

SPRING HILL HIGH SCHOOL

HIGH SCHOOL HANDBOOK

2023-2024



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VISION

Maintain small-town values and empower each student to achieve world-class success.

MISSION

To be a school district that engages students to learn, create, adapt and succeed in an ever-changing world.

HANDBOOK DISCLAIMER

While this handbook will cover a variety of topics, it is not meant to be an “all-encompassing document.” Administrators are given the flexibility to work with situations that may not be specifically covered here. District policies and procedures are subject to change and we will work to provide timely notice of all changes.

DEVELOPING & ADOPTING POLICY

BOE POLICY BDA

The board shall adopt all new policies and delete or modify existing policies. Board policies, rules and regulations may be amended at any board meeting by a majority vote of the board. All handbooks shall be approved by the board and adopted, by reference, as a part of these policies and rules.



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BELL SCHEDULE

Hour 1	8:05 - 8:55 AM
Hour 2	9:00 - 9:50 AM
Hour 3	9:55 - 10:45 AM
Hour 4	10:50 - 11:40 AM
Hour 6	11:45 AM - 12:58 PM
Lunch 1	11:40 AM - 12:06 PM
Lunch 2	12:06 - 12:32 PM
Lunch 3	12:32 - 12:58 PM
Advisory	1:03 - 1:25 PM
Hour 7	1:30 - 2:20 PM
Hour 8	2:25 - 3:15 PM

WEDNESDAY (LATE START)

Hour 1	9:10 - 9:50 AM
Hour 2	9:55 - 10:35 AM
Hour 3	10:40 - 11:20 AM
Hour 4	11:25 AM - 12:35 PM
Lunch 1	11:20 - 11:45 AM
Lunch 2	11:45 AM - 12:10 PM
Lunch 3	12:10 - 12:35 PM
Advisory	12:40 - 1:00 PM
Hour 6	1:05 - 1:45 PM
Hour 7	1:50 - 2:30 PM
Hour 8	2:35 - 3:15 PM

TESTING SCHEDULE

Hour 1	8:05 - 8:45 AM
Hour 2	8:50 - 9:30 AM
Hour 3	9:35 - 10:15 AM
Advisory (Testing)	10:20 - 11:20 AM
Hour 4	11:25 AM - 1:00 PM
Lunch 1	11:20 - 11:45 AM
Lunch 2	11:45 AM - 12:10 PM
Lunch 3	12:10 - 12:35 PM
Lunch 4	12:35 - 1:00 PM
Hour 6	1:05 - 1:45 PM
Hour 7	1:50 - 2:30 PM
Hour 8	2:35 - 3:15 PM

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ACADEMICS

ACADEMIC HONESTY

Academic honesty refers to demonstrating and upholding the highest integrity and honesty in all the academic work that you do.

Cheating and plagiarism are common forms of academic dishonesty and subject to disciplinary action.

Cheating: Inappropriate means of completing, or helping another student complete, school work. This includes working on a shared digital document without teacher permission.

Plagiarism: Misrepresenting another's work as one's own, whether it is another person's ideas, words (including translators), lyrics, or images from a print source or the Internet.

1st Offense: A zero on the assignment/test in question and a conference with parents or guardians. Discipline referral written and given to administrator.

2nd Offense: A three day out of school suspension and a conference with parents or guardians. A zero on the assignment/test in question.

3rd Offense: A five day out of school suspension and a recommendation for expulsion from school. A zero on the assignment/test in question.

ADVISORY

All students are assigned to an advisory period supervised by an advisory teacher. During advisory period, advisory teachers will be available to counsel and assist students. Advisory period programming includes academic check-ins, social-emotional development lessons, and mentoring.

BRONCO ASSISTANCE

Bronco Assistance is a 20-minute period held 3 days a week to provide academic assistance to students.

During Bronco Assistance, students are expected to remain in their advisory classroom, except for the following reasons.

Teacher Classrooms: Students with a "D" or "F" in any class are expected to meet with that particular teacher to get assistance on missed essential standards. Students may also go see any teacher to see help or make-up a test or quiz. The expectation for teacher classrooms is that it is quiet enough for students to take tests and allow

teachers to work one-on-one with students.

Library: The library is designated as the quiet area. There is no talking permitted and provides a quiet location for students to really focus on their academic work.

Commons: The commons area is designated as the student collaboration area. Students may come down here to work on collaborative projects, get help from peers on homework and be able to discuss their work in a larger setting.

Upper Gym: The upper gym area is designated as the physical activity area. Students may walk around the indoor walking area. For some students, this may be the only time for them to get in a physical activity during the school day. Also, one set of bleachers is pulled out for overflow of student collaboration.

CLASS CHANGES

Due to class sizes and restrictions in scheduling, class changes will only be made for academic reasons and with good cause. First semester changes may be requested the first two days before the students return to school. After students have returned, they will have two days, before or after school, to change classes. From days 3-10, students may make changes in schedules only by filling out the drop/add form and attaining teacher, administrator, parent, and counselor signatures. Second semester changes should be made before students leave for Winter Break. Please refer to the Spring Hill High School Program Planning Guide for more detailed information.

CREDIT RECOVERY AND EDGENUITY

Edgenuity is a computer-based program that gives students an opportunity to recover credit during the school day. The intent of Edgenuity is to provide assistance until the student is capable of returning to the general education class in line with their appropriate needs and accommodations (if any). In order for a student to participate in the program, he or she must:

1. Have taken the subject in the regular classroom for an entire semester or attempted the course with at least two different instructors resulting in a failing grade.
2. Attend a SAT meeting with his/her parents

and guidance counselor; with observations and documentation from the general education teachers detailing the student's efforts and attempts at class room modifications/interventions and,

3. Obtain approval from administration.
4. No more than two Edgenuity courses can be initiated for any student at any time.

Edgenuity courses must be completed in the time frame of no more than two per semester unless specifically approved by an administrator to meet student needs. The program starts over the next semester if the student fails to complete the courses in the required time. Edgenuity courses are graded on a pass/fail basis.

FINAL EXAMS

Final exams will be administered the last three days of each semester. The weight of the final exam should be a minimum of 10% but not more than 20% of the semester grade. Students should only take finals during the designated time. In order to protect the integrity of the test(s), it is recommended that teachers do not give a final early. Students are expected to stay in class until the class period is over. The administration may allow early finals for individuals due to exigent circumstances on a case-by-case basis.

GRADING SYSTEM

BOE Policy IHA

A (90 - 100%)	Consistently excels at or above grade level standard
B (80 - 89%)	Generally performs at grade level standard
C (70 - 79%)	Working toward grade level standard
D (60 - 69%)	Not making adequate progress toward grade level standard
F (59% or below)	No progress noted

GRADUATION, VALEDICTORIAN

BOE Policies IHF, JFC

Formal public graduation activities will be conducted only at the high school level. All students who have completed the requirements for graduation shall be entitled to participate in graduation exercises unless participation is

denied for appropriate reasons.

Beginning with the class of 2022, in order for a student to be recognized as a valedictorian, the student must complete the Kansas Scholars Curriculum and enroll in at least five academic classes in the second semester of senior year.

The valedictorian speaker will be decided by the criteria below:

Cumulative Grade Point Average, then

Composite ACT score at the end of the fall semester of their senior year, then

Sum of the ACT sub-scores as of the end of the fall semester, then

Average of the course percentage of all high school classes (based on a seven semester transcript).

GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING

BOE Policy IDAB

The guidance program is designed to meet the needs, interests, and abilities of all students.

School counselors are available to assist students with their academic programs and needs.

School counselors are also available to assist students in understanding themselves, understanding their capabilities and limitations, identifying alternative courses of action, and making appropriate personal decisions.

HOMEWORK

BOE Policy IHB

Homework shall be assigned as needed to support lessons introduced in the classroom.

Students should complete assigned work on time and to the best of their ability, assume responsibility for making up work when absent, communicate with the teacher regarding difficulties, and manage school and out-of-school activities to allow for successful completion of homework.

Parents should establish an appropriate time and place to complete homework, provide an appropriate physical and psychological climate to complete homework, help monitor—but not complete—the student's homework, and initiate communication with the teacher when concerns arise.

Students will be allowed to turn in homework assignments up to the date of the formal or summative test for the material. Each teacher will establish a progressive grading policy for late work. After the formal assessment, teachers are under no obligation to allow late work for that material to be handed in, though they may do so. Students need to read the syllabus for each class to understand each teacher's homework expectations.

HONOR ROLL

Three honor rolls are compiled and published for each grading period of the school year. The honor rolls are:

Principal's A Honor Roll: To qualify a student must receive a 4.0

Purple & Gold Honor Roll: To qualify a student must receive a 3.5.

B Honor Roll: To qualify a student must have a numerical 3.0 average with no grade below C.

INCENTIVE (STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT) PROGRAM

In an effort to encourage high achievement, positive attendance and citizenship, students may earn the privilege to opt out of one final. Please note that the faculty highly recommends all students take all finals to better prepare for college.

The following procedure is to be followed for opting out of one exam (per semester):

- Students may opt out of one class in which they have an A.
- Opting out of a final is always at the discretion of the teacher
- Students lose their opt out if they receive a disciplinary referral for any reason.
- Students may lose their opt out if they have excessive tardies (in all classes, three or more, for the semester).
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LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER

Students are encouraged to make use of the library media center.

A student must have permission from his/her teacher to use the library during the school day.

That may be communicated in the form of a pass or email.

Each student is to follow standards of behavior that will allow other students to pursue their academic or recreational reading free from distractions. A student may be suspended from the library for unacceptable behavior upon the recommendation of library personnel and approval of administration.

Guidelines for borrowing materials are established by the library media specialist. The student borrowing materials will be responsible for returning it on time and in good condition. Students with overdue materials may have their borrowing privileges restricted or revoked.

For lost or damaged library materials, the replacement cost will be charged to the borrower. The loss/damage should be reported to library staff immediately.

LONG-TERM ASSIGNMENTS

Long-term Assignments (LTA) are defined as those made more than 10 school days before the due date. LTAs are expected the day that they are due regardless of attendance. A school activity is not considered an extenuating circumstance. If absent for illness, the assignment is due at 8:00 a.m. the first day that the student returns. Appeals for extenuating circumstances can be made to the principal and/or teacher.

MAKE-UP WORK BOE Policies IHEA, JBD

It is the student's responsibility to obtain make-up assignments from teachers following an excused or unexcused absence.

The student will have two days for each day's excused absence to make up work, up to one week's absence.

The district reserves the right to determine whether or not credit will be granted for make-up work resulting from unexcused absences or absences due to suspension or expulsion.

In the case of absences exceeding one week, school administration will determine the amount of time allowed to make up all missed assignments.

SENIOR COURSE REQUIREMENTS

It shall be required of high school seniors to take a full course of study during the first semester of the school year. Exceptions are to be made only at the discretion of the building principal after consultation with the superintendent.

SPECIAL SERVICES

BOE Policy IDAA

In addition to the basic educational program, the district provides programs to meet special needs for students who meet the qualifications.

Please contact your student's teacher or building administrators for additional information about special services.

STUDENT ASSISTANCE TEAM (SAT)

This program is an intervention program available to students who are struggling academically. Students may be referred to SAT a by teacher, counselor, parent, and/or administrator. When a student is recommended for SAT, monthly meetings are assigned to come up with an action plan for student improvement. Many times interventions include participation in the after-school program, attendance in an academic support group, and weekly progress reports.

TEXTBOOKS

Students are responsible for maintaining and returning all textbooks and materials issued to them.

Textbooks or materials lost, misplaced, or damaged beyond normal wear must be paid for by the student based on the value of the item at the beginning of the school year.

Student grade cards, schedules, and/or records will not be released until payment is received.

ACTIVITIES & ATHLETICS

ACTIVITIES/ORGANIZATIONS

BOE Policies JH, JHC

The school provides a variety of student activities and organizations to meet the needs/interests of the student body and as resources allow.

The principal is responsible for organizing and approving all student activities. All school-sponsored activities must be supervised by an adult approved by the administration.

Students may form clubs to promote or pursue specialized activities outside the regular classroom. Membership in student organizations must be open to all interested and eligible students. The building principal must approve school sponsored student organizations, and a staff member must serve as an advisor or supervisor.

ACTIVITY TRIPS

Members of school groups are to travel in school transportation provided for the purpose of their activity. This includes members of athletic teams, the spirit club, performance groups, etc.

A participant may be given permission to return home with their parent(s) or with the parent(s) of another student. The participant shall present a written request from their parent(s) to the coach. A sign out roster for parents/guardians to use on the day/evening of the activity meets written request requirement.

ASSEMBLIES

BOE Policy IKE

Assemblies and meetings are held throughout the school year for the benefit of the student body. It is expected that any student attending special programs or meetings at school will observe the following rules:

1. Students should demonstrate courtesy and respect at all times. Audience members are expected to sit appropriately, watch, and listen. Drawing unnecessary attention to oneself during an assembly and/or a school performance is inappropriate.
2. Students are not permitted to leave prior to the conclusion of the assembly without permission from a teacher or administrator.
3. Assemblies are an important part of the educational experience. Students are

expected to be in attendance at all school-sponsored assemblies.

DANCES AND SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

Only Spring Hill High School students are permitted to attend school-sponsored social functions.

Exceptions may be made from this policy for some activities, such as the fall and winter homecoming dances and the Junior-Senior Prom. The principal's permission is necessary for any exception. There are regulations pertaining to these exceptions, which are available from the sponsors. Students are responsible for their outside date's actions during the dance.

No student is permitted to leave a dance and then return. All students are expected to dress and act responsibly, appropriate to accepted school norms. Administrators will make the final determination on what is deemed to be appropriate. Students must be in good standing in order to attend any dance or social function.

ELIGIBILITY FOR ATHLETIC AND EXTRACURRICULAR PROGRAMS

BOE Policy JH

The eligibility requirements are consistent with those established by the Kansas State High School Activities Association (KSHSAA).

To be eligible to participate in any KSHSAA event, a student must meet all KSHSAA regulations on eligibility (age, physical exam form, verification of insurance, KSHSAA Head Injury form).

A student must be in good standing with regard to student conduct and discipline.

A student must meet the following academic requirements:

1. The student must have passed at least five subjects of unit weight the previous semester or the last semester in attendance.
2. The student must be enrolled in and attending a minimum of five new subjects of unit weight (not previously passed) and in attendance during the present semester. The following do not count toward eligibility: homeroom, teacher's aide, and summer school.
3. The student may only participate or practice

in an extracurricular activity if that student has been in school the final five class periods for that school day. Emergencies, doctor or dentist appointments, and other extreme situations may cause exceptions to this rule as deemed necessary by the principal.

FIELD TRIPS

BOE Policy IFCB

Class field trips from school require parent permission. Field trip permission forms will be sent home with students in advance of the date of the trip. The form must include the nature of the trip, departure time, expected return time, name of sponsor(s), and mode of travel. Students are required to travel to and from the field trip by transportation method identified on the permission form. A student may not accompany his/her class if the school does not receive a permission form.

Students must not be under suspension, expulsion restrictions, and/or have no outstanding detention time to serve in order to attend field trips.

FLOWERS, GIFTS, RESTAURANT DELIVERIES, AND MESSAGES

We ask that no flowers, gifts, restaurant deliveries (DoorDash, Grubhub, Uber Eats), etc. be delivered to the school to avoid disruption to the educational process. If such an item is delivered, the item will be held in the office until the end of the school day. The school will not be responsible for ensuring delivery/pickup of items to individuals.

Messages from parents will be delivered to students as soon as they are received in the office. Office staff will not take messages from individuals other than parents/guardians unless it is an emergency.

Students will not be called out of class to receive messages or items they have forgotten at home unless the office feels it's an emergency.

FUNDRAISERS

Fundraisers supported by the district must have a district school, club, or organization as the direct benefactor of the fundraiser. If a student organization or class is participating in

a charitable fundraiser, it must align with the mission of the organization or class.

PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

Each school has a Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). These organizations are separate entities and are not affiliated with school district operations. Contact your school office or visit the school website to get contact information for the school PTO.

SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL

BOE Policy IB

Each school has a School Site Council (SSC). Each council is responsible for providing advice and counsel for evaluating state, school district, and school site performance goals and objectives and in recommending methods, which may be employed at the school site, to meet these goals and objectives.

The membership of each council includes, at a minimum, the building principal, and representatives of: teachers and other school personnel, parents of students attending the school, the business community, and community leaders.

ATTENDANCE & ENROLLMENT

ATTENDANCE

BOE Policies JB, JBD

Daily attendance records are maintained for each student in each school. A cumulative attendance record for each student is also maintained. The attendance record will indicate if the absence is excused or unexcused.

The following are considered to be excused absences:

- Personal illness verified by a parent and approved by the principal. When a student is absent three or more consecutive days, a doctor's note may be required to re-enter. Extended illness verified by a doctor can be considered excused at the discretion of the administration
- Medical appointments verified by a signed appointment card or a doctor's written statement and approved by the principal
- Trips with a student's own parents verified by a parent and approved in advance by the principal
- Unusual, unforeseen, or emergency circumstances as verified by a parent and approved by the administration
- Parent's prior formal written request for absence of a student and approved by the administration
- Family Bereavement
- Religious observance
- Administrative prerogative
- Participation in a district approved or school sponsored activity

Any absence that does not meet the above criteria will be considered unexcused.

Parents/guardians are expected to call the school at the beginning of any absence and inform school personnel of the reason for and anticipated length of the absence.

Parents are allowed to excuse five absences per semester. Any additional absences will require a doctor's note or approval of the building principal.

A student who attends less than 95% of attendance days may be at risk for not meeting grade level academic expectations for the year.

ENROLLMENT

BOE Policy JBC

All students enrolling in the district for the first time must provide parent/guardian identification, proof of residency, student birth certificate, immunization records, a current physical, and school records (transfer students only).

Resident students attend school buildings according to school boundaries as set by the Board of Education. A "resident student" is any child who has attained the age of eligibility for school attendance and (1) lives with a parent or a person acting as a parent who is a resident of the district; (2) lives in the district as a result of placement by a district court or the Kansas secretary for child and families; or (3) is "homeless" as defined by Kansas law

For purposes of this policy, "parent" means the natural parents, adoptive parents, step-parents and foster parents. For purposes of this policy, "person acting as a parent" means a guardian or conservator, a person liable by law to maintain, care for or support the child, a person who has actual care and control of the child and contributes the major portion of the cost of support of the child or a person who has actual care and control of the child with written consent of a person who has legal custody of the child or person who has been granted custody of a child by a court of competent jurisdiction.

ENROLLMENT FEES

BOE Policy JS

District enrollment fees are annually reviewed and approved by the Board of Education. Once approved, district enrollment fees are posted to the district website.

Enrollment fees will be reduced for students starting after the first day of school in August. No full refunds will be made. Refunds for students withdrawing from school will be made upon request for quarters the student will not be in attendance. No refunds will be made after April 1.

Students who owe fees or have not returned school property due may not receive grade reports or diplomas until accounts are settled.

LEAVING THE BUILDING

When parents request that students leave campus during the school day, a telephone call to

the main office is required, and a permit to leave must be secured from the office.

During the school day, students must secure permission from a parent and from the office before missing a class or leaving campus. Any unauthorized absence will be considered truant and a disciplinary referral will be made.

PENALTIES FOR UNEXCUSED ABSENCES

The student will receive an unexcused absence for the day's work in each class missed. Students may receive zeros for daily work or assignments due on the day of the unexcused absence. The student will be allowed to make up tests missed based upon the teacher's progressive test policy. An administrator will meet with each student who is unexcused and will assign the following consequence(s) per semester:

1st unexcused absence: 1 hour administrative detention for each class period missed up to 4 class periods. After 4 periods, 1 day in-school suspension

2nd day of unexcused absence: 1 day in-school suspension

3rd day of unexcused absence: 3 day in-school suspension

4th day of unexcused absence: 5 day in-school suspension

5th day of unexcused absence: Meeting with parents to determine if student remains in school.

Spring Hill High School does not recognize senior skip day. Students who are absent that day must follow normal procedures for obtaining an excused absence.

PROCESS FOR EXCESSIVE ABSENCES

On the 10th excused absence (count does not include excused absences for participation in a district approved or school sponsored activity) or 5th unexcused absence in a semester, the student will be placed on probation. The probation letter will state that future absences will be counted as unexcused unless the student is excused by (1) a doctor's/legal note, (2) the school nurse, or (3) an administrator. At this time a Student Intervention Team (SIT) meeting will be scheduled with the school, parent and student.

If after the SIT meeting the student has two additional unexcused absences, a referral will

be made to the Truancy Review Board if the student is under age 16, to the County Attorney for truancy if the student is between the age 16 and under 18, or for a due-process hearing if the student is age 18 or over.

TARDY

Admission to class following tardiness to school requires that students check in at the front office when they arrive any time after the start of the school day.

Tardies due to unusual, unforeseen, or emergency situations as verified by a parent and approved by the administration will be excused.

When a student arrives late to school after a medical appointment, he/she will not be counted tardy if he/she has a note on the doctor's letterhead (or prescription pad paper) verifying the date and time of the appointment. Please make every attempt to schedule appointments in such a way that students do not consistently miss the same class.

If a student has been tardy at the beginning of the school day more than five times in a semester for any reason, he/she will be assigned administrative detention for each tardy after the allowable five.

Each teacher is responsible for establishing rules regarding tardiness to his/her class (with the exception of the first period of the day) for the first two tardies of the semester. On the third tardy, the teacher will assign a 30-minute detention. On the 4th tardy or more the teacher will fill out a disciplinary referral and report that student to an administrator. Any tardy reported to an administrator will be assigned administrative detention. Failure to serve an administrative assigned detention will result in an out of school suspension.

TRUANCY BOE Policy JBE

Truancy is defined as any three consecutive unexcused absences, any five unexcused absences in a semester or seven unexcused absences in a school year, whichever comes first. School year means the period from July 1 to June 30. Students who are absent without a valid excuse for a significant part of any school day are considered truant.

The building principal or other district administrator will report students who are inexcusably absent from school to the appropriate authority. Prior to reporting to either Kansas Department of Children and Families (if the student is under 13) or the county or district attorney (if the student is 13 or more years of age but less than 18 years of age), a letter will be sent to the student's parent(s) or guardian notifying them that the student's failure to attend school without a valid excuse resulted in the student being reported truant.

WITHDRAWAL PROCEDURE

When a student is withdrawing from the school district, the school district requires a formal records request from the student's new school district. A formal checkout must occur before any records will be sent.

CODE OF CONDUCT

STUDENT CONDUCT

BOE Policy JCD

An appropriate atmosphere for learning requires that students act in a safe and responsible manner. Respect for the rights of others is central to the maintenance of such an atmosphere.

Any acts that interfere with the learning process or infringe upon the rights of fellow students and/or members of the staff will not be tolerated on school grounds or at any school activity.

Some student acts may be referred to law enforcement personnel.

ALCOHOL AND DRUG-FREE SCHOOLS

BOE Policy JDDA

Students shall not unlawfully manufacture, sell, distribute, dispense, possess or use illicit drugs, controlled substances or alcoholic beverages at school or on school district property, or at any school activity.

Any student who is reasonably suspected of consuming illicit drugs, controlled substances, and/or alcoholic beverages before entering any school grounds or attendance center, at any school-sponsored activity off school grounds or traveling to and from any school-sponsored activity, shall be refused entrance and admission and may be subject to discipline up to and including suspension or expulsion.

Any student violating the terms of this policy will be reported to the appropriate law enforcement officials, and will be subject to detention, in-school suspension, out-of-school suspension, long-term suspension, and/or expulsion.

BULLYING

BOE Policy JDDC

The board of education prohibits bullying in any form, by any student, staff member, or parent, towards a student or a staff member, on or while using school property, in a school vehicle, or at a school-sponsored activity or event.

Kansas anti-bullying laws includes the following definition of bullying:

"Bullying" means:

(A) Any intentional gesture or any intentional written, verbal, electronic or physical act or threat either by any student, staff member or

parent towards a student or by any student, staff member or parent towards a staff member that is sufficiently severe, persistent or pervasive that such gesture, act or threat creates an intimidating, threatening or abusive educational environment that a reasonable person, under the circumstances, knows or should know will have the effect of:

(i) Harming a student or staff member, whether physically or mentally;

(ii) damaging a student's or staff member's property;

(iii) placing a student or staff member in reasonable fear of harm to the student or staff member; or

(iv) placing a student or staff member in reasonable fear of damage to the student's or staff member's property;

(B) cyberbullying; or

(C) any other form of intimidation or harassment prohibited by the board of education of the school district in policies concerning bullying adopted pursuant to this section or subsection (e) of K.S.A. 72-8205, and amendments thereto.

Kan. Stat. Ann. § 72-6147 (2013)

Students who have bullied others in violation of this policy may be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including suspension and/or expulsion. If appropriate, students who violate the bullying prohibition may be reported to local law enforcement.

COMPLAINTS AND GRIEVANCES

BOE Policy KN

Any complaint received should be reduced to writing and reported to administration for study, investigation and possible resolution. Whenever possible, complaints should be resolved at the lowest possible administrative level. All other complaints will be investigated by the superintendent or his designee.

All students, parents, visitors, community members, contractors, and others should immediately report any conduct that could constitute discrimination, harassment, or retaliation to the Compliance Coordinator (Dr. Joshua Robinson, Assistant Superintendent of Schools), or to any District employee with whom they are comfortable discussing the conduct.

DETENTIONS

Teachers will assign classroom detentions to students as a method of maintaining discipline in the classrooms or hallways. After a teacher has assigned a detention to a student, that student has two days to serve his/her detention. The two days include the day the detention was assigned.

Failure to serve a teacher-assigned detention results in a disciplinary referral to the office. An administrator will then assign the student an administrative detention.

Students who miss/skip class periods (excessive tardies or absences) will be assigned a Disciplinary Referral and receive an administrative consequence.

Failure to serve any assigned administrative detentions from the administration or attendance secretary will result in an In-School or Out-of-School Suspension

Students who have not completed assigned detention times or suspension time will be considered as 'not in good standing' and prohibited from attending school dances or participating in school activities.

DISCIPLINE

The penalties listed below are the penalties adopted by the USD 230 Board of Education for Spring Hill High School. Administrators may assign consequences beyond these in cases warranting such actions. Failure to serve administrative consequences will result in out of school suspension.

Minor classroom disruption

Teacher assigns detention(s)

Repetitive disruption within the same hour or severe disruption

Consequences will be assigned by administrator up to and including suspensions

Verified infractions: minimum 1 period administrative detention

Use or possession of tobacco products to include e-cigarettes or vape devices on school grounds or at school activities.

1st offense – 5 days OSS (reduced to 3 days OSS after seeking a professional assessment and providing evidence of having done so at no expense to the school)

2nd offense – up to 10 days OSS and meeting with parents to discuss long term suspension and/or expulsion

Distribution of vape devices

1st offense – 10-day suspension and meeting with parents to discuss long term suspension and/or expulsion

Distribution of simulated drugs, prescription medication or over-the-counter- drugs to other students

1st offense Consequences will be assigned by administrator

Possession, use of, or under the influence of alcoholic beverages, illicit drugs, and/or controlled substances

1st offense – Minimum of 5 day OSS. Student may return after 5-day OSS with an evaluation from a certified substance evaluator at student's expense. SRO referral.

2nd offense – 5-day OSS + hearing held for long-term suspension. SRO referral.

Distribution of illicit drugs and/or controlled substances

1st offense: 10 days OSS. SRO referral. Referral for long-term suspension/expulsion.

Responsible for or in possession of drug paraphernalia (to include but not limited to pipes, papers, screens, razor blades, scales, syringes, roach clips, any device for smoking and/or consumption and carrying containers)

1st offense: 3-5 days OSS and referral to the SRO + meeting with parents

2nd offense: 5-10 days OSS and referral to the SRO + possible hearing for long-term suspension

Fighting

Sent home immediately that day

Pushing/Shoving

1st offense: Up to 3 days ISS

2nd offense: Up to 2 days OSS + parent conference in order to return

Hitting

Sent home immediately

1st offense: Up to 3 days OSS + parent conference before return

2nd offense: Up to 5 days OSS + possible

hearing held for long-term suspension

Profanity in Classroom

Teacher assigns detention. If profanity is disruptive may refer to administration

Profanity Directed to/at Staff

1st offense: Up to 1 day OSS

2nd offense: Up to 3 days OSS + possible hearing held for long-term suspension

Theft

1st offense: OSS with number of days to be determined by administration based on severity of offense

Threats/Intimidation to Other Students or School

First offense: OSS with number of days to be determined by administration based on the severity of the offense and the circumstances of the incident(s).

Referral to SRO.

Possible hearing to determine if student returns to school.

Possible hearing for long-term suspension/expulsion.

Professional assessment documentation, at no cost to the school, may be required before allowing student to return.

Threats to Teacher

1st offense: Up to 5 days OSS + hearing to determine if student returns to school. Police report filed immediately.

2nd offense: Up to 5 days OSS + possible hearing held for long-term suspension. Police report filed immediately.

Vandalism to School or Personal Property

Student pays for school damage. Police report filed immediately.

1st offense: Up to 3 days OSS + meeting with parents

2nd offense: Up to 5 days OSS + possible hearing held for long-term suspension

Responsible for or in possession of an open flame

1st offense: Up to 2 days OSS based upon the circumstances of the incident

Insubordination/Disrespect/Defiance

1st offense: 1 day OSS

2nd offense: 3 days OSS

3rd offense: 5-10 days OSS

4th offense: 5-10 days OSS + possible hearing held for long-term suspension

Bullying/Harassment/Racial or Sexual Harassment

1st offense – Warning/ISS/OSS depending upon the severity/nature of the offense

2nd offense – ISS/OSS (depending upon the severity/nature of the offense) + meeting with parents

3rd offense – 3-5 day OSS + possible hearing held for long-term suspension

4th offense – 5-10 day OSS + possible hearing held for long-term suspension

Note: In cases involving potential violations of Title IX, the District's Title IX authorities will be notified.

DISCRIMINATION BOE Policy AC

The District is committed to maintaining an educational environment and workplace that is free from discrimination, harassment, and retaliation in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs, services, activities, and facilities. The District will provide equal opportunity in all areas of education, recruiting, hiring, retention, promotion, and contracted service.

The District strictly prohibits discrimination and harassment against students, employees, or others on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sex/gender (to include orientation, identify or expression), age, disability, genetic information or any other basis prohibited by law.

Any form of discrimination or harassment toward any person associated with the District, regardless of where the conduct occurs, is a violation of this policy. The District also strictly prohibits retaliatory actions against those who engage in protected activities.

DRESS CODE

BOE Policy JCDB

High school dress and grooming code is the responsibility of the parents, students and school system. Since all three are interested in the best quality education that can possibly be offered to our youth, it should be a joint effort. The general atmosphere of the school must be conducive to learning. Students are expected to use good judgment in determining dress for school. If a student's general appearance attracts undue attention to the extent that it becomes a disruptive factor in the school, a building administrator will ask the student to make the necessary changes. Failure to comply will be grounds for suspension. While it is impossible for guidelines to cover every possible scenario; when selecting clothes for school students and parents should consider the following-

Clothing referencing tobacco, vaping, drugs, alcohol or gangs is prohibited.

Clothing with profane language or symbols are prohibited.

Clothing cannot promote or convey hate messages.

Clothing must not endanger the safety of the wearer or other individuals.

Clothing must not distract from the learning environment.

Clothing must appropriately cover the wearer.

Coaches, directors, or sponsors may have more stringent guidelines for students in their programs.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

All electronic devices are to be secured in lockers or backpacks during class when not in approved classroom use.

Examples of electronic devices include but are not limited to cell phones, smart watches, smart devices, e-readers, portable audio players, earbuds, etc.

Failure to do so will result in treating the electronic device as a nuisance item.

Students are permitted to use an electronic device during class when use is approved by the classroom teacher.

Students are permitted to use electronic devices

before and after school, during passing periods, and during lunch so long as they do not interfere with the school learning environment.

The school is not responsible for lost or stolen electronic device items.

HALL PASSES

Proper behavior is expected at all times in the halls. Students in the halls during class time must have a hall pass from the office or teacher. Loitering in halls is not permitted. Students traveling in the halls are expected to maintain a reasonable degree of quiet and proper behavior. Students may be denied hall passes if they violate appropriate behavior codes while using a hall pass.

HAZING/INTIMIDATION/MENACING

The board is committed to providing a positive and productive learning and working environment. Hazing, intimidation, or menacing is strictly prohibited.

Students whose behavior is found to be in violation of this policy will be subject to discipline, up to and including expulsion.

Publishing/posting images or messages recorded at school or a school event to social media that causes a disruption of the school learning environment, as determined by the school administration, will fall under the school's progressive discipline policies. Such recordings may include, but not be limited to, still images, text messages, video recordings, and/or voice recordings.

NUISANCE ITEMS

No nuisance items are to be in the possession of students on the school premises. This includes fireworks, water guns, balloons, animals or parts of animals, noisemakers, pocket knives, puzzle cubes, or any other item not required in the course of the program.

Nuisance items taken from students will be kept in the office until the end of the school day.

After the second offense and every time thereafter, parents are required to come to school to pick up the nuisance item.

An in-school suspension is given for confiscation of a nuisance item for the third time.

An out of school suspension will be given every time thereafter.

The school is not responsible for lost or stolen nuisance items.

PROPERTY DAMAGE

Everyone is held accountable for the damage of school property. The person(s) responsible must pay for accidental or intentional damage. Damage which is intentional or results from inappropriate behavior will also require disciplinary action which may include suspension.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

BOE Policies GAAC, JGEC

The board of education is committed to providing a positive and productive learning and working environment, free from discrimination on the basis of sex, including sexual harassment. Sexual harassment shall not be tolerated in the school district. Sexual harassment of employees or students of the district by board members, administrators, certified and support personnel, students, vendors, and any others having business or other contact with the school district is strictly prohibited.

The district encourages all victims of sexual harassment and persons with knowledge of such harassment to report the harassment immediately. Complaints of sexual harassment will be promptly investigated and resolved.

SUSPENSION, IN-SCHOOL

BOE Policy JDD

In-school suspension (ISS) placement has been designed to minimize the loss of academic learning opportunities during an out-of-school suspension. During in-school suspension, students are provided assigned material to complete that relates to their normal classroom activities. Students are responsible for obtaining missed assignments and completing that work per the excused absence policy. All work supplied to a student in ISS will be completed by the end of the day. Students will be expected to abide by the in-school suspension guidelines and complete a reflective essay. Work completed during in-school suspension will be given to the appropriate teacher for class credit.

SUSPENSION, OUT-OF-SCHOOL

BOE Policy JDD

Procedures for suspending or expelling students are specified by the Board of Education. The policy prescribes requirements for notification of students and their parents or guardians, hearing procedures, protection of students' due process rights, and an appeal provision.

Students who receive a short-term suspension (one to ten days) are expected to complete all work missed during the term of the suspension.

During the period of suspension, students are ineligible to attend or participate in extracurricular activities or be on district property.

TECHNOLOGY USE

BOE Policy IIBG

Students are responsible for the proper use and care of district technology in their use or possession. This includes all classroom technology, computer lab technology, and district-owned personal computing devices loaned to the student.

Students must not use district-owned technology for illegal nor inappropriate uses at any time. The district network refers to the network provided on school grounds for educational use. The guidelines for district-owned computers cover use both at school and away from school.

Students who have been loaned a district computing device shall abide by the requirements of the Loan Agreement and the Damage/Loss Program.

Students are bound to the details of the Student Acceptable Use Policy provided at enrollment.

THREATS OF VIOLENCE

A student has the responsibility to report threats of violence, by another student or groups of students, promptly to any district employee.

A report based on "reason to suspect" does not require proof that threats of violence will occur or actually occurred or that the reporter witnessed the threat. The evaluation of threats of violence will be the responsibility of the building administrator and/or law enforcement officials.

WEAPONS AND DANGEROUS INSTRUMENTS

BOE Policy JCDBB

A student shall not knowingly possess, handle or transmit any object that can reasonably be considered a weapon at school, on school property or at a school-sponsored event. This shall include any weapon, any item being used as a weapon or destructive device, or any facsimile of a weapon.

Possession of a firearm or other weapon shall result in expulsion from school for a period of one calendar year, except the superintendent may recommend this expulsion requirement be modified on a case-by-case basis (see BOE Policy JDC). Possession of a facsimile of a weapon may result in suspension or expulsion.

The superintendent or the superintendent's designee shall conduct expulsion hearings for possession of a weapon. Students violating this policy shall be reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency(ies) and if said student is a juvenile, to the Department of Children and Families (DCF) or the Commissioner of Juvenile Justice.

HEALTH

ALLERGIES

As a part of the enrollment process, the school nurse will make sure that all student health files are updated and that all students with medically documented allergies have an alert on skyward.

Prior to the start of school, each teacher will receive an electronic notification, from the nurse, that lists all students who have reported allergies or health concerns.

If a student has a reported allergy, the staff shall take reasonable steps to eliminate exposure to the allergen during the school day.

If a student is inadvertently exposed to an allergen, the teacher and/or staff member shall contact the nurse immediately and follow protocol for allergen exposure.

HEALTH OFFICE (SCHOOL NURSE)

The health office is staffed by the school nurse to administer the school's health program. The nurse is on duty to provide care for students with acute illness and injury. The nurse will also conduct health screenings and health education programs.

ILLNESS

BOE Policy JGCC

Any student noted by a physician, the school nurse, or a local health officer as having a communicable disease will be excluded from school for the duration of the illness. Any student with a temperature of 100 degrees fahrenheit or greater will be sent home from school.

A student may return to school when they have been free from fever (without medication), vomiting, or diarrhea for 24 hours. The student will be readmitted to regular classes upon termination of the illness, as authorized by the student's physician or local health officer, or after the expiration of any period of isolation or quarantine.

The school district adheres to the Johnson County Disease and Symptom Exclusion Recommendations posted to the Johnson County Department of Health and Environment website.

INOCULATION/IMMUNIZATION

BOE Policy JGCB

Unless provided otherwise herein, all students enrolling in any district school shall provide the building principal with proof of immunization of certain diseases or furnish documents to satisfy statutory requirements. Booster shots mandated by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Environment are also required.

Students who fail to provide the documentation required by law may be excluded from school by the superintendent until statutory requirements are satisfied. Notice of exclusion shall be given to the parents/guardians as prescribed by law. Students who are not immunized against a particular disease(es) may be excluded from school during any outbreak.

INJURY

BOE Policies JGFG, GAAG

First aid, CPR, and an automated external defibrillator may be administered to students and others only by those school employees qualified [as defined by K.S.A.65-6149 (c)] by training approved by the district and then only in case of emergency.

First aid shall be limited to the applying of simple bandages or infection preventatives and to any justifiable emergency aid such as stopping excessive bleeding to prevent further injury, disability or death.

When a staff member becomes aware that a student has been involved in an accident or is in need of emergency care at school, on school property or at a school-sponsored activity, the staff member shall provide for the care of an injured student and report the accident to the building principal. The student's parent(s) shall be notified of the injury as soon as possible to determine appropriate action. If the student needs medical attention and the parents cannot be reached, the administrator or superintendent designee shall seek emergency medical treatment.

An injury at home or school requiring restriction from activity and/or physical education class for more than two consecutive days will require a doctor's note. Any child wearing a cast or sling to school will require a doctor's note with activity restriction guidelines.

INSURANCE COVERAGE

BOE Policy JGA

Students have the opportunity to enroll in an accident insurance coverage program. The insurance is optional at each family's discretion. Information about the insurance is available to parents and students on the district website or in the school office. Student medical expenses not covered by this program are the responsibility of the family.

MEDICATION

BOE Policies JGFGB, JGFGBA

The supervision of medications shall be in strict compliance with the rules and regulations of the Board as carried out by district personnel.

In certain circumstances when medication is necessary in order that the student can remain in school, the school nurse will cooperate with parents or guardians in the supervision of medications that the student will use. The parents or guardians must submit a written request to the school nurse requesting the school's cooperation in administering medication and releasing the school district and personnel from liability.

The following requirements must be met for supervision of medication by the school nurse: the medication is in the original container with the student's name, physician, current date, name of medication, dosage, and method of administration, length of time for which medication is prescribed, and additional special circumstances under which the medication is to be administered.

In the administration of medication, the school employee shall not be deemed to have assumed any legal responsibility.

The self-administration of medication for the treatment of anaphylaxis or asthma including, but not limited to, any medicine defined in current federal regulation as an inhaled bronchodilator or auto-injectable epinephrine is allowed for eligible students in all grades K-12. Self-administration is the student's discretionary use of an approved medication for which the student has a prescription or written direction from a health care provider.

High school students may carry a small bottle of their own non-prescription (over-the-counter) medications, such as acetaminophen (Tylenol),

ibuprofen (Motrin, Advil), or antacids (Tums). However, all other medications must be kept in the nurse's office. All medications must be in the original container. Students must never give or share any type of medication or drug with other students. The principal will have the final authority to revoke the students' privilege of carrying their own medication, if necessary.

SCREENINGS

BOE Policy JGCD

Basic hearing, vision and dental screenings are performed to identify needs that may affect learning potential. Annual basic dental screenings are performed on all students. Annual basic hearing and vision screenings will be performed on the following students:

- Students new to the district
- Students with an Individualized Education Plan (IEP)

Annual basic hearing screenings will be performed on students on the following students:

- All students in grades K, 2, 5, 7, 10.

Annual basic vision screenings will be performed using the Spot Vision Screener on the following students:

- All students in grades K, 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10

THERAPY DOGS

BOE Policy INGA

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) allows people with disabilities to bring their service animals onto premises in whatever areas patrons are generally allowed. The ADA defines a service animal as any guide dog, signal dog, or other animal individually trained to provide assistance to an individual with a disability. If they meet this definition, animals are considered service animals under the ADA regardless of whether they have been licensed or certified by a state or local government.

Any animal whether a pet or service/therapy dog is personal property and cannot be brought onto school property without prior approval by the principal. If the student arrives at school with a pet or service/therapy dog and previous approval has not been obtained, the parents/guardians will be immediately notified and requested to come to the school to retrieve the animal until it can be determined that the presence of the service/

therapy dog in school is in compliance with the law. The animal will remain with the child until the parent/guardian removes the animal from school property.

NUTRITION

FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS

BOE Policy EE

Parents or guardians of students attending schools participating in federal school meal programs must be informed of the availability of reimbursable school meals and provided with information about eligibility and the process for applying for free or reduced price meals on or before the start of school each year.

Free and Reduced Price Meals applications are available at each school, the district office, and on the district website. Parents or guardians should return the completed form to their school of attendance.

accordance with board policy DP. If the debt is not paid within 10 days of mailing the final notice of the negative account balance under policy DP, it shall be considered bad debt for the purposes of federal law concerning unpaid meal charges.

Payments for school meals may be made at the school, district office, or online at www.usd230.org. Students, parents, and guardians of students are encouraged to prepay meal costs.

LUNCH

Every student is expected to buy or bring lunch. Breakfast and lunch meals are offered daily with prices adjusted for students and adults. All schools have a closed lunch period, which means students are not allowed to leave school grounds during this time.

MEAL CHARGES

BOE Policy EE

The district's meal charging requirements are as follows:

A charge account for students paying full or reduced price for meals may be established with the district. Students may charge no more than six meals to this account. Charging of a la carte or extra items to this account will not be permitted.

Any student failing to keep his/her account solvent as required by the district shall not be allowed to charge further meals until the negative account balance has been paid in full. However, such students will be allowed to purchase a meal if the student pays for the meal when it is received. Students who have charged the maximum allowance to this account and cannot pay out of pocket for a meal will not be provided a school meal.

At least one written warning shall be provided to a student and his/her parent or guardian prior to denying meals for exceeding the district's charge limit. If payment of the negative balance is not received within 5 working days of the maximum charge limit being attained, the debt will be turned over to the superintendent or superintendent's designee for collection in

SAFETY & SECURITY

CHILD ABUSE

BOE Policy GAAD

Any employee of the district who has reasonable cause to know or suspect that a child has been subject to abuse or neglect or who has observed the child being subjected to circumstances or conditions which would reasonably result in abuse or neglect will immediately report this fact to the local Department of Children and Families (DCF) office or to the local law enforcement agency if the Department of Children and Families (DCF) office is not open.

School employees will not contact the child's family or any other persons to determine the cause of the suspected abuse or neglect. It is not the responsibility of the school employees to prove that the child has been abused or neglected.

CRISIS MANAGEMENT

BOE Policy EBBF

Each school has developed a plan to deal with crises. Each plan is reviewed and approved annually by the Board of Education.

Building principals train staff to implement the building plan. As necessary, students and parents will be informed about details of the plan.

Any event that threatens the feeling of safety and security shall be considered a crisis. These include, but are not be limited to: death, suicide, bomb threat, act of violence, natural disaster, accident, intruder, etc.

CUSTODIAL AND NON-CUSTODIAL PARENT RIGHTS

BOE Policy KCB

The district recognizes that parents (as defined by the state law) often share caregiving and custody of their children and that parents, if not otherwise prohibited by court order, should have equal access to student information regarding their child's school records.

It is a parent's responsibility to provide a current valid court order to the school. Without a court order, one parent cannot replace information provided by the other parent.

Any parent may obtain copies of school information such as report cards and progress reports upon request to a child's principal, unless

otherwise prohibited by law or court order.

EMERGENCY DRILLS

BOE Policy JGEAA

The four fire drills and three crisis drills required by law may be scheduled at any time during the school year. However, two tornado drills required shall be conducted in September and March. All these drills must be conducted by each school during school hours and cannot be made part of regular dismissal at the close of the school day.

The building principal may conduct a surprise drill(s). Other drills shall be held at times determined by the building principal.

EMERGENCY SAFETY INTERVENTIONS

BOE Policy GAAF

The Board of Education is committed to limiting the use of Emergency Safety Interventions ("ESI"), such as seclusion and restraint, with all students. Seclusion and restraint shall be used only when a student's conduct necessitates the use of an emergency safety intervention as defined below. The board of education encourages all employees to utilize other behavioral management tools, including prevention techniques, de-escalation techniques, and positive behavioral intervention strategies.

For full details regarding ESI, please refer to BOE Policy GAAF available on the district website.

INCLEMENT WEATHER AND SCHOOL CLOSINGS

The district may need to make the decision to close the school system or specific schools for any emergency reason, including bad weather.

In the event of closure, information is available through district mass notification (email, text message, and automated phone call), the district website, district social media, and local news stations.

Specific details regarding the status of the closure will be available at the sources listed above.

LOCKERS

A hall locker may be assigned upon enrollment. Only one student may be assigned per locker. Students are not to share lockers with other students, nor should they give their locker

combinations to other students. The locker is in joint tenancy between the school and the student; therefore, the school maintains the right to inspect said locker at any time without student permission. This inspection may be done by administration or with the use of dogs. The school cannot be responsible for personal possessions that are lost or stolen. Each student is responsible for the proper care of the locker. Students will be charged replacement/repair cost for vandalism or damage. Student behavior in the locker area must be orderly. Students are to help keep the area clean. Students should secure all items of value in both gym and hallway lockers at all times. Instrument lockers will not be used to store any materials not needed for music instruction. The decoration of lockers for non-school sponsored activities is prohibited.

MONEY

Because the school cannot assume liability for lost or stolen money or property, students should NOT bring money to school beyond that required for necessary school activities.

Selling items of any kind at school is prohibited unless pre-approved by the administration.

PUBLIC CONDUCT ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

BOE Policy KGDA

The superintendent or the superintendent's designee may deny access to the school buildings, facilities, and/or grounds of the district to persons who have no lawful business to pursue at the school, persons who are acting in a manner disruptive or disturbing to the normal educational functions of the school, or persons who are on school property in violation of Board and/or building policy. Administrative personnel may demand identification and evidence of qualification for access of anyone desiring to use or come upon the premises of the particular school or facility.

Anyone who refuses or fails to leave district buildings, facilities, and/or grounds after being requested to do so by an authorized district employee shall be considered to be trespassing in violation of Kansas law. In such case, the police will be contacted, and arrest and criminal charges may result.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

BOE Policy EBC

Security devices may be installed at district attendance centers. Other measures may be taken to prevent instructions or disturbances from occurring in school buildings or trespassing on school grounds. The district will cooperate with law enforcement in security matters and shall, as required by law and by this policy, report felonies and misdemeanors committed at school, on school property or at school-sponsors activities.

SALES AND SOLICITATIONS

There is to be no sale or solicitation for sales of products or services for non-school organizations or companies in the school or on the school grounds, either by students or others. The principal must approve all solicitations for charitable organizations in advance.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER (SRO)

The Johnson County Sheriff's Department and the Board of Education have formed a partnership to provide school resource officers in the school district. The primary job of the SRO is preventative in nature and to provide a positive law enforcement presence in the school community.

SEARCHES

BOE Policies JCAB, JCABB

Principals are authorized to search property if there is reasonable suspicion that district policies, rules or directives are being violated. In addition all lockers shall be subject to random searches without prior notice or reasonable suspicion. All searches by the principal shall be carried out in the presence of another adult witness.

Upon reasonable suspicion and at the request of the administration, law enforcement officers or licensed private agencies may use trained dogs on school premises to identify student property which may contain illegal or illicit materials and to determine whether materials are present which may threaten the general health, welfare and safety of students and/or district employees.

Principals are authorized to search students if there is reasonable suspicion that district policies, rules or directives are being violated.

Strip searches shall not be conducted by school authorities. All searches by the principal shall be carried out in the presence of another adult witness.

The student shall be told why a search is being conducted. The student shall be requested to empty items such as, but not limited to, pockets, purses, shoulder bags, book bags and briefcases. The principal shall attempt to call the student's parent/s and may call law enforcement. Items which the principal believes may be connected with illegal activity shall remain in the custody of the principal unless the items are turned over to law enforcement officials. If the student refuses to cooperate, the principal may take disciplinary action and/or seek assistance from law enforcement.

STATEWIDE SCHOOL SAFETY HOTLINE

Students may anonymously report possible impending violent acts in schools by calling 1-877-626- 8203. This is a Kansas Highway Patrol toll-free number, and it is answered 24 hours per day.

STUDENT PRIVACY RIGHTS

BOE Policy IDAE

Any student data submitted to and maintained by the school district can only be disclosed in accordance with the Student Data Privacy Act. Disclosure of all other student data or student record information maintained is governed by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

Employees are prohibited from divulging information contained in the student records and files of the district, except to other, authorized employees who may need such information for an educational purpose in connection with their duties and to authorized persons or agencies only in accordance with law, district policies, and administrative rules.

The Spring Hill School District is required to protect the confidentiality of any personally identifiable data collected or maintained regarding the identification and evaluation of students for the purpose of placement in special education and in the provision of special education and related services for such students. The confidentiality of records shall be protected at the collection, storage, disclosure, and destruction stages.

SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS

BOE Policy JGGA

The district may use video cameras to monitor student activity. These cameras are monitored for the purpose of providing a safe and secure school environment for students, staff, and patrons. The local police municipalities have access to the cameras in emergency situations.

Video cameras may be used to monitor students riding in district vehicles and to monitor student behavior in or around any district facility.

Digital video surveillance shall be considered a student record and shall be subject to current law for the release of student record information.

Use of the surveillance cameras are subject to the administrative surveillance camera procedures.

VISITORS

BOE Policy KM

The board encourages its patrons and parents to visit district facilities.

Visits must be scheduled with the teacher and the building administrator.

Notices are posted in school buildings to require visitors to check in at the office. Visitor identification must be worn at all times before proceeding to contact any other person in the building or on the grounds. All visitors should check out with the office at the end of their visit.

Any person who visits a building and/or grounds of the district will be under the jurisdiction of the building administrator(s). The administration reserves the right to limit visits that are frequent enough or long enough to interfere with instruction. Visitors are asked to silence cell phones and to refrain from using them in areas used by students. Visitors must follow the same dress code required for students.

The principal or designee has the authority to request assistance from any law enforcement agency if any visitor to the district's buildings or grounds refuses to leave or creates a disturbance. Violation of this rule may lead to removal from the building or grounds and denial of further access to the building or grounds. Violators of this board policy may be subject to the state trespass law.

Students wishing to have a visiting student accompany them at school must receive prior approval at least one day in advance of the visit.

For authorizing visiting students, the following requirements must be met:

1. The visitor is staying in the home of the host Spring Hill student.
2. The visitor's residence is outside the local or metropolitan area. The host student is to bring written parental permission.
3. Visitation will not be for more than one day.
4. The visitor must be of high school age and attending school.
5. The school, which the visitor attends, may not be in session on the day of the visit.
6. Teachers of the Spring Hill student must be willing to allow the student visitor in their class on the day of visit.
7. Students are individually responsible for guest's behavior at school.
8. All other visitor guidelines must be followed.

VOLUNTEERS

BOE Policy KFD

A volunteer for Spring Hill School District is any non-employee working in a school building and/or with children during the regular school hours or at a school-sanctioned event. To become a volunteer, individuals must, (1) read the Spring Hill School District Volunteer Ethics, Procedures, and Guidelines document, (2) submit the required registration form, and (3) complete a background check.

All school volunteers work under the direct supervision of the building administrator and school staff and provide supportive services to them.

School volunteers serving in the district without financial compensation are bound by the policies, rules and regulations of the district and shall not be covered by workers' compensation.

TRANSPORTATION

AUTOMOBILES/MOTORIZED VEHICLES

BOE Policy JGFF

It is permissible for licensed students to drive cars to school; however, they are not permitted to use a car during school hours unless they have received permission from the office. Students must observe safe driving practices while driving to school or on the school grounds. Under no condition will students be allowed in their vehicles during the noon hour or other part of the school day without first obtaining administrative approval. Cars must be parked in designated student parking lots.

Failure to observe the district's regulations governing student use of motorized vehicles may result in disciplinary action.

SCHOOL BUS

BOE Policy JGG

The board may provide or furnish transportation to or from any school maintained by the school district for all of its pupils.

Any student with a home address less than 2.5 miles from their school is required to pay for busing.

When road conditions are dangerous, the bus company may request the rider to meet the bus at a safe area designated by the bus company.

Students who come to school on the bus should return home on the bus unless they have a note from the parents.

SCHOOL BUS DISCIPLINE

BOE Policy JGG

Students must adhere to all safety regulations and other rules and regulations as posted by the contract carrier First Student. (KSA 72-6486 et seq.)

- Students will follow the driver's instructions.
- Students will not eat, drink (except water in a clear container) or smoke on the bus.
- Students will keep noise level down and remain seated facing forward.
- The bus driver has the authority to assign seating to each passenger.
- Students will not extend any part of their body out of bus windows.
- Students will not get on or off the bus or move about while the bus is in motion.

- No tobacco, alcohol or illegal drugs shall be consumed or carried in a bus.
- No weapons of any type shall be transported on a bus.

Violations of the stated rules and regulations may result in school discipline and/or in forfeiture of the right to bus transportation.

First Incident – Written warning to student; copy emailed and/or mailed to parent(s) and school administrator.

Second Incident – Driver/student conference, student assigned seat; parents called; bus conduct form completed.

Third Incident – Conference with parent, building administrator, location manager, driver, and student. Bus riding privileges may be suspended.

Severe Misbehavior – In the case of severe misbehavior, these steps may be bypassed and students may lose bus privileges from three to five days or up to one school year.

For students with disabilities who have transportation as a related service, bus suspensions are subject to the same procedural safeguards applicable to disciplinary exclusions under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

SCHOOL BUS, PAY-TO-RIDE

BOE Policy JGG

Transportation is provided on a pay basis for students living within 2.5 miles from school. Transportation is offered on a space available first come, first serve basis.

Eligibility for free busing is based on the students' home address, not from the location the student boards the bus.

Students must be registered with the transportation provider.

No additional routes will be added for pay-to-ride students. This includes transportation to and/or from daycare outside of the student's school boundary.



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