

# Parent Handbook

QUEEN BEE SCHOOL DISTRICT 16

2022/2023

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***The mission of the Queen Bee Schools is to set high standards to ensure that  
all students learn, grow, and achieve.***

**Mission, Vision, Values:** The mission is built upon a set of beliefs that our stakeholders share about elementary education.

We believe:

- Children have a right to a comprehensive education which addresses their needs and enables them to develop to their greatest potential.
- A child's education should be an enjoyable experience which instills a lifelong desire to learn.
- Continuing staff development is imperative for a quality education.
- Effective education requires an informed partnership among the District staff, Board of Education and community.
- The classroom teacher is the most important contributing factor to a child's educational growth.
- In supporting quality educational programs while ensuring fiscal responsibility.
- Children require experiences which develop the appropriate attitudes and values necessary for living in a democracy and generating an awareness of global interrelationships.
- Children and staff have the right to learn and work in a pleasant, safe and orderly environment.
- Children must be provided the opportunity to develop self-esteem and self-confidence.

**Board of Education:**

The Board of Education consists of seven members elected by the voters of District 16. The Board itself elects officers, President, and Vice-President, and appoints a Secretary. The Secretary to the Board of Education is Ms. Janet De Santiago who can be reached at 630-260-6105 and/or [idesantiago@queenbee16.org](mailto:idesantiago@queenbee16.org). Board of Education meetings are normally held on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M. in the Queen Bee Professional Development Center, 1525 Bloomingdale Road, Glendale Heights, Illinois, 60139.

The current School Board members are as follows:

Mr. Michael Summerville, President	Ms. Laura Bruce	Ms. Paula Bodzioch	Ms. Nichol Moore
Ms. Fatima Baggia, Vice-President	Ms. Nancy DiCanio	Mr. Richard McDonald	

**DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF**

Dr. Joseph R. Williams	Superintendent	630/260-6105
Ms. Lonna Hancock	Asst. Superintendent of Teaching and Learning	630/260-6123
Dr. James Stelter	Business Manager/CSBO	630/260-6109
Ms. Annel Justiniano	Director of English Language Learning	630/260-6132
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**BUILDING ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF**

Glenside Middle School 1560 Bloomingdale Road	Mr. Edward Garza, Principal	630/260-6112
	Ms. Laura Marzullo, Assistant Principal	
	Ms. Jill Loewe, Assistant Principal	
Americana Elementary School 1629 President Street	Ms. Astrid Rodrigues, Principal	630/260-6135
	Ms. Stephanie Scherer, Assistant Principal	
Glen Hill Elementary School 1324 Bloomingdale Road	Ms. Jennifer Jonas, Principal	630/260-6141
	Ms. Sarah Price, Assistant Principal	
Queen Bee Early Childhood Center 1525 Bloomingdale Road	Ms. Melissa Arquette, EC/Pre-K Coordinator	630/344-5601

**School Hours:**

SCHOOL	Monday - Friday	
	Start	Dismissal
Elementary (Glen Hill and Americana)	8:20 a.m.	3:00 p.m.
Morning Kindergarten (Glen Hill & Americana) *There may not always be a morning class due to full day programs.	8:20 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Morning Early Childhood & Pre-Kindergarten (Queen Bee Early Childhood Center)	8:05 a.m.	10:45 a.m.
Afternoon Early Childhood & Pre-Kindergarten (Queen Bee Early Childhood Center)	12:20 p.m.	3:00 p.m.
Glenside Middle School	8:08 a.m.	3:03 p.m.

Parents are requested to note the above information. Unless specifically requested to do so, students are not to arrive any earlier than 15 minutes before the bell rings. Students arriving earlier than these times are not supervised. No student will be allowed to remain after school without permission from a teacher or principal. Students will be able to enter the buildings at 8:00 a.m. when weather conditions deem it necessary.

**School Year Calendar and Day:**

The Board of Education, upon the Superintendent's recommendation and subject to State regulations, annually establishes the dates for opening and closing classes, teacher institutes and in-services, the length and dates of vacations, and the days designated as legal school holidays. The school calendar shall have a minimum of 185 days to ensure 176 days of actual student attendance. BOE Policy 6:20

**Attendance:**

The Compulsory School Attendance policy applies to individuals who have custody or control of a child: (a) between the ages of six (on or before September 1<sup>st</sup>) and 17 years (unless the child has graduated from high school), or (b) who is enrolled in any of grades, kindergarten through 8, in the public school regardless of age. Subject to specific requirements in State Law, the following students are not required to attend public school: (1) any child attending a private school or parochial school, (2) any child who is physically or mentally unable to attend school, (3) any child lawfully and necessarily employed, (4) any child over 12 and under 14 years of age while in confirmation classes, and (5) any child absent because his or her religion forbids secular activity on a particular day. The parent/guardian of a student who is enrolled must authorize all absences from school and notify the school in advance or at the time of the student's absence. Because the Board of Education discourages vacation trips during the normal school year, absences of this nature will be considered unexcused absences, and no make-up work will be permitted, nor will lesson plans be provided. There are no penalties and/or zeros issued for work missed during a vacation. Tardiness is highly discouraged, as it interferes with the educational program. In the event a student is tardy, they must report to the office and secure a tardy slip. Excessive tardiness may be considered to be unexcused absences. Students may be required to make up the time before or after school. BOE Policy 7:70

**Fees:**

The Superintendent will recommend to the Board of Education a schedule of fees, if any, to be charged students for the use of textbooks, consumable materials, extracurricular activities, and other school student fees. Students must also pay for the loss of or damage to school books or other school owned materials.

Fees for textbooks and other instructional materials are waived for students who meet the eligibility criteria for a fee waiver as described in the district policy. The Superintendent shall ensure that applications for fee waivers are widely available and distributed according to State law and ISBE rule and that provisions for assisting parents/guardians in completing the application are available. The Superintendent or designee shall establish a process for determining a student's eligibility for a waiver of fees in accordance with State law requirements. BOE Policy 4:140

**Transportation:**

The District shall provide free transportation for any student in the District who resides: (1) at a distance of one and one-half miles or more from his or her assigned school, unless the Board of Education has certified to the Illinois State Board of Education that adequate public transportation is available, or (2) within one and one-half miles from his or her assigned school where walking to school or to a pick-up point or bus stop would constitute a serious safety hazard due to vehicular traffic or rail crossing, a course or pattern of criminal activity, and adequate public transportation is not available.

Bus schedules and routes shall be determined by the bus company and Business Manager and shall be altered only with the Business Manager's approval and direction. In setting the routes, the pick-up and discharge points will be as safe for students as possible. No school employee may transport students in school or private vehicles unless authorized by the administration. Every vehicle regularly used for the transportation of students must pass safety inspections in accordance with State law and Illinois Department of Transportation regulations. BOE Policy 4:110

For safety and security reasons, a prior written or oral consent of a student's custodial parent/guardian is required before a student is released during school hours: (1) at any time before the regular dismissal time or at any time before school is otherwise officially closed, and/or (2) to any person other than a custodial parent/guardian.

**Food Services:**

Good nutrition shall be promoted in the District's meal programs and in other food and beverages that are sold to students during the school day. The Superintendent shall manage a food service program that complies with this policy and is in alignment with School Board policy 6:50, School Wellness.

The food service program in participating schools shall comply with the nutrition standards specified in the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture's Smart Snacks rules when it offers competitive foods to students on the school campus during the school day. BOE Policy 4:120

**Student Health, Accidents, and Illness:**

A student's parent/guardian(s) shall present proof that the student received a health examination, with proof of the immunizations against, and screenings for, preventable communicable diseases, as required by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), within one year prior to:

1. Entering kindergarten or the first grade
2. Entering the sixth grade; and
3. Enrolling in an Illinois school, regardless of the student's grade

State law provides regulations regarding what immunizations and/or screenings are required, the District/School Nurse will provide parents with this information. BOE Policy 7:100

**Exclusion from School:**

Unless an exemption or extension applies, the failure to comply with the above requirements by October 15 of the current school year will result in the student's exclusion from school until the required health forms are presented to the District. New students who register after October 15 of the current school year shall have 30 days following registration to comply with the health examination and immunization regulations. Details regarding exclusion from school due to failure to comply with the regulations will be provided by the District Certified School Nurse. BOE Policy 7:100

**Eye Examination:**

Parents/guardians are encouraged to have their children undergo an eye examination whenever health examinations are required. Parents/guardians of students entering kindergarten or an Illinois school for the first time shall present proof before October 15 of the current school year that the student received an eye examination within one year prior to entry of kindergarten or the school. A physician licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches or a licensed optometrist must perform the required eye examination. BOE Policy 7:100

**Dental Examination:**

All children in kindergarten and the second and sixth grades must present proof of having been examined by a licensed dentist before May 15 of the current school year in accordance with rules adopted by the Illinois Department of Public Health. If a child in the second or sixth grade fails to present proof by May 15, the school may hold the child's report card until the child presents proof: (1) of a completed dental examination, or (2) that a dental examination will take place within 60 days after May 15. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that parents/guardians are notified of this dental examination requirement at least 60 days before May 15 of each school year. BOE Policy 7:100

**Exemptions:**

In accordance with rules adopted by the Illinois Department of Public Health, a student will be exempted from this policy's requirements for:

1. Religious, if the student's parents/guardians present the IDPH's Certificate of Religious Exemption form to the Superintendent or designee.
2. Health examination or immunization requirements on medical grounds, if the examining physician, advance practice registered nurse, or physician assistant provides written verification.
3. Eye examination requirement, if the student's parents/guardians show an undue burden or lack of access to a physician licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches who provides eye examinations or a licensed optometrist.
4. Dental examination requirement, if the student's parents/guardians show an undue burden or a lack of access to a dentist.

BOE Policy 7:100

**Medication at School:**

Students should not take medication during school hours or during school-related activities unless it is necessary for a student's health and well-being. When a student's licensed health care provider and parent/guardian believe that it is necessary for the student to take a medication during school hours or school-related activities, the parent/guardian must request that the school dispense the medication to the child and otherwise follow the District's procedures on dispensing medication. No School District employee shall administer to any student, or supervise a student's self-administration of, any prescription or non-prescription medication until a completed and signed "School Medication Authorization Form" is submitted by the student's parent/guardian. BOE Policy 7:270

**Self-Administration of Medication:**

A student may possess an epinephrine auto-injector (EpiPen®) and/or medication prescribed for asthma for use at the student's discretion, provided the student's parent/guardian has completed and signed a "School Medication Authorization Form." The School District shall incur no liability, except

for willful and wanton conduct, as a result of any injury arising from a student's self-administration of medication or epinephrine auto-injector, or the storage of any medication by school personnel. BOE Policy 7:270

**Student Illness/Accidents:**

When a student is injured or becomes ill while in school, the following procedure will be observed:

- District personnel who have been trained in emergency rescue procedures (e.g., CPR, AED) are expected to administer first aid including lifesaving resuscitation procedures to a student in the event of an accident, choking, respiratory and/or life-threatening emergency.
- Community emergency rescue personnel (911) will be called immediately and school personnel will continue resuscitation procedures until relieved by emergency rescue personnel.
- The student's parents/legal guardian will be contacted immediately or as soon as possible after injury.
- If the parents/guardians cannot be reached, the emergency number listed in the child's student information file will be called.

BOE Policy 7:275

PLEASE BE CERTAIN THAT THE SCHOOL HAS A CURRENT EMERGENCY NUMBER THAT CAN BE CALLED AND THAT ANY CHANGES ARE REPORTED TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE IMMEDIATELY. We require two (2) emergency numbers for each child's file.

**Allergy Policy:**

School attendance may increase a student's risk of exposure to allergens that could trigger a food-allergic reaction. It is not possible for the District to completely eliminate all risks of exposure to allergens when a student is at school. However, a Food Allergy Management Program will help the District to minimize these risks, and provide accommodations and proper treatment for allergic reactions. The Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement a Food Allergy Management Program. BOE Policy 7:285

**Wellness Policy:**

Student wellness, including good nutrition and physical activity, shall be promoted in the District's educational program, school activities, and meal programs. This policy shall be interpreted consistently with Section 204 of the Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004 and the Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (HHFKA). BOE Policy 6:50

**Visitor Policy:**

All visitors to school property are required to report to the Building Principal's office or other school personnel onsite and receive permission to remain on school property. All visitors must sign a visitors' log, show identification, and wear a visitor's badge. When leaving the school, visitors must return their badge. Persons on school property without permission will be directed to leave and may be subject to criminal prosecution.

Any person wishing to confer with a staff member should contact that staff member to make an appointment. Conferences with teachers are held, to the extent possible, outside school hours or during the teacher's conference/preparation period. Access shall be facilitated according to guidelines from the Superintendent or designee. BOE Policy 8:30

**Convicted Child Sex Offender:**

State law prohibits a child sex offender from being present on school property or loitering within 500 feet of school property when persons under the age of 18 are present, unless the offender meets either of the exceptions as outlined by the Illinois State Code. The offender must be granted permission from the Board, Superintendent, or Superintendent's designee. In all cases, the Superintendent, or designee who is a certified employee, shall supervise a child sex offender whenever the offender is in a child's vicinity. BOE Policy 8:30

**Enforcement of Visitor Policy:**

Any staff member may request identification from any person on school property; refusal to provide such information is a criminal act. The Building Principal or designee shall seek the immediate removal of any person who refuses to provide requested identification. Any person who engages in conduct prohibited by this policy may be ejected from school property. The person is also subject to being denied admission to school events or meetings for up to one calendar year. BOE Policy 8:30

**Student Conduct:**

All students are entitled to enjoy the rights protected by the U.S. and Illinois Constitutions and laws for persons of their age and maturity in a school setting. Students should exercise these rights reasonably and avoid violating the rights of others. Students who violate the rights of others or violate District policies or rules will be subject to disciplinary measures.

Students may, during the school day, during noninstructional time, voluntarily engage in individually or collectively initiated, non-disruptive prayer or religious-based meetings that, consistent with the Free Exercise and Establishment Clauses of the U.S. and Illinois Constitutions, are not sponsored, promoted, or endorsed in any manner by the school or any school employee. *Noninstructional* time means time set aside by a school before actual classroom instruction begins or after actual classroom instruction ends. BOE Policy 7:130

Each of the grade level centers has a Code of Conduct that regulates the implementation of disciplinary action. Parents and students are required to read this document and provide the school with a signed document declaring their understanding of the program, including consequences for engaging in behaviors inconsistent with the school expectations. The Code of Conduct outlines all procedures relative to suspension, expulsion, and the appealing of decisions. The Code of Conduct is regulated by state and federal policy, which is outlined on the District website.

**Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment:**

Bullying, intimidation, and harassment diminish a student's ability to learn and a school's ability to educate. Preventing students from engaging in these disruptive behaviors and providing all students equal access to a safe, non-hostile learning environment are important District goals.

Bullying on the basis of actual or perceived race, color, national origin, military status, unfavorable discharge status from the military service, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender-related identity or expression, ancestry, age, religion, physical or mental disability, order of protection status, status of being homeless, or actual or potential marital or parental status, including pregnancy, association with a person or group with one or more of the aforementioned actual or perceived characteristics, or any other distinguishing characteristic is prohibited in each of the following situations:

1. During any school-sponsored education program or activity
2. While in school, on school property, on school buses or other school vehicles, at designated school bus stops waiting for the school bus, or at school-sponsored or school-sanctioned events or activities
3. Through the transmission of information from a school computer, a school computer network, or other similar electronic school equipment
4. Through the transmission of information from a computer that is accessed at a non-school related location, activity, function, or program or from the use of technology or an electronic device that is not owned, leased, or used by a school district or school if the bullying causes a substantial disruption to the educational process or orderly operation of a school. This item (4) applies only in cases in which a school administrator or teacher receives a report that bullying, through this means has, occurred and it does not require a district or school to staff or monitor any non-school-related activity, function, or program

Bullying, including cyber-bullying, is defined in Section 27-23.7 of the School Code (105 ILCS 5/27-23.7). The Superintendent or designee shall develop and maintain a bullying prevention and response plan that advances the District's goal of providing all students with a safe learning environment free of bullying and harassment and including restorative measure as an alternative to exclusionary discipline. Anyone, including staff members and parents/guardians, who has information about actual or threatened bullying is encouraged to report it to the District named officials or any staff member. Building Principals serve as the Complaint Manager. Anonymous reports are also accepted. BOE Policy 7:180

## **Required Notifications**

### **Residence:**

Only students who are residents of the District may attend a District school without tuition charge, except as otherwise provided below or in State law. A student's residence is the same as the person who has legal custody of the student. A person asserting legal custody over a student, who is not the child's natural or adoptive parent, shall complete a signed statement, stating: (a) that he or she has assumed and exercises legal responsibility for the child, (b) the reason the child lives with him or her, other than to receive an education in the District, and (c) that he or she exercises full control over the child regarding daily educational and medical decisions in case of emergency.

If the Superintendent or designee determines that a student attending school on a tuition-free basis is a non-resident of the District for whom tuition is required to be charged, he or she on behalf of the Board of Education shall notify the person who enrolled the student of the tuition amount that is due. The notice shall detail the specific reasons why the Board believes that the student is a non-resident of the District and shall be given by certified mail, return receipt requested. The person who enrolled the student may challenge this determination and request a hearing as provided by the School Code, 105 ILCS 5/10-20.12b.

A student whose family moves out of the District during the school year will be permitted to attend school for the remainder of the year without payment of tuition. When a student's change of residence is due to the military service obligation of the student's legal custodian, the student's residence is deemed to be unchanged for the duration of the custodian's military service obligation if the student's custodian made a written request. The District, however, is not responsible for the student's transportation to or from school.

If, at the time of enrollment, a dependent child of military personnel is housed in temporary housing located outside of the District, but will be living within the District within six months after the time of initial enrollment, the child is allowed to enroll, subject to the requirements of State law, and must not be charged tuition. BOE Policy 7:60

### **Homeless Children:**

Any homeless child shall be immediately admitted, even if the child or child's parent/guardian is unable to produce records normally required to establish residency. The term "homeless children and youth" is defined by the McKinney-Vento Act and specifies that it is individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. Board of Education policy 6:140, Education of Homeless Children, and its implementing administrative procedure, govern the enrollment of homeless children. BOE Policy 7:60

### **Education Rights of Students Who Are Homeless:**

The school district is required to designate a person to serve as "Homeless Liaison." The liaison can help with problems related to enrollment, request transportation on behalf of the children, help obtain immunizations or immunization records and birth certificates, and help mediate disputes with the school district. They are also there to help youth without parents or guardians. If you think your family may qualify for homeless services, or your family is having financial difficulties, please contact your school principal or your school social worker. Your information will always be treated confidentially.

District Liaison:

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DuPage ROE Homeless Student Advocate:

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**Student Records:**

School student records are confidential. Information from them shall not be released other than as provided by law. A school student record is any writing or other recorded information concerning a student and by which a student may be identified individually that is maintained by a school or at its direction by a school employee, regardless of how or where the information is stored, except as provided in State or federal law. The District may release directory information as permitted by law, but a parent/guardian shall have the right to opt-out of the release of directory information regarding his or her child. BOE Policy 7:340

**Non-Discrimination:**

Equal educational and extracurricular opportunities shall be available for all students without regard to color, race, nationality, religion, sex, sexual orientation, ancestry, age, physical or mental disability, gender identity, status of being homeless, immigration status, order of protection status, actual or potential marital or parental status, including pregnancy. BOE Policy 7:10

A student, parent/guardian, employee, or community member should notify any District Complaint Manager if he or she believes that the Board, its employees, or its agents have violated his or her rights guaranteed by the State or federal Constitution, State or federal statute, or Board policy, or have a complaint regarding any one of the following:

- Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. §12101 et seq.
- Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. §1681 et seq.,
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. §791 et seq.
- Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. §1400 et seq.
- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. §2000d et seq.
- Equal Employment Opportunities Act (Title VII of the Civil Rights Act), 42 U.S.C. §2000e et seq.
- Sexual harassment prohibited by the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act, 5 ILCS 430/70-5(a); Illinois Human Rights Act, 775 ILCS 5/; and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. §2000e et seq.
- Breastfeeding accommodations for students, 105 ILCS 5/10-20.60
- Bullying, 105 ILCS 5/27-23.7
- Misuse of funds received for services to improve educational opportunities for educationally disadvantaged or deprived children
- Curriculum, instructional materials, and/or programs
- Victims' Economic Security and Safety Act, 820 ILCS 180/
- Illinois Equal Pay Act of 2003, 820 ILCS 112/
- Provision of services to homeless students
- Illinois Whistleblower Act, 740 ILCS 174/.
- Misuse of genetic information prohibited by the Illinois Genetic Information Privacy Act, 410 ILCS 513/; and Titles I and II of the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act, 42 U.S.C. §2000ff et seq.
- Employee Credit Privacy Act, 820 ILCS 70/.

Nondiscrimination Coordinator:  
 Complaint Managers:  
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 BOE Policy 2:260

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**Harassment of Students Prohibited:**

No person, including a School District employee or agent, or student, shall harass, intimidate, or bully a student on the basis of actual or perceived: race; color; national origin; military status; unfavorable discharge status from military service; sex; sexual orientation; gender identity; gender-related identity or expression; ancestry; age; religion; physical or mental disability; order of protection status; status of being homeless; actual or potential marital or parental status, including pregnancy; association with a person or group with one or more of the aforementioned actual or perceived

characteristics; or any other distinguishing characteristic. The District will not tolerate harassing, intimidating conduct, or bullying whether verbal, physical, sexual, or visual, that affects the tangible benefits of education, that unreasonably interferes with a student's educational performance, or that creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational environment. Examples of prohibited conduct include name-calling, using derogatory slurs, stalking, sexual violence, causing psychological harm, threatening or causing physical harm, threatened or actual destruction of property, or wearing or possessing items depicting or implying hatred or prejudice of one of the characteristics stated above. BOE Policy 7:20

### **Title IX Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure:**

Sexual harassment affects a student's ability to learn and an employee's ability to work. Providing an educational and workplace environment free from sexual harassment is an important District goal. The District does not discriminate on the basis of sex in any of its education programs or activities, and it complies with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX) and its implementing regulations ([34 C.F.R. Part 106](#)) concerning everyone in the District's education programs and activities, including applicants for employment, students, parents/guardians, employees, and third parties. BOE Policy 2:265

### Title IX Sexual Harassment Prohibited

Sexual harassment as defined in Title IX (Title IX Sexual Harassment) is prohibited. Any person, including a District employee or agent, or student, engages in Title IX Sexual Harassment whenever that person engages in conduct on the basis of an individual's sex that satisfies one or more of the following:

1. A District employee conditions the provision of an aid, benefit, or service on an individual's participation in unwelcome sexual conduct; or
2. Unwelcome conduct determined by a reasonable person to be so severe, pervasive, and objectively offensive that it effectively denies a person equal access to the District's educational program or activity; or
3. *Sexual assault* as defined in [20 U.S.C. §1092\(f\)\(6\)\(A\)\(v\)](#), *dating violence* as defined in [34 U.S.C. §12291\(a\)\(10\)](#), *domestic violence* as defined in [34 U.S.C. §12291\(a\)\(8\)](#), or *stalking* as defined in [34 U.S.C. §12291\(a\)\(30\)](#).

Examples of sexual harassment include, but are not limited to, touching, crude jokes or pictures, discussions of sexual experiences, teasing related to sexual characteristics, spreading rumors related to a person's alleged sexual activities, rape, sexual battery, sexual abuse, and sexual coercion.

### **Teen Dating Violence Prohibited**

Engaging in teen dating violence that takes place at school, on school property, at school-sponsored activities, or in vehicles used for school-provided transportation is prohibited. For purposes of this policy, the term *teen dating violence* occurs whenever a student who is 13 to 19 years of age uses or threatens to use physical, mental, or emotional abuse to control an individual in the dating relationship; or uses or threatens to use sexual violence in the dating relationship. BOE Policy 7:185

### **INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM:**

#### **General Education Curriculum:** BOE Policy 6:60

Our students will receive instruction aligned to the Illinois State Learning Standards in the following areas grades K-8:

- Math
- Language Arts
- Science
- Social Studies
- Physical Education
- Art
- Reading
- Music
- Social and Emotional Learning

Our students also receive developmentally appropriate instruction in a number of other areas including:

- Health
- Career Readiness
- Citizenship
- Drug and substance abuse prevention

- Internet Safety
- Project Lead The Way (PLTW) Launch and Gateway
- Character Education

**Title I Programs:**

The Superintendent or designee shall pursue funding under Title I, Improving the Academic Achievement of the Disadvantaged, of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, to supplement instructional services and activities in order to improve the educational opportunities of educationally disadvantaged or deprived children. The District maintains programs, activities, and procedures for the engagement of parents/guardians and families of students receiving services, or enrolled in programs, under Title I. These programs, activities, and procedures are described in District-level and School-level compacts. Each Building Principal or designee shall develop a *School-Level Parent and Family Engagement Compact* according to Title I requirements. BOE Policy 6:170

**Program for the Gifted:**

The Superintendent or designee shall implement an education program for gifted and talented learners that is responsive to student needs and is within the budget parameters as set by the Board. Eligibility to participate in the gifted program shall not be conditioned upon race, religion, sex, disability, or any factor other than the student’s identification as gifted or talented. The Board of Education will monitor this program’s performance by meeting periodically with the Superintendent or designee to determine and/or review the indicators and data that evidence whether the educational program for gifted and talented learners is accomplishing its goals and objectives and is otherwise in compliance with this policy. BOE Policy 6:130

**Student Assistance:**

Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) is a process to ensure all students are making acceptable educational progress. In order to make this determination, a team of school personnel assess and analyze school academic and behavior data. Students who fail to meet the district’s identified criteria for acceptable educational progress will be identified by the team and considered for additional support.

The role of the school personnel in this process is to:

- Define what the issue is for the student
- Analyze and discuss reasons why the issue is occurring
- Create a plan for the student to address the issue, monitoring the student on a regular basis for progress and modifying as necessary
- Evaluate the effectiveness of the plan

Some ways for parents to be involved in their child’s education include:

- Attending school functions such as open house or parent/teacher conferences
- Getting to know the child’s teacher and his/her expectations for success
- Asking questions about the RTL process and how the child’s needs are being met
- Learning about the Universal Screening Assessment given three times a year to all students

If you have concerns about a student’s academic or behavioral progress:

- Notify the child’s teacher and building administrator of your concerns
- Be prepared to share information related to the child’s strengths, homework habits, attitude about school, test scores, previous school experience, peer relationships, and challenges
- Participate in problem-solving discussions with the school staff about the child’s specific strengths and needs
- Develop interventions with school staff and monitor the child’s progress towards meeting specific, measurable goals

**Education of Children with Disabilities:**

The School District shall provide a free appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment and necessary related services to all children with disabilities enrolled in the District, as required by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and implementing provisions of the School

Code, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act. The term “children with disabilities,” as used in this policy, means children between ages 3 and 15 (inclusive) for whom it is determined, through definitions and procedures described in the Ill. State Board of Education (ISBE) *Special Education* rules, that special education services are needed.

It is the intent of the District to ensure that students who are disabled within the definition of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 are identified, evaluated, and provided with appropriate educational services. The District may maintain membership in one or more cooperative associations of school districts that shall assist the District in fulfilling its obligations to the District’s students with disabilities. If necessary, students may also be placed in nonpublic special education programs or education facilities. BOE Policy 6:120

**ADA Accessibility:**

Individuals with disabilities shall be provided an opportunity to participate in all school-sponsored services, programs, or activities and will not be subject to illegal discrimination. When appropriate, the District may provide to persons with disabilities aids, benefits, or services that are separate or different from, but as effective as, those provided to others. The District will provide auxiliary aids and services when necessary to afford individuals with disabilities equal opportunity to participate in or enjoy the benefits of a service, program, or activity. Each service, program, website, or activity operated in existing facilities shall be readily accessible to, and useable by, individuals with disabilities. BOE Policy 8:70

**English Learners:**

The District offers opportunities for resident English Learners to achieve at high levels in academic subjects and to meet the same challenging State academic standards that all children are expected to meet. The Superintendent or designee shall develop and maintain a program for English Learners complies with all regulations as identified by the State Board of Education and ensures a comprehensive English Learners program focused on assisting student in achieving English proficiency, facilitate effective communication in English, and encourage their full participation in school activities and programs as well as promote participation by the parents/guardians of English Learners.

Parents/guardians of English Learners will be provided information about: (1) the reason for their child's identification, (2) their child’s level of English proficiency, (3) the method of instruction to be used, (4) how the program will meet their child’s needs, (5) how the program will specifically help their child learn English and meet age-appropriate academic achievement standards for grade promotion and graduation, (6) specific exit requirements of the program, (7) how the program will meet their child’s individualized educational program, if applicable, and (8) information on parent/guardian rights. Parents/guardians will be regularly apprised of their child’s progress and involvement will be encouraged.

Parents/guardians of English Learners will be informed how they can: (1) be involved in the education of their children; (2) be active participants in assisting their children to attain English proficiency, achieve at high levels within a well-rounded education, and meet the challenging State academic standards expected of all students; and (3) participate and serve on the District’s Transitional Bilingual Education Programs Parent Advisory Committee. BOE Policy 6:160

**Grading & Promotion:**

The Superintendent shall establish a system of grading and reporting academic achievement to students and their parents/guardians. The system shall also determine when promotion requirements are met. The decision to promote a student to the next grade level shall be based on successful completion of the curriculum, attendance, and performance on the standardized tests required by the Ill. State Board of Education (ISBE) and/or other assessments.

A student shall not be promoted based upon age or any other social reason not related to academic performance. The administration shall determine remedial assistance for a student who is not promoted. Every teacher shall maintain an evaluation record for each student in the teacher’s classroom. A District administrator cannot change the final grade assigned by the teacher without notifying the teacher, and providing an acceptable reason for the change as per board policy. BOE Policy 6:280

**Student Testing and Assessment Program:**

The District student assessment program provides information for determining individual student achievement and instructional needs, curriculum and instruction effectiveness, and school performance measured against District student learning objectives and statewide norms.

The Superintendent or designee shall manage the student assessment program that administers to students all standardized assessments required by the Ill. State Board of Education (ISBE) and/or any other appropriate assessment methods and instruments, including norm and criterion-referenced achievement tests, aptitude tests, proficiency tests, and teacher-developed tests. Informs students of the timelines and procedures applicable to their participation in every State assessment.

The Superintendent or designee will provide each student's parents/guardians with the results or scores of each State assessment and an evaluation of the student's progress. See policy 6:280, Grading and Promotion, and utilizes professional testing practices. Overall student assessment data on tests required by State law will be aggregated by the District and reported, along with other information, on the District's annual report card. Board policy 7:340, Student Records, and its implementing procedures govern recordkeeping and access issues. BOE Policy 6:340

**Access to Electronic Networks:**

Electronic networks, including the Internet, are a part of the District's instructional program and serve to promote educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication. The Superintendent shall develop an implementation plan for this policy and appoint system administrator(s). The School District is not responsible for any information that may be lost or damaged, or become unavailable when using the network, or for any information that is retrieved or transmitted via the

Internet. Furthermore, the District will not be responsible for any unauthorized charges or fees resulting from access to the Internet.

The District has a comprehensive Acceptable Use Policy that outlines the procedures for addressing the use and integration of technology, appropriate use(s) for online resources and internet safety as outlined under the Child's Privacy Protection and Parental Empowerment Act (325 ILCS 17/). This policy is provided to parents at the beginning of each year and is also on our website. Parents and students are required to read this document and provide the school with a signed document declaring their understanding of the program, including consequences for engaging in behaviors inconsistent with the school expectations. BOE Policy 6:235

**Student Social and Emotional Development:**

Social and emotional learning (SEL) is defined as the process through which students enhance their ability to integrate thinking, feeling, and behaving to achieve important life tasks. Students competent in SEL are able to recognize and manage their emotions, establish healthy relationships, set positive goals, meet personal and social needs, and make responsible and ethical decisions. The Illinois Learning Standards include three goals for students (1) Develop self-awareness and self-management skills to achieve school and life success (2) use social-awareness and interpersonal skills to establish and maintain positive relationships (3) demonstrate decision-making skills and responsible behaviors in personal, school, and community contexts. BOE Policy 6:65

**Summer School:**

The District provides a variety of experiences for students to enhance their education during the summer school. Extended school year experiences includes a summer program for Students with Disabilities in conjunction with the special education cooperative, a bridge program with Glenbard District 87 and locally developed instructional programs.

**Library/Media Program:**

The Superintendent or designee shall manage the District's library media program to comply with State law and Illinois State Board of Education rules. BOE Policy 6:230

**Homework:**

Homework is part of the District's instructional program and has the overarching goal of increasing student achievement. Homework is assigned to further a student's educational development and is an application or adaptation of a classroom experience. The Superintendent shall provide guidance to ensure that homework is (1) used to reinforce and apply previously covered concepts, principles, and skills (2) not assigned for disciplinary purposes (3) serves as a communication link between the school and parents/guardians (4) encourages independent thought, self-direction, and self-discipline (5) of appropriate frequency and length, and does not become excessive, according to the teacher's best professional judgment. BOE Policy 6:290

**Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Activities:**

Extracurricular or co-curricular activities are school-sponsored programs for which some or all of the activities are outside the instructional day. They do not include field trips, homework, or occasional work required outside the school day for a scheduled class. "Co-curricular activity" refers to an activity associated with the curriculum in a regular classroom and is generally required for class credit. "Extracurricular activity" refers to an activity that is not part of the curriculum, is not graded, does not offer credit, and does not take place during classroom time; it includes competitive interscholastic activities and clubs. The Superintendent must approve an activity in order for it to be considered a District-sponsored extracurricular or co-curricular activity, BOE Policy 6:190

**Field Trips:**

Field trips are encouraged when the experiences are a part of the school curriculum and/or contribute to the District's educational objectives. All field trips must have the Superintendent or designee's prior approval, except that field trips beyond a 200-mile radius of the school or extending overnight must have the prior approval of the Board of Education. All non-participating students shall be provided an alternative experience. Any field trip may be cancelled without notice due to an unforeseen event or condition. BOE Policy 6:240

**Safety:**

All District operations, including the education program, shall be conducted in a manner that will promote the safety and security of everyone on District property or at a District event. The Superintendent or designee shall develop, implement, and maintain a comprehensive safety and security plan. The plan will include an emergency operations and crisis response plan(s) addressing prevention, preparation, response, and recovery for each school; provisions for a coordinated effort with local law enforcement and fire officials, emergency medical services personnel, and the Board Attorney; a school safety drill plan; instruction in safe bus riding practices; and a clear, rapid, factual, and coordinated system of internal and external communication. In the event of an emergency that threatens the safety of any person or property, students and staff are encouraged to follow the best practices discussed for their building regarding the use of any available cellular telephones.

During every academic year, each school building that houses school children shall conduct, at a minimum, each of the following in accordance with the School Safety Drill Act (105 ILCS 128/):

- Three school evacuation drills
- One bus evacuation drill
- One law enforcement drill to address a school shooting incident and evaluate preparedness
- One severe weather and shelter-in-place drill

The Board or its designee will annually review each school building's emergency operations and crisis response plan(s), protocols, and procedures, as well as each building's compliance with the school safety drill plan. This annual review shall be in accordance with the School Safety Drill Act (105 ILCS 128/) and the Joint Rules of the Office of the State Fire Marshal and the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). BOE Policy 4:170

**Notification Regarding Student Accounts or Profiles on Social Networking Websites:**

The Superintendent or designee shall notify students and their parents/guardians of each of the following in accordance with the Right to Privacy in the School Setting Act, (105 ILCS 75/): 1. School officials may not request or require a student or his or her parent/guardian to provide a password or other related account information to gain access to the student's account or profile on a social networking website. 2. School officials may conduct an investigation or require a student to cooperate in an investigation if there is specific information about activity on the student's account on a social networking website that violates a school disciplinary rule or policy. In the course of an investigation, the student may be required to share the content that is reported in order to allow school officials to make a factual determination. BOE Policy 7:140

**EMERGENCY INFORMATION**

**School Closing:**

The Superintendent is authorized to close school(s) in the event of hazardous weather or other emergency that threatens the safety of students, staff members, or school property. BOE Policy 4:170

**Toxic Art Supplies:**

Toxic art or craft materials that are purchased by the district for student use in grades K-6 are strictly prohibited. Toxic art materials for students in grades 7-8 are only purchased when they meet the legal labeling standards and are stored in compliance with ISBE regulations.

**Protective Eye Devices:**

Protective eye devices are required to be worn by all students, teachers, and visitors when participating or observing in classes that use chemical or combined chemical-physical laboratories that involve caustic chemicals, explosive chemicals, or hot liquids and/or solids.

**Automated External Defibrillator (AED):**

The Superintendent or designee shall implement a written plan for responding to medical emergencies at the District's physical fitness facilities in accordance with the Fitness Facility Medical Emergency Preparedness Act and shall file a copy of the plan with the Ill. Dept. of Public Health (IDPH). The plan shall provide for at least one automated external defibrillator (AED) to be available at every physical fitness facility on the premises according to State law requirements. BOE Policy 4:170

**Unsafe School Choice Option:**

The unsafe school choice option allows students to transfer to another District school or to a public charter school within the District as defined by State law and identified by the Illinois State Board of Education. BOE Policy 4:170

**Parent Concerns:**

Parents/Guardians are encouraged to discuss matters of concern with the appropriate individual. The customary procedure is to begin with the teacher, where most problems can be resolved. The parent who does not receive satisfaction at this point should talk to the Building Principal. Should further action be required, the Superintendent of Schools will attempt to resolve complaints. As a final step, parents/guardians may notify the Superintendent of Schools of their desire to bring their problem to the Board of Education. The Superintendent of Schools will arrange for their concern to be presented at a scheduled Board meeting.