

ADA-BORUP ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS



Ada-Borup School District Mission Statement

“The mission of the Ada-Borup School District is to educate and prepare all students for a successful tomorrow through academics, activities, arts and attitude.”

STUDENT HANDBOOK 2017-18

THE ADA-BORUP PUBLIC SCHOOLS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 2854 DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE ON THE BASIS OF RACE, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, SEX OR DISABILITY.

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This handbook is meant to serve as a guide for students and parents/guardians. Not every circumstance or event can be anticipated; therefore students are subject to all district rules, regulations, and policies, as well as the interpretation by school officials thereof. If you wish to view other policy manuals or handbooks that we operate under, please contact school administration.

ADA-BORUP ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
2017 - 2018 DIRECTORY

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2017-2018 Ada-Borup Public Schools

Amended: April 11, 2017

Ada-Borup Public School
 604 West Thorpe Avenue
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 www.ada.k12.mn.us

AUGUST 2017 3 days

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

SEPTEMBER 2017 19 days

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

OCTOBER 2017 20 days

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

NOVEMBER 2017 20.5 days

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

DECEMBER 2017 16 days

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

First and Last day of School
 First – September 5, 2017
 Last – June 1, 2018

No School – Teacher Workshop Days
 August 28-31
 (August 28 - Make-up day from 2016-17)
 January 19

No School for all students
 MEA Break – October 19 & 20
 Thanksgiving Break – November 23-26
 Christmas Break – December 22 (Early Dismissal) –
 January 2
 President's Break – February 16-19
 Easter Break – March 30 - April 2
 Memorial Day – May 28

Early Dismissal at 12:30 p.m. (Teacher Workshop)
 October 18, Nov. 3, Nov. 22, & March 23

Early Dismissal at 2:00 p.m. (Staff Development)
 September 20, November 15, January 17,
 March 21, May 16

Parent-Teacher Conferences
 Elementary – Nov 9 & 14 and Mar 1 & 5
 High School – Nov 9 & Mar 5

Commencement 2018 – May 26

182 Total Days (Includes 5 Staff Days)
 (Two built in Storm Days)

End of 1st 9 weeks – November 3, 2017
 End of 2nd 9 weeks – January 19, 2018
 End of 3rd 9 weeks – March 23, 2018
 End of 4th 9 weeks – June 1, 2018

FEBRUARY 2018 16 days

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28			

MARCH 2018 21.5 days

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

APRIL 2018 20 days

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

MAY 2018 22 days

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

JANUARY 2018 21 days

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

JUNE 2018 1 day

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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This handbook is prepared for the families of elementary children in District 2854, Ada-Borup Public Schools. It is designed to help you understand how schools and families share in the elementary school experience.

We look forward to an exciting 2017-18 school year at Ada-Borup Elementary School. It is our goal to involve parents as key members of our educational team. We sincerely hope you enjoy this year and experience it as a time of real growth in all areas for your child.

Teamwork, of course, means good communication between home and school. Please contact us whenever you have questions or concerns. In additions, our schools are always open for you to visit. We welcome and greatly appreciate visitors, and encourage everyone to share their reactions.

Best wishes for a successful school year!

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A SPECIAL NOTE TO PARENTS

If a problem arises concerning the school, the Board of Education requests that you take the following actions:

- A. First, personally contact the person directly involved.
- B. If you are unable to resolve the problem by contacting the person directly involved, please contact the appropriate principal or supervisor.
- C. If you feel the problem still has not been resolved, you should meet with the Superintendent of schools.
- D. If the problem is not resolved after meeting with the superintendent, you may request a meeting with the appropriate committee of the School Board of Education.
- E. In the event that you feel there is still a basis for a problem, you are invited to address your concerns to the full School Board of Education for final resolution.

ADMINISTRATIVE DISCRETION AND REVIEW

Each policy in the Student Handbook is subject to administrative review and discretion upon its implementation.

PARENTS OR VISITORS - are asked to report to the office when:

1. Visiting a child or classroom (parents should communicate prior to visit with classroom teacher)
2. Checking students out of school for any reason
3. Returning students back to school

CHILDREN VISITING SCHOOL - Students who wish to visit our schools are asked to do the following:

1. Parents must request permission to visit at least one day in advance
2. Must be a former student or a prospective student
3. School visits are limited to one day per school year.

PICKING UP YOUR CHILD FROM SCHOOL

Parents picking up their child at the end of the day are asked to wait in the West hallway. Students not riding the bus need to be picked up by 3:10 p.m.

SCHEDULE

7:30 a.m.	Breakfast (served until 8:25)
8:00 a.m.	Busses arrive
8:15 a.m.	First Bell Rings
8:25 a.m.	Announcements - classes begin
3:05 p.m.	All K-5 students load at Ada Elementary
3:13 p.m.	Busses depart Ada

The North door at the Ada Elementary school building is to be used by students being dropped off at school. School supervision starts at 7:30am each day students are in session. Students may arrive before 7:30am; however the school district is not responsible for supervision before this time. The South entrance is to be used by bus students only. Students are asked to wait in the gym corridor until the 8:25 bell rings. The south door is locked after the buses have all arrived.

At 8:15 a.m., the first bell rings. Students should be in their classrooms by 8:25. Pupils not in their place at this time will be counted tardy.

FOOD SERVICES

Food Service Students have an opportunity to begin their day with breakfast at school (breakfast will not be available when school has a late start). Eating a healthy breakfast provides immediate nutritional benefits and leads to improved eating habits throughout the day. School breakfast is linked to positive health outcomes for students.

Nutritious lunches are served each day for students and staff. The food service staff plans each lunch, which consists of five food groups daily: protein (meat or cheese), vegetable, fruit, bread or bread alternative and milk. A student may have all five items, but may select three of the five. Students who bring their own lunch may purchase milk.

The prices for breakfast, lunch and milk are set by the School Board. All buildings use a computerized program that allows parents to deposit money into a personal lunch account. Parents who want to eat lunch with their child are asked to send a note or call the elementary office a day before so a meal can be ordered.

LUNCH/RECESS SCHEDULE

School Readiness	Recess 10:40-11:00	Lunch 11:05-11:30
Kindergarten	Recess 10:45-11:05	Lunch 11:10-11:35
First Grade	Recess 10:50-11:10	Lunch 11:15-11:40
Second Grade	Recess 10:55-11:15	Lunch 11:20-11:45
Third Grade	Recess 11:35-11:55	Lunch 12:00-12:25
Fourth Grade	Recess 11:40-12:00	Lunch 12:05-12:30
Fifth Grade	Recess 11:45-12:05	Lunch 12:10-12:35

WITHDRAWAL FROM SCHOOL

If you are planning on moving and withdrawing your child from school, please notify the school as soon as possible. School personnel will prepare a transfer form for the new school. The permanent records will be sent out upon request from the new school.

LOCKERS

Students in grades pre 1 - 5 will be assigned lockers. The lockers will be located as close as possible to the students' classroom. The lockers are not to be used for any items except their clothing. Students must avoid using the lockers for valuable items as there will be no locks on any of the lockers.

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

ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

- Personal Digital Assistants, calculators, graphing calculators, iPads, headphones, lap tops, and maker space items may be used in the classroom with teacher permission.
- Use of cell phone, gaming devices, digital cameras, or any electronic devices hindering education are not allowed during or before the school day. Cell phones and digital cameras are NOT allowed in locker rooms, bathrooms or any other dressing facilities.
- If an item interferes with the educational mission of the school, it will be confiscated and held for one day for a first offense and held until a parent picks it up. Items will NOT be returned after the third offense.
- If a student refuses to relinquish an item when directed by a teacher or staff, the student will be disciplined for insubordination.

BICYCLES

Students who are competent bicycle riders and practice good bicycle safety may ride their bicycles to school, weather permitting. Bicycles should be parked and locked in the bicycle racks during the school day. The use of helmets is encouraged. We are not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged bicycles.

Attendance

Minnesota State Statute 260A deals with the subject of truancy. The Ada-Borup Public Schools attendance policy complies with the requirements of Minnesota state law. Parents must notify the school in writing each time their child is absent or tardy. The excuse needs to document the reason for the absence and be signed by a parent or guardian. If the school does receive the excuse, the absence will be unexcused. The excuse is required within two days of return in order for the absence to be excused. The state of Minnesota recognizes the following as valid reasons for absence from school: personal illness, death or medical emergency in the immediate family, and inclement weather. Other reasons for absence that *may* be excused are religious activities, medical and dental

appointments, and travel. Family trips may be excused if the school is notified in writing at least one week in advance of the absence. We encourage parents to keep these requests for absence to a minimum. Oversleeping or missing the bus are not a valid reason for being tardy or absent, and will not be excused. Also, absences of three or more consecutive days and/or excessive absences due to illness *may* require a statement from a doctor to be excused.

A child who is subject to compulsory instruction requirements and is absent without valid excuse for three or more days within a single school year is considered a continuing truant. "Continuing truant" means a child who is subject to the compulsory instruction requirements of section 120A.22 and is absent from instruction in a school, as defined in section 120A.05, without valid excuse within a single school year for:

(1) three days if the child is in elementary school; or

(2) three or more class periods on three days if the child is in middle school, junior high school, or high school.

Failure to ensure that your child attends school may constitute neglect under the Child Abuse Reporting Act, Minnesota Statute 626.556. An amendment to the Child Abuse Reporting Act further defines neglect as failure to ensure that a child is educated in accordance with compulsory instruction law.

At two unexcused absences school staff can contact you with a reminder on attendance policy. Support services may be offered in order to avoid possible truancy and educational neglect. If the unexcused absences continue, parent and child may be subject to the Norman County Truancy Protocol and/or court proceedings in accordance with Minnesota Statute 260A.

When a student is absent, the classroom teacher will be responsible for giving the student the make-up assignments once. The parent may request the assignments a second time, but that would be the extent of the teacher's responsibility. If parents know their child will be absent for an extended period of time, they should contact the teacher and request homework in advance. Incomplete work due to school absence will turn to a zero at the end of the quarter.

It is the opinion of the Ada-Borup School District that students are in school regularly to make the most of their educational experience. The daily interaction between teachers and students is an extremely valuable part of your child's education.

PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION

Prescription and Over-the-Counter medications can only be given if a Medication Administration form has been completed and is signed by the parent/guardian and the health care provider. The procedure for a student to receive medications at school is as follows:

- Complete the Medication Administration Form. This form is available on the Ada-Borup School website under Health Services.
- The form can be brought, faxed or mailed to your health care provider for their signature. The doctor who orders the medication should be the one that signs the form. Parents can have the forms faxed from the school. Please contact your health care provider if you are going to fax the form. Because of privacy rights, your doctor may not be able to fax the form back to the school unless they have your permission.
- Ask the pharmacist to fill a prescription bottle specifically for school use.
- To ensure safety, all medications should be brought to school by parent/guardian. It is helpful if this is done before the first day of school.
- Over-the-counter medications (such as cough drops, ibuprofen, cold medication, etc.) can be given only if the medication administration form has been completed.
- Please contact the school nurse if you would like your child to self-carry/self-administer over the counter medications and the procedure will be discussed with you.
- Over-the-counter medication should be brought to school in the original container with the label intact.
- You will be notified when your child's medication supply is low.

A new Medication Administration form is needed when:

- Any new medication is started during the school year. This included antibiotics that are given over 7 to 10 days.
- When the dosage, time, or how the medication is administered has changed. Sometimes during the school year, medication dosages are increased or decreased and a new form would need to be completed.

If you go to the doctor's office and they order a prescription to be given during the school day, please ask them to print the form from the Ada-Borup website and complete it while you are in the clinic. We realize that when you are at the doctor's office you may forget. Please bring the medication to the school and complete the Medication Administration form. When the doctor and parent have signed the form, the medication can be given.

ILLNESS POLICY

If a student becomes ill at school, he or she should report to the office. If necessary, arrangements will be made for the student to go home. Under no circumstances should a student leave for home without checking through the classroom teacher and the office.

ACCIDENTS

Accidents happening in the school or at a school activity should be reported to the instructor, person in charge, or office within 24 hours of the accident. The nurse's office should also be notified. Report accidents no matter how minor they may seem. All head and eye injuries should immediately be reported.

IMMUNIZATION POLICY

In order to enroll or remain enrolled in Ada-Borup, one of the following must be submitted to the school office:

- A copy of the most current immunization record from the healthcare provider
- A notarized statement from a parent or guardian of conscientious objection. (To be completed on the Pupil Immunization Record)

If a child has no record of a required immunization on file, he/she will be excluded from school. Students will not be allowed back in school until immunizations have been completed or until an initial series is started. The school district will follow Minnesota Department of Health Guidelines for Immunizations.

HEARING/VISION SCREENING

Vision and hearing screening tests are administered according to Minnesota Department of Health guidelines in the fall for children. Referrals for further evaluations are phoned or mailed to parents as needed. If you notice any indication of vision/hearing impairment contact your child's teacher or the school nurse.

ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

Renaissance Learning STAR Assessments – Students in grades K-5 will complete the assessments in the academic areas of Reading and Math once per quarter. Students take the assessment so that schools can determine how well the students are learning in the areas of reading and mathematics along with their yearly academic growth. Students do not pass or fail these tests. Instead, results are used by teachers to make decisions about curriculum and instructional practices used at the school. Teachers may establish additional testing times if the additional data is being used to individualize instruction.

Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCA) - Students take the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment (MCA-III) so that schools can determine how well the students are learning the requirements of the state academic standards in reading, mathematics, and science. Students do not pass or fail these tests. Students in grades 3-5 are assessed in the areas of Math and Reading. Additionally, 5th grade students complete the MCA-III Science assessment.

Students are classified in one of four achievement levels based on their test scores.

Achievement Level Information

Level One (Does Not Meet Standards) scores indicate that the student has significant gaps in the knowledge and skills necessary for satisfactory grade level work.

Level Two (Partially Meets Standards) scores represent partial knowledge and skills required for successful grade level achievement.

Level Three (Meets Standards) scores represent state expectations for achievement of all students. Students who score at Level Three are working successfully on grade-level material.

Level Four (Exceeds Standards) scores represent successful work with challenging material that is above grade-level.

STUDENT'S NAME AND PHOTO IN NEWSPAPER AND ON WEBSITE

If parents do not want their child's name/photo in the local newspaper, on the school website, local radio station, etc, you will need to notify the school in writing, requesting the school to refrain from releasing your child's name/photo to all of the above. For additional information and clarification, see the "Notice for Directory Information" in the back section of this handbook.

LOST AND FOUND

Our building has a designated place for displaying items which have been found at school. Often, fine apparel can be in the "Lost and Found" without anyone ever claiming it. If your child loses a cap, mitten, etc., there is a very good chance that it will be in the "Lost and Found" box. Please stop in and check if your child is missing some item of clothing. After an extended period of time unclaimed items will be donated.

ANIMALS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

It is the policy of the Ada-Borup School District that pets, other animals, birds, reptiles, etc. will not be allowed on school property. This includes in all school buildings and school grounds anytime of the day or year. The only exception would be teachers who plan on using any of the above in their Science curriculum. Any of the above used by the teachers, can only be handled by the teachers. The intent of this policy is to prevent the possibility of a student being injured.

FIELD TRIPS

Field trips to various places in the community and surrounding areas can enhance the educational program. The number of field trips conducted by any one classroom depends on the availability of resources which correlate with the curriculum for that particular grade. Transportation is usually provided by the school district. Trips are always supervised, but by having permission slips signed by the parents prior to the trip, the parent will be aware of where the child will be going. Please call the teacher should a question arise regarding such trips. Volunteers are needed occasionally to help supervise these field trips. Please contact your child's teacher if you are willing to help in this area.

HOMEWORK

Teachers may assign homework for the following reasons:

- make-up work before or after an absence
- remedial purpose
- enrichment on an individual basis
- general class work that is not completed in school.
- reading

Students need to know that homework is important and homework assignments not turned in or incomplete can affect their grades. Teachers may assign consequences for repeatedly missing assignments.

Parents can help with homework by:

1. Providing a good place to study. This would include: good lighting, a desk or table where it is quiet, and the right tools - pencil, paper, dictionary, etc.
2. Agreeing on a regularly scheduled "homework time". This time should be early in the evening and not just before bedtime. Also, it's probably not a good idea to watch TV while studying.
3. Providing a special place for your child's books and homework to be placed when their studies are completed. This will aid them in getting their books and homework back to school each day.
4. If your child does not yet have any homework, you can still help by providing a time when you read to your child or they read to themselves.

AGENDAS

Students in Grades 3 – 5 will be given an agenda. This is to be used as an organizational tool and a way to communicate between home and school. Parents are expected to initial the agenda each school day. This shows your child that schoolwork is important, and that parents are aware of assignments. Lost agendas are replaced by the student.

ACCESSING TEACHERS' LESSON PLANS

Parents can access the Elementary Teachers' weekly instructional focuses on the district website: <http://ada.k12.mn.us>

RIGHT TO KNOW

As a Title I school, we must meet federal rules related to teacher qualifications as defined in No Child Left Behind. These rules allow you to learn more about the teacher training and credentials of your child's teacher. We are happy to provide this information to you. At any time, you may ask:

1. Whether the teacher met state qualifications and certification requirements for the grade level and subject he/she is teaching.
2. Whether the teacher received an emergency or conditional certificate through which state qualifications were waived, and
3. What undergraduate or graduate degrees the teacher holds, including graduate certificates and additional degrees, and major(s) or area(s) of concentration.

DRESS CODE

In order to provide a positive environment, we promote dress, grooming and hygiene that supports the learning health and safety of our students and staff. We expect students to dress in a manner appropriate for the weather and the school environment.

Inappropriate student clothing includes, but is not limited to:

- No caps, hats, scarves, bandannas or other headgear are to be worn during the school day unless the day has been designated as a special event or exceptions have been granted approval by the principal.
- All loose fitting pants must be secured at the waistline, with a belt, if necessary, to hold them at the waistline.
- Shoes with wheels (Heelies), Roller Blades or other roller-skate type shoes.
- Clothing containing obscene, discriminatory, profane language or pictures, or the promotion of violence.
- Clothing that identifies/promotes products or activities which are illegal for use by minors such as tobacco or chemicals.
- No immodest clothing- short shorts or skirts, tops with spaghetti straps, clothing that exposes the midriff and clothing that is not in keeping with school standards.

When, in the judgment of the school administration, a student's appearance, grooming or mode of dress interferes with or disrupts the educational process or school activities; or poses a threat to the health or safety of the student or others, the student will be directed to the principal's office to make modifications.

Students are also required to:

- Have a clean pair of tennis shoes in their locker for gym class.
- Wear boots outside during the winter months.

REPORT CARDS AND GRADES

Grades are used to determine the academic progress of students.

Report cards are prepared every nine weeks. (4 times a year) During the first reporting period, report cards are given to parents during Parent-Teacher Conferences. During the second, third and fourth reporting periods, report cards are sent home with the students.

Kindergarten students receive report cards on the second and fourth reporting periods only.

LOST TEXTBOOKS, LIBRARY BOOKS, ETC.

The state legislature has passed a law that allows schools to charge students/parents for lost or damaged textbooks, library books, etc. Please remind your students to take good care of books that they use throughout the year.

GRADING CURVE/GRADES 3-6 (grades K-2 will be explained by the teacher.)

A	100-96
A-	95-93
B+	92-90
B	89-87
B-	86-85
C+	84-83
C	82-81
C-	80-79
D+	78-77
D	76-74
D-	73-72
F	71 or below

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY

The Ada-Borup Elementary Library houses about 2,600 easy books, 2850 fiction, 2850 non-fiction books. The reference section consists of 10 sets of general encyclopedias, 3 sets of science encyclopedias, 5 sets of children's encyclopedias, 2 geographical or social studies related encyclopedias, 1 sport and biographical encyclopedias. There are 21 atlases, 28 almanacs, 75 dictionaries and around 86 other reference books. There are 3 computers in the library that allow students to take AR tests.

Grades K – 5 have classes for 30 minutes per week. Reading is still modeled through read aloud time and students are introduced to specific authors and titles. Special art activities, curriculum related workbooks, and the elementary computer labs are utilized to supplement learning.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

In the event that your child needs extra help with their school work, subjects, etc., we have the following programs available:

Special Education

Special education services are provided to students identified in accordance with state and federal standards. Licensed teachers are employed by District 2654 to provide direct and/or indirect service to students with special needs and support for classroom teachers. Related and itinerant teachers are also available for occupational therapy, physical therapy, developmental adapted physical education and other support needs. Minnesota uses a categorical qualifying model to identify students who may need special services. Categories include speech and language, developmental delayed, specific learning disabilities, autism, developmental cognitive disabilities, traumatic brain injury, emotional/behavior disorders, physically handicapped, vision impaired, deaf/hard-of-hearing, or other health disability.

Parents play a key role in determining whether a child should be assessed or receive special education services. They are also members of the team that develops the student's Individual Education Plan (IEP), which is reviewed and adjusted on an annual basis. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's development, please contact a teacher, building principal, or the coordinator of special education.

ECFE/ School Readiness

Early childhood family education programs are designed to provide education for parents and children in the period of a child's life from birth to kindergarten. The program is designed to provide the following in the Ada-Borup District:

1. programs to educate parents about the physical, mental, and emotional development of children;
2. programs to enhance the skills of parents in providing for their children's learning and development;
3. learning experiences for children and parents;
4. activities designed to detect children's physical, mental, emotional, or behavioral problems that may cause learning problems;
5. activities and materials designed to encourage self-esteem, skills and behavior that prevent sexual and other interpersonal violence;
6. educational materials which may be borrowed for home use;
7. information on related community resources or other programs or activities to improve health, development and school readiness of children.

Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE)

The Early Childhood Special Education program is a program for special education children ages birth to 7 for all of Norman County. Children from age 3-7 are in a center based program which is located in the Ada-Borup Elementary School. Children under the age of 3 are served in a home-based setting. The children are mainstreamed in with the ECFE classes to provide a setting with non-handicapped children so that peer relationships can be enhanced.

Title One

Title One is a program that is funded by the federal government, administered by the State of Minnesota, and operated by the local school district. Title One gives small-group supplemental instruction to students in the areas of reading and math of greatest need based on local screening assessments.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Students in this school district shall recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United State of America one or more times each week. The recitation shall be conducted:

- By each individual classroom teacher or the teacher's surrogate; or
- Over a school intercom system by a person designated by the school principal or other personal having administrative control over the school.
- Anyone who does not wish to participate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance for any personal reasons may elect not to do so. Students and school personnel must respect another person's right to make that choice.
- Students will be instructed in the proper etiquette toward, correct display of, and respect for the flag, and in patriotic exercises.

BUS GUIDELINES

To provide safe efficient transportation, all of us need to be courteous and cooperative. Parents, students, bus drivers and school personnel can work out any problems by working together. To make the job easier, the following guidelines will be followed:

- A. STUDENT WILL OBEY DRIVER AT ALL TIMES.
- B. STUDENT WILL BE AT BUS STOP ON TIME.
- C. STUDENT WILL WAIT FOR BUS OFF ROADWAY.
- D. STUDENT WILL CROSS ROAD IN FRONT OF BUS.
- E. STUDENT WILL KEEP HEAD AND HANDS INSIDE BUS.
- F. STUDENT WILL STAY IN THEIR SEAT.
- G. STUDENT WILL TALK QUIETLY.
- H. STUDENT WILL KEEP HANDS AND OTHER OBJECTS TO SELF.
- I. STUDENT WILL REPORT DAMAGE TO DRIVER AT ONCE.
- J. STUDENT WILL PAY FOR ANY DAMAGE TO BUS.
- K. STUDENT WILL KEEP BUS CLEAN.
- L. STUDENT WILL LISTEN TO DRIVER IN EMERGENCY.

Students must have a note from a parent/guardian in order to get off at a different stop. (Students will not be dropped at places off the normal bus route.) Students must ride their assigned buses at all times.

Discipline Procedures

- b. The bus driver is in charge of discipline on the bus.
- c. Minor infractions will be handled entirely by the driver.
- d. If problems persist, the transportation director and the principal will be informed and they will talk to the students and parents. First Bus Referral.
- e. On a second bus referral the student will be suspended from the bus for 3 days. Each subsequent referral will add an additional 3 days.
 - 1. First Referral Warning only or suspension.
 - 2. Second Referral 3 day suspension
 - 3. Third Referral 6 day suspension
 - 4. Fourth Referral 9 day suspension

DISCIPLINE POLICY

I. STATEMENT OF POLICY

It is the position of School District #2854 that a fair and equitable district-wide school discipline policy will contribute to the quality of a student's educational experience. Without discipline in the schools, learning cannot occur. Therefore, this district-wide school discipline policy has been adopted.

It is the responsibility of the school board, administrators, and teachers to safeguard the health and safety of each student. The school board and district administrators do not condone undue force or physical action towards students. They will support district personnel who, in dealing with students on disciplinary matters, act in accordance with state statute, state board of education regulations, and this policy.

II. RULES OF CONDUCT

Disciplinary action may be taken against students for any behavior which is disruptive or violates the rights of others. The following acts are unacceptable behavior subject to disciplinary action in School District #2854.

A. Truancy and Unauthorized Absences

- 1. As required by current statutes, regulations of the State Department of Education, and the School Board of District #2854, students shall be in attendance each day that school is in session. The authority to decide whether an absence is excused or unexcused rests with the building principal. Students returning to school following an absence will be expected to complete all missed assignments within a reasonable period of time.
- 2. Truancy, for purposes of this policy, is the absenting of one's self from school or class without the approval of the principal.
- 3. If a student develops a pattern of tardiness to school or class, disciplinary action will be taken.

B. Damage to School or Personal property

- 1. Vandalism: Damage to or destruction of school property or property of others by students is vandalism.

2. Theft: Theft is the act of intentionally and without claim of right taking, using, transferring, concealing or retaining possessions of moveable property of another without his consent and with intent to deprive the owner permanently of the property, or the finding of lost property and not making reasonable effort to find the owner.

C. Physical Assault

1. Physical assault is an act which intentionally inflicts or attempts to inflict bodily harm upon another, including obstruction, sexual assault and indecent exposure.

D. Verbal Assault

1. Verbal assaults are abusive, threatening, profane, or obscene language either oral or written by a student toward a staff member or another student including conduct which degrades people because of their race, religion, ethnic background, or physical or mental handicaps.

E. Threats and Disruptions

1. Dangerous Threats: Threats to normal school operations or school activities, including but not limited to the reporting of dangerous or hazardous situations that do not exist are unacceptable behavior.
2. School Disruptions: Any student who disturbs or interrupts the peace and good order of the school or school sponsored activities will be subject to disciplinary action.

F. Dangerous, Harmful, and Nuisance Substances and Articles

1. Alcohol: Students are prohibited from using, possessing, or being under the influence of alcoholic beverages at school, on school grounds, or at school-sponsored activities.
2. Drugs: Students are prohibited from using, possessing, distributing, or being under the influence of illegal drugs or narcotics at school, school-sponsored activities, or on school grounds.
3. Use of Tobacco: Tobacco possession or use by students is prohibited at school, at school-sponsored activities, and on school grounds. Special note: Possession as well as use of tobacco will be considered a violation of Minnesota State High School League rules.
4. Harmful or Nuisance Articles: The possession or use of articles that are nuisances, illegal, or that may cause harm to persons or property is prohibited at school and school-sponsored activities.

G. Failure to Identify Oneself

1. Failure to provide proper identification upon request of a staff member is unacceptable behavior.

H. Violation of Law

1. The violation of any state or local law or the violation of any federal law is unacceptable behavior.

I. Violations of school procedures or acts disruptive of the educational process, including disobedience, disruptive or disrespectful behavior, defiance of authority, cheating, insolence, insubordination, and trespassing.

J. Violation of school bus, transportation, or traffic regulations.

- K. Possession or distribution of dangerous, slanderous, libelous, or pornographic materials.
- L. Student attire or personal grooming which creates a disruption to the educational process. Clothing which advertises the use of tobacco, alcohol, or drugs is not to be worn.
- M. Falsification of records, documents, or signatures.
- N. Failure to complete required work, failure to cooperate, improper noon or after-school conduct, locker rules violations.
- O. Violation of other school rules, policies, or procedures including failure to comply with disciplinary action.
- P. In summary, the following constitute unacceptable behavior:
1. Willful conduct which materially and substantially disrupts the right of others to an education.
 2. Willful conduct which endangers School district #2854 employees, the pupil or other pupils, or the property of the school.
 3. Willful violation of any rule of conduct specified in this discipline policy.
- Q. The throwing of snowballs is not permitted and will result in disciplinary action.

III. DISCIPLINARY ACTION

A. **Disciplinary action may include but is not limited to:**

- Meeting with the teacher, counselor, or principal;
- Detention; Loss of school privileges;
- Parental conference with school staff;
- Modified school programs;
- Removal from class; Suspension;
- Exclusion; and Expulsion;
- Not to include corporal punishment.

****Please note- disciplinary action is at the discretion of the principal. There may be incidences that require out-of-school suspension and they will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.**

B. Removal from Class

Removal from class is the short-term exclusion of a student from a class or classes during which the school retains custody of the student. Informally, the teacher may send the student to the office: the student will be supervised for the remainder of the period. Formally, the teacher will make out a Disciplinary Referral. The principal will consult with the teacher and hold a conference with the student. Students removed from class shall be the responsibility of the principal or his lawful designee. The removal from class may be imposed without an administrative conference where it appears that the student will create an immediate and substantial danger to himself or to persons or property around him. Students shall be returned to class upon completion of the terms of the removal established at the informal administrative conference including but not limited to the completion of any make-up work.

C. Disciplinary Procedures

Informal disciplinary procedures will be used as necessary by staffing members in working with students.

Formal disciplinary action begins with the writing of a Disciplinary Referral, ordinarily by the; para, teacher, or principal. The principal will confer with the student and process the referral. Disciplinary action will be taken by the principal according to the following guideline:

First, Second, or Third Referral during the School Year:

1. Disciplinary Action (Section III. A) Determined by the building principal.
2. Notification of parent/guardian by phone.
3. Copy of referral to parent by mail.
4. Copy of referral to originator.
5. Copy of referral to detention file until detention is completed, then to office file and student's cumulative record.

Fourth Referral:

1. Students at the elementary level will serve one day of in-school detention.
2. A conference with involved school staff members and the parent/guardian, if the parent requests.

Fifth Referral:

1. One day of in-school detention will be assigned.
2. Any sixth grader who receives five referrals during the current school year will be unable to attend the Sixth Grade Class trip to the cities. (Noon detentions do not count as referrals.)

Sixth Referral and Subsequent:

1. One day of in-school detention will be assigned.
2. Procedures 2-5 under First Referral will be followed and provisions of the Minnesota Pupil Fair Dismissal Act will be followed.
3. A conference with involved school staff members and the parents.

Succeeding referrals will be treated as sixth referrals with recommendation to the school board to consider expulsion.

D. Detention: After-school detention will be Thursday 3:00 - 4:00 at Ada Elementary school. Assignment to detention takes priority over other school activities. Detention will not be postponed for reasons such as outside jobs. Unexcused absence from detention is a rules violation and subject to disciplinary action. Students are to bring school work with them to detention. After-school detention or in-school detention will be supervised by the principal or an assigned staff member.

E. Suspension: Suspension is the short-term exclusion of the student from school during which the school is relieved of custody of the child. Suspension, exclusion and expulsion shall be utilized in accord with The Pupil Fair Dismissal Act of 1974 as amended.

F. Copies of this policy shall be published in the Student Handbook and distributed to all students during the first month of the school year. All policies concur with The Pupil Fair Dismissal Act of 1974 as amended in 1983. Copies of the Act are available in the high school and elementary offices.

G. Parents shall be notified in writing of violation of the rules of conduct and resulting disciplinary actions by first-class mail except as provided otherwise by The Pupil Fair Dismissal Act. Students shall be notified of violations of the Rules of conduct.

FIREARMS: Minnesota Statutes 127.282 mandates that any student determined to have brought a firearm to school must be expelled for one year.

IV. RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES, RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Philosophy. Every student who displays a genuine effort to profit from the educational experience provided, will succeed to the limit of his or her individual ability. To attend Ada-Borup Public Schools is a privilege and an opportunity. If students are not ready to accept the type of behavior which is in keeping with the school's philosophy and objectives, they cannot expect to continue their membership.

A. SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITIES

1. School Board
 - a. To review annually the existing discipline policy.
 - b. To support the administration in all actions taken involving discipline and that fall within the guidelines of this policy.
2. Superintendent
 - a. To keep the school board informed of any changes in the State's Student Conduct and Discipline Policy.
 - b. To make sure that due process is followed in all disciplinary actions taken.
3. Principal
 - a. To inform the student body of school policies.
 - b. To make sure every student receives a copy of the school's discipline policy.
 - c. To interpret the school discipline policy. To make sure it is followed, and that necessary disciplinary actions are carried out.
 - d. To make recommendations to the board on students who should be expelled.
 - e. To convene a disciplinary committee to meet every spring to review existing policy.
4. Teachers
 - a. To handle minor disciplinary problems in the classroom or any area under their supervision.
 - b. To make referrals to the principal on students who they feel warrant further disciplinary action.
5. Counselor
 - a. to sit in on all informal administrative conferences in which a student faces a possible suspension or expulsion.
 - b. To hold an informal conference with every student who has been suspended immediately following his/her return to school.

B. PARENT/GUARDIAN RESPONSIBILITIES

1. To read the student handbook and the school's discipline policy.
2. Report to school officials any violations of the rules by their children.
3. Support the school board and administration on any corrective actions taken, within the guidelines of the district's discipline policy.

C. STUDENT RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES, RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Rights and privileges
 - a. The right to a free and full education and the right to learn.
 - b. The right to equal educational opportunity and to freedom from discrimination.
 - c. The right to due process of law.
 - d. The privilege to participate in student activities.
 - e. The right to not be detained in school for disciplinary or other reasons for more than one hour after the close of the maximum school day.
 - f. The right to be informed at least 24 hours prior to the next scheduled detention.

- g. The right to have an informal conference to present his/her version and evidence in his/her defense, and to be advised of the reason for disciplinary action.

2. Responsibilities

- a. The responsibility to attend school daily, except when excused, and to be on time to all classes and other school functions.
- b. The responsibility to make necessary arrangements for making up work when absent from school.
- c. The responsibility to be aware of all school rules and regulations and conduct themselves in accord with them.
- d. The responsibility to assume that until a rule is waived, altered, or repealed, it is in full effect.
- e. The responsibility to be willing to volunteer information in disciplinary cases and cooperate with
- f. school staff should they have important knowledge relating to such cases.
- g. The responsibility to protect and take care of the school's property.
- h. The responsibility to dress and groom to meet fair standards of safety and health and common standards of decency.

DISTRICT 2854 POLICY AGAINST RELIGIOUS, RACIAL AND
SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND VIOLENCE

I. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

It is the policy of Independent School District no. 2854 (Ada-Borup School District) to maintain a learning environment that is free from religious, racial or sexual harassment and violence. The School District prohibits any form of religious, racial or sexual harassment and violence.

It shall be a violation of this policy for any pupil, teacher, administrator or other school personnel of the School District to harass a pupil, teacher, administrator or other school personnel through conduct or communication of a sexual nature or regarding religion and race as defined by this policy. (For the purpose of this policy, school personnel includes school board members, school employees, agents, volunteers, contractors or persons subject to the supervision and control of the District.)

It shall be a violation of this policy for any pupil, teacher, administrator or other school personnel of the School District to inflict, threaten to inflict, or attempt to inflict religious, racial or sexual violence upon any pupil, teacher, administrator or other school personnel.

The School District will act to investigate all complaints, either formal or informal, verbal or written, of religious, racial or sexual harassment or violence, and discipline or take appropriate action against any pupil, teacher, administrator or other school personnel who is found to have violated this policy.

II. RELIGIOUS, RACIAL AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND VIOLENCE DEFINED

A. Sexual Harassment; Definition. Sexual harassment consists of unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, sexually motivated physical conduct or other verbal or physical conduct or communication of a sexual nature when:

- (i) submission to that conduct or communication is made a term or condition, either explicitly or implicitly, of obtaining or retaining employment, or of obtaining an education; or
- (ii) submission to or rejection of that conduct or communication by an individual is used as a factor in decisions affecting that individual's employment or education; or
- (iii) that conduct or communication has the purpose or effect of substantially or unreasonably interfering with an individual's employment or education, or creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive employment or educational environment.

Sexual harassment may include but is not limited to:

- (i) unwelcome verbal harassment or abuse;
- (ii) unwelcome pressure for sexual activity;
- (iii) unwelcome, sexually motivated or inappropriate patting, pinching or physical contact, other than necessary restraint of pupil(s) by teachers, administrators or other school personnel to avoid physical harm to persons or property;
- (iv) unwelcome sexual behavior or words, including demands for sexual favors, accompanied by implied or overt threats concerning an individual's employment or educational status;
- (v) unwelcome sexual behavior or words, including demands for sexual favors,

accompanied by implied or overt promises of preferential treatment with regard to an individual's employment or educational status; or

(vi) unwelcome behavior or words directed at an individual because of gender.

B. Racial Harassment; Definition. Racial harassment consists of physical or verbal conduct relating to an individual's race when the conduct:

(i) has the purpose or effect of creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive working or academic environment;

(ii) has the purpose or effect of substantially or unreasonably interfering with an individual's work or academic performance; or

(iii) otherwise adversely affects an individual's employment or academic opportunities.

C. Religious Harassment; Definition. Religious harassment consists of physical or verbal conduct which is related to an individual's religion when the conduct:

(i) has the purpose or effect of creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive working or academic environment;

(ii) has the purpose or effect of substantially or unreasonably interfering with an individual's work or academic performance; or

(iii) otherwise adversely affects an individual's employment or academic opportunities.

D. Sexual Violence; Definition. Sexual violence is a physical act of aggression or force or the threat thereof which involves the touching of another's intimate parts, or forcing a person to touch any person's intimate parts. Intimate parts, as defined in Minnesota Statutes Section 609.341, include the primary genital area, groin, inner thigh, buttocks or breast, as well as the clothing covering those areas.

Sexual violence may include, but is not limited to:

(i) touching, patting, grabbing or pinching another person's intimate parts, whether that person is of the same sex or the opposite sex;

(ii) coercing, forcing or attempting to coerce or force the touching of anyone's intimate parts;

(iii) coercing, forcing or attempting to coerce or force sexual intercourse or a sexual act on another; or

(iv) threatening to force or coerce sexual acts, including the touching of intimate parts or intercourse, on another.

E. Racial Violence; Definition. Racial violence is a physical act of aggression or assault upon another because of, or in manner reasonably related to, race.

F. Religious Violence; Definition. Religious violence is a physical act of aggression or assault upon another because of, or in a manner reasonably related to religion.

G. Assault; Definition. Assault is:

- (i) an act done with intent to cause fear in another of immediate bodily harm or death;
- (ii) the intentional infliction of or attempt to inflict bodily harm upon another; or
- (iii) the threat to do bodily harm to another with present ability to carry out the threat.

III. REPORTING PROCEDURE

Any person who believes he or she has been the victim of religious, racial or sexual harassment or violence by a pupil, teacher, administrator or other person with knowledge or belief of conduct which may constitute religious, racial or sexual harassment or violence toward a pupil, teacher, administrator or other school personnel should report the alleged acts immediately to an appropriate School District official designated by this policy. The School District encourages the reporting party or complainant to use the report form available from the principal of each building or available from the School District office, but oral reports shall be considered complaints as well. Nothing in this policy shall prevent any person from reporting harassment or violence directly to a District Human Rights Officer or to the Superintendent.

A. In Each School Building. The building principal is the person responsible for receiving oral or written reports of religious, racial or sexual harassment or violence at the building level. Any adult School District personnel who receives a report of religious, racial or sexual harassment or violence shall inform the building principal immediately.

Upon receipt of a report, the principal must notify the School District Human Rights Officer Shawn Yates, immediately, without screening or investigating the report. The principal may request, but may not insist upon, a written complaint. A written statement of the facts alleged will be forwarded as soon as practicable by the principal to the Human Rights Officer. If the report was given verbally, the principal shall personally reduce it to written form within 24 hours and forward it to the Human Rights Officer. Failure to forward any harassment or violence report or complaint as provided herein will result in disciplinary action against the principal. If the complaint involves the building principal, the complaint shall be made or filed directly with the Superintendent or the School District Human Rights Officer by the reporting party or complainant.

B. In the District. The School Board has Shawn Yates as the School District Human Rights Officer, 604 West Thorpe, Ada, MN 56510, 218-784-5310 to receive reports or complaints of religious, racial or sexual harassment or violence. If the complaint involves a Human Rights Officer, the complaint shall be filed directly with the Superintendent.

The School District shall conspicuously post the name of the Human Rights Officer(s), including mailing addresses and telephone numbers.

C. Submission of a good faith complaint or report of religious, racial, or sexual harassment or violence will not affect the complainant or reporter's future employment, grades or work assignments.

D. Use of formal reporting forms is not mandatory.

E. The School District will respect the privacy of the complainant, the individual(s) against whom the complaint is filed, and the witnesses as much as possible, consistent with the School District's legal obligations to investigate, to take appropriate action, and to conform with any discovery or disclosure obligations.

IV. INVESTIGATION

By authority of the School District, the Human Rights Officer, upon receipt of a report of complaint alleging religious, racial or sexual harassment or violence, shall immediately undertake or authorize an investigation. The investigation may be conducted by School officials or by a third party designated by the School District.

The investigation may consist of personal interviews with the complainant, the individual(s) against whom the complaint is filed, and others who may have knowledge of the alleged incident(s) or circumstances giving rise to the complaint. The investigation may also consist of any other methods and documents deemed pertinent by the investigator.

In determining whether alleged conduct constitutes a violation of this policy, the School District should consider the surrounding circumstances, the nature of the behavior, past incidents or past or continuing patterns of behavior, the relationship between the parties involved and the context in which the alleged incidents occurred. Whether a particular action or incident constitutes a violation of this policy requires a determination based on all the facts and surrounding circumstances.

In addition, the School District may take immediate steps, at its discretion, to protect the complainant, pupils, teachers, administrators or other school personnel pending completion of an investigation of alleged religious, racial or sexual harassment or violence.

The investigation will be completed as soon as practicable. The School District Human Rights Officer shall make a written report to the Superintendent upon completion of the investigation. If the complaint involves the Superintendent, the report may be filed directly with the School Board. The report shall include a determination of whether the allegations have been substantiated as factual and whether they appear to be violations of this policy.

V. SCHOOL DISTRICT ACTION

A. Upon receipt of a report, the School District will take appropriate action. Such action may include, but is not limited to, warning, suspension, exclusion, expulsion, transfer, remediation, termination or discharge. School District action taken for violation of this policy will be consistent with requirements of applicable collective bargaining agreements, Minnesota and federal law and School District policies.

B. The result of the School District's investigation of each complaint filed under these procedures will be reported in writing to the complainant by the School District in accordance with state and federal law regarding data or records privacy.

VI. REPRISAL

The School District will discipline or take appropriate action against any pupil, teacher, administrator or other school personnel who retaliates against any person who reports alleged religious, racial or sexual harassment or violence or any person who testifies, assists or participates in a proceeding or hearing relating to such harassment or violence. Retaliation includes, but is not limited to, any form of intimidation, reprisal or harassment.

VII. RIGHT TO ALTERNATIVE COMPLAINT PROCEDURES

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

VIII. HARASSMENT OR VIOLENCE AS ABUSE

Under certain circumstances, alleged harassment or violence may also be possible abuse under Minnesota law. If so, the duties of mandatory reporting under Minn. Stat. 626.556 may be applicable.

Nothing in this policy will prohibit the School District from taking immediate action to protect victims of alleged harassment, violence or abuse.

IX. DISSEMINATION OF POLICY AND TRAINING

A. This policy shall be conspicuously posted throughout each school building in areas accessible to pupils and staff members.

B. This policy shall appear in the student handbook.

C. The School District will develop a method of discussing this policy with students and employees.

D. This policy shall be reviewed at least annually for compliance with state and federal law.

38. STATEMENT OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

The Ada Public School District is an equal-opportunity employer and provides equal-opportunity educational services. The schools comply with all appropriate legislation, including Title IX, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, handicap, or national or ethnic origin in their educational and extra-curricular programs, access to classes, hiring, and other school-administered programs. Inquiries should be addressed to the human rights officer.

THE PUPIL FAIR DISMISSAL ACT OF 1974

Pupils - Suspension, Exclusion and Expulsion - Chapter 572 S. F. No. 2580 (Coded)

An Act relating to education; establishing grounds and procedures for the suspension, exclusion, and expulsion of public school pupils; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 127.071.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota;

Section 1.

127.26 Citation of Sections 127.26 to 127.40

Sections 127.26 to 127.40 may be cited as "The pupil fair dismissal act of 1974."

Section 2

127.27 Definitions

Subdivision 1. As used in sections 127.26 to 127.4, the terms defined in this section shall have the meanings assigned them.

Subd. 2. "Dismissal" means the denial of the appropriate educational program to any pupil, including exclusion, expulsion, and suspension.

Subd. 3. "District" means any school district or unorganized territory.

Subd. 4. "Exclusion" means an action taken by the school board to prevent enrollment or re-enrollment of a pupil for a period that shall not extend beyond the school year.

Subd. 5. "Expulsion" means an action taken by a school board to prohibit an enrolled pupil from further attendance for a period that shall not extend beyond the school year.

Subd. 6. "Parent" means (a) one of the pupil's parents or (b) in the case of divorce, legal separation, or illegitimacy, the custodial parent.

Subd. 7. "Pupil" means any handicapped or nonhandicapped student under 21 years of age eligible to attend a public elementary or secondary school.

Subd. 8. "School" means any school as defined in Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 120.05, Subdivision 2.

Subd. 9. "School board" means the governing body of any school district or unorganized territory.

Subd. 10. "Suspension" means an action taken by the school administration, under rules promulgated by the school board, prohibiting a pupil from attending school for a period of no more than five school days. This definition does not apply to dismissal from school for one school day or less. Each suspension action shall include a readmission plan. The readmission plan shall include where appropriate, a provision for alternative programs to be implemented upon readmission. Suspension may not be consecutively imposed against the same pupil for the same course of conduct, or incident of misconduct, except where the pupil will create an immediate and substantial danger to persons or property around him. In no event shall suspension exceed 15 school days, provided that an alternative program shall be implemented to the extent that suspension exceeds five days.

Section 3

127.28 Policy

No public school shall deny due process or equal protection of the law to any public school pupil involved in a dismissal proceeding which may result in suspension, exclusion, or expulsion.

Section 4

127.29 Grounds for Dismissal

Subdivision 1. No school shall dismiss any pupil without attempting to provide alternative programs of education prior to dismissal proceedings. Such programs may include special tutoring, modification of the curriculum for the pupil, placement in a special class or assistance from other agencies.

Subd. 2 A pupil may be dismissed on the following grounds:

a) Willful violation of any reasonable school board regulation. Such regulation must be clear and

- definite to provide notice to pupils that they must conform their conduct to its requirements;
- b) Willful conduct which materially and substantially disrupts the rights of others to an education;
 - c) Willful conduct which endangers the pupil or other pupils, or the property of the school.

Section 5.

127.30 Suspension Procedures

Subdivision 1. No suspension from school shall be imposed without an informal administrative conference with the pupil, except where it appears that the pupil will create an immediate and substantial danger to persons or property around him.

Subd. 2. A written notice containing the grounds for suspension, a brief statement of the facts, a description of the testimony, a readmission plan, and a copy of sections 127.26 to 127.40, shall be personally served upon the pupil at or before the time the suspension is to take effect, and upon his parent or guardian by certified mail within 48 hours of the conference. In the event a pupil is suspended without an informal administrative conference on the grounds that the pupil will create an immediate and substantial danger to persons or property around him, the written notice shall be served either personally or by certified mail upon the pupil and his parent or guardian within 48 hours of the suspension. Service by certified mail is complete upon mailing.

Subd. 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 5, subdivision 1 and 2, the pupil may be suspended pending the school board's decision in the expulsion or exclusion hearing; provided that an alternative program shall be implemented to the extent that suspension exceeds five days.

Section 6

127.31 Exclusion and expulsion Procedures

Subdivision 1. No exclusion or expulsion shall be imposed without a hearing, unless the right to a hearing is waived in writing by the pupil and parent or guardian. The action shall be initiated by the school board to its agent.

Subd. 2. Written notice of intent to take action shall:

- a) Be served upon the pupil and his parent or guardian by certified mail;
- b) contain a complete statement of the facts, a list of the witnesses and a description of their testimony;
- c) State the date, time, and place of the hearing;
- d) Be accompanied by a copy of sections 127.26 to 127.40;
- e) Describe alternative educational programs accorded the public prior to commencement of the expulsion or exclusion proceedings; and
- f) Inform the pupil and parent or guardian of the right to:
 - 1) Have legal counsel at the hearing;
 - 2) Examine the pupil's records before the hearing;
 - 3) Present evidence; and
 - 4) Confront and cross-examine all witnesses.

Subd. 3. The hearing shall be scheduled within ten days of the service of the written notice unless an extension, not to exceed five days, is requested for good cause by the school board, pupil, parent or guardian.

Subd. 4. The hearing shall be at a time and place reasonably convenient to pupil, parent or guardian.

Subd. 5. The hearing shall be closed unless the pupil, parent or guardian requests an open hearing.

Subd. 6. The pupil shall have a right to a representative of his own choosing, including legal counsel. If a pupil is financially unable to retain counsel, the school board shall advise the pupil's parent or guardian of available legal assistance.

Subd. 7. the hearing shall take place before;

- a) An independent hearing officer;
 - b) A member of the school board;
 - c) A committee of the school board, or;
 - d) The full school board;
- as determined by the school board.

Subd. 8. The proceedings of the hearing shall be recorded and preserved, at the expense of the school district, pending ultimate disposition of the action. Testimony shall be given under oath. The hearing officer or a member of the school board shall have the power to issue subpoenas and administer oaths.

Subd. 9. At a reasonable time prior to the hearing, the pupil, parent or guardian, or his representative, shall be given access to all public school system records pertaining to the pupil, including any tests or reports upon which the proposed action may be based.

Subd. 10. The pupil, parent or guardian or his representative, shall have the right to compel the attendance of any official employee or agent of the public school system or any public employee or any other person who may have evidence upon which the proposed action may be based, and to confront and to cross-examine any witness testifying for the public school system.

Subd. 11. The pupil, parent or guardian, or his representative, shall have the right to present evidence and testimony, including expert psychology or educational testimony.

Subd. 12. The pupil cannot be compelled to testify in the dismissal proceedings.

Subd. 13. The recommendation of the hearing officer or school board member or committee shall be based solely upon substantial evidence presented at the hearing and be made to the school board within two days of the end of the hearing.

Subd. 14. The decision by the school board shall be based upon the recommendation of the hearing officer or school board member or committee and shall be rendered at a special meeting within five days after receipt of the recommendation. The decision shall be in writing and the controlling facts found upon which the decision is made shall be stated in sufficient detail to apprise the parties and the commissioner of education of the basis and reason for the decision.

Section 7.

127.32 Appeal

An exclusion or expulsion decision made pursuant to sections 127.26 to 127.40 may be appealed to the commissioner of education. The commissioner or his representative shall make a final decision based upon a record of evidence presented at the hearing. Such ruling shall be

binding upon the parties, subject to judicial review as provided in Section 127.33.

Section 8.

127.33 Judicial Review

The decision of the commissioner of education made pursuant to Sections 127.26 to 127.40 shall be subject to direct judicial review in the district court of the county in which the school district or any part thereof is located. The scope of the judicial review shall be as provided by Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 15.0425.

Section 9.

127.34 Reports to Service Agency

The school board shall report any action taken pursuant to sections 127.26 to 127.40 to the appropriate public service agency, when the pupil is under the supervision of such agency.

Section 10.

127.35 Nonapplication of Certain Law

The provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 120.10, Subdivision 1, shall not apply to any pupil during a dismissal pursuant to sections 127.26 to 127.40.

Section 11.

127.36 Report to Commissioner of Education

The school board shall report such exclusion or expulsion within 30 days of the effective date of the action to the commissioner of education. This report shall include a statement of alternative programs of education accorded the pupil prior to the commencement of exclusion or expulsion proceedings.

Section 12.

127.37 Notice of Right to Be Reinstated

Whenever a pupil fails to return to school within ten days of the termination of dismissal, the pupil and his parents shall be informed by certified mail of the pupil's right to attend and to be reinstated in the public school.

Section 13.

127.38 Policies to Be Established

The commissioner of education shall promulgate guidelines to assist each school board. Each school board shall establish uniform criteria for dismissal and adopt policies and rules in writing to effectuate the purposes of sections 127.26 to 127.40. The policies will emphasize the prevention of dismissal action through early detection of problems. The policies shall recognize the continuing responsibility of the school for the education of the pupil during the dismissal period and help prepare him for readmission.

Section 14.

127.39

Sections 127.26 to 127.40 shall not be deemed to amend or otherwise affect or change Minnesota Statutes, 1973 supplement, Section 363.03, Subdivision 5, Clause (2).

Section 15.

127.40

Sections 127.26 to 127.40 shall apply only to those portions of the school program for which credit is granted.

Sec. 16. Repealer. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 127.071, is repealed.

Approved April 11, 1974

Changes and Additions made to
The Pupil Fair Dismissal Act
of 1974

(1983 Legislative Session)

Sec. 1. (127.27) DEFINITIONS

Subd. 2. "Dismissal" means the denial of the appropriate educational program to any pupil, including exclusion, expulsion, and suspension. It does not include removal from class.

Sec. 2. (127.40) DEFINITIONS

Subd. 1. (REMOVAL FROM CLASS) "Removal from class" and "removal" mean any actions taken by a teacher, principal, or other school district employee to prohibit a pupil from attending class for a period of time not to exceed three class or activity periods, pursuant to procedures established in the school district discipline policy adopted by the school board pursuant to Section 3.

Subd. 2. (CLASS PERIOD) "Class period" or "activity period" means, in secondary grades, instruction for a given course of study. A class period or activity period means, in elementary grades, a period of time not to exceed one hour, regardless of the subject or instruction.

Sec. 3. (127.41) ADOPTION OF POLICY ON DISCIPLINE AND REMOVAL OF STUDENTS FROM CLASS

Subd. 1. (REQUIRED POLICY) Prior to the beginning of the 1984-85 school year each school board shall adopt a written district-wide school discipline policy which shall include written rules of conduct for pupils and grounds and procedures for removal of pupils from class. The policy shall be developed

with the participation of administrator, teachers, employees, pupils, parents, community members, and such other individuals or organizations as the board determines appropriate.

Subd. 2. (GROUNDS FOR REMOVAL FROM CLASS) The policy shall establish the various grounds for which a pupil may be removed from a class in the district for a period of time pursuant to the procedures specified in the policy. The grounds in the policy shall include at least the following provisions as well as other grounds determined appropriate by the board:

- a) Willful conduct which substantially disrupts the rights of others to an education;
- b) Willful conduct which endangers school district employees, the pupil or other pupils or the property of the school;
- c) Willful violation of any rule of conduct specified in the discipline policy adopted by the board.

Subd. 3. (POLICY COMPONENTS) The policy shall include at least the following components.

- a) Rules governing pupil conduct and procedures for informing pupils of the rules;
- b) The grounds for removal of a pupil from a class;
- c) The authority of the classroom teacher to remove pupils from the classroom pursuant to procedures and rules established in the district's policy;
- d) The procedures for removal of a pupil from a class by a teacher, school administrator, or other school district employee;
- e) The period of time for which a pupil may be removed from a class, which may not exceed three class periods for a violation of a rules of conduct;
- f) Provisions relating to the responsibility for and custody of a pupil removed from a class;
- g) The procedures for return of a pupil to the specified class from which the pupil has been removed;
- h) The procedures for notifying pupils and parents or guardians of violations of the rules of conduct and of resulting disciplinary actions;
- i) Any procedures, determined appropriate for encouraging early involvement of parents or guardians in attempts to improve a pupil's behavior;
- j) Any procedures determined appropriate for encouraging early detection of behavioral problems.
- k) Any procedures determined appropriate for referring pupils in need of special education services to those services; and
- l) The procedures for consideration of whether there is a need for a further assessment or of whether there is a need for a review of the adequacy of a current individual education plan of a handicapped pupil who is removed from class.

Sec. 4. (127.42) REVIEW OF POLICY

The principal and the licensed employees in a school building shall confer at least annually to review the discipline policy and to assess whether the policy has been enforced.

ADA / BORUP PUBLIC SCHOOL

Indoor Air Quality Notice

ADA / BORUP School District is proud to be taking a leadership role in providing a safe, comfortable and productive environment for our students and staff so that we achieve our core mission – educating students. Our school will follow the EPA guidance to improve our indoor air quality by preventing as many IAQ problems as possible, and by quickly responding to any IAQ problems that may arise. Good air quality requires an ongoing commitment by everyone one in our school, because each of us daily makes decisions and performs activities that affect the quality of the air we breathe.

School staff, students and parents can obtain checklists or self-help information so they can properly evaluate their child’s home or other out of school situation by contacting the school. Staff and parents can also obtain information about school facility construction, maintenance and housekeeping practices, chemicals used, mold and HVAC related information, chemical producing academic subjects, and pesticide and herbicide applications to determine the extent to which school activities contribute to a child’s symptoms by contacting the school.

The ADA / BORUP School District Indoor Air Quality contact person is Doug Slininger, Custodian. If there are any questions regarding the school’s IAQ Program, please feel free to call the school at 218-784-5300.

Model Notices

Prepared by the Minnesota Pest Control Association
For the “**Parents Right to Know Act**”, (M.S. 123B.575, Subdivisions 1-14)

A notice, such as one of those below, must be distributed to all parents and employees by September 15th. It may be included with other notices but must be separately identifies and clearly visible to the reader. The same notice must also be included in a school handbook or statement of polices. Copies of the notice must be kept for at least six years in a manner available to the public.

Model Notice #1 is for schools currently working, or about to be working, with a professional pest control service firm.

Notice Concerning Use of Pest Control Materials:

Our district utilizes a licensed, professional pest control service firm for the prevention and control of rodents, insects, and other pests in and around the district’s buildings. Their program consists of:

1. *inspection and monitoring* to determine whether pests are present, and whether any treatment is needed;
2. recommendations for *maintenance and sanitation* to help eliminate pests without the need for pest control materials;
3. utilization of *non-chemical measures* such as traps, caulking and screening; and
4. application of *EPA-registered pest control materials* when needed.

Pests can sting, bite, cause contamination, damage property, and spread disease; therefore, we must prevent and control them. The long-term health effects on children from the application of such pest control materials, or the class of materials to which they belong, may not be fully understood. All pest control materials are chosen and applied according to label directions per Federal law.

An estimated schedule of interior pest control inspections and possible treatments is available for review or copying at each school office. A similar estimated schedule is available for application of herbicides and other materials to school grounds. Parents of students may request to receive, at their expense, prior notification of any application of a pest control material, should such and application be deemed necessary on a day different from the days specified in the schedule.

Service visits are scheduled during the weeks starting with the dates listed below:

August – week of August 26 - 30

December – week of December 23 - 27

May – week of May 5 – 9

SCHOOL YEAR NOTIFICATION

As a result of federal legislation (Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act – AHERA), each primary and secondary school in the nation is required to complete a stringent inspection for asbestos and to develop a plan of management for all asbestos-containing building materials. The Ada-Borup has a goal to be in full compliance with this law and is following the spirit, as well as the letter of the law. As a matter of policy, the district shall continue to maintain a safe and healthful environment for our community's youth and employees.

In keeping with this legislation all buildings (including portables and support buildings) owned or leased by the Ada-Borup were inspected by an EPA accredited inspector and samples were analyzed by an independent laboratory. Based on the inspection, the school prepared and the state approved a comprehensive management plan for handling the asbestos located within its buildings safely and responsibly.

Furthermore, the Ada-Borup has completed the 3-Year Re-inspections required by AHERA. Our district buildings, where asbestos-containing materials were found, are under repair, removal and Operations and Maintenance.

This past year Ada-Borup conducted the following with respect to its asbestos containing building materials:

- *Conducted the 2001 Three Year Reinspection in all district buildings*
- *Implemented our Operations and Maintenance Program*

Federal law requires a periodic walk-through (called “surveillance”) every six months of each area containing asbestos. MacNeil Environmental, Inc will accomplish this under contract.

Short-term workers (outside contractors – i.e., telephone repair workers, electricians and exterminators) must be provided information regarding the location of asbestos in which they may come into contact. All short-term workers shall contact the lead maintenance person before commencing work to be given this information.

The Ada-Borup has a list of the location(s); type(s) of asbestos containing materials found in that school building and a description and timetable for their proper management. A copy of the Asbestos Management Plan is available for review in the school office. Copies are available at 25 cents per page. Questions related to the plan should be directed to Kelly Klein, with MacNeil Environmental, Inc., at 800/232-5209 extension 266 or by contacting Ada-Borup at 218/784-5300.

Notification of Rights under FERPA for Elementary and Secondary Schools

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students over 18 years of age ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records. These rights are:

(1) The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day the School receives a request for access.

Parents or eligible students should submit to the School principal a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The School official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.

(2) The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights under FERPA.

Parents or eligible students who wish to ask the School to amend a record should write the School principal [or appropriate school official], clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it should be changed. If the School decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the School will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

(3) The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.

One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the School as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the School Board; a person or company with whom the School has contracted as its agent to provide a service instead of using its own employees or officials (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks.

A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

Upon request, the School discloses education records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll.

(4) The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the *School District* to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA are:

Family Policy Compliance Office U.S. Department of
Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW Washington, DC 20202-
5920

**Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)
Notice for Directory Information**

The *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act* (FERPA), a Federal law, requires that Ada-Borup Public Schools with certain exceptions, obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child's education records. However, Ada-Borup Public Schools may disclose appropriately designated "directory information" without written consent, unless you have advised the District to the contrary in accordance with District procedures. The primary purpose of directory information is to allow Ada-Borup Public Schools to include this type of information from your child's education records in certain school publications. Examples include:

- A playbill, showing your student's role in a drama production;
- The annual yearbook;
- Honor roll or other recognition lists;
- Graduation programs; and
- Sports activity sheets, such as for football, showing weight and height of team members.

Directory information, which is information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released, can also be disclosed to outside organizations without a parent's prior written consent. Outside organizations include, but are not limited to, companies that manufacture class rings or publish yearbooks. In addition, two federal laws require local educational agencies (LEAs) receiving assistance under the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965* (ESEA) to provide military recruiters, upon request, with three directory information categories - names, addresses and telephone listings - unless parents have advised the LEA that they do not want their student's information disclosed without their prior written consent.

If you do not want Ada-Borup Public Schools to disclose directory information from your child's education records without your prior written consent, you must notify the District in writing by **September 13, 2014**. Ada-Borup Public Schools has designated the following information as directory information:

Student's name	Participation in officially
Address	recognized activities and sports
Telephone listing	Weight and height of members of
Electronic mail address	athletic teams
Photograph	Degrees, honors, and awards
Date and place of birth	received
Major field of study	Most recent educational agency or
Dates of attendance	institution attended
Grade level	

REPORTING GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES FOR STUDENT SEX AND DISABILITY NONDISCRIMINATION

A. Any student who believes he or she has been the victim of unlawful sex or disability discrimination by a teacher, administrator or other school district personnel, or any person with knowledge or belief of conduct which may constitute unlawful sex or disability discrimination toward a student should report the alleged acts immediately to an appropriate school district official designated by this policy or may file a grievance. The school district encourages the reporting party or complainant to use the report form available from the principal of each building or available from the school district office, but oral reports shall be considered complaints as well. Nothing in this policy shall prevent any person from reporting unlawful sex or disability discrimination toward a student directly to a school district human rights officer or to the superintendent.

B. In Each School Building. The building principal is the person responsible for receiving oral or written reports or grievances of unlawful sex or disability discrimination toward a student at the building level. Any adult school district personnel who receives a report of unlawful sex or disability discrimination toward a student shall inform the building principal immediately.

C. Upon receipt of a report or grievance, the principal must notify the school district human rights officer immediately, without screening or investigating the report. The principal may request, but may not insist upon a written complaint. A written statement of the facts alleged will be forwarded as soon as practicable by the principal to the human rights officer. If the report was given verbally, the principal shall personally reduce it to written form within 24 hours and forward it to the human rights officer. Failure to forward any report or complaint of unlawful sex or disability discrimination toward a student as provided herein will result in disciplinary action against the principal. If the complaint involves the building principal, the complaint shall be made or filed directly with the superintendent or the school district human rights officer by the reporting party or complainant.

D. The school board hereby designates Mike Kolness as the school district human rights officer to receive reports, complaints or grievances of unlawful sex or disability discrimination toward a student. If the complaint involves a human rights officer, the complaint shall be filed directly with the superintendent.

E. The school district shall conspicuously post the name of the human rights officer, including mailing address and telephone number.

F. Submission of a good faith complaint, grievance or report of unlawful sex or disability discrimination toward a student will not affect the complainant or reporter's future employment, grades or work assignments.

G. Use of formal reporting forms is not mandatory.

H. The school district will respect the privacy of the complainant, the individual(s) against whom the complaint is filed, and the witnesses as much as possible, consistent with the school district's legal obligations to investigate, to take appropriate action, and to conform with any discovery or disclosure obligations.

INVESTIGATION

A. By authority of the school district, the human rights officer, upon receipt of a report, complaint or grievance alleging unlawful sex or disability discrimination toward a student shall promptly undertake

or authorize an investigation. The investigation may be conducted by school district officials or by a third party designated by the school district.

B. The investigation may consist of personal interviews with the complainant, the individual(s) against whom the complaint is filed, and others who may have knowledge of the alleged incident(s) or circumstances giving rise to the complaint. The investigation may also consist of any other methods and documents deemed pertinent by the investigator.

C. In determining whether alleged conduct constitutes a violation of this policy, the school district should consider the surrounding circumstances, the nature of the behavior, past incidents or past or continuing patterns of behavior, the relationships between the parties involved and the context in which the alleged incidents occurred. Whether a particular action or incident constitutes a violation of this policy requires a determination based on all the facts and surrounding circumstances.

D. In addition, the school district may take immediate steps, at its discretion, to protect the complainant, pupils, teachers, administrators or other school personnel pending completion of an investigation of alleged unlawful sex or disability discrimination toward a student.

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

SCHOOL DISTRICT ACTION

A. Upon conclusion of the investigation and receipt of a report, the school district will take appropriate action. Such action may include, but is not limited to, warning, suspension, exclusion, expulsion, transfer, remediation, termination or discharge. School district action taken for violation of this policy will be consistent with requirements of applicable collective bargaining agreements, Minnesota and federal law and school district policies.

B. The result of the school district's investigation of each complaint filed under these procedures will be reported in writing to the complainant by the school district in accordance with state and federal law regarding data or records privacy.

REPRISAL

The school district will discipline or take appropriate action against any pupil, teacher, administrator or other school personnel who retaliates against any person who reports alleged unlawful sex or disability discrimination toward a student or any person who testifies, assists or participates in an investigation, or who testifies, assists or participates in a proceeding or hearing relating to such unlawful sex or disability discrimination. Retaliation includes, but is not limited to, any form of intimidation, reprisal or harassment.

RIGHT TO ALTERNATIVE COMPLAINT PROCEDURES

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

DISSEMINATION OF POLICY AND EVALUATION

A. This policy shall be made available to all students, staff members, employee unions and organizations.

B. The school district shall review this policy and the school district's operation for compliance with state and federal laws prohibiting discrimination on a continuous basis.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. Ch. 363 (Minnesota Human Rights Act)
20 U.S.C. §§ 1681-1688 (Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972)
34 C.F.R. Part 106 (Implementing regulations of Title IX)

Cross References: MSBA Model Policy 102 (Equal Educational Opportunity)
MSBA Model Policy 413 (Harassment and Violence)

Shawn Yates

Human Rights Officer
Ada-Borup Public Schools
604 West Thorpe Avenue
Ada, MN 56510
Phone: (218) 784-5312

NEW LEGISLATION:
SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND THE STUDENT

All confirmed instances of student use or possession of alcoholic beverages, tobacco, or illegal substances will be reported by the principal to the Chemical Abuse Preassessment Team.

A Memorandum of Understanding between law enforcement agencies and the schools permits the exchange of information when there has been a violation of laws concerning alcohol or other illegal substances.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statute Annotated 126.035, Subdivision 2, the Chemical Abuse Preassessment Team shall mail or personally deliver to the child's parent or guardian having custody over the child and to the child, written notification of any violation as stated in the Memorandum of Understanding. Such notification shall be sent no later than 5 days after the Preassessment Team has been advised of any violation. The written notification shall consist of the child's name, parent's name, address, school attended, date of violation, place of violation, a brief description stating a factual basis for believing a violation exists, the date notice is sent, and an explanation as to what steps the Preassessment Team expects of the parent, guardian, or child.

STATEMENT OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

Ada-Borup Public Schools are equal-opportunity educators and employers. The Schools comply with all appropriate legislation, including Title IX, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, handicap, or national or ethnic origin in their educational and extracurricular programs. Inquiries regarding Title IX should be addressed to Michael Kolness.

SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICIES

School Weapons – The following definitions shall be used to clarify this policy:

1. “Weapon” means any object, device, or instrument designed as a weapon or through its use is capable of threatening or producing the bodily harm or which may be used to inflict self-injury including, but not limited to, any firearm, whether loaded or unloaded; air guns; pellet guns; BB guns; all knives; blades; clubs; metal knuckles; numchucks; throwing stars; explosives; fireworks; mace and other propellants; stun guns; ammunition; poisons; chains; arrows; laser lights; and objects that have been modified to serve as weapons.

“Weapon” also includes any object, device, or instrument having the appearance of a weapon and such objects, devices, or instruments shall be treated as weapons including but not limited to, weapons listed above which are broken or non-functional, look-alike guns; toy guns; and any object that is a facsimile of a real weapon.

“Weapon” also includes articles designed for other purposes (i.e. belts, combs, pencils, files, scissors, etc.), and used to inflict bodily harm and/or intimidate and such use will be treated as the possession and use of a weapon.

2. “School location” includes a school building, school grounds, school activities or trips, bus stops, school vehicles, school-contracted vehicles, the area of entrance or departure from school premises or events, and all school-related functions.

3. “Possession” means having a weapon on one’s person or in an area subject to one’s control in a school location. A student who finds a weapon on the way to school or in the school building, or a student who

discovers that he or she accidentally has a weapon in his or her possession, and takes the weapon immediately to the principal's office shall not be considered to possess a weapon.

4. "Zero Tolerance" means that the building principal shall:
 - a) confiscate the weapon;
 - b) immediately suspend the involved student(s) from that school;
 - c) immediately notify the police;
 - d) notify the parent or guardian; and
 - e) recommend to the superintendent dismissal for a period of time, not to exceed one year.

Students and non-students, including adults and visiting youths, are forbidden to knowingly or voluntarily possess, handle, transmit, store in an area subject to one's control, or use any instrument that is considered a weapon, or any "look-alike" weapon. The school district takes a position of zero tolerance regarding weapons.

Prior to recommending expulsion of the student(s) to the school board, the superintendent shall determine that the principal recommending expulsion has fulfilled all legal requirements relating to the suspension and proposed expulsion and has implemented alternative educational programming for the suspended students. Pursuant to Minnesota law, a student who brings a firearm, as defined by federal law, to school will be expelled for at least one year. The school board may modify this requirement on a case-by-case basis.

While the school district takes a firm zero tolerance position on the possession, use or distribution of weapons by students, such as position is not meant to interfere with instruction or the use of appropriate equipment and tools by students. Such equipment and tools, when properly possessed, used and stored, shall not be considered in violation of this policy. However, when authorized instructional and work equipment and tools are used in a potentially dangerous or threatening manner, such possession and use will be treated as the possession and use of a weapon.

Search of Student Lockers, Desks, Personal Possessions and Student's Person - The following definitions shall be used to clarify this policy:

1. "Contraband" means any unauthorized item possession of which is prohibited by school district policy and/or law. It includes, but is not limited to, weapons and "look-alikes," alcoholic beverages, controlled substances and "look-alikes," overdue books and other materials belonging to the school district, and stolen property.
2. "Personal possessions" includes, but is not limited to, purses, backpacks, book bags, packages, and clothing.
3. "Reasonable suspicion" means that a school official has grounds to believe that the search will result in evidence of a violation of school district policy, rules, and/or law. Reasonable suspicion may be based on a school official's personal observation, a report from a student or staff member, a student's suspicious behavior, a student's age and past history or record of conduct both in and out of school, or other reliable sources of information.
5. "Reasonable scope" means that the scope and/or intrusiveness of the search is reasonable related to the objectives of the search. Factors to consider in determining what is reasonable include the seriousness of the suspected infraction, the reliability of the information, the necessity of acting without delay, the existence of circumstances necessitating an immediate

search, and further investigation (e.g. to prevent violence, serious and immediate risk of harm or destruction of evidence, and the age of the student).

School lockers and desks are the property of the school district. At no time does the school district relinquish its exclusive control of lockers and desks provided for the convenience of students. Inspection of the interior of lockers or desks may be conducted by school authorities for any reason, at any time, without notice, without student consent, and without a search warrant.

The personal possessions of students and/or a student's person may be searched when school authorities have a reasonable suspicion that the search will uncover evidence of a violation of law, school rules, or school district policies. As soon as practicable after the search of a student's personal possessions, the school authorities must provide notice of the search to students whose possessions were searched unless disclosure would impede an ongoing investigation by police or school officials.

All searches shall be reasonable in scope and intrusiveness.

School district officials shall seize any contraband item and, where appropriate, turn it over to legal authorities for ultimate disposition.

Students found to have violated this policy and/or procedures implementing it shall be subject to discipline which may include suspension, exclusion, or expulsion, and the student may be referred to legal authorities.

Enrollment of Non-resident Students – The school district shall participate in the Enrollment Options

Program established by state law. The superintendent shall be responsible for procedure for enrollment of nonresident students including eligibility, standards that may not be used for rejection, application process, and exclusion of students.

Bullying Prohibition Policy
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I. PURPOSE

A safe and civil environment is needed for students to learn and attain high academic standards and to promote healthy human relationships. Bullying, like other violent or disruptive behavior, is conduct that interferes with a student's ability to learn and/or a teacher's ability to educate students in a safe environment. The school district cannot monitor the activities of students at all times and eliminate all incidents of bullying between students, particularly when students are not under the direct supervision of school personnel. However, to the extent such conduct affects the educational environment of the school district and the rights and welfare of its students and is within the control of the school district in its normal operations, the school district intends to prevent bullying and to take action to investigate, respond to, and to remediate and discipline for those acts of bullying which have not been successfully prevented. The purpose of this policy is to assist the school district in its goal of preventing and responding to acts of bullying, intimidation, violence, reprisal, retaliation, and other similar disruptive and detrimental behavior.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

- A. An act of bullying, by either an individual student or a group of students, is expressly prohibited on school premises, on school district property, at school functions or activities, or on school transportation. This policy applies not only to students who directly engage in an act of bullying but also to students who, by their indirect behavior, condone or support another student's act of bullying. This policy also applies to any student whose conduct at any time or in any place constitutes bullying or other prohibited conduct that interferes with or obstructs the mission or operations of the school district or the safety or welfare of the student or other students, or materially and substantially interferes with a student's educational opportunities or performance or ability to participate in school functions or activities or receive school benefits, services, or privileges. This policy also applies to an act of cyberbullying regardless of whether such act is committed on or off school district property and/or with or without the use of school district resources.
- B. No teacher, administrator, volunteer, contractor, or other employee of the school district shall permit, condone, or tolerate bullying.
- C. Apparent permission or consent by a student being bullied does not lessen or negate the prohibitions contained in this policy.
- D. Retaliation against a victim, good faith reporter, or a witness of bullying is prohibited.
- E. False accusations or reports of bullying against another student are prohibited.
- F. A person who engages in an act of bullying, reprisal, retaliation, or false reporting of bullying or permits, condones, or tolerates bullying shall be subject to discipline or other remedial responses for that act in accordance with the school district's policies and procedures, including the school district's discipline policy (See MSBA/MASA Model Policy 506). The school district may take into account the following factors:
 - 1. The developmental ages and maturity levels of the parties involved;
 - 2. The levels of harm, surrounding circumstances, and nature of the behavior;
 - 3. Past incidences or past or continuing patterns of behavior;
 - 4. The relationship between the parties involved; and

5. The context in which the alleged incidents occurred.

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

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

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

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

III. DEFINITIONS

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

A. “Bullying” means intimidating, threatening, abusive, or harming conduct that is objectively offensive and:

1. an actual or perceived imbalance of power exists between the student engaging in the prohibited conduct and the target of the prohibited conduct, and the conduct is repeated or forms a pattern; or
2. materially and substantially interferes with a student’s educational opportunities or performance or ability to participate in school functions or activities or receive school benefits, services, or privileges.

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

B. “Cyberbullying” means bullying using technology or other electronic communication, including, but not limited to, a transfer of a sign, signal, writing, image, sound, or data, including a post on a social network Internet website or forum, transmitted through a computer, cell phone, or other electronic device. The term applies to prohibited conduct which occurs on school premises, on school district property, at school functions or activities, on school transportation, or on school computers, networks, forums, and mailing lists, or off school premises to the extent that it substantially and materially disrupts student learning or the school environment.

C. “Immediately” means as soon as possible but in no event longer than 24 hours.

D. “Intimidating, threatening, abusive, or harming conduct” means, but is not limited to, conduct that does the following:

1. Causes physical harm to a student or a student’s property or causes a student to be in reasonable fear of harm to person or property;

2. Under Minnesota common law, violates a student's reasonable expectation of privacy, defames a student, or constitutes intentional infliction of emotional distress against a student; or
 3. Is directed at any student or students, including those based on a person's actual or perceived race, ethnicity, color, creed, religion, national origin, immigration status, sex, marital status, familial status, socioeconomic status, physical appearance, sexual orientation including gender identity and expression, academic status related to student performance, disability, or status with regard to public assistance, age, or any additional characteristic defined in the Minnesota Human Rights Act (MHRA). However, prohibited conduct need not be based on any particular characteristic defined in this paragraph or the MHRA.
- E. "On school premises, on school district property, at school functions or activities, or on school transportation" means all school district buildings, school grounds, and school property or property immediately adjacent to school grounds, school bus stops, school buses, school vehicles, school contracted vehicles, or any other vehicles approved for school district purposes, the area of entrance or departure from school grounds, premises, or events, and all school-related functions, school-sponsored activities, events, or trips. School district property also may mean a student's walking route to or from school for purposes of attending school or school-related functions, activities, or events. While prohibiting bullying at these locations and events, the school district does not represent that it will provide supervision or assume liability at these locations and events.
- F. "Prohibited conduct" means bullying or cyberbullying as defined in this policy or retaliation or reprisal for asserting, alleging, reporting, or providing information about such conduct or knowingly making a false report about bullying.
- G. "Remedial response" means a measure to stop and correct prohibited conduct, prevent prohibited conduct from recurring, and protect, support, and intervene on behalf of a student who is the target or victim of prohibited conduct.
- H. "Student" means a student enrolled in a public school or a charter school.

IV. REPORTING PROCEDURE

- A. Any person who believes he or she has been the target or victim of bullying or any person with knowledge or belief of conduct that may constitute bullying or prohibited conduct under this policy shall report the alleged acts immediately to an appropriate school district official designated by this policy. A person may report bullying anonymously. However, the school district may not rely solely on an anonymous report to determine discipline or other remedial responses.
- B. The school district encourages the reporting party or complainant to use the report form available from the principal or building supervisor of each building or available in the school district office, but oral reports shall be considered complaints as well.
- C. The building principal, the principal's designee, or the building supervisor (hereinafter the "building report taker") is the person responsible for receiving reports of bullying or other prohibited conduct at the building level. Any person may report bullying or other prohibited conduct directly to a school district human rights officer or the superintendent. If the complaint involves the building report taker, the complaint shall be made or filed directly with the superintendent or the school district human rights officer by the reporting party or complainant.

The building report taker shall ensure that this policy and its procedures, practices, consequences, and sanctions are fairly and fully implemented and shall serve as the primary contact on policy and procedural matters. The building report taker or a third party designated by the school district shall

be responsible for the investigation. The building report taker shall provide information about available community resources to the target or victim of the bullying or other prohibited conduct, the perpetrator, and other affected individuals as appropriate.

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

V. SCHOOL DISTRICT ACTION

- A. Within three days of the receipt of a complaint or report of bullying or other prohibited conduct, the school district shall undertake or authorize an investigation by the building report taker or a third party designated by the school district.
- B. The building report taker or other appropriate school district officials may take immediate steps, at their discretion, to protect the target or victim of the bullying or other prohibited conduct, the complainant, the reporter, and students or others, pending completion of an investigation of the bullying or other prohibited conduct, consistent with applicable law.
- C. The alleged perpetrator of the bullying or other prohibited conduct shall be allowed the opportunity to present a defense during the investigation or prior to the imposition of discipline or other remedial responses.
- D. Upon completion of an investigation that determines that bullying or other prohibited conduct has occurred, the school district will take appropriate action. Such action may include, but is not limited to, warning, suspension, exclusion, expulsion, transfer, remediation, termination, or discharge. Disciplinary consequences will be sufficiently severe to try to deter violations and to appropriately discipline prohibited conduct. Remedial responses to the bullying or other prohibited conduct shall be tailored to the particular incident and nature of the conduct and shall take into account the factors specified in Section II.F. of this policy. School district action taken for violation of this policy will be consistent with the requirements of applicable collective bargaining agreements; applicable statutory authority, including the Minnesota Pupil Fair Dismissal Act; the student discipline policy (See MSBA/MASA Model Policy 506) and other applicable school district policies; and applicable regulations.

- E. The school district is not authorized to disclose to a victim private educational or personnel data regarding an alleged perpetrator who is a student or employee of the school district. School officials will notify the parent(s) or guardian(s) of students who are targets of bullying or other prohibited conduct and the parent(s) or guardian(s) of alleged perpetrators of bullying or other prohibited conduct who have been involved in a reported and confirmed bullying incident of the remedial or disciplinary action taken, to the extent permitted by law.
- F. In order to prevent or respond to bullying or other prohibited conduct committed by or directed against a child with a disability, the school district shall, when determined appropriate by the child's individualized education program (IEP) team or Section 504 team, allow the child's IEP or Section 504 plan to be drafted to address the skills and proficiencies the child needs as a result of the child's disability to allow the child to respond to or not to engage in bullying or other prohibited conduct.

VI. RETALIATION OR REPRISAL

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

VII. TRAINING AND EDUCATION

- A. The school district shall discuss this policy with school personnel and volunteers and provide appropriate training to school district personnel regarding this policy. The school district shall establish a training cycle for school personnel to occur during a period not to exceed every three school years. Newly employed school personnel must receive the training within the first year of their employment with the school district. The school district or a school administrator may accelerate the training cycle or provide additional training based on a particular need or circumstance. This policy shall be included in employee handbooks, training materials, and publications on school rules, procedures, and standards of conduct, which materials shall also be used to publicize this policy.
- B. The school district shall require ongoing professional development, consistent with Minn. Stat. § 122A.60, to build the skills of all school personnel who regularly interact with students to identify, prevent, and appropriately address bullying and other prohibited conduct. Such professional development includes, but is not limited to, the following:
 - 1. Developmentally appropriate strategies both to prevent and to immediately and effectively intervene to stop prohibited conduct;
 - 2. The complex dynamics affecting a perpetrator, target, and witnesses to prohibited conduct;
 - 3. Research on prohibited conduct, including specific categories of students at risk for perpetrating or being the target or victim of bullying or other prohibited conduct in school;
 - 4. The incidence and nature of cyberbullying; and
 - 5. Internet safety and cyberbullying.

- C. The school district annually will provide education and information to students regarding bullying, including information regarding this school district policy prohibiting bullying, the harmful effects of bullying, and other applicable initiatives to prevent bullying and other prohibited conduct.
- D. The administration of the school district is directed to implement programs and other initiatives to prevent bullying, to respond to bullying in a manner that does not stigmatize the target or victim, and to make resources or referrals to resources available to targets or victims of bullying.
- E. The administration is encouraged to provide developmentally appropriate instruction and is directed to review programmatic instruction to determine if adjustments are necessary to help students identify and prevent or reduce bullying and other prohibited conduct, to value diversity in school and society, to develop and improve students' knowledge and skills for solving problems, managing conflict, engaging in civil discourse, and recognizing, responding to, and reporting bullying or other prohibited conduct, and to make effective prevention and intervention programs available to students.

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

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

1. Engage all students in creating a safe and supportive school environment;
2. Partner with parents and other community members to develop and implement prevention and intervention programs;
3. Engage all students and adults in integrating education, intervention, and other remedial responses into the school environment;
4. Train student bystanders to intervene in and report incidents of bullying and other prohibited conduct to the schools' primary contact person;
5. Teach students to advocate for themselves and others;
6. Prevent inappropriate referrals to special education of students who may engage in bullying or other prohibited conduct; and
7. Foster student collaborations that, in turn, foster a safe and supportive school climate.

- F. The school district may implement violence prevention and character development education programs to prevent or reduce policy violations. Such programs may offer instruction on character education including, but not limited to, character qualities such as attentiveness, truthfulness, respect for authority, diligence, gratefulness, self-discipline, patience, forgiveness, respect for others, peacemaking, and resourcefulness.
- G. The school district shall inform affected students and their parents of rights they may have under state and federal data practices laws to obtain access to data related to an incident and their right to contest the accuracy or completeness of the data. The school district may accomplish this requirement by inclusion of all or applicable parts of its protection and privacy of pupil records policy (See MSBA/MASA Model Policy 515) in the student handbook.

VIII. NOTICE

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

IX. POLICY REVIEW

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

Legal References: Minn. Stat. Ch. 13 (Minnesota Government Data Practices Act)
Minn. Stat. § 120A.05, Subds. 9, 11, 13, and 17 (Definition of Public School)
Minn. Stat. § 120B.232 (Character Development Education)
Minn. Stat. § 121A.03 (Sexual, Religious and Racial Harassment and Violence)
Minn. Stat. § 121A.031 (School Student Bullying Policy)
Minn. Stat. § 121A.0311 (Notice of Rights and Responsibilities of Students and Parents under the Safe and Supportive Minnesota Schools Act)
Minn. Stat. §§ 121A.40-121A.56 (Pupil Fair Dismissal Act)
Minn. Stat. § 121A.69 (Hazing Policy)
Minn. Stat. § 124D.10 (Charter School)
Minn. Stat. Ch. 363A (Minnesota Human Rights Act)
20 U.S.C. § 1232g *et seq.* (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act)
34 C.F.R. §§ 99.1 - 99.67 (Family Educational Rights and Privacy)

Cross References: MSBA/MASA Model Policy 403 (Discipline, Suspension, and Dismissal of School District Employees)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 413 (Harassment and Violence)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 414 (Mandated Reporting of Child Neglect or Physical or Sexual Abuse)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 415 (Mandated Reporting of Maltreatment of Vulnerable Adults)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 423 (Employee-Student Relationships)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 501 (School Weapons Policy)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 506 (Student Discipline)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 507 (Corporal Punishment)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 515 (Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 521 (Student Disability Nondiscrimination)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 522 (Student Sex Nondiscrimination)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 524 (Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy)

MSBA/MASA Model Policy 525 (Violence Prevention)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 526 (Hazing Prohibition)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 529 (Staff Notification of Violent Behavior by Students)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 709 (Student Transportation Safety Policy)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 711 (Video Recording on School Buses)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 712 (Video Surveillance Other Than on Buses)

INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE AND SAFETY POLICY
(Board approved May 12, 2009)

I. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

In making decisions regarding student and employee access to the school district computer system and the Internet, including electronic communications, the school district considers its own stated educational mission, goals, and objectives. Electronic information research skills are now fundamental to preparation of citizens and future employees. Access to the school district computer system and to the Internet enables students and employees to explore thousands of libraries, databases, bulletin boards, and other resources while exchanging messages with people around the world. The school district expects that faculty will blend thoughtful use of the school district computer system and the Internet throughout the curriculum and will provide guidance and instruction to students in their use.

II. LIMITED EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE

The school district is providing students and employees with access to the school district computer system, which includes Internet access. The purpose of the system is more specific than providing students and employees with general access to the Internet. The school district system has a limited educational purpose, which includes use of the system for classroom activities, educational research, and professional or career development activities. Users are expected to use Internet access through the district system to further educational and personal goals consistent with the mission of the school district and school policies. Uses which might be acceptable on a user's private personal account on another system may not be acceptable on this limited-purpose network.

III. USE OF SYSTEM IS A PRIVILEGE

The use of the school district system and access to use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right. Depending on the nature and degree of the violation and the number of previous violations, unacceptable use of the school district system or the Internet may result in one or more of the following consequences: suspension or cancellation of use or access privileges; payments for damages and repairs; discipline under other appropriate school district policies, including suspension, expulsion, exclusion or termination of employment; or civil or criminal liability under other applicable laws.

IV. UNACCEPTABLE USES

A. The following uses of the school district system and Internet resources or accounts are considered unacceptable:

1. Users will not use the school district system to access, review, upload, download, store, print, post, receive, transmit or distribute:

- a. pornographic, obscene or sexually explicit material or other visual depictions that is harmful to minors;
- b. obscene, abusive, profane, lewd, vulgar, rude, inflammatory, threatening, disrespectful, or sexually explicit language;
- c. materials that use language or images that are inappropriate in the education setting or disruptive to the educational process;
- d. information or materials that could cause damage or danger of disruption to the educational process;
- e. materials that use language or images that advocate violence or discrimination toward other people (hate literature) or that may constitute harassment or discrimination.

2. Users will not use the school district system to knowingly or recklessly post, transmit or distribute false or defamatory information about a person or organization, or to harass another person, or to engage in personal attacks, including prejudicial or discriminatory attacks.
3. Users will not use the school district system to engage in any illegal act or violate any local, state or federal statute or law.
4. Users will not use the school district system to vandalize, damage or disable the property of another person or organization, will not make deliberate attempts to degrade or disrupt equipment, software or system performance by spreading computer viruses or by any other means, will not tamper with, modify or change the school district system software, hardware or wiring or take any action to violate the school district's security system, and will not use the school district system in such a way as to disrupt the use of the system by other users.
5. Users will not use the school district system to gain unauthorized access to information resources or to access another person's materials, information or files without the implied or direct permission of that person.
6. Users will not use the school district system to post private information about another person, personal contact information about themselves or other persons, or other personally identifiable information, including, but not limited to, addresses, telephone numbers, school addresses, work addresses, identification numbers, account numbers, access codes or passwords, labeled photographs or other information that would make the individual's identity easily traceable, and will not repost a message that was sent to the user privately without permission of the person who sent the message.
 - a. This paragraph does not prohibit the posting of employee contact information on school district webpages or communications between employees and other individuals when such communications are made for education-related purposes (i.e., communications with parents or other staff members related to students).
 - b. Employees creating or posting school-related webpages may include personal contact information about themselves on a webpage. However, employees may not post personal contact information or other personally identifiable information about students unless:
 - (1) such information is classified by the school district as directory information, and verification is made that the school district has not received notice from a parent/guardian or eligible student that such information is not to be designated as directory information.
 - (2) such information is not classified by the school district as directory information but written consent for release of the information to be posted has been obtained from a parent/guardian or eligible student.

In addition, prior to posting any personal contact or personally identifiable information on a school-related webpage, employees shall obtain written approval of the content of the postings from the building administrator.

- c. These prohibitions specifically prohibit a user from utilizing the school district system to post personal information about a user or another individual on social networks, including, but not limited to, social networks such as "MySpace" and "Facebook."

7. Users must keep all account information and passwords on file with the designated school district official. Users will not attempt to gain unauthorized access to the school district system or any other system through the school district system, attempt to log in through another person's account, or use computer accounts, access codes or network identification other than those assigned to the user. Messages and records on the school district system may not be encrypted without the permission of appropriate school authorities.

8. Users will not use the school district system to violate copyright laws or usage licensing agreements, or otherwise to use another person's property without the person's prior approval or proper citation, including the downloading or exchanging of pirated software or copying software to or from any school computer, and will not plagiarize works they find on the Internet.

9. Users will not use the school district system for conducting business, for unauthorized commercial purposes or for financial gain unrelated to the mission of the school district. Users will not use the school district system to offer or provide goods or services or for product advertisement. Users will not use the school district system to purchase goods or services for personal use without authorization from the appropriate school district official.

B. A student or employee engaging in the foregoing unacceptable uses of the Internet when off school district premises also may be in violation of this policy as well as other school district policies. Examples of such violations are, but are not limited to, situations where the school district system is compromised or if a school district employee or student is negatively impacted. If the school district receives a report of an unacceptable use originating from a non-school computer or resource, the school district may investigate such reports to the best of its ability. Students or employees may be subject to disciplinary action for such conduct, including, but not limited to, suspension or cancellation of the use or access to the school district computer system and the Internet and discipline under other appropriate school district policies, including suspension, expulsion, exclusion, or termination of employment.

C. If a user inadvertently accesses unacceptable materials or an unacceptable Internet site, the user shall immediately disclose the inadvertent access to an appropriate school district official. In the case of a school district employee, the immediate disclosure shall be to the employee's immediate supervisor and/or the building administrator. This disclosure may serve as a defense against an allegation that the user has intentionally violated this policy. In certain rare instances, a user also may access otherwise unacceptable materials if necessary to complete an assignment and if done with the prior approval of and with appropriate guidance from the appropriate teacher or, in the case of a school district employee, the building administrator.

V. FILTER

A. With respect to any of its computers with Internet access, the School District will monitor the online activities of minors and employ technology protection measures during any use of such computers by minors and adults. The technology protection measures utilized will block or filter Internet access to any visual depictions that are:

1. Obscene;
2. Child pornography; or
3. Harmful to minors.

B. The term "harmful to minors" means any picture, image, graphic image file, or other visual depiction that:

1. Taken as a whole and with respect to minors, appeals to a prurient interest in nudity, sex, or excretion; or
2. Depicts, describes, or represents, in a patently offensive way with respect to what is suitable for minors, an actual or simulated sexual act or sexual contact, actual or simulated normal or perverted sexual acts, or a lewd exhibition of the genitals; and
3. Taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value as to minors.

C. An administrator, supervisor or other person authorized by the Superintendent may disable the technology protection measure, during use by an adult, to enable access for bona fide research or other lawful purposes.

VI. CONSISTENCY WITH OTHER SCHOOL POLICIES

Use of the school district computer system and use of the Internet shall be consistent with school district policies and the mission of the school district.

VII. LIMITED EXPECTATION OF PRIVACY

A. By authorizing use of the school district system, the school district does not relinquish control over materials on the system or contained in files on the system. Users should expect only limited privacy in the contents of personal files on the school district system.

B. Routine maintenance and monitoring of the school district system may lead to a discovery that a user has violated this policy, another school district policy, or the law.

C. An individual investigation or search will be conducted if school authorities have a reasonable suspicion that the search will uncover a violation of law or school district policy.

D. Parents have the right at any time to investigate or review the contents of their child's files and e-mail files. Parents have the right to request the termination of their child's individual account at any time.

E. School district employees should be aware that the school district retains the right at any time to investigate or review the contents of their files and e-mail files. In addition, school district employees should be aware that data and other materials in files maintained on the school district system may be subject to review, disclosure or discovery under Minn. Stat. Ch. 13 (the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act).

F. The school district will cooperate fully with local, state and federal authorities in any investigation concerning or related to any illegal activities or activities not in compliance with school district policies conducted through the school district system.

VIII. INTERNET USE AGREEMENT

A. The proper use of the Internet, and the educational value to be gained from proper Internet use, is the joint responsibility of students, parents and employees of the school district.

B. This policy requires the permission of and supervision by the school's designated professional staff before a student may use a school account or resource to access the Internet.

C. The Internet Use Agreement form for students must be read and signed by the user, the parent or guardian, and the supervising teacher. The Internet Use Agreement form for employees must be

signed by the employee. The form must then be filed at the school office. As supervising teachers change, the agreement signed by the new teacher shall be attached to the original agreement.

IX. LIMITATION ON SCHOOL DISTRICT LIABILITY

Use of the school district system is at the user's own risk. The system is provided on an "as is, as available" basis. The school district will not be responsible for any damage users may suffer, including, but not limited to, loss, damage or unavailability of data stored on school district diskettes, tapes, hard drives or servers, or for delays or changes in or interruptions of service or misdeliveries or nondeliveries of information or materials, regardless of the cause. The school district is not responsible for the accuracy or quality of any advice or information obtained through or stored on the school district system. The school district will not be responsible for financial obligations arising through unauthorized use of the school district system or the Internet.

X. USER NOTIFICATION

A. All users shall be notified of the school district policies relating to Internet use.

B. This notification shall include the following:

1. Notification that Internet use is subject to compliance with school district policies.
2. Disclaimers limiting the school district's liability relative to:
 - a. Information stored on school district diskettes, hard drives or servers.
 - b. Information retrieved through school district computers, networks or online resources.
 - c. Personal property used to access school district computers, networks or online resources.
 - d. Unauthorized financial obligations resulting from use of school district resources/accounts to access the Internet.
3. A description of the privacy rights and limitations of school sponsored/managed Internet accounts.
4. Notification that, even though the school district may use technical means to limit student Internet access, these limits do not provide a foolproof means for enforcing the provisions of this acceptable use policy.
5. Notification that goods and services can be purchased over the Internet that could potentially result in unwanted financial obligations and that any financial obligation incurred by a student through the Internet is the sole responsibility of the student and/or the student's parents.
6. Notification that the collection, creation, reception, maintenance and dissemination of data via the Internet, including electronic communications, is governed by Policy 406, Public and Private Personnel Data, and Policy 515, Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records.
7. Notification that, should the user violate the school district's acceptable use policy, the user's access privileges may be revoked, school disciplinary action may be taken and/or appropriate legal action may be taken.
8. Notification that all provisions of the acceptable use policy are subordinate to local, state and federal laws.

XI. PARENTS' RESPONSIBILITY; NOTIFICATION OF STUDENT INTERNET USE

A. Outside of school, parents bear responsibility for the same guidance of Internet use as they exercise with information sources such as television, telephones, radio, movies and

other possibly offensive media. Parents are responsible for monitoring their student's use of the school district system and of the Internet if the student is accessing the school district system from home or a remote location.

B. Parents will be notified that their students will be using school district resources/accounts to access the Internet and that the school district will provide parents the option to request alternative activities not requiring Internet access. This notification should include:

1. A copy of the user notification form provided to the student user.
2. A description of parent/guardian responsibilities.
3. A notification that the parents have the option to request alternative educational activities not requiring Internet access and the material to exercise this option.
4. A statement that the Internet Use Agreement must be signed by the user, the parent or guardian, and the supervising teacher prior to use by the student.
5. A statement that the school district's acceptable use policy is available for parental review.

XII. IMPLEMENTATION; POLICY REVIEW

A. The school district administration may develop appropriate user notification forms, guidelines and procedures necessary to implement this policy for submission to the school board for approval. Upon approval by the school board, such guidelines, forms and procedures shall be an addendum to this policy.

B. The administration shall revise the user notifications, including student and parent notifications, if necessary, to reflect the adoption of these guidelines and procedures.

C. The school district Internet policies and procedures are available for review by all parents, guardians, staff and members of the community.

D. Because of the rapid changes in the development of the Internet, the school board shall conduct an annual review of this policy.

Legal References: 15 U.S.C. § 6501 et seq. (Children's Online Privacy Protection Act)

17 U.S.C. § 101 et seq. (Copyrights)

20 U.S.C. § 6751 et seq. (Enhancing Education through Technology Act of 2001)

47 U.S.C. § 254 (Children's Internet Protection Act of 2000 (CIPA))

47 C.F.R. § 54.520 (FCC rules implementing CIPA)

Minn. Stat. § 125B.15 (Internet Access for Students)

Minn. Stat. § 125B.26 (Telecommunications/Internet Access Equity Act)

Tinker v. Des Moines Indep. Cmty. Sch. Dist., 393 U.S. 503, 89 S.Ct. 733, 21 L.Ed.2d 731 (1969)

United States v. American Library Association, 539 U.S. 194, 123 S.Ct. 2297, 56 L.Ed.2d 221 (2003)

Layshock v. Hermitage Sch. Dist., 412 F.Supp. 2d 502 (2006)

J.S. v. Bethlehem Area Sch. Dist., 807 A.2d 847 (Pa. 2002)

WELLNESS POLICY
(Board approved May 12, 2009)

I. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

- A. The school board recognizes that nutrition education and physical education are essential components of the educational process and that good health fosters student attendance and education.
- B. The school environment should promote and protect students' health, well-being, and ability to learn by encouraging healthy eating and physical activity.
- C. The school district encourages the involvement of students, parents, teachers, food service staff, and other interested persons in implementing, monitoring, and reviewing school district nutrition and physical activity policies.
- D. Children need access to healthy foods and opportunities to be physically active in order to grow, learn, and thrive.
- E. All students in grades K-12 will have opportunities, support, and encouragement to be physically active on a regular basis.
- F. Qualified food service personnel will provide students with access to a variety of affordable, nutritious, and appealing foods that meet the health and nutrition needs of students; try to accommodate the religious, ethnic, and cultural diversity of the student body in meal planning; and will provide clean, safe, and pleasant settings and adequate time for students to eat.

II. GUIDELINES

A. Foods and Beverages

- 1. Food and beverages made available through the school lunch program will be consistent with the current USDA Dietary Guidelines for Americans.
- 2. Food service personnel will take every measure to ensure that student access to foods and beverages meet or exceed all federal, state, and local laws and guidelines.
- 3. Food service personnel shall adhere to all federal, state, and local food safety and security guidelines.
- 4. The school district will make every effort to eliminate any social stigma attached to, and prevent the overt identification of, students who are eligible for free and reduced-price school meals.
- 5. The school district will provide students access to hand washing or hand sanitizing before they eat meals or snacks.
- 6. The school district will make every effort to provide students with sufficient time to eat after sitting down for school meals and will schedule meal periods at appropriate times during the school day.
- 7. The school district will discourage tutoring, club, or organizational meetings or activities during mealtimes, unless students may eat during such activities.

B. School Food Service Program/Personnel

- 1. The school district will provide healthy and safe school meal programs that strictly comply with all federal, state, and local statutes and regulations.
- 2. The school district shall designate an appropriate person to be responsible for the school district's food service program, whose duties shall include the creation of nutrition

guidelines and procedures for the selection of foods and beverages made available on campus to ensure food and beverage choices are consistent with current USDA Dietary Guidelines for Americans.

3. As part of the school district's responsibility to operate a food service program, the school district will provide continuing professional development for all food service personnel in schools.

C. Nutrition Education and Promotion

1. The school district will encourage and support healthy eating by students and engage in nutrition promotion that is:

- a. offered as part of a comprehensive program designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to promote and protect their health;
- b. part of health education classes as well as classroom instruction in subjects such as math, science, language arts, social sciences, and elective subjects, where appropriate; and
- c. enjoyable, developmentally appropriate, culturally relevant, and includes participatory activities, such as contests, promotions, taste testing, and field trips.

2. The school district will encourage all students to make age appropriate, healthy selections of foods and beverages, including those sold individually outside the reimbursable school meal programs, such as through a la carte [snack] lines, vending machines, fundraising events, concession stands, and student stores.

3. Schools will not withhold food or beverages as punishment.

D. Physical Activity

1. Students need opportunities for physical activity and to fully embrace regular physical activity as a personal behavior. Toward that end, health education will reinforce the knowledge and self-management skills needed to maintain a healthy lifestyle and reduce sedentary activities such as watching television;

2. Opportunities for physical activity will be incorporated into other subject lessons, where appropriate; and

3. Classroom teachers will provide short physical activity breaks between lessons or classes, as appropriate.

E. Communications with Parents

1. The school district recognizes that parents and guardians have a primary and fundamental role in promoting and protecting their children's health and well-being.

2. The school district will support parents' efforts to provide a healthy diet and daily physical activity for their children.

3. The school district encourages parents to pack healthy lunches and snacks and refrain from including beverages and foods without nutritional value.

4. The school district will provide information about physical education and other school-based physical activity opportunities and will support parents' efforts to provide their children with opportunities to be physically active outside of school.

III. IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING

A. After approval by the school board, the wellness policy will be implemented throughout the school district.

B. School food service staff, at the school or district level, will ensure compliance within the school's food service areas and will report to the food service program administrator, the building principal, or the superintendent's designee, as appropriate.

C. The school district's food service program administrator will provide an annual report to the superintendent setting forth the nutrition guidelines and procedures for selection of all foods made available on campus.

D. The superintendent or designee will ensure compliance with the wellness policy and will provide an annual report of the school district's compliance with the policy to the school board.

*When a snack or treat is brought in for other students (during the school day or at an extracurricular activity) it must be store bought or prepared in a commercial grade kitchen. This is done to help prevent the spread of food-borne illness.

*When bars are homemade and sold at school for fundraisers, the school district encourages no bake bars such as rice krispie or special K bars.

Pediculosis (Lice) Policy
Ada-Borup School District

Purpose: To assist child and families to manage head lice with minimal disruption of their education while preserving the privacy and confidentiality of staff and students.

Policy:

1. The school will take necessary effective steps to minimize the risk of transmission by ensuring individual clothing articles such as hats and coats are kept separate. Students will have lockers or cubbies to keep clothing and personal items in.
2. If a teacher suspects a child has head lice, they will contact the health aid when possible, away from other students and discuss concerns.
3. The health aid or school nurse, if available, will then come get the child when time permits and check the child's head.
4. If live lice are present, the health aid will call the parent and send note home that explains how to properly treat both the child and the home. Additionally, if other children are in the home it is permissible to check them as well. The school will not require that the child be sent home, but will recommend that parents retrieve the child to begin treatment.
5. The school will not send out notes when a single case is found in a classroom. However, given three (3) cases in the same grade level within a 30 day period, staff, families, and daycare providers will receive a blanket notification. Information on how to prevent and minimize risk will be sent out at the beginning of the school year. Regular head checks and comb outs at home can minimize the risk for families. In addition, the school will only discuss with the teacher, health aid, and principal. Discussion related to a child with head lice is considered confidential, so at no time is staff to discuss concerns with anyone but the health aid, the school nurse, or principal.
6. Family must contact school nurse to ensure education for family is provided and reassurances given that the condition is not indicative of any living conditions or lifestyle.
7. Child may return to class after the first treatment.
8. Health aid may recheck child to ensure first treatment was done.

Live lice generally mean that the child has had pediculosis for up to a month. Education and early intervention with child and families can minimize the risk of transmission. Repetitive reoccurrence of condition may result in more intensive intervention by the school nurse to determine why reoccurrence is happening and what interventions need to occur.