
- D. describe how students and parents will be informed of career dual enrollment opportunities and related workforce demand, how students can apply to participate in a career dual enrollment program and register for courses through his/her high school, and the postsecondary career education expectations for participating students;
- E. establish any additional eligibility requirements for participation and a process for determining eligibility and monitoring the progress of participating students;
- F. delineate costs incurred by each entity and determine how transportation will be provided for students who are unable to provide their own transportation.

On or before August 1st of each year, the Board will submit its agreements to FLDOE.

### **Strategic Plan to Address Local and Regional Workforce Demands**

Florida statutes require each Board to develop, in collaboration with regional workforce boards, economic development agencies, and postsecondary institutions approved to operate in the state, a strategic three (3) year plan to address and meet local and regional workforce demands. If involvement of a regional workforce board or an economic development agency in the strategic plan development is not feasible, the Board, with the approval of the Department of Economic Development, shall collaborate with the most appropriate regional business leadership board.

The Board authorizes the Superintendent to collaborate with one (1) or more neighboring counties in the development of the strategic plan, and, upon approval of the plan, to offer career-themed courses, as defined in F.S. 1003.493(1)(b), or a career and professional academy as a joint venture.

The strategic plan must describe in detail provisions for the efficient transportation of students, the maximum use of shared resources, access to courses aligned to State curriculum standards through virtual education providers legislatively authorized to provide part-time instruction to middle school students, and an objective review of proposed career and professional academy courses and other career-themed courses to determine if the courses will lead to the attainment of industry certifications included on the CAPE Industry Certified Funding List pursuant to rules adopted by the State Board of Education.

The strategic three (3) year plan shall be constructed and based upon the elements set forth in F.S. 1003.491. Each strategic plan shall be reviewed, updated, and jointly approved every three (3) years by the School District, regional workforce boards, economic development agencies, and State-approved postsecondary institutions.

### **Maintenance of Records for Workforce Education Programs Funded with State Appropriations**

If the District receives State appropriations for workforce education, it will maintain adequate and accurate records including a system to record District workforce education funding and expenditures, to maintain the separation of postsecondary workforce education expenditures and secondary workforce education expenditures. These records will be submitted to the FLDOE in accordance with rules of the State Board of Education.

### **Florida Law Enforcement Academy First Responder Scholarship Program**

The District offers a Florida First Responder training program that is approved by the Criminal Justice Standards Commission within the Florida Department of Law Enforcement ("Commission"). The program is open to those individuals interested in a career as a law enforcement officer. Trainees participating in the program may be eligible for a Florida First Responder Scholarship ("FFR Scholarship") if they meet the following requirements:

- A. the trainee must enroll at Wilton Simpson Technical College;
- B. the trainee must be enrolled: for law enforcement trainees - the District's Commission-approved basic recruit training program for the purposes of meeting the minimum qualifications under F.S. 943.13 for employment or appointment as a law enforcement officer; or

- C. the trainee must not be: for law enforcement trainees - sponsored by an employing agency under F.S. 943.10(4) to pay the cost of a basic recruit training program; or
- D. for emergency medical technician trainees, paramedic trainees, and firefighter trainees - sponsored by an employer that is already covering the cost of the training program.

The amount of the LEA FFR Scholarship will not exceed the cost of tuition, fees, and eligible expenses described in F.S. 1009.896(6), less all other Florida and Federal financial assistance and any financial assistance provided by a trainee's employing agency for the cost of tuition and other expenses covered under F.S. 1009.896(6) shall be as set forth in F.S. 1009.896.

Trainees selected for an FFR Scholarship will receive the award for the fiscal year (July 1 through June 30). A trainee's award will automatically be renewed for the new fiscal year to cover remaining eligible expenses incurred for the same program in which the trainee was enrolled in the prior fiscal year.

To apply for an FFR Scholarship, trainees must contact the Administrative Office to obtain an FFR Scholarship application form. The LEA Scholarship application period will open on July 1st. Applications will not be accepted prior to the opening of the application period. Applications must be submitted to Tanesha Brown via email. Scholarships are on a first-come, first-served basis.

Applications will be reviewed by Wilton Simpson Technical College to determine whether, preliminarily, the applicant meets the eligibility requirements set forth herein. Incomplete applications or applicants who do not meet the eligibility requirements herein will be contacted and afforded an opportunity to resubmit an application if the initial application is received by May 15th.

Applications will be prioritized on a first-come, first-served basis based on the date a trainee's application is determined to be complete.

FFR Scholarship award notices will be provided to selected trainees no later than fifteen (15) days prior to the start of the term. The award notice will list the fund amounts awarded to the trainee, including the amounts for tuition, fees, and expenses as described in F.S. 1009.896. Trainees not selected for a scholarship may appeal to the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) pursuant to the provisions of F.A.C. 6A-20.0284.

Within thirty (30) days of the end of the regular drop/add period for each term, the District will report to the FLDOE the following information:

- A. the social security number and amount awarded to each trainee; and
- B. the social security number of each trainee who is eligible for the scholarship but who was not awarded funds.

The District will remit refunds with accompanying documentation to the FLDOE within thirty (30) days of the drop/add period for trainees who are not enrolled after the drop/add deadline or who no longer meet the eligibility requirements for the FFR Scholarship and by July 15 for all other funds not disbursed within the award period in order that funds be utilized to provide the most scholarship awards.

The District's FFR Scholarship Program will adhere to the duties relating to State financial aid established for postsecondary institutions enumerated in F.S. 1009.46.

### **Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)**

The District shall provide opportunities to students in grades 11 and 12 to take the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) during normal school hours and, if requested by a student, the opportunity to consult with a military recruiter.

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#### 2431.06 - **NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS (NIL) IN ATHLETICS**

The School Board recognizes the rights of student-athletes to use and benefit from their name, image, and likeness (NIL) in various activities. However, students are still required to comply with Florida law, the rules of the State Board of Education, and the policies of the Board as they relate to the conduct of student athletes and the administration and financial control of the athletic program. Likewise, student athletes must comply with all applicable bylaws of the Florida High School Athletics Association (FHSAA). Failure to adhere to any of these laws, rules, and/or regulations may, among other things, impact the amateur status of a student athlete.

#### **Prohibited NIL Activities**

In accordance with FHSAA bylaws, student athletes:

- A. are prohibited from making any reference to and will not otherwise use or authorize others to use the uniforms, logos, mascots, insignia, or identifying marks of a District or FHSAA member school, the FHSAA, the National Federation of State High School Athletic Associations (NFHS), and/or any FHSAA, NFHS, or member school event, game, or championship when engaging in any NIL activity. Student athletes are prohibited from monetizing their NIL with the use of their school's uniform, equipment, logo, name, proprietary patents, products, and/or copyrights associated with a District or FHSAA member school, NFHS, and/or School District, either in public, print, or social media platforms, unless granted authorization by prior written consent from the ~~school, District or governing body of the school~~ **Superintendent**, or association, respectively;
- B. may not endorse or promote any third-party entities, goods, or services during school-/District-sponsored activities or FHSAA activities;
- C. may not make any reference to FHSAA, NFHS, school, or District accolades or championships in NIL activities for which they are compensated;
- D. are prohibited from engaging in any NIL activities involving the following categories of products and services:
  1. adult entertainment products and services;
  2. alcohol, tobacco, vaping, and nicotine products;
  3. cannabis products;
  4. controlled substances;
  5. prescription pharmaceuticals;
  6. gambling, including sports betting, the lottery, and betting in connection with video games, online games, and mobile devices;

7. weapons, firearms, and ammunition;
8. political or social activism; and
9. NIL collectives.

NIL activities and agreements shall not be used to recruit student athletes to attend a particular school in order to participate in interscholastic athletics.

#### **NIL Collectives**

NIL collectives are independent entities, organizations, and groups that seek to direct or provide, either directly or indirectly, incentives to student athletes based on the student athletes' NIL. NIL collectives are independent from, and not affiliated with, the Board or District.

#### **District Personnel**

No District employee, athletic department staff member, or representative of a school's athletic interests as defined in FHSAA bylaws may form, direct, offer, provide, or otherwise engage in any activity outlined in FHSAA bylaws related to NILs and are subject to all prohibitions set forth therein.

#### **Amateur Status and Other Implications**

Student athletes engaging in NIL activities or entering into NIL agreements under FHSAA bylaws are solely responsible for determining whether their actions may impact their eligibility under the rules and regulations of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA), and/or the governing body of the sport in which they may participate, and are encouraged to contact such organizations. Compliance with this policy does not ensure that a student athlete's amateur status or eligibility to participate under the rules of the governing body of their sport will not be impacted.

Student athletes are further encouraged to seek legal counsel and tax advice when contemplating their participation in an NIL activity or whether to enter into an NIL agreement.

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## 2623 - **STUDENT ASSESSMENT**

The School Board shall assess student achievement and needs in all program areas in compliance with the law and rules of the State Board of Education. The purpose will be to determine the progress of students and to assist them in attaining student performance objectives and the educational achievement goals of this District. Each student must participate in the Statewide, standardized assessment program and the local assessment program as required by law.

Student performance data shall be used in developing objectives for the school improvement plan, evaluating instructional personnel and administrative personnel, assigning staff, allocating resources, acquiring instructional materials and technology, implementing performance-based budgeting, and promoting and assigning students to educational programs. The analysis of student performance data will identify strengths and needs in the educational program and trends over time, and be used in conjunction with budgetary planning and development of remediation programs.

The Board shall require the following:

- A. mandatory participation by all eligible students as defined by the State Board of Education rules;
- B. industry certification examinations, national assessments, and Statewide assessments offered by the District be made available to all Florida Virtual School students in the District;
- C. industry certification examinations, national assessments, and Statewide assessments be taken at the student's regularly assigned school unless an alternative site is mutually agreed to by the District and the Florida Virtual School or authorized contractor The District will notify students of the date and time of the administration of each examination or assessment.
- D. parents be informed of the testing program of the schools and of the Statewide, standardized tests or the local assessments that are to be administered to their children;
- E. data regarding individual test scores on either the Statewide, standardized tests or the local assessments be entered on the student's cumulative record, where it will be subject to the policy of this Board regarding student records;
- F. school and District test results will be reported to the public annually;
- G. the Superintendent shall develop procedures for the annual assessment of first, second, and third grade students on their reading proficiency and identify those students who are reading below grade level. S/He shall ensure that each student's teacher is involved in the assessment and in the identification of those students who are reading below grade level.

The District will notify the parent of each student who exhibits a deficiency in reading, shall consult with the parent in the development of a progress monitoring plan, and will provide intensive reading instruction to the student until the deficiency is corrected.

### **Statewide Standardized Assessment**

The Board shall administer the Statewide, standardized tests to students at the grade levels and for the subjects at the times designated by the Florida Commissioner of Education. The Statewide, standardized assessment program consists of Statewide, standardized comprehensive assessments, end-of-course (EOC) assessments, and the Florida Alternate Assessment.

A Statewide standardized EOC assessment must be used as the final cumulative examination for its associated course. No additional final assessment may be administered in a course with a Statewide, standardized EOC assessment. A District-required local assessment may be used as the final cumulative examination for its associated course in accordance with Board policy.

### **Local Assessments**

The District shall administer a local assessment that measures student mastery of course content at the necessary level of rigor for the grade levels/subjects that are not included in the subjects and grade levels measured under the Statewide, standardized assessment program. The course content that will be measured by the local assessments is set forth in the State standards that are required by F.S. 1003.41 and in the course description.

The District will provide a student's performance results on District-required local assessments to the student's teachers and parent within one (1) week after administering such assessments unless the Superintendent determines in writing that extenuating circumstances exist and report the extenuating circumstances to the Board. Results will be made available through a web-based portal as part of the District's student information system and in a printed format upon request by a student's parent.

### **Local Assessment Committees**

The Superintendent is authorized to convene local assessment committees to evaluate the assessments that are available to measure the performance of the District's students in all subjects and grade levels not measured by Statewide, standardized assessments, and to recommend to the Superintendent the assessment that would be most appropriate for the purpose required by State law. In so doing, these committees shall consider item banks, facilitating the sharing of developed tests with other school districts, acquiring assessments from State and national curriculum-area organizations, and providing technical assistance in best professional practices of test development based upon State-adopted curriculum standards, as well as established protocols for Statewide, standardized assessments concerning administration, scoring, and security.

Upon approval of the Superintendent of the specific type of assessment to be used at each grade level and for each subject not measured by a Statewide, standardized assessment, these committees shall then be responsible for the selection and/or development of each specific assessment, the development of the protocols that will govern the administration of the assessment, the protocols to be used in the scoring of each local assessment, and any protocols necessary for test security. The committee shall also be responsible for recommending to the Superintendent the method for collecting assessment results.

During the development of the local assessment program, progress reports shall be made to the Board about the work of the local assessment committees, and when the development of the local assessment program for each grade level and the subject area has not been completed.

### **Scheduling of Assessments**

- A. The Board will establish schedules for the administration of any Statewide, standardized assessments and District-required assessments and approve the schedules as an agenda item at a Board meeting. The Board will publish the testing schedules on its website using the Department of Education's uniform calendar with the information required by State law.

The Board will submit the schedules to the Department of Education by October 1st of each year. Each District school will publish the schedules for Statewide, standardized assessments and District-required assessments on its website using the uniform calendar.

- B. The Board will not schedule more than five percent (5%) of a student's total school hours in a school year to administer Statewide, standardized assessments, the coordinated screening and progress monitoring system under F.S. 1008.25, and District-required local assessments. The Board will secure written consent from a student's parent before administering District-required local assessments that, after applicable Statewide standardized assessments and coordinated screening and progress monitoring are scheduled, exceed the five percent (5%) test administration limit for that student. The five percent (5%) test administration limit for a student may be exceeded if necessary to provide test accommodations that are required by an IEP or are appropriate for an English language learner who is currently receiving services in the District's English language learner program.

### **Assessment Preparation**

No school in this District may suspend the regular program of curricula to administer practice assessments or engage in other assessment-preparation activities for a Statewide, standardized assessment. However, the Board authorizes schools to:

- A. distribute to students sample assessment books and answer keys that are published by the Florida Department of Education;
- B. provide individual instruction in assessment-taking strategies without suspending the school's regular program of curricula for a student who scores at Level 1 or Level 2 on a prior administration of the Statewide assessment;
- C. provide individualized instruction in the content knowledge and skills assessed, without suspending the school's regular program of curriculum for a student who scores at Level 1 or Level 2 on a prior administration of the Statewide assessment or a student who, through a diagnostic assessment administered by the District is identified as having a deficiency in the content knowledge and skills assessed; and
- D. administer a practice assessment or engage in other assessment preparation activities for the statewide assessment which are determined necessary to familiarize students with the organization of the assessment, the format of the assessment items, and the assessment directions, or which are otherwise necessary for the valid and reliable administration of the assessment, as set forth in rules adopted by the State Board of Education.

### **Students with Disabilities**

#### **A. Participation in Statewide Standardized Assessments with or without Accommodations**

All students with disabilities will participate in the Statewide standardized assessment program based on State standards, pursuant to F.A.C. 6A-1.09401, without accommodations unless the student's individual educational plan (IEP) team, or the team that develops the plan required under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, determines and documents that the student requires allowable accommodations during instruction and for participation in a Statewide standardized assessment.

"Accommodations" are defined as adjustments to the presentation of the Statewide standardized assessment questions, methods of recording examinee responses to the questions, scheduling for the administration of a Statewide standardized assessment to include amount of time for administration, settings for administration of a Statewide standardized assessment, and the use of assistive technology or devices to facilitate the student's participation in a Statewide standardized assessment. Accommodations that negate the validity of a Statewide standardized assessment are not allowable.

The provision of accommodations for students with disabilities shall be provided in accordance with F.A.C. 6A-1.0943 and applicable State and Federal laws.

#### **B. Florida Alternate Assessment**

A student with a disability, as defined in F.S. 1007.02(2), for whom the IEP Team determines that the Statewide standardized assessments cannot accurately measure the student's abilities, taking into consideration all allowable accommodations, shall have assessment results waived for the purpose of receiving a course grade and a standard high school diploma. Such a waiver shall be designated on the student's transcript. The statement of waiver shall be limited to a statement that performance on an assessment was waived for the purpose of receiving a course grade or a standard high school diploma, as applicable.

The alternative assessment program is designed for a student with a significant cognitive disability and includes the Florida Standards Alternate Assessment (FSAA) – Performance Task and the FSAA – datafolio assessments. The decisions of whether a student is eligible to participate in the alternative assessment program and whether the student should participate in the FSAA – Performance Task or FSAA – datafolio assessments is determined by the

student's IEP team and delineated on the student's IEP. Participation in the Florida Alternate Assessment by students with significant cognitive disabilities will be determined by the student's IEP team and delineated on the student's IEP. Such determinations must be in accordance with the criteria set forth in Florida law including, but not limited to, F.A.C. 6A-1.0943 and 6A-1.09430.

### C. Extraordinary Exemptions

A student with a disability for whom the IEP ~~T~~<sup>E</sup>am determines is prevented by a circumstance or condition, as those terms are defined in F.S. 1008.212, from physically demonstrating the mastery of skills that have been acquired and are measured by the Statewide standardized assessment, a Statewide standardized end-of-course assessment, or an alternate assessment pursuant to F.S. 1008.22(3)(c) shall be granted an extraordinary exemption from the administration of the assessment. A learning, emotional, behavioral, or significant cognitive disability or the receipt of services through the homebound or hospitalized program is not, in and of itself, an adequate criterion for the granting of an extraordinary exemption.

Once an IEP Team determines that a student with a disability is prevented by a "circumstance" or "condition" as defined in F.S. 1008.212 from physically demonstrating the mastery of skills that have been acquired and are measured by the Statewide standardized assessment, a Statewide standardized end-of-course assessment, or an alternate assessment under F.S. 1008.22(3)(c), the IEP Team, which must include the parent, may submit to the ~~S~~<sup>S</sup>uperintendent a written request for an extraordinary exemption from the administration of the assessment pursuant to F.S. 1008.212.

The written request for an extraordinary exemption may be made at any time during the school year but not later than sixty (60) days before the first day of the administration window of the assessment for which the request is made. The request must include the following information:

1. A written description of the student's disabilities, including a specific description of the student's impaired sensory, manual, or speaking skills.
2. Written documentation of the most recent evaluation data.
3. Written documentation, if available, of the most recent administration of Statewide standardized assessments.
4. A written description of the circumstances' or conditions', as defined above, the effect on the student's participation in Statewide standardized assessments.
5. Written evidence that the student has had an opportunity to learn the skills being tested.
6. Written evidence that the student has been provided with appropriate instructional accommodations.
7. Written evidence as to whether the student has had the opportunity to be assessed using the instructional accommodations on the student's IEP which are allowable in the administration of a Statewide standardized assessment.
8. Written evidence of the circumstance or condition as defined above.
9. The name, address, and phone number of the student's parent.

The superintendent will recommend to the Commissioner of Education whether the request should be granted or denied, and the Commissioner will grant or deny the requested exemption within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of the ~~S~~<sup>S</sup>uperintendent's request. A copy of the District's procedural safeguards as required in F.A.C. 6A-6.03311 shall be provided to the parent. If the parent disagrees with the IEP Team's recommendation, the dispute resolution methods described in the procedural safeguards shall be made available to the parent.

### D. Exemption Options for Students with a Medical Complexity

In addition to the exemption option available under F.S. 1008.212, a student with a medical complexity as defined in F.S. 1008.22 may be exempt from participating in Statewide standardized assessments, including the Florida Alternate Assessment. If a parent consents in writing and the student's IEP ~~T~~<sup>E</sup>am determines that the student should not be assessed based on medical documentation that confirms that the student meets the criteria of medical complexity, the parent may select from the assessment exemption options set forth in F.S. 1008.22.

If a student who resides in the District and qualifies for a Florida Tax Credit Scholarship attends an eligible private school, pursuant to State law, that has chosen not to administer the Statewide, standardized assessments, the District shall designate, upon the request of the parent, an assessment site where the student can participate in the Statewide, standardized assessment. The parent is responsible for providing transportation to the assessment site.

### Test Administration and Security

The Board may contract with qualified contractors to administer and proctor Statewide standardized assessments or local assessments required under State law. Assessments may be administered or proctored by qualified contractors at sites that meet criteria established by rules of the State Board of Education and adopted pursuant to State law to implement these contracting requirements.

Board employees, such as education paraprofessionals, licensed, certified instructors, or education services officer test administrators as described in F.S. 1008.23 may administer and proctor Statewide, standardized assessments or assessments associated with Florida approved courses under F.S. 1003.499. All test administrators and proctors for the Statewide assessments will be trained according to rules of the State Board of Education before performing such duties.

Board employees who are involved in handling, administering, proctoring or scoring of tests shall not:

- A. reveal, copy or otherwise reproduce tests or individual test questions, except as authorized;
- B. assist examinees in answering test questions by any means;
- C. interfere with examinees' answers;
- D. give answer keys to examinees or any unauthorized person.

Board employees who are involved in administering or proctoring tests, or who teach or otherwise prepare examinees, shall not participate in, direct, aid, or counsel, assist in, or encourage any activity that could result in the inaccurate measurement or reporting of the examinees' achievement.

The Board shall take appropriate and necessary actions against any employee who knowingly and willfully violates test security rules adopted by the FLDOE for any Statewide standardized assessments.

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### 3430.07 - **MILITARY LEAVE**

The School Board supports individuals willing to serve in the armed forces of the United States or the State of Florida to protect our country and State. In accordance with State and Federal laws, instructional staff members who must be absent from work for military service are entitled to take a military leave of absence in accordance with this policy.

Instructional staff members called to duty are required to provide advance notice of need for leave to their supervisor.

#### **Reserve or Guard Training**

All instructional staff members in this District who are commissioned reserve officers or reserve enlisted personnel in the United States military or naval service or members of the National Guard are entitled to leaves of absence from their respective duties, without loss of vacation leave, pay, time, or efficiency rating, on all days during which they are engaged in training ordered under the provisions of the United States military or naval training regulations for such personnel when assigned to active or inactive duty.

Compensation allowed for military leave to participate in required training exercises shall not exceed 240 hours in any one (1) annual period as provided in F.S. 115.07. Such leave is not charged as vacation. It shall be established that the period selected is not at the convenience of the employee but a military necessity, if it falls within the school year. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, leaves of absence for additional or longer periods of time for assignment to duty functions of a military character shall be without pay and may be granted by the Board and when so granted shall be without loss of time or efficiency rating.

When an instructional staff member's assigned employment duty conflicts with ordered active or inactive duty training, it is the responsibility of the Board to provide a substitute employee, if necessary, for the assumption of such employment duty while the employee is on assignment for the training.

#### **Active Military Service**

Instructional staff members who are service members of the National Guard or a reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States shall be granted leave to perform active military service, the first thirty (30) days of any such leave to be with full pay for Federal military service that is equal to or greater than ninety (90) consecutive days.

~~[ ] The Board shall supplement the military pay of its eligible officials and employees who are reservists called to active military service after the first thirty (30) days in an amount necessary to bring their total salary, inclusive of their base military pay, to the level earned at the time they were called to active military duty. [END OF OPTION]~~

Leave of absence for additional or longer periods of time for assignment to duty functions of a military character shall be without pay. Instructional staff members on military leave may substitute accrued paid vacation for unpaid leave.

**Re-Employment**

Re-employment of all instructional staff members granted military leave shall be governed in accordance with 38 U.S.C. 4312. An instructional staff members who is granted military leave for active duty shall, upon the completion of the tour of duty, be returned to employment without prejudice, provided that the instructional staff member gives notice and files an application for re-employment within the time limitations contained in Federal law. Instructional staff members will be returned to duty in the same or a similar position as previously held in accordance with Federal law.

**Benefits During Military Leave**

The Board shall continue to provide all health insurance and other existing benefits to instructional staff members as required by the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act, Chapter 43 of Title 38 U.S.C.

Bargaining unit members should refer to the collective bargaining agreement for more information pertaining to military leave.

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#### 4430.07 - **MILITARY LEAVE**

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## 5112 - ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

The School Board hereby establishes entrance age requirements for students which are consistent with statute and sound educational practice and requires the equitable treatment of all eligible children.

Pursuant to State law, all children who have attained the age of six (6) years or who will have attained the age of six (6) years by February 1st of any school year or who are older than six (6) years of age but who have not attained the age of sixteen (16) years, except as otherwise provided in Florida statute, are required to attend school regularly during the entire school term. Further, all children enrolling in a District school shall meet the immunization requirements set forth in F.S. 1003.22, as well as provide evidence of a physical exam as required by State law.

The ~~ssu~~Superintendent may require evidence of the age of any child who seeks to enroll in the District or who the Superintendent believes to be within the limits of compulsory attendance as provided by law; however, the Superintendent will not require evidence from any child who meets regular attendance requirements by attending any of the following schools or programs:

- A. a parochial, religious, or denominational school;
- B. a private school supported in whole or in part by tuition charges or by endowments or gifts;
- C. a home education program that meets the requirements of F.S. Chapter 1002; or
- D. a private tutoring program that meets the requirements of F.S. Chapter 1002.

In addition, consistent with rules adopted by the State Board of Education, children with disabilities who have attained the age of three (3) years shall be eligible for admission to the District's special education programs and for related services. Children with disabilities younger than three (3) years of age who are deaf or hard of hearing, visually impaired, dual sensory impaired, orthopedically impaired, other health impaired, who have experienced traumatic brain injury, who have autism spectrum disorder, established conditions, or who exhibit developmental delays or intellectual disabilities may be eligible for special programs and may receive services in accordance with rules of the State Board of Education. The identification of established conditions for children birth through two (2) years of age and developmental delays for children birth through five (5) years of age shall be in accordance rules adopted by the State Board of Education.

Further, as required by F.S. 1003.22 and Policy 5320, Immunizations all children enrolling in a District school shall meet the immunization requirements set forth in State law, as well as provide evidence of a physical exam as required by State law.

### Kindergarten

Children entering kindergarten in this District for the first time must comply with F.S. 1003.21 regarding entry age. A child must be five (5) years old on or before September 1st, in order to meet the Florida age requirement for kindergarten. A child under age six (6) who is enrolled in kindergarten will be considered of compulsory school age.

### **First Grade**

Children entering first grade in this District for the first time must comply with F.S. 1003.21. Any child who has attained the age of six (6) years on or before September 1st of the school year and who has been enrolled in a public school or who has attained the age of six (6) years on or before September 1st and has satisfactorily completed the requirements for kindergarten in a non-public school, or who otherwise meets the criteria for admission or transfer in a manner similar to that applicable to other grades, shall progress according to the District's student progression plan.

Students transferring to first grade from a kindergarten program other than the one offered by the District will need written verification of satisfactory completion of **an appropriate** kindergarten ~~from the public or non-public school attended. Home education is not an option program.~~ Verification forms are available at each elementary school.

### **Initial Entry**

- A. Children entering the District for the first time must comply with F.S. 1003.21 and with the District's Student Progression Plan. Students must have an immunization record on file at the school. Any student who does not have the proper immunization shall be temporarily excluded from attendance until compliance has been documented.
- B. Each child who is entitled to admittance to kindergarten or is entitled to any other initial entrance into a public school in the District must have a certification of a school-entry health examination performed within one (1) year before enrollment in school. Students transferring into the District from a school within the State of Florida who have completed physical examination form as part of their school record need not be re-examined. Examinations taken out-of-state may be accepted if performed within one (1) year of entry and include documentation and reported on the official forms of the physician. A student shall have up to thirty (30) school days to present a certification of a school-entry health examination. Children and youths who are experiencing homelessness and children who are known to the Department, as defined in F.S. 39.0016, shall be given a temporary exemption for thirty (30) school days. The school health services plan shall contain provisions to assist students in obtaining health examinations.
- C. A child may be exempt from the required health examination and/or immunization upon written request of the parent or guardian of such child stating an objection to examination and/or immunization on religious grounds or for medical reasons certified by a competent medical authority.
- D. Any student and/or his/her parent(s) who enters the District for the first time must disclose the following information at the time of enrollment:
  1. prior school expulsions;
  2. arrests resulting in a charge;
  3. juvenile justice actions; and
  4. any corresponding referral to mental health services by a school district that the student previously attended;
  5. disciplinary placement.

Any student who discloses any of the above-referenced matters is subject to the provisions of the Code of Student Conduct, Policy 5500, and Policy 5610 relating to disciplinary placement and/or assignment of students.

### **Verification of Residence**

Verification of a parent or guardian's residence shall be required at the time the child registers in a District school. Verification of residence may also be required at any other time at the discretion of the Superintendent.

A student whose parent is transferred or is pending transfer to a military installation within the State while on active military duty pursuant to an official military order shall be considered a resident of the District for purposes of enrollment when the order is submitted to the District.

### **Notification of in Loco Parentis**

In cases in which a student is temporarily not residing with his/her parents or legal guardian for a short period of time, the parent or legal guardian of the student shall designate in writing that adult person with whom the student resides who stands in loco parentis to the student in order for him/her to be admitted or continue in school. This statement shall be notarized and presented to the principal.

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#### **5225 - ABSENCES FOR RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS**

It is the policy of the School Board that absences from school for the observance of a religious holiday or because of the tenets of a student's religion forbid secular activity during a school day or portion thereof shall be excused subject to compliance with this policy.

Set forth below is a list of religious holidays for which student absences will be excused. The absence will be excused only for the days on which the holiday is observed. The dates on which the holidays are observed will be verified through the use of various sources and may change due to the lunar, Gregorian, and Julian calendars.

- A. Martyrdom of the Bab (Baha'i)
- B. Hajj Day (Islam)
- C. Tish'a B'Av (Jewish)
- D. Yawm al-Arafa (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)
- E. Eid al-Adha (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)
- F. Eid al-Adha (Islam)
- G. Asalha Puja Day (Buddhist)
- H. Guru Purnima
- I. Eid-e-Ghadeer (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)
- J. Transfiguration of the Lord (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
- K. 1st Muharram (Islamic New Year)
- L. 1st Muharram (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)

- M. Ashara Mubarak (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)
- N. Onam (Hindu)
- O. Naga Panchami (Hindu)
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- S. Yawm Aashura (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)
- T. Ulambana (Buddhist)
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- X. Lammas (Christian and Wicca)
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- AA. Rosh Hashana (Jewish)
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- AE. Nativity of Mary (Christian)
- AF. Ganesh Chaturthi (Hindu)
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- BL. Immaculate Conception (Christian)
- BM. Yule (Wicca and Christian)
- BN. Christmas (Christian)
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- BP. Zarathosht Diso (Zoroastrian)
- BQ. Gantan-sai (Shinto)
- BR. Mary, Mother of God (Catholic Christian)
- BS. Holy Convocation (Church of God and Saints of Christ)
- BT. Birthday of Guru Gobindh Singh Sahib (Sikh)
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- BW. Nativity of Christ (Armenian Orthodox)
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- BZ. Makar Sankranti and Pongal (Hindu)
- CA. World Religion Day (Baha'i)
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- CC. Chinese/Lunar New Year (Confucian, Daoist, Buddhist)
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- CE. Imbolic-Candlemas (Wicca and Christian)
- CF. Midwinter Ceremonies (Native American)
- CG. Vasant Panchami (Hindu)
- CH. Nirvana Day (Buddhist)
- CI. Ayyam al Beez (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)
- CJ. Jonah's Passover (Eastern Orthodox Church)
- CK. Urus - Syedna Taher Saifuddin (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)
- CL. Intercalary Days (Baha'i)
- CM. Yawm al-Mab'ath (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)
- CN. Shrove Tuesday (Christian)
- CO. Maha Shivaratri (Hindu)
- CP. Lailat al Miraj (Islam)
- CQ. Ash Wednesday (Christian)
- CR. Clean Monday (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
- CS. L. Ron Hubbard's Birthday (Church of Scientology)
- CT. Purim (Jewish)
- CU. Holi (Hindu)
- CV. Hola Mohalla (Sikh)
- CW. Lailat al Bara'ah (Islam)
- CX. Ostara (Wicca)
- CY. Naw-Ryz (Baha'i)
- CZ. Nowruz (Zoroastrian)
- DA. Annunciation of the Virgin Mary (Christian)
- DB. The Annunciation of the Theotokos (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
- DC. Khordad Sal (Zoroastrian)
- DD. Souramana Yugadi (Hindu)

- DE. Chandramana Yugadi (Hindu)
- DF. Ramadan (Islam)
- DG. Visakha Puja (Buddhist)
- DH. Buddha's Birthday/Buddha Day
- DI. Palm Sunday
- DJ. Ramnavami (Hindu)
- DK. Memorial of the Feast of the Lord's Passover (Church of God and Saints of Christ)
- DL. Holy Thursday (Christian)
- DM. Mahavir Jayanti (Jain)
- DN. Holy Friday (Christian)
- DO. Passover/Days of Unleavened Bread (Church of God and Saints of Christ)
- DP. Lord's Evening Meal (Christian, Jehovah's Witness)
- DQ. Passover (United Church of God)
- DR. Passover (Jewish)
- DS. Lazarus Saturday (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
- DT. Theravadin New Year (Buddhist)
- DU. First Day of Unleavened Bread (Church of God)
- DV. Days of Unleavened Bread (Philadelphia Church of God)
- DW. Easter (Christian)
- DX. Palm Sunday (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
- DY. Easter Monday (Christian)
- DZ. First Day of Ridvan (Baha'i)
- EA. Shahadat - Amirul Mumineed (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)
- EB. Holy Thursday (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
- EC. Holy Friday (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
- ED. The Last Friday of the Great Lent (Eastern Orthodox Church)
- EE. Last Day of Unleavened Bread (Church of God)
- EF. Laylatul Qadr (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)
- EG. Easter (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
- EH. Milad Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)
- EI. The 11th Panchen Lama's Birthday (Buddhist)
- EJ. Bright Monday (Eastern Orthodox Christian)

- EK. Hanuman Jayanti (Hindu)
- EL. Ninth Day of Ridvan (Baha'i)
- EM. Laylatul Qadr (Islam)
- EN. Aakhir Jumo'a (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)
- EO. Beltane (Wicca)
- EP. Twelfth Day of Ridvan (Baha'i)
- EQ. Eid al-Fitr (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)
- ER. Eid al Fitr (Islam)
- ES. Yom Ha'Azmaut (Jewish)
- ET. Declaration of the Bab (Baha'i)
- EU. Ascension of Our Lord (Christian)
- EV. Ascension of Baha'u'llah (Baha'i)
- EW. Pentecost (Christian)
- EX. Shavuot (Jewish)
- EY. Pentecost (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
- EZ. Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Sahib (Sikh)
- FA. Fast of the Holy Apostles (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
- FB. Litha (Wicca)

The following religious holidays for the 2020-2021 school year for which student absence will be excused:

**A. July**

1. July 9th — Martyrdom of the Bab\* (Baha'i)
2. July 17th — 22nd — Hajj Day (Islam)
3. July 18th
  - a. Tish'a B'Av (Jewish)
  - b. Yawm al Arafah (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)
4. July 19th — Eid al Adha (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)
5. July 19th — 23rd — Eid al Adha (Islam)
6. July 24th
  - a. Asalha Puja Day (Buddhist)
  - b. Guru Purnima
7. July 27th — Eid e Ghadeer (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)

**B. August**

1. ~~August 1st~~

- a. ~~Fast in Honor of the Holy Mother of Lord Jesus (Eastern Orthodox Christian)~~
- b. ~~Lammas (Christian and Wicca)~~

2. ~~August 6th — Transfiguration of the Lord (Eastern Orthodox Christian)~~3. ~~August 9th~~

- a. ~~1st Muharram (Islamic New Year)~~
- b. ~~1st Muharram (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)~~

4. ~~August 9th — 18th — Ashara Mubarak (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)~~5. ~~August 12th — 23rd — Onam\* (Hindu)~~6. ~~August 13th — Naga Panchami (Hindu)~~7. ~~August 13th — 15th — Obon (Buddhist)~~8. ~~August 15th~~

- a. ~~Feast of the Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary (Catholic Christian)~~
- b. ~~Dormition of the Theotokos (Orthodox Christian)~~

9. ~~August 18th — Yawm Aashura (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)~~10. ~~August 22nd~~

- a. ~~Ulamana (Buddhist)~~
- b. ~~Raksha Bandhan (Hindu)~~

11. ~~August 30th — Krishna Janmashtami (Hindu)~~C. ~~September~~1. ~~September 1st — Ecclesiastical Year begins (Eastern Orthodox Christian)~~2. ~~September 3rd — 10th — Paryushana (Jain)~~3. ~~September 6th — 8th — Rosh Hashana (Jewish)~~4. ~~September 7th~~

- a. ~~His Holiness Sakya Trizin's Birthday (Buddhist)~~
- b. ~~Feast of Trumpets (Church of God, Philadelphia Church of God)~~

5. ~~September 7th — 29th — Sh'mini Atzeret (Jewish)~~6. ~~September 8th — Nativity of Mary (Christian)~~7. ~~September 10th — Ganesh Chaturthi (Hindu)~~8. ~~September 16th~~

- a. ~~Yom Kippur (Jewish)~~
- b. ~~Day of Atonement (Christian, Church of God, Philadelphia Church of God)~~

9. ~~September 21st—Nativity of the Theotokos (Eastern Orthodox Christian)~~
10. ~~September 21st—27th~~
  - a. ~~Sukkot (Jewish)~~
  - b. ~~Feast of Tabernacles (Church of God, Philadelphia Church of God)~~
11. ~~September 21st—29th—Mabon (Wicca/Pagan)~~
12. ~~September 27th~~
  - a. ~~The Elevation of the Holy Cross (Eastern Orthodox Christian)~~
  - b. ~~Chehlum Imam Hussain (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)~~
13. ~~September 28th—Last Great Day (Church of God, Philadelphia Church of God)~~
14. ~~September 29th—Simchat Torah (Jewish)~~

#### D. ~~October~~

1. ~~October 7th—15th—Navaratri (Hindu)~~
2. ~~October 18th—Milad an-Nabi (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)~~
3. ~~October 19th—Maulid al-Nabi (Islam)~~
4. ~~October 20th~~
  - a. ~~Birth of B'ab (Baha'i)~~
  - b. ~~Installation of Scriptures of Guru Granth (Sikh)~~
5. ~~October 22nd—Urus Syedna Mohammad Burhanuddin (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)~~

#### E. ~~November~~

1. ~~November 1st~~
  - a. ~~All Saints' Day (Christian)~~
  - b. ~~Samhain-Beltane (Wicca)~~
2. ~~November 2nd—All Souls' Day (Christian)~~
3. ~~November 5th—Goverdhan Puja (Hindu)~~
4. ~~November 7th—Birth of Baha'u'llah (Baha'i)~~
5. ~~November 9th—Milad Imam uz-Zamaan (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)~~
6. ~~November 12th—16th—Diwali (Hindu, Jain, Puja, Deepavali, and Sikh)~~
7. ~~November 21st—The Presentation of the Theotokos to the Temple (Eastern Orthodox Christian)~~
8. ~~November 24th—Guru Tegh Bahadur Martyrdom (Sikh)~~
9. ~~November 25th~~
  - a. ~~Day of Covenant (Baha'i)~~
  - b. ~~Milad Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)~~

10. November 27th—Ascension of 'Abdul'l Baha (Baha'i)

11. November 28th

a. Nativity Fast begins (Eastern Orthodox Christian)

b. First Sunday of Advent (Christian)

12. November 28th—December 6th—Hanukkah (Jewish)

13. November 29th—Guru Nanak Dev Sahib Birthday (Sikh)

#### F. December

1. December 8th—Immaculate Conception (Christian)

2. December 21st—22nd—Yule (Wicca and Christian)

3. December 25th

a. Christmas (Christian)

b. The Nativity of Christ (Eastern Orthodox Christian)

4. December 26th—Zarathosht Diso (Zoroastrian)

#### G. January

1. January 1st

a. Gantan-sai (Shinto)

b. Mary, Mother of God (Catholic Christian)

2. January 3rd—10th—Holy Convocation (Church of God and Saints of Christ)

3. January 5th—Birthday of Guru Gobindh Singh Sahib (Sikh)

4. January 6th

a. Feast of Epiphany (Christian)

b. Feast of Theophany (Eastern Orthodox Christian)

c. Nativity of Christ (Armenian Orthodox)

5. January 7th—Feast of the Nativity (Eastern Orthodox Christian)

6. January 13th—Maghi (Sikh)

7. January 14th—Makar Sankranti and Pongal (Hindu)

8. January 16th—World Religion Day\* (Baha'i)

9. January 17th—Tu B'shvat (Jewish)

#### H. February

1. February 1st—Chinese/Lunar New Year (Confucian, Daoist, Buddhist)

2. February 2nd

a. The Presentation of Our Lord to the Temple (Eastern Orthodox Christian)

- b. Imbolc Candlemas (Wicca and Christian)
- 3. February 3rd — 12th — Midwinter Ceremonies (Native American)
- 4. February 5th — Vasant Panchami (Hindu)
- 5. February 15th — Nirvana Day (Buddhist)
- 6. February 16th — Ayyam al Beez (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)
- 7. February 17th — Jonah's Passover (Eastern Orthodox Church)
- 8. February 20th — Urus — Syedna Taher Saifuddin (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)
- 9. February 26th — March 1st — Intercalary Days (Baha'i)
- 10. February 28th — Yawm al Mab'ath (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)

#### I. March

- 1. March 1st
  - a. Shrove Tuesday (Christian)
  - b. Maha Shivaratri (Hindu)
  - c. Lailat al Miraj (Islam)
- 2. March 2nd — Ash Wednesday (Christian)
- 3. March 7th — Clean Monday (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
- 4. March 13th — L. Ron Hubbard's Birthday (Church of Scientology)
- 5. March 17th — Purim (Jewish)
- 6. March 18th
  - a. Holi (Hindu)
  - b. Hola Mohalla (Sikh)
- 7. March 19th — Lailat al Bara'ah (Islam)
- 8. March 20th — Ostara (Wicca)
- 9. March 21st — Naw Ryz (Baha'i)
- 10. March 22nd — Nowruz (Zoroastrian)
- 11. March 25th
  - a. Annunciation of the Virgin Mary (Christian)
  - b. The Annunciation of the Theotokos (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
- 12. March 26th — Khordad Sal (Zoroastrian)

#### J. April

- 1. April 1st
  - a. Souramana Yugadi (Hindu)

- b. Chandramana-Yugadi (Hindu)
- 2. April 2nd — May 1st — Ramadan (Islam)
- 3. April 8th
  - a. Visakha-Puja (Buddhist)
  - b. Buddha's Birthday/Buddha-Day Buddha-Day
- 4. April 10th
  - a. Palm-Sunday
  - b. Ramnavami (Hindu)
- 5. April 13th — 20th — Memorial of the Feast of the Lord's Passover (Church of God and Saints of Christ)
- 6. April 14th
  - a. Holy Thursday (Christian)
  - b. Mahavir-Jayanti (Jain)
- 7. April 15th
  - a. Holy-Friday (Christian)
  - b. Passover/Days of Unleavened Bread (Church of God and Saints of Christ)
  - c. Lord's Evening Meal (Christian, Jehovah's Witness)
  - d. Passover (United Church of God)
- 8. April 15th — 22nd — Passover (Jewish)
- 9. April 16th
  - a. Lazarus-Saturday (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
  - b. Theravadin New-Year (Buddhist)
  - c. First Day of Unleavened Bread (Church of God)
- 10. April 16th — 22nd — Days of Unleavened Bread (Philadelphia Church of God)
- 11. April 17th
  - a. Easter (Christian)
  - b. Palm-Sunday (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
- 12. April 18th — Easter Monday (Christian)
- 13. April 20th
  - a. First Day of Ridvan (Baha'i)
  - b. Shahadat — Amirul Mumineed (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)
- 14. April 21st — Holy Thursday (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
- 15. April 22nd

- a. Holy Friday (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
- b. The Last Friday of the Great Lent (Eastern Orthodox Church)
- c. Last Day of Unleavened Bread (Church of God)
- 16. April 23rd—24th Laylatul Qadr (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)
- 17. April 24th
  - a. Easter (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
  - b. Milad Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)
- 18. April 25th
  - a. The 11th Panchen Lama's Birthday (Buddhist)
  - b. Bright Monday (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
- 19. April 26th—Hanuman Jayanti (Hindu)
- 20. April 28th
  - a. Ninth Day of Ridvan (Baha'i)
  - b. Laylatul Qadr (Islam)
- 21. April 29th—Aakhir Jumo'a (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)

#### K. May

- 1. May 1st
  - a. Beltane (Wicca)
  - b. Twelfth Day of Ridvan (Baha'i)
- 2. May 2nd—Eid al-Fitr (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)
- 3. May 3rd—Eid al-Fitr (Islam)
- 4. May 5th—6th Yom Ha'Azmaut (Jewish)
- 5. May 24th—Declaration of the Bab (Baha'i)
- 6. May 26th—Ascension of Our Lord (Christian)
- 7. May 29th—Ascension of Baha'u'llah (Baha'i)

#### L. June

- 1. June 5th—Pentecost (Christian)
- 2. June 4th—6th Shavuot (Jewish)
- 3. June 12th—Pentecost (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
- 4. June 16th—Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Sahib (Sikh)
- 5. June 20th—Fast of the Holy Apostles (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
- 6. June 24th—Litha (Wicca)

~~\* Approximate date based on the lunar calendar. Every attempt has been made to ensure the accuracy of the dates. The information has been verified through the use of various sources and some dates may vary due to the lunar, Gregorian, and Julian calendars.~~

(☒) Periodically, (☐) Annually, [**END OF OPTIONS**] the Superintendent may consult with religious institutions and leaders in the community with regard to modification of the above list of religious holidays. The Board, however, is not bound by the information provided to the Superintendent by religious institutions and leaders.

The Superintendent shall establish procedures and time limits to be observed:

- A. by students, teachers, and administrators in making available to each student, so excused, an opportunity to make up any examination, study, or work assignment which has been missed;
- B. by a student's parent(s) or guardian when giving prior notice of the student's intended absence; and
- C. when giving affected students and parents an opportunity to be heard in connection with the decision not to excuse an absence on a day or portion thereof which is not included in the above list of religious holidays.

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#### 5460 - **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

It shall be the policy of the School Board to acknowledge each student's successful completion of the instructional program appropriate to the achievement of District goals and objectives as well as personal proficiency by the awarding of a diploma at a fitting graduation ceremony.

#### **Standards for Graduation**

For students entering grade 9 before the 2023-2024 school year.

Receipt of a standard high school diploma requires successful completion of twenty-four (24) or eighteen (18) ACCEL credit options, an International Baccalaureate curriculum, an Advanced International Certificate of Education completion, or the Career and Technical Education (CTE) pathway.

The required credits may be earned through equivalent, applied, or integrated courses or career education courses, excluding work-related internships approved by the State Board of Education and identified in the course code directory. Any must-pass assessment requirement must be met.

#### **Credit Distribution**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>24 Credits</b>	<b>18 Credits</b>
English Language Arts	4	4
Mathematics	4	4
Science	3	3
Social Studies	3	3
Performing Arts, Speech & Debate or career and technical education	1	1
Physical Education	1	N/A
Electives	8	3

A financial literacy course consisting of at least one-half (1/2) credit as an elective shall be offered.

Beginning with the 2023-24 school year, high school students enrolled in the U.S. Government classes required by F.S. 1003.4282 must receive at least forty-five (45) minutes of instruction on "Victims of Communism Day" to include topics such as Mao Zedong and the Cultural Revolution, Joseph Stalin and the Soviet System, Fidel Castro and the Cuban

Revolution, Vladimir Lenin and the Russian Revolution, Pol Pot and the Khmer Rouge, and Nicolás Maduro and the Chavismo movement, and how victims suffered under these regimes through poverty, starvation, migration, systemic lethal violence, and suppression of speech.

Beginning in the 2023-2024 school year, middle school and high school students enrolled in the civics education class required by F.S. 1003.4156 or the United States Government class required by F.S. 1003.4282(3) must receive at least forty (45) minutes of instruction on "9/11 Heroes' Day" topics involving the history and significance of September 11, 2001, including remembering the sacrifice of military personnel, government employees, civilians, and emergency responders who were killed, wounded, or suffered sickness due to the terrorist attacks on or after that date, including, but not limited to:

- A. the historical context of global terrorism.
- B. a timeline of events on September 11, 2001, including the attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and United Airlines Flight 93.
- C. the selfless heroism of police officers, firefighters, paramedics, other first responders, and civilians involved in the rescue and recovery of victims and the heroic actions taken by the passengers of United Airlines Flight 93.
- D. the unprecedented outpouring of humanitarian, charitable, and volunteer aid occurring after the events of September 11, 2001.
- E. the global response to terrorism and importance of respecting civil liberties while ensuring safety and security.

Receipt of a standard high school diploma requires successful completion of twenty-four (24) credits, an International Baccalaureate curriculum, an Advanced International Certificate of Education completion, or the Career and Technical Education (CTE) pathway.

The twenty-four (24) credits shall be distributed as follows:

Subject	Credits
English Language Arts	4
Social Studies	3
Mathematics	4
Science	3
Fine or performing arts, speech and debate, or career and technical education	1
Electives	7.5
Basic Physical education	1
Personal Financial Literacy and Money Management	.5

Basic training in first aid, including at least one (1) hour of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) instruction, shall be provided for students in grades 9 and 11.

High school students will be provided opportunities to take "computer science" courses and earn technology-related industry certifications to satisfy high school graduation requirements. Computer science courses and technology-related industry certifications that are identified as eligible for meeting mathematics or science requirements for high school graduation will be included in the Course Code Directory.

The required credits may be earned through equivalent, applied, or integrated courses or career education courses as defined in F.S. 1003.01(4), including work-related internships approved by the State Board of Education and identified in the Course Code Directory. However, any must-pass assessment requirements must be met.

An equivalent course is one (1) or more courses identified by content-area experts as being a match to the core curricular content of another course, based upon a review of the State academic standards and includes real-world applications of a career and technical education standard used in business or industry. An integrated course includes content from several courses within a content area or across content areas.

The earning and awarding of high school credits will be in accordance with Florida law including, but not necessarily limited to, the provisions of F.S. 1003.4282 and those identified in the Student Progression Plan.

For courses that require Statewide standardized end-of-course assessments, a minimum of thirty percent (30%) of a student's course grade shall be comprised of performance on the Statewide standardized end-of-course assessment.

In order to graduate, students must earn passing scores on the Florida State Assessment (State-mandated testing) or scores on a standardized test that are concordant with passing scores on the State-mandated testing. Additionally, a student must earn a cumulative GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.

### **High School Diploma**

The Board shall award a standard high school diploma to every student enrolled in this District who meets the requirements of graduation established by this Board or who properly completes the goals and objectives specified in his/her IEP including either the exemption from or the requirement to complete the State-mandated tests and the recommendation of the IEP Team.

Students may earn one (1) or more designations on their standard diploma pursuant to F.S. 1003.4285.

Each student's standard high school diploma will include, as applicable, the following designations, if the student meets the criteria:

#### **A. Scholar Designation**

In order to earn the Scholar Designation, the student must, in addition to the requirements for a standard high school diploma, satisfy the following:

1. English Language Arts (ELA) - When the State transitions to common core assessments, pass the 11th grade ELA common core assessment.
2. Mathematics - Earn one (1) credit in Algebra II or an equally rigorous course and one (1) credit in statistics or an equally rigorous course. When the State transitions to common core assessments, students must pass the Geometry common core assessment.
3. Science - Pass the Statewide standardized Biology I end-of-course assessment and earn one (1) credit in chemistry or physics and one (1) credit in a course equally rigorous to chemistry or physics.
4. Social Studies - Pass the Statewide standardized United States History end-of-course assessment.
5. Foreign Language - Earn two (2) credits in the same foreign language.
6. Electives - Earn at least one (1) credit in an Advanced Placement, an International Baccalaureate, an Advanced International Certificate of Education, or a dual enrollment course.

#### **B. Industry Scholar Designation**

In order to earn the Industry Scholar Designation, a student must, in addition to the requirements for a standard high school diploma, attain one (1) or more industry certifications on the Florida Department of Education's current "Industry Certification Funding List".

Students and parents shall be provided information about diploma designations through an online education and career planning tool, which allows students to monitor their progress toward the attainment of each designation.

### **Honorary Diploma**

An honorary diploma may be awarded in the case of such unfortunate circumstances as the severe disability or death of a student prior to graduation. The student must have been a senior in good standing to meet the requirements of graduation established by the Board at the time of the disability/death.

### **Early Admission Program**

High school graduation by means of the Early Admission to College Program is an alternative for the college-bound student during the normal senior year in high school. When the prescribed District conditions as set forth in the student handbook have been met, the student shall be awarded a high school diploma with the regular high school graduating class. The official college transcript shall be made a part of the student's high school permanent record file.

When students leave high school as Early Admission to College Program students, they may participate in graduation exercises with their graduation class and may be ranked in the class pursuant to Policy 5430.

### **Early High School Graduation**

For the purposes of this policy, the term "early graduation" means graduation from high school in less than eight (8) semesters or the equivalent by completion of the required number of credits.

#### **For a student who enters grade 9 before the 2023-2024 school year**

A student who meets the requirements of F.S. 1003.4282(3)(a)-(e), earns three (3) credits in electives (a total of eighteen (18) credits), and earns a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale shall be awarded a standard high school diploma.

#### **For a student who enters grade 9 in the 2023-2024 school year and thereafter**

A student who meets the requirements of F.S. 1003.4282(3)(a)-(e), earns two and one-half (2.5) credits in electives and one-half (.5) credit in financial literacy and money management (a total of eighteen (18) credits), and earns a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale shall be awarded a standard high school diploma.

A student also has the option of early graduation if the student has completed a minimum of twenty-four (24) credits and otherwise meets the requirements for graduation.

#### **Academically Challenging Curriculum to Enhance Learning (ACCEL)**

The following ACCEL options are available: whole-grade and midyear promotion; subject-matter acceleration; virtual instruction in higher grade-level subjects; and the Credit Acceleration Program described below. Additional options may be available.

Students shall be advised of courses through which they can earn college credit, including Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, Advanced Certificate of Education, dual enrollment, and early admission courses, and career academy courses, and courses that lead to industry certification, as well as the availability of course offerings through virtual instruction.

#### **Credit Acceleration Program (CAP)**

High school credit in courses required for high school graduation may be earned through the passage of an end-of-course assessment administrated under F.S. 1008.22, an advanced placement examination, or a College Level Examination Program (CLEP). Course credit shall be awarded to a student who is not enrolled in the course, or who has not completed the course if the student attains a passing score on the corresponding end-of-course assessment, advanced placement examination, or CLEP. Public school or home education students in the District shall take the assessment or examination during the regular administration of the assessment or examination.

The District shall notify the parent of a student who is eligible to graduate early.

A student who graduates early may continue to participate in school activities and social events and to attend and participate in graduation events with the student's cohort. The student will be included in the class ranking, honors, and award determinations for the student's cohort. The student must comply with Board rules and policies regarding access to the school facilities and grounds during normal operating hours.

#### **Career and Technical Education Graduation Pathway Option**

A student is eligible to complete an alternative pathway to earning a standard high school diploma through the CTE pathway option. Receipt of a standard high school diploma awarded through the CTE pathway option requires the student's successful completion of at least eighteen (18) credits. A student completing the CTE pathway option must earn at least a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale. In order for a student to satisfy the requirements of the CTE pathway option, s/he must meet the GPA requirement and:

#### **For a student who enters grade 9 before the 2023-2024 school year**

- A. meet the requirements as set forth in F.S. 1003.4282;
- B. complete two (2) credits in career and technical education; and

The courses must result in a program completion and an industry certification.

- C. complete two (2) credits in work-based learning programs. A student may substitute up to two (2) credits of electives, including one-half (1/2) credit in financial literacy, for work-based learning program courses to fulfill this

requirement.

### **For a student who enters grade 9 in the 2023-2024 school year and thereafter**

A. meet the requirements as set forth in F.S. 1003.4282;

B. complete two (2) credits in career and technical education; and

The courses must result in a program completion and an industry certification.

C. complete one and one-half (1.5) credits in work-based learning programs.

The CTE pathway option to graduation will be incorporated into the District's Student Progression Plan.

### **High School Equivalency Diploma**

The Board shall offer the high school equivalency diploma examination and the subject area examinations to all candidates pursuant to the rules of the State Board of Education. To be eligible to be a candidate for a high school equivalency diploma, a student must be at least eighteen (18) years of age on the date of the examination. However, in extraordinary circumstances and if the student resides or attends school in the District, the student may take the examination after reaching the age of sixteen (16) and receiving an underage waiver application approval in accordance with Policy 5465 - *General Education Development (GED) Tests*. All high school equivalency diplomas have equal status with other high school diplomas. A student may be awarded a standard high school diploma pursuant to the Florida Department of Education rules.

### **Certificate of Completion**

A student who completes the minimum number of credits and other requirements for graduation but cannot earn a passing score on the State mandated testing, achieve a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent, or complete all other applicable requirements prescribed by the Board pursuant to Florida statutes shall be awarded a certificate of completion in a form prescribed by the State Board of Education.

A student who is entitled to a certificate may elect to remain as a full-time student or a part-time student for up to one (1) additional year and receive special instruction designed to remedy the student's identified deficiencies.

### **Notice to Students and Parents**

The District will notify students and parents, in writing, of the requirements for a standard high school diploma, available designations, and the eligibility requirements for State scholarship programs and postsecondary admissions.

### **Commencement Exercises**

Commencement exercises will include only those students who have successfully completed requirements for a standard high school diploma, Early Admission to College Program, a special diploma, or a certificate of completion for graduation as certified by the high school principal. No student who has completed the requirements for graduation shall be denied a diploma as a disciplinary measure. A student may be denied participation in the ceremony of graduation when personal conduct or outstanding financial obligation so warrants.

Students are permitted to lawfully wear dress uniforms of any of the Armed Forces of the United States or of the State at their graduation ceremony.

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#### 5500 - **STUDENT CONDUCT**

Respect for law and for those persons in authority shall be expected of all students. This includes conformity to school rules as well as general provisions of law affecting students. Respect for the rights of others, consideration of their privileges, and cooperative citizenship shall also be expected of all members of the school community.

Respect for real and personal property; pride in one's work; achievement within the range of one's ability; and exemplary personal standards of courtesy, decency, and honesty shall be maintained in the schools of this District.

The Principal shall notify all school personnel as to their obligation to report to the Principal those acts and/or crimes which pose a threat to school safety. School personnel must also properly document the disposition of any such incident.

The School Board has zero tolerance for conduct that poses a threat to school safety. Zero-tolerance policies must apply equally to all students and are not intended to be rigorously applied to petty acts of misconduct. This policy minimizes the victimization of students, staff, and volunteers and requires that necessary steps be taken to protect the victim of any violent act from any further victimization. In a disciplinary action, there is a rebuttable presumption that the actions of a student who intervened, using only the amount of force necessary, to stop a violent act against a student, staff, or volunteer were necessary to restore or maintain the safety of others.

Florida law requires that students found to have committed one of the following offenses:

- A. bringing a firearm or weapon, as defined in F.S. Chapter 790, to school, to any school function, or onto any school-sponsored transportation, or possessing a firearm at school; or
- B. making a threat or false report, as defined by F.S. 790.162 and 790.163, involving school or school personnel's property, school transportation, or a school-sponsored activity;

shall be expelled, with or without continuing educational services, from the student's regular school for a period of not less than one (1) full year, and shall be referred to mental health services identified by the District and, to the criminal justice or juvenile justice system.

The pre-expulsion committee may consider the one (1) year expulsion requirement on a case-by-case basis. A student may be assigned to a disciplinary program or second chance school in lieu of expulsion. If a student committing either of the offenses enumerated above is a student who has a disability, the Board shall comply with applicable State Board of Education rules for discipline of such students.

The District shall enter into agreements with local law enforcement specifying procedures so that acts that pose a threat to school safety, whether committed by a student or adult, are reported to a law enforcement agency having jurisdiction.

The school's threat management team will consult with law enforcement when a student exhibits a pattern of behavior, based on previous acts or the severity of an act that would pose a threat to school safety.

### **School Environmental Safety Incident Reporting**

The following acts are required to be reported to the Department of Education as school environmental safety incidents (SESIR):

- A. Alcohol (Level IV): possession, sale, purchase, distribution or use of alcoholic beverages. "Use" means the person is caught in the act of using, admits to use or is discovered to have used in the course of an investigation.
- B. Aggravated Battery (Level I) - A battery where the attacker intentionally or knowingly causes more serious injury, such as: great bodily harm, permanent disability, or permanent disfigurement; uses a deadly weapon; or, where the attacker knew or should have known the victim was pregnant.
- C. Arson (Level I) - To intentionally damage or cause to be damaged, by fire or explosion, any dwelling, structure, or conveyance, whether occupied or not, or its contents.
- D. Burglary (Level II) - Unlawful entry into or remaining in a dwelling, structure, or conveyance with the intent to commit a crime therein.
- E. Bullying (Level IV) - Systematically and chronically inflicting physical hurt or psychological distress on one or more students or employees. Bullying includes instances of cyberbullying, as defined in Policy 5517.01, Bullying and Harassment. Bullying may include, but is not limited to, repetitive instances of teasing, social exclusion, threats, intimidation, stalking, physical violence, theft, harassment, public or private humiliation, or destruction of property.
- F. Criminal Mischief (Felony Vandalism - \$1,000 threshold) - Willfully and maliciously injuring or damaging by any means any real or personal property belonging to another, including, but not limited to, the placement of graffiti or other acts of vandalism on the property.
- G. Disruption on Campus - Major (Level III) - Disruptive behavior that poses a serious threat to the learning environment, health, safety, or welfare of others, such as, but not limited to, bomb threats, inciting a riot, or initiating a false fire alarm.
- H. Drug Sale or Distribution (Level II) - The manufacture, cultivation, purchase, sale, or distribution of any drug, narcotic, controlled substance, or substance represented to be a drug, narcotic, or controlled substance.
- I. Drug Use or Possession (Level III) - The use or possession of any drug, narcotic, controlled substance, or any substance when used for chemical intoxication. "Use" means the person is caught in the act of using, admits to use, or is discovered to have used in the course of an investigation.
- J. Fighting (Level III) - When two (2) or more persons mutually participate in use of force or physical violence that requires either physical intervention or results in injury requiring first aid or medical attention.
- K. Grand Theft (\$750 threshold) (Level III) - The unauthorized taking of the property of another person or organization, including motor vehicles, valued at \$750 or more, without threat, violence, or bodily harm.
- L. Harassment (Level IV) -- as defined in Policy 5517, Anti-Harassment.
- M. Hazing (Level III) - as defined in Policy 5516, Student Hazing.
- N. Homicide (Level I) - The unjustified killing of one human being by another.
- O. Kidnapping (Level I) - Forcibly, secretly, or by threat, confining, abducting, or imprisoning another person against his/her will and without lawful authority.
- P. Other Major Incidents (Level III) - Any serious, harmful incident resulting in the need for law enforcement consultation not previously classified. This includes any drug or weapon found unattended and not linked to any individual.
- Q. Robbery (Level II) -- The taking or attempted taking of money or other property from the person or custody of another with the intent to permanently or temporarily deprive the person or owner of the money or other property under the confrontational circumstances of force, or threat of force or violence, and/or by putting the victim in fear.

- R. Sexual Assault (Level II), Sexual Battery (Rape) (Level I), Sexual Harassment (Level III), and Sexual Offenses (Other) (Level III) -- as defined in Policy 2266, Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Educational Programs and Activities.
- S. Simple Battery (Level II) -- An actual and intentional touching or striking of another person against his/her will, or the intentional causing of bodily harm to an individual.
- T. Threat/Intimidation (Level III) - An incident where there was no physical contact between the offender and victim, but the victim reasonably believed that physical harm could have occurred based on verbal or nonverbal communication by the offender. This includes nonverbal threats and verbal threats of physical harm which are made in person, electronically, or through any other means.
- U. Tobacco (Level IV) -- as defined in Policy 5512, Smoking and Tobacco-Free Environment.
- V. Trespassing (Level III) - To enter or remain on school grounds, school transportation, or at a school-sponsored event, without authorization or invitation and with no lawful purpose for entry, if involves a student currently under suspension or expulsion, an offender who was previously issued an official trespass warning by school officials, or an offender who was arrested for trespass.
- W. Weapons Possession (Level II) - as defined in Policy 5772, Weapons.

### **Acts that Pose a Threat to School Safety**

Acts that pose a threat to school safety include, but are not limited to,:

- A. possession of firearms or other weapons
- B. placing, discharging, or throwing an explosive item or noxious substance or making threats to do so
- C. arson
- D. felony assault
- E. threats of unsafe and potentially harmful, dangerous, violent, or criminal activities

### **Petty Acts of Misconduct**

Petty acts of misconduct that are not a threat to school safety do not require consultation with law enforcement.

The following are typically considered petty acts of misconduct, although each act must be examined on a case-by-case basis to determine whether or not the act constitutes a threat to school safety requiring consultation with law enforcement:

- A. disorderly conduct
- B. disrupting a school function (Level IV)
- C. simple assault or battery
- D. verbal abuse or use of profanity
- E. cheating

theft of less than, (x ) \$750 ( ) \$\_\_\_\_\_trespassing,(incidents without prior official warning, not resulting in arrest, or not involving students under suspension or expulsion), and vandalism of less than \$1,000

### **Assault or Battery on School District Personnel**

Notwithstanding any other provision of Board policy, pursuant to F.S. 1006.13(5), any student found to have committed an act of assault or aggravated assault, or battery or aggravated battery, on any elected official of the School District, teacher, administrator, or other School District personnel, shall be recommended for expulsion or placement in an alternative school setting, as appropriate.

Further, upon being charged with such offense, the student shall be removed from the classroom immediately and placed in an alternative school setting pending disposition.

## Code of Student Conduct

The Student Code of Conduct that is adopted annually shall provide for review of a decision to suspend or expel a student pursuant to this policy and the Code, consistent with F.S. 1006.07.

The Code shall also include the following:

- A. criteria for recommending to law enforcement that a student who commits a criminal offense be allowed to participate in a civil citation or similar prearrest diversion program as an alternative to expulsion or arrest;

All civil citation or similar prearrest diversion programs must comply with F.S. 985.12.

- B. criteria for assigning a student who commits a petty act of misconduct to a school-based intervention program. If a student's assignment is based on a noncriminal offense, the student's participation in a school-based intervention program may not be entered into the Juvenile Justice Information System Prevention Web.

Furthermore, if the Board receives notice from the Department of Juvenile Justice, as required by law, that a student enrolled in the District has been adjudicated guilty of or delinquent for, or is found to have committed, regardless of whether adjudication is withheld, or pleads guilty or nolo contendere to, a felony violation as set forth in F.S. 1006.13(6, a), the Board shall, pursuant to State law and the adopted cooperative agreement with the Department of Juvenile Justice, require that any no contact order entered by a court be enforced and that all of the necessary steps be taken to protect the victim of the offense, or a sibling of the victim.

Students may be subject to discipline for violation of the Student Code of Conduct even if that conduct occurs on property not owned or controlled by the Board but that is connected to activities or incidents that have occurred on property owned or controlled by the Board, or conduct that, regardless of where it occurs, is directed at a Board official or employee, or the property of such official or employee.

Student conduct shall be governed by the rules and provisions set forth in the Student Code of Conduct which is reviewed and adopted annually in accordance with F.S. Chapter 120 and is incorporated in the policy by reference.

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#### 5630 - **CORPORAL PUNISHMENT AND USE OF REASONABLE FORCE AND RESTRAINT**

A teacher or other member of the staff shall assume such authority for the control of students who are assigned to him/her by the principal or designee and shall keep good order in the classroom.

##### Corporal Punishment

The use of corporal punishment is prohibited. Alternative disciplinary procedures, which may include timeout, peer review, or other forms of positive reinforcement should be used to bring about appropriate student classroom behavior.

##### Reasonable Force and Restraint

Instructional staff as well as support staff, within the scope of their employment, may use and apply reasonable force and restraint to quell a disturbance threatening physical injury to others, to obtain possession of weapons or other dangerous objects upon or within the control of the student, in self-defense, or for the protection of persons or property.

Furthermore, administrators, instructional staff members, and support staff members shall not be criminally or civilly liable for any action carried out in conformity with State Board rule and/or Board policies regarding the control, discipline, suspension, and expulsion of students, including, but not limited to, any exercise of authority granted by this policy.

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### 6830 - AUDITS

The School Board requires that, after the close of the fiscal year (June 30th), an audit of all records and financial statements of the District be made annually by an independent, certified public accounting firm or the Auditor General's Office, State of Florida. The audit examination shall be conducted in accordance with generally-accepted auditing standards and shall include all funds over which the Board has direct or supervisory control. The report of such audits shall be presented to the Board while in public session and filed as a part of the public record.

The ~~Director of Finance~~ **Finance Department** and Purchasing shall also prepare and publish a statement of the financial condition (the Annual Financial Report) of the District at the close of each fiscal year, on or before September 11th of the next succeeding fiscal year.

#### **Internal Accounts Audit**

~~In accordance with F.A.C. 6A 1.087, the Board shall provide for an annual audit of internal accounts by a person certified by the State Board of Accountancy as a certified public accountant. The auditor shall submit a signed, written report to the Board covering internal funds that shall include any notations of any failure to comply with requirements of Florida statutes, State Board of Education regulations, and policies of the board and commentary as to financial management and irregularities. Such audit shall be presented to the Board while in session and filed as a part of the public record.~~

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## 7101 - BUILDING PERMITS AND CODE ENFORCEMENT

The School Board shall establish a Code Enforcement Office, employ a Building Code Administrator (BCA) and/or subcontract for code enforcement services. **The BCA or subcontractor serving as the BCA services shall perform those responsibilities identified in F.S. 468.604.** Approved project plans will be reviewed for code compliance, permits issued, and the work inspected. Two (2) types of permits will be issued: annual facility maintenance permits and building permits.

### A. Annual Facility Maintenance Permits:

The School Board shall establish a Code Enforcement Office, employ a Building Code Administrator (BCA) and/or subcontract for code enforcement services. **The BCA or subcontractor serving as the BCA services shall perform those responsibilities identified in F.S. 468.604.** Approved project plans will be reviewed for code compliance, permits issued, and the work inspected. Two (2) types of permits will be issued: annual facility maintenance permits and building permits.

### B. Building Permits:

Building permits are required for new construction, additions, remodeling, renovations, site work, structural modifications, major mechanical and electrical upgrades, technology infrastructure and improvements, roofing, re-roofing, and demolition. District project managers and/or their contractors will submit application for a permit to the BCO.

Before a contract has **been** let for the construction, the BCO must review and approve the Phase III construction documents as required by F.S. 1013.3738. Upon review by the BCO, a permit will be issued and work inspected. When the work is deemed complete and the BCO has determined that the building or structure and its site conditions comply with all applicable statutes and rules, the BCO will issue a Certificate of Occupancy.

The BCO shall take into account the seventeen (17) considerations set forth in F.S. 1013.37 when reviewing plans for approval.

The District may reuse prototype plans on another site, provided the facilities list and Phase III construction documents have been updated for the new site and for compliance with the Florida Building Code and the Florida Fire Prevention Code and any laws relating to fire safety, health and sanitation, casualty safety, and requirements for the physically handicapped which are in effect at the time a construction contract is to be awarded.

For each proposed new facility and each proposed new facility addition exceeding 2,500 square feet, the Board shall submit for review a minimum of one (1) copy of the site plan to the local county, municipality, or independent special fire control district providing fire protection services to the facility. The site plans shall be considered in accordance with F.S. 1013.38.

Before the commencement of any new construction, renovation, or remodeling, the Board shall:

1. approve or cause to be approved the construction documents and evaluate such documents for compliance with the Florida Building Code and the Florida Fire Prevention Code; and
2. ensure compliance with all applicable fire safety codes and standards by contracting with a fire safety inspector certified by the State Fire Marshal under F.S. 633.216.081.

The Board shall provide reasonable access to all construction documents upon request by the local county, municipality, or independent special fire control district.

C. Design Services:

The Board or volunteer service organization which undertakes any project that includes new construction, addition, remodeling, and structural modifications shall have plans and specifications prepared by a licensed design professional as required by State Requirements for ~~Education~~ Educational Facilities 4.1(2).

Board approved projects will be governed by the standard District contracts. Volunteer project sponsor(s) will submit a standard partnership agreement for project approval prior to commencement of work.

D. Contractors:

All construction on Board-owned property including volunteer or service organization projects, shall be performed by State-certified or licensed general contractors and subcontractors, or locally registered subcontractors where their registration is valid, as required by State Requirements for Educational Facilities 4.1(5) and shall follow approved processes as described under Florida statute.

F.S. 553.73, The Florida Building Code, as amended  
~~2010 Florida Building Code~~

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## 8420 - **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE AGENCIES**

### **Emergency Management and Emergency Preparedness**

The School Board recognizes that its responsibility for the safety of students and staff requires that it formulate and prescribe in consultation with appropriate public safety agencies emergency management and emergency preparedness procedures for all public schools in the District, including emergency notification procedures for life-threatening emergencies, including, but not limited, fires; natural disasters; bomb threats; weapon-use, hostage and active shooter situations; hazardous materials or toxic chemical spills; weather emergencies, including hurricanes, tornadoes, and severe storms; and exposure as a result of a manmade emergency and that such emergencies are best met by preparedness and planning.

Policies and procedures for emergency drills and fire drills shall be developed in consultation with the appropriate public safety agencies, including at a minimum, law enforcement, fire service, and emergency management.

The active shooter situation training for each school must engage the participation of the School Safety Specialist, threat assessment team members, faculty, staff, and students.

Pursuant to Policy 8405 - *School Safety and Security*, the Superintendent (in conjunction with the School Safety Specialist) shall develop, and revise as necessary, a School Safety Plan to provide for the safety and welfare of the students and staff, as well as a system of emergency preparedness and accompanying procedures that provide for the following:

- A. a listing of the commonly used alarm system response for specific types of emergencies and verification by each school that drills have been provided as required by law, State Board of Education rules and fire protection codes;
- B. the health and safety of students and staff are safeguarded;
- C. students are helped to learn self-reliance and trained to respond sensibly to emergency situations;
- D. the system is supported by ongoing training that will include practical application and appropriate "drills" as required by F.S. 1006.07;
- E. evacuation drills should represent actual emergencies, including, but not limited to a firearm, natural disasters, and bomb threats;
- F. emergency egress and relocation drills (including, but not necessarily limited to, fire drills) in accordance with the requirements of the Florida Fire Prevention Code, the Fire Code (NFPA 1), and the Life Safety Code (NFPA 101);

- G. drills for active shooter and hostage situations must be conducted in accordance with developmentally appropriate and age-appropriate procedures as specified in State Board of Education rules;
  - H. law enforcement officers responsible for responding to the school in the event of an active assailant emergency, as determined necessary by the sheriff in coordination with the District's School Safety Specialist, must be physically present on campus and directly involved in the execution of active assailant drills; and
- The District's School Safety Specialist must notify law enforcement officers at least twenty-four (24) hours before conducting an active assailant emergency drills at which such law enforcement officers are expected to attend.
- I. floor plans of each school must be provided to all community emergency responders in support of evacuation procedures.

Instructional and administrative personnel [ **X** ] as well as educational support employees and managers **[END OF OPTION]** as defined in F.S. 1012.01 who knowingly violate school safety requirements shall be subject to the District's progressive discipline policy which may include, but is not limited to, verbal warning up to termination of employment. The seriousness of the employee's violation of a school safety requirement and any prior disciplinary offenses will be taken into consideration in determining the appropriate discipline to be implemented.

All threats to the safety of District facilities, students, and staff shall be identified by appropriate personnel and responded to promptly in accordance with the plan for emergency preparedness. Any aspect of the emergency preparedness plan and/or procedures that are included in the School Safety Plan shall remain confidential and exempt from public records disclosure in accordance with State law.

The Superintendent, as part of the development of the emergency preparedness plan and procedures, shall establish a schedule to test the functionality and coverage capacity of all emergency communication systems and determine if adequate signal strength is available in all areas of school campuses.

An after-action report must be completed following each emergency drill and fire drill. After-action reports must:

- A. identify the type of drill, location and date of the drill, participants, and involvement of law enforcement or other public safety agencies;
- B. describe actions taken by participants;
- C. analyze areas of success and areas where improvement is needed;
- D. include input from public safety agencies; and,
- E. include a plan for corrective action.

After-action reports must be submitted to the District school safety specialist for review fifteen (15) calendar days following completion of the drill.

### **Alyssa's Alert/Mobile Panic Alert System**

In accordance with the requirements of F.S. 1006.07, the District shall implement a mobile panic alert system. The District will select a system under contract with FL DOE or procure a different system. The District will maintain current listings of mobile panic alert systems implemented by all public schools, including charter schools, within the District. Such list shall include the school name, address, and MSID number, and vendor or application implemented. The list will be provided to the Office of Safe Schools via e-mail by August 1, 2022, and will be updated within five (5) school days of a school opening or closing, or when any other change occurs that impacts the accuracy of District-provided information.

The District's mobile panic alert system will include mobile devices placed throughout each school campus. In determining the number and placement of devices needed to afford all staff members the ability to silently and easily activate a panic alert in the event of an on-campus emergency, the District will consider using a combination of fixed panic alert buttons, mobile and desktop applications, landline phone capabilities, and wearable panic alerts (such as on a lanyard).

The District's policies and procedures related to Alyssa's Alert/Mobile Panic Alert Systems will be developed in consultation with the County 911 authority and local emergency management office to ensure that the system integrates with local public safety answering point (PSAP) infrastructure to transmit calls and mobile activations.

### **List of Emergency Response Agencies**

The primary emergency response agencies that are responsible for notifying the District for each type of emergency are as follows:

A. Fires:

Hernando County Sheriff's Office Dispatch Center

B. Natural Disasters:

Hernando County Emergency Management Office

C. Bomb Threats:

Hernando County Sheriff's Office Dispatch Center

D. Weapon-Use, Hostage, and Active Shooter Situations:

Hernando County Sheriff's Office Dispatch Center

E. Hazardous Materials or Toxic Chemical Spills:

Hernando County Sheriff's Office Dispatch Center

F. Weather Emergencies, Including Hurricanes, Tornadoes, and Severe Storms:

Hernando County Emergency Management Office

G. Exposure as a Result of a Manmade Emergency:

Hernando County Emergency Management Office

In accordance with notification procedures adopted by the Superintendent, timely notification will be provided to the parents/guardians of District students who are likely to be impacted by critical incidents, threats, unlawful acts and significant emergencies that occur on school grounds, while using school transportation, or during school-sponsored activities.

Individuals who have authority to enact emergency procedures such as fire alarm or active threat on campus include any and all employees of the District (i.e., District staff, principals and administrators, teachers, school-based and District support staff), and/or emergency first responders (e.g., law enforcement and fire rescue personnel).

The individual(s) responsible for contacting the primary emergency response agencies listed above are as follows:

- A. Director of Safe Schools;
- B. Fire Official/Plans Examiner;
- C. Assistant Superintendent of Business Services and Operations;
- D. Principals and administrators;
- E. teachers and staff.

The information in this section shall be part of the School Safety and Security Plan, and, therefore, confidential.

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#### 0169.1 - **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS**

The School Board recognizes the value to school governance of receiving input from the public ~~comment on educational issues and the importance of allowing members of the public to express themselves on school matters of community interest.~~ To maintain orderly conduct and proper decorum at its meetings, this policy sets forth the Board's viewpoint-neutral rules related to public input at Board meetings, which are limited public forums.

(x) Members of the public shall be given a reasonable opportunity to be heard on a proposition before the Board.

For purposes of this policy, a proposition is an item before the Board for a vote, and includes, but is not necessarily limited to, all items on the agenda noted as unfinished business, consent, ~~x~~ ] and nonconsent. A proposition may also include a vote on a motion to rescind or to amend action previously taken, but does not generally include items on the special order agenda. A proposition does not include items wherever found on the agenda upon which the Board votes in its quasi-judicial capacity. Propositions do not include the following:

- A. an official act that must be taken to deal with an emergency situation affecting the public health, welfare, or safety, if compliance with the requirements would cause an unreasonable delay in the ability of the Board to act;
- B. an official act involving no more than a ministerial act, including, but not limited to, approval of minutes and ceremonial proclamations;
- C. a meeting that is exempt from F.S. 286.011 (the Public Meetings Law); or,
- D. a meeting at which the Board is sitting in its quasi-judicial capacity.

Nothing in this policy otherwise limits the right of an individual to be heard as otherwise required by law or Board policy.

The Board has adopted a Code of Civility which requires all participants to engage in meaningful but civil communication. Speakers addressing the Board during the Public Comment Period shall refrain from making disparaging remarks about any individuals and shall abide by the Code of Civility. Speakers shall therefore be prohibited from using loud or offensive language, heckling, disruptive behavior, verbal outbursts, inappropriate gestures, profanity, or any other language or statement that, in the discretion of the Board Chair, or designee, is intended to bully, belittle, tease, or demean another

individual or that is otherwise abusive or obscene. No personal accusatory, slanderous, or derogatory comments, which identifies an individual by position or proper name shall be permitted.

For purposes of the policy, a proposition is an item before the Board for a vote, and includes, but is not necessarily limited to, all items on the agenda noted as unfinished business, consent, and nonconsent. A proposition may also include a vote on a motion to rescind or to amend action previously taken, but does not generally include items on the special order agenda.

The opportunity to be heard need not occur at the same meeting at which the Board takes official action on the proposition if the opportunity occurs at a meeting that is during the decision-making process and is within reasonable proximity in time before the meeting at which the Board takes the official action. ~~This policy does not prohibit the Board from maintaining orderly conduct or proper decorum in a public meeting.~~

☒ The portion of the meeting during which participation of the public is invited shall be limited to a total of 3 minutes, unless adjusted by a vote of the Board. Public input will be received prior to the Board taking official action on a proposition.

### **Requirements When Providing Public Input**

When providing public input, an individual must adhere to the following requirements:

- A. Individuals desiring to provide public input must complete a public input form with their name and identify the ☒ proposition or matter on which the individual desires to speak.
- B. Individuals will be given the opportunity to speak in the order in which their form is received.
- C. Each individual speaker shall be allotted up to a total of 3 minutes. The time period may be adjusted by the presiding officer.
- D. Individuals who have filled out the Board's public input form ☒ may not delegate their allotted time to speak to other individuals.

If the number of individuals signed up to provide public input exceeds the number of minutes designated for public input, ☒ the total allotted time for public input may be prorated evenly among all individuals who have completed a public input form.

- E. Rather than all member of groups or factions desiring to speak on a particular matter at meetings in which a large number of individuals wish to be heard, the Board encourages representatives of such groups or factions to address the matter in their representative capacity.
- F. Individuals may not utilize any demonstrative aids when providing public input.

~~The opportunity to be heard is subject to policies adopted by the Board as follows:~~

~~A. Guidelines regarding the amount of time an individual has to address the Board:~~

- ~~1. Each statement made by a member of the public shall be limited to three (3) minutes duration. Persons will be recognized in the order in which the requests were received.~~
- ~~2. The time period may be adjusted by the presiding officer or factions for or against a proposition addressing the Board at meetings in which a large number of individuals wish to be heard, the Board encourages representatives of such groups or factions to address the proposition in their representative capacity.~~

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~~C. Procedures or forms for an individual to use in order to inform the Board of a desire to be heard:~~

~~Attendees must register their intention to participate in the public portion of the meeting upon their arrival at the meeting by completing a speaker's form at the entry of the meeting room indicating his/her support, opposition, or neutrality on a proposition; and indicating his/her designation of a representative to speak for him/her or his/her~~

~~group on a proposition if s/he so chooses.~~

- D. ~~Designated period of time for public comment.~~  
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~~Participation of the public is invited at the end of the meeting and shall be limited to sixty (60) minutes, unless extended by a vote of the Board.~~

~~The presiding officer of each Board meeting at which public participation is permitted shall administer the rules of the Board for its conduct.~~

### **Additional Rules of Decorum and Conduct**

The presiding officer of each Board meeting at which public participation is permitted shall administer the rules of the Board for its conduct. Pursuant to Florida law, the presiding officer may request that a law enforcement authority or sergeant-at-arms designated by the presiding officer remove a disorderly individual when such individual fails to adhere to the Board's rules after being warned that continued interference with the orderly processes of the meeting will result in removal.

The presiding officer shall be guided by the following rules:

- A. ~~Public input participation~~ shall be permitted as indicated on the order of business and before the Board takes official position on any action item under consideration.
- B. ~~Individuals~~ ~~Participants~~ must be recognized by the presiding officer and will be requested to preface their comments by an announcement of their name, address, and group affiliation, if and when appropriate.
- C. ~~All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer; no person may address or question Board members individually.~~ Staff members shall not be expected to answer questions from the audience unless called upon by the ~~presiding officer~~ ~~Board Chairperson~~ or the Superintendent.
- D. ~~Audio Tape~~ or video recordings are permitted under the following conditions:
  1. No obstructions are created between the Board and the audience.
  2. No interviews are conducted in the meeting room while the Board is in session.
  3. No commentary, adjustment of equipment, or positioning of operators is made that would distract either the Board or members of the audience while the Board is in session.
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  1. An obscene statement may include, but is not necessarily limited to, language or gestures that are crude, abusive, vulgar, offensive, pornographic, or indecent. A statement that is threatening in nature is one containing language meant to frighten or intimidate one (1) or more specified persons into believing they will be harmed by the speaker or someone acting at the speaker's behest. An abusive statement shall be understood to mean containing language that is harsh, insulting, cruel, or malicious.
  2. (x ) stop, interrupt, or warn an individual when the individual shouts, uses profanity, causes a disruption to the Board's ability to maintain orderly conduct and proper decorum, or engages in conduct that constitutes a violation F.S. 877.13;
  3. (x ) request any individual to stop speaking and/or leave the meeting when that person does not observe reasonable decorum fails to adhere to the Board's rules of decorum and conduct;
  4. ( ) request the assistance of law enforcement officers in the removal of a disorderly person when that person's conduct interferes with the orderly progress of the meeting;
  5. (x ) call for a recess or an adjournment to another time when the lack of public decorum so interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting as to warrant such action.

~~These exceptions do not affect the right of a person to be heard as otherwise required by law or Board policy.~~

~~No Board action shall be taken on requests made during public discussion unless the Board declares the matter to be an emergency in accordance with current law. Any other requests that the Board chooses to take action on shall be placed on an agenda for a subsequent meeting.~~

~~The requirement for public comment on action items does not apply to:~~

~~an official act that must be taken to deal with an emergency situation affecting the public health, welfare, or safety, if compliance with the requirements would cause an unreasonable delay in the ability of the Board to act;~~

~~an official act involving no more than a ministerial act, including, but not limited to, approval of minutes and ceremonial proclamations;~~

~~a meeting that is exempt from F.S. 286.011 (the Public Meetings Law); or~~

~~a meeting at which the Board is sitting in its quasi-judicial capacity.~~

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