

Moniteau Co. R-5 School District



Student Parent Handbook

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Mission C-110-S

The mission of the Moniteau County R-V School District is: Linking Learning to Life through Teamwork.

Vision: Educating students so they can be responsible and productive citizens in our society.

Beliefs:

- We believe students of today will live in a different future and we must prepare them to confront new challenges.
- We believe that the collaboration between school, home, and community is essential for meaningful education.
- We believe children have the right to an education.
- We believe every child comes to us with natural talents and abilities and through education we shall enhance those qualities.
- We believe life is an ever-changing lifelong process and people need to view themselves as lifelong learners.

School Board Members G-100-S

President - Shawn Higgins

Vice President - Donna Higgins

Secretary - Ashtyn Bieri

Treasurer - Amanda Bolinger

Member - James Bonecutter

Member - Bobby Medlin

Member - Sarah Bolinger

Member - Rachel Salmons

The role of the District's Board is to govern the community's public schools by making the major decisions for the District as a whole. The Board collectively makes these decisions and individual Board members do not have the power to speak or act for the Board. The Board as a whole, by working with the Superintendent to make decisions that will best serve the District's students, will govern the community's school. Accordingly, complaints or concerns made to Board members will be referred to the appropriate District point of contact for resolution.

The Moniteau Co. R-5 School Board meets on the third Monday of each month. The meetings are held in the Elementary School. Everyone is invited and welcome to attend.

School Building Information and Contact Information

156 School Street
Latham, MO 65050

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's District and Building Report Cards are available [here](#).

Superintendent Information

Tracey Bieri
660-458-6271

Methods of Communication

- District Website (www.lathambraves.com) – The district website provides information such as breakfast and lunch menus, activity calendars, faculty contact information, school board information, links to other useful websites, and many other helpful resources.
- Remind 101 – Remind 101 is a parent notification system that will be used to notify parents via text message of high priority situations at school. It will also be used to send general information to parents. www.remind.com.
- Student Parent Handbook – It is vital that all parents and students read and understand the handbook. Please read through this handbook, then sign and return the sheet in the back.
- District Facebook page-We will post important information, accomplishments, and pictures of our students.

Welcome Letter

Dear Families,

On behalf of the staff, I am happy to welcome you to the 2025-2026 school year! We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our students can achieve their highest potential. We recognize that in order for this to be successful, our students need support from both home and school. A strong partnership will make a great difference in your child's education. As partners, we share the responsibility for our student's success and want you to know that we are committed to fulfilling our responsibilities. We ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that he/she:

1. Attends school daily and arrives on time, ready for the day's learning activities
2. Completes all homework assignments given by teachers
3. Reads daily to develop a love for reading and to improve literacy skills
4. Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school life
5. Knows that you value their education

In this handbook you will find a copy of the school rules so that you and your child can review them together. If at any point throughout the school year, you have any questions or concerns, please feel welcome to contact us via email, phone call or visit. The wonderful school staff here feels privileged to be a part of your school family. Thank you for your support and we look forward to the upcoming school year!

Moniteau County R-V 2025-2026 Calendar

AUGUST '25

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*13th & 14th – Teacher work days

*14th – Back to School Night 6:00-7:00

19th – 1st Day of School
(8 days in session)

FEBRUARY '26

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2nd – Teacher PD Day

5th – Mid-Quarter

(16 Days in session)

SEPTEMBER '25

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11th – Grandparent's Breakfast 7:30 a.m.

15th – Teacher PD day/Title One Literacy Night 6:00 p.m.

17th – Mid Quarter
(17 days in session)

MARCH '26

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11th – End of Quarter

16th – Parent-Teacher Conferences 3:00-7:00 p.m.

(17 days in session)

OCTOBER '25

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16th – End of Quarter

20th – Parent-Teacher Conferences 3:00-7:00

31st – Halloween Parade 2:00 p.m.
(19 days in session)

APRIL '26

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3rd – No School, Easter Break

13th – Teacher PD Day/Spring Literacy Night 6:30 p.m.

14th – Mid-Quarter
(17 days in session)

NOVEMBER '25

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3rd – Teacher PD Day

11th – Veteran's Day Breakfast 7:30 a.m.

14th – Mid-Quarter

24th – School In Session
26th-28th – Thanksgiving Break
(14 days in session)

MAY '26

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May 5th – Spring Concert/Art Show 6:30 p.m.

May 19th – Graduation 6:30 p.m.

May 21st – Last Day of School; Early Dismissal 12:05 p.m.

(11 1/2 days in session)

DECEMBER '25						
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9th – Christmas Program 6:30 p.m.

19th – End of Quarter

December 23rd-January 2nd
Christmas Break
(12 days in session)

School Day Length: 7:50 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. (7.35 hours/day)
(Breakfast served from 7:30 a.m. – 7:50 a.m.)

Total Days – 147.5 Days, Total Hours – 1084.13

Teacher Workdays

School in Session

Mid-Quarter/Quarter

Holiday Breaks

Parent-Teacher Conferences

JANUARY '26						
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1st & 2nd - Christmas break

6th – School in Session
(16 days in session)

Snow Make Up Days:

January 26th (7.35 hours)

February 9th (7.35 hours)

March 2nd – (7.35 hours)

May 11th – (7.35 hours)

May 18th – (7.35 hours)

*Note that any other Mondays or additional days at the end of the year may be taken as needed for snow make up days.

*The district will implement a 2-hour late start as needed in the event of inclement weather-School would begin at 9:30 a.m. on these days and breakfast WILL NOT be served.

Moniteau County R-V || 2025-2026 CALENDAR

Attendance and Absence Procedures S-115-S

Expectations for Attendance

Attendance is essential for learning. By law, all children must attend school from the age of 7 until the age of 17. Parents/guardians are accountable for the attendance of their child(ren). The District will inform parents/guardians of their student's absence and support families when attendance becomes a concern. It is the responsibility of the student to make up work due to an absence. Students who wish to participate in school-sponsored activities must attend school the entire day on which the activity occurs, unless the principal has pre-approved the absence based upon special circumstances. The administration makes the final determination regarding whether an absence is excused or unexcused.

Procedures for Reporting an Absence

When a student misses school for any reason, parents are required to notify the office of the absence by a phone call or note. Parents should notify the elementary office ahead of time when prearranged absences will occur. If a student sees a doctor during their absence, a copy of proof of their doctor's visit should be returned to school. Documentation will be required for any and all absences to be considered excused.

Excused Absences

Parents or students must provide proper notification and documentation to the school showing the absence was unavoidable for an absence to be excused. It is the responsibility of the student to make up work with teacher support when a student's

absence is excused. The timelines for turning in make-up work will be determined by the teacher.

When a student is released early from school to a parent or guardian, it constitutes an absence. In general, prior notification is required when a student is dismissed early and the student must be checked out through the office. The administration may request documentation to determine whether an absence is excused. Excused absences are allowed for:

- Illness of the student
- Medical appointments that cannot be scheduled outside the school day
- Serious illness or death of a family member
- Religious observances
- School-sponsored activities (e.g., field trips, athletics, competitions, etc.)
- Court appearances or other legal situations beyond the control of the family
- Emergency situations as approved by the principal
- Visits from a parent or guardian on active military duty who is on leave from, will be immediately deployed, or immediately returned with notification and approval of the principal
- Suspensions
- An absence which has been requested and approved in advance by the principal due to exceptional circumstances. In these situations, make-up work should be requested in advance of the absence and any tests, projects, or in-class assignments will be made up at the direction of the teacher.

Unexcused Absences

Absence for reasons other than the categories of excusable reasons, or that does not have the proper documentation for an excused absence as determined by the principal, will be considered unexcused. Students who have an unexcused absence are encouraged to make-up the work to aid learning. The timelines for turning in make-up work and any impact on grading will be according to the guidelines of the building and at the direction of the teacher. Excessive, unexcused absences will result in written notice from the principal to the parents/guardians. The principal may request a parent/guardian conference to discuss attendance concerns and a collaborative plan may be developed to remove barriers to attendance. When attendance remains problematic, the school may contact the appropriate agencies and/or authorities for assistance.

Attendance patterns for all students will be monitored and the following actions will be taken:

1. When a student has accumulated ten absences within the quarter, or three within one month, parents will be notified that continued absences may result in retention as well as a report of educational neglect to the Division of Family Services. A parent conference will be scheduled with the principal to develop a plan for improving the student's attendance.

2. The eleventh total absence of a student will result in a report of educational neglect to the Missouri Division of Family Services as well as a conference to determine grade placement for the following school year.
3. If a student has a chronic health condition or significant injury that causes frequent absences, a statement from the child's doctor documenting the medical condition and the need for absenteeism must be sent to the school. A conference will then be set up with the parents and school officials to arrange for an individual accommodation plan for the student.
4. If students are not in attendance during the school day, they may not attend evening activities.

Late Arrival/Tardiness

A late arrival or tardy occurs when a student arrives after the expected class period has begun, as determined by the District. The District will count tardiness as an absence.

School begins at 7:50 a.m. A student will be considered tardy after this time. They will need to be checked into the office by a parent or guardian before going to class.

Truancy

Truancy is when the student is absent from school without permission of the parents/guardians or school official. Truancy includes, but is not limited to, skipped classes, falsely informing the school about the reason(s) for the absence, or absences that have not been pre-arranged and pre-approved as excused. The District may assign disciplinary measures for truancy. Students who are truant are encouraged to make-up the work to aid learning. The timelines for turning in make-up work and any impact on grading will be according to the guidelines of the building and at the direction of the teacher. Families are entitled to appeal assigned consequences to the Superintendent or designee.

Dress Code S-180-S

The purpose of a dress code is to contribute to a safe, healthy environment that protects students and maintains a focus on learning. The dress code included in this handbook provides guidance to students and parents as to what constitutes appropriate attire for school and school activities. District administrators have the discretion to determine whether a garment or manner of dress not specifically described below is appropriate attire for school and school activities and/or causes a disruption to the educational environment. Administrators have the authority to take action to address dress code matters as they arise. The following District guidelines should be observed:

Dress Code Expectations and Prohibitions

Shirts and shoes must be worn. Clothing should be properly fitted (not overly restrictive or loose). Coverage of the body is expected. Therefore, the following garments are not permitted:

1. House shoes or slippers;

2. See-through garments;
3. Tops that are backless, strapless, low-cut, bare-midriff, have overly-large arm openings; or spaghetti straps;
4. Clothing that does not cover undergarments when a student is sitting or standing;
5. Undergarments worn as outer wear;
6. Holes in pants that are above mid-thigh unless patched;
7. Clothing with profane, obscene, or otherwise inappropriate language;
8. Clothing with words, symbols or images that promote illegal, sexual, or violent behavior;
9. Clothing with advertisements or promotion of alcohol, tobacco, or drugs;
10. Language or symbols that promote gangs;
11. Hats and hoods (hooded sweatshirts worn up);
12. Do-rags;
13. Handkerchiefs;
14. Sunglasses;
15. Face paint;
16. Overly-dramatic make-up;
17. Other wear that restricts the line of sight of a student's face and/or facial recognition may not be worn (although exceptions will be made by the principal for head coverings that have religious significance, are worn for medical reasons, or are for a specific, school-sponsored event);
18. Blankets carried or worn as coats or wraps while in the building;
19. Heavy or loose chains, or straps that create a safety risk.

Additional Dress Code Information

Courses and/or class activities that require observance of specific safety requirements may require adjustments of a student's clothing, accessories, or hair style for the duration of the class (e.g., hair pulled back and/or hair nets for culinary classes or other safety wear, etc.). Other dress code requirements may be articulated for students participating in certain extracurricular activities.

Violations of the District dress code will be addressed with remedial actions and/or consequences.

Food Service Program F-285-S

Breakfast

Breakfast Times: 7:30 a.m.-7:50 a.m.

Breakfast Prices: Regular Price-\$1.20* Reduced Price-\$0.30*

Lunch

Lunch Times:

K-4 = 11:25-11:45

5-8 = 12:00-12:20

Lunch Prices: Regular Price-\$2.40* Reduced Price-\$0.50*
Extra Entrée-\$1.00* (applicable to grades 5-8)
Milk Prices: \$0.30*

*Pricing subject to change by Board approval.

We ask that all lunch accounts be paid upfront and a positive balance be maintained. Students whose lunch accounts are negative or below \$0.00 will lose their extracurricular activity and field trip privileges.

Cafeteria Rules

- Students need to use inside voices
- Students are not permitted to share food with other students
- Students need to stay seated until the lunch shift is over (students may put trays and trash away but must return to their seat).
- Sitting outside on the patio is a privilege and can be lost at any time.

Free and Reduced Lunch Application

These applications are available at open house at the beginning of the school year.

Adult Visitors for Lunch

Parents/guardians may request to attend lunch with their student after receiving approval from the office.

Allergy Prevention and Response S-145-S

The District is required to ensure students with allergies are safe at school through planned prevention and response to a student's allergic reaction. For purposes of District policy and related procedures, an allergic reaction occurs when the immune system overreacts to a typically harmless substance and may be mild to life-threatening. Allergy prevention and response protocols apply to all school locations, including nonacademic, school-sponsored activities and transportation provided by the District. The Board authorizes the Superintendent or designee to develop and implement procedures to protect the health and well-being of students with significant allergies.

Building-Wide and Classroom Approaches

Snacks for class parties or birthdays must be store-bought food items.
Homemade food items are not allowed.

Parents/guardians should provide, at the time of enrollment, information on any allergies the student may have. The school nurse may request written permission from the parents/guardians to communicate with a student's health care provider as needed. Staff members are trained annually on risk reduction strategies, symptom recognition, and response procedures. The school nurse has an emergency kit available and accessible in all school buildings containing prefilled auto syringes of epinephrine and asthma-related medications as allowed by

District rules. If you do not want these medications administered to your student in an emergency, please notify the principal in writing.

The District will provide age-appropriate education for students, consistent with state learning standards, including potential causes of allergic reactions, information on avoiding allergens, symptoms of allergic reactions, and simple steps a student can take to keep classmates safe.

All processed foods, including food sold in vending machines, are labeled with a complete list of ingredients on each individual package. Ingredient lists will be created for all food provided through the District's nutrition program, including before- and after-school programs, which are available upon request. This also applies to items sold as part of concessions, fundraisers, and classroom activities.

Individual Approaches

The District will evaluate and determine whether a student's allergies rise to the level of a disability that requires accommodation through the provisions of an Individual Education Plan (IEP) or Section 504 Plan (504). For those students who have allergies that do not rise to the level of disability, a designated team may develop an Individual Health Plan (IHP) and/or Emergency Action Plan (EAP). Staff who have a need to know about a student's allergies and plan will be informed and trained, and all staff members will follow any IEP, 504 Plan, IHP, and/or EAP.

A student's health information and individualized plan will be kept confidential and not shared with those who do not have a need to know unless authorized by the parent/guardian or as allowed by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). The District will communicate and collaborate at least annually with parents/guardians regarding the student's allergies, medications, restrictions/precautions, emergency contacts and any other relevant information to keep the student safe.

Health Services S-215-S

Health services are provided under the direction of the principal and secretary. The principal and secretary for your student's building may provide services in other buildings as well. Although the principal and secretary may be not physically present at all times in a specific building, they are always on call and there are trained employees in the building to provide first aid, dispense medication, and support the needs presented in the health office.

Illnesses/Injuries

When a student is injured or becomes ill at school, and in the judgment of the office staff should be sent home, the parent is called. If in the judgment of the office staff, the student's life or health is in immediate danger, emergency services will be called and you will be notified of the emergency subsequently.

1. If your child's oral temperature exceeds 100 degrees Fahrenheit, **your child should remain home for 24 hours after the temperature returns to normal or for 24 hours after antibiotic treatment has been initiated.**
2. If your child complains of severe, persistent pain, the symptom should be referred to a physician for evaluation.
3. If your child shows signs of upper respiratory infection (cold symptoms) serious enough to interfere with the child's ability to learn, your child should not attend school.
4. If there are signs of conjunctivitis (pinkeye) with matter coming from one or both eyes, itching, or crust on eyelids, the child should be evaluated by a physician.
5. If there are signs of infestation with lice (nits in the hair) the child should be evaluated for treatment with a pediculicide. Our school observes a "nit-free" policy.
6. If your child has an unusual rash not yet evaluated by a physician, the child should not attend school.

Health Screenings

The Moniteau Co. Health Department conducts screenings, including vision and hearing screenings, in the fall of each school year.

Student Emergency Information

Every student will have student data information on file in the office. Please inform the school of any change in address, home, work, and cell phone numbers, or emergency contact information.

Administration of Medication S-135-S

All medication is kept in the health office and no medication will be dispensed without written parental permission, including over-the-counter medication. Many medications can be given at home before or after school. When this is not possible, medication should be brought directly to the health office and must be accompanied by the following information:

Non-Prescription Medication – A written note from the parent/guardian with the student's name, reason for the medication, the time the medication is to be given, the dosage prescribed, and the number of days the medication is to be administered at school. These medications include, but are not limited to, allergy medication, decongestants, cough syrup, ibuprofen (Advil), acetaminophen (Tylenol), cough drops, or others. If Tylenol is needed during the school day, parents will be notified PRIOR to dispensing any medication to the student.

Prescription Medication – Prescription medication must be sent to school in the original prescription container. The prescription label will serve as the written permission from the physician. If the doctor has given samples of medication, then a written note from the physician is necessary and should include the name

of the student, the medication, and the dosage prescribed. The District may need to clarify prescription orders with the provider.

When a student has a health condition which needs accommodation or may necessitate emergency care, it is important that the District be informed. Examples of a health condition that would need to be shared with the school nurse include severe allergies, asthma, diabetes, hearing loss, seizure disorder, etc. This would include situations when a physician recommends a student assume responsibility for self-medication. The District may request a release of information from the student's health care provider and the information may be shared with necessary District staff members on a need-to-know basis. Please contact the school office.

Communicable Diseases F-245-S

Parents/guardians must notify the District if their student has a communicable disease. Parents/guardians will be required to provide written approval from the student's treating physician in order for their student to attend school. The District reserves the right to prevent student attendance until clarification or implementation of precautionary measures are in place. Parents/guardians are required to notify the District if they are enrolling or have a student attending school who is HIV positive.

Medical information of students is highly confidential, and the District will take necessary steps to protect the medical information of students and ensure that such information is released only to those with a need-to-know and/or individuals and entities who are required by law to be notified of certain health and medical information.

Students with a communicable disease who exhibit behaviors that increase the chances of their condition being spread to other individuals, may be subject to discipline and/or remedial action in accordance with the discipline code, and state and federal law.

Immunizations and Vaccinations

It is unlawful for any student to attend school unless the student has been immunized according to Missouri School Immunization Law or unless a signed statement of medical or religious exemption is on file at the school, which is described in all enrollment information. Parents/guardians should bring immunization records at the time of enrollment and obtain additional immunizations as required by state law.

Student Insurance S-140-S

The District recommends student accident insurance for the protection of a student and parents/guardians. It is the responsibility of the parents/guardians to arrange insurance coverage as the District does not assume financial responsibility for student injuries.

Students participating in interscholastic athletics are required to have insurance coverage. This may be in the form of either family coverage or the coverage offered through the District. Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA), requires that a student be covered through insurance before being allowed to practice or

compete for a school team. The student will not be allowed to participate in interscholastic practices or competitions until proof of insurance is provided.

The District also provides information about MO HealthNet for Kids (MHK), Missouri's Medicaid program, to qualifying families who enroll students in the District. Parents who complete an application for free and reduced-priced meals (FRL), and who indicate on the application form a child does not have insurance, will be notified by the District that the MHK program is available. Forms for MHK may be accessed at:

<https://dssmanuals.mo.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/IM-1SSL-Fillable-Secured-6-24-21.pdf>.

Student Records S-125-S

Access to and Release of Student Information

All parents/guardians may inspect and review their student's education records, seek amendments, consent to disclosures except to the extent the law authorizes disclosure without consent, and file complaints regarding the records as allowed by law. Requests to inspect or review education records may be directed to the District's Custodian of Records. Requests to amend education records may be directed to the District's Custodian of Records to obtain the proper form. If the District decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the District will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and 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.

The parents'/guardians' rights relating to the education records transfer to the student once the student becomes an eligible student; however, parents/guardians maintain some rights to inspect student records even after a student turns 18. The District allows access to records to either parent, regardless of divorce, custody or visitation rights, unless the District is provided with legal documents that the parent's rights to inspect records have been modified.

Directory Information

Directory information is information about a student that generally is not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if disclosed without the consent of a parent or eligible student. The District will designate the types of information included in directory information and may release this information without obtaining consent from a parent or eligible student unless a parent or eligible student notifies the District in writing. Parents and eligible students will be notified annually of the information the District has designated as directory information and the process for notifying the District if they do not want the information released. Even if parents or eligible students notify the District in writing that they do not want directory information disclosed, the District may still disclose the information if required or allowed by law. For example, the District may require students to disclose their names, District email addresses in classes in which they are enrolled, or students may be required to wear or display a student identification card that exhibits information designated as directory information. If you do not want

the District to disclose any or all of the types of information designated below as directory information from your child's education records without your prior written consent (with exception of disclosures required by law), you must notify the District in writing by September 1st of each school year.

The District designates the following items as directory information:

General Directory Information: The following personally identifiable information about a student may be disclosed by the District without first obtaining written consent from a parent or eligible student: Student's name; date and place of birth; parents' names; grade level; enrollment status (e.g., full-time or part-time); participation in District-sponsored or District-recognized activities and sports; weight and height of members of athletic teams; athletic performance data; dates of attendance; degrees, honors and awards received; artwork or course work displayed by the District; schools or school Districts previously attended; and photographs, videotapes, digital images and recorded sound unless such records would be considered harmful or an invasion of privacy.

Limited Directory Information: In addition to general directory information, a student's address, telephone number and email address; and the parents' addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses may be disclosed to: school officials with a legitimate educational interest; parent groups or booster clubs that are recognized by the Board and are created solely to work with the District, its staff, students and parents and to raise funds for District activities; parents of other students enrolled in the same school as the student whose information is released; students enrolled in the same school as the student whose information is released; governmental entities including, but not limited to, law enforcement, the juvenile office and the Children's Division (CD) of the Department of Social Services.

School Officials with a Legitimate Educational Interest

One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests.

A school official includes a person employed by the District as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel) or a Board Member. A school official also may include a volunteer, contractor, or consultant who, while not employed by the school, performs an institutional service or function for which the school would otherwise use its own employees and who is under the direct control of the school with respect to the use and maintenance of PII from education records, such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist; a parent or student volunteering to serve on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee; or a parent, student, or other volunteer assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks.

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

Release of Records to Other Agencies or Institutions

The District forwards education records to officials of another school, school system, or institution of postsecondary education where the student seeks or intends to enroll, or where the student is already enrolled if the disclosure is for purposes related to the student's enrollment or transfer, subject to the requirements under the law.

Military and Higher Education Access

The District will disclose the names, addresses and telephone numbers of secondary school students to military recruiters or institutions of higher education as required by law. However, if a parent or a secondary school student who is at least 18 submits a written request, the District will not release the information without first obtaining written consent from the parent of the student/eligible student.

Release

Parents or guardians may designate additional adult(s) to have access to their student's records by requesting a Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) release form. This form is available in the office.

Notice

Parents/Guardians and/or eligible students have the right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the 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

Personnel Records E-190-S

The District is required to inform you that, according to the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (Public Law 114-95), upon your request, the District is required to provide you in a timely manner, the following information:

- Whether your student's teacher has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction.
- Whether your student's teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional statute through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived.
- Whether your student's teacher is teaching in the field of discipline of the certification of the teacher.
- Whether your student is provided services by paraprofessionals and if so, their qualifications.

In addition to the information that parents may request, a building receiving Title I.A funds must provide to each individual parent:

- Information on the level of achievement and academic growth of your student, if applicable and available, on each of the State academic assessments required under Title I.A.
- Timely notice that your student has been assigned, or have taught for 4 or more consecutive weeks by, a teacher who has not met applicable State certification or licensure requirements at the grade level and subject area in which the teacher has been assigned.

Parent and Family Involvement and Engagement (Title I, Part A) I-135-S

The District encourages effective involvement by parents, guardians, and families to support the education of their children. In consultation with the State Board, educators, local associations, parent organizations and individual parents/guardians whose children are enrolled in the District, the District will:

1. Promote regular, two-way communication between home and school.
2. Promote and support responsible parenting.
3. Recognize that parents and families play an integral role in assisting their children to learn.
4. Promote a safe and open atmosphere for parents and families to visit the school that their student(s) attend and actively solicit parental/family support and assistance for school programs.
5. Include parents as full partners in decisions affecting their children and families.
6. Avail community resources to strengthen school programs, family practices, and the achievement of students.

The Schoolwide Program Plan and the School Parent and Family Engagement Plan may be found on the District's website.

Program for Students who are Homeless, Migrant, English Learners, At-Risk or in Foster Care I-140-S

The District is committed to the provision of a free and appropriate education for all students enrolled in the District. Therefore, the District complies with all provisions, regulations, and administrative rules applicable to state and/or federal requirements in order to serve students who are homeless, migrants, English learners, at-risk, or in foster care.

The District's liaison for students who are homeless, migrant, English learners, or in foster care is:

Name:	Superintendent
Phone #:	660-458-6271
Email Address:	admin@lathambraves.com

English Language Learners I-150-S

The District provides programs and support for students in order to provide equal educational opportunities for students with limited English proficiency (LEP).

Free language interpreting and translation is available for parents/guardians and students who require it. If you require an interpreter, please inform your student's teacher or school, and the District will arrange for an interpreter to assist at no cost to you. If we do not have an interpreter for your language, we will work to find someone who can help.

Information on District programs such as Gifted Education, AP classes, Special Education, extracurricular activities, and others can be found on the District website. The website features the ability to translate information into more than 100 languages.

For more information about the programs for students with LEP or assistance for families, please contact:

Name:	Superintendent
Phone #:	660-458-6271
Email Address:	admin@lathambraves.com

Visitor Procedures C-155-S

For student purposes, all visitors MUST use the main entrance, report to the office, and sign in and out upon arrival and departure. No one will be allowed to enter the hallways or classrooms without permission from the office. If you need to pick up your child before the end of the school day, come to the office and your child will be called to the office.

Since classroom observations and visits can be disruptive, the District does not permit parents/guardians or other family members to visit classrooms during instructional time for the purpose of observing students unless the principal has approved the visit two weeks in advance.

Transportation Services F-260-S

The safety of students during their transportation to and from school is a responsibility which they and their parents/guardians share with the bus drivers and school officials. Therefore, the rules of student conduct will be issued to all students at the beginning of the school year, and to new students upon enrollment. Behavior on school buses is governed by all the rules described within the Student Discipline section of this handbook. In addition, the following behavior rules apply specifically to behavior on school buses:

1. Follow the directions of the driver.
2. Remain in your seat while the bus is in motion.
3. Aisles must be kept clear at all times.
4. Keep all parts of your body inside the bus.
5. Do not throw objects within, out of, or at the bus or other vehicles.
6. Student actions or volume should not be distracting or prevent the driver from performing his/her job.
7. Wait for the bus driver's signal before crossing the road.

8. Walk in front of the bus; never walk behind or along the side of the bus.
9. No live animals on the bus.

Student Discipline S-170-S

Student Code of Conduct

The District believes students deserve the right to participate and learn in a safe environment which allows teachers to focus on instruction that accelerates achievement. To ensure that school is a quality atmosphere for all students at all times, the code of conduct and discipline policies outline consequences for misconduct that occurs at school, during a school activity whether on- or off-campus, on District transportation, or misconduct that involves the use of District technology. All District personnel are responsible to supervise and hold students accountable for violations of discipline rules.

Failure to obey standards of conduct may result in, yet is not limited to, verbal warning, community service, confiscation of property, principal/student conference, parent contact, loss of credit, grade reduction, course failure, removal from extracurricular activities, revocation of privileges including transportation, parking and technology privileges, detention, in- or out-of-school suspension, expulsion, and report to law enforcement. For offenses involving academic integrity, the student may also be subject to a loss of credit for work, a grade reduction, and/or course failure. The Board authorizes the immediate removal of a student who poses a threat to self or others as determined by the principal, Superintendent, or the Board.

Any student who is suspended for any serious violation of the District's Student Discipline policy shall not be allowed while suspended to be within 1,000 feet of any school property or any activity of the District, regardless of where the activity takes place, unless:

1. Such student is under the direct supervision of the student's parent, legal guardian, or custodian and the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee has authorized the student to be on school property;
2. Such student is under the direct supervision of another adult designated by the student's parent, legal guardian, or custodian, in advance, in writing, to the principal of the school which suspended the student and the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee has authorized the student to be on school property;
3. Such student is enrolled in and attending an alternative school that is located within one thousand feet of a public school in the District where such student attended school; or
4. Such student resides within one thousand feet of any public school in the District where such student attended school in which case such student may be on the property of his or her residence without direct adult supervision.

If a student engages in an act of violence, a school administrator will report the information to teachers and other District employees who are responsible for the student's education or otherwise interact with the student on a professional basis while acting within the scope of their assigned duties. Additionally, school administrators will report to the appropriate law enforcement agencies any crimes as required by law.

Corporal punishment is strictly prohibited as a method of discipline. Reasonable force may be used, when necessary, for the protection of a student or others and property. The District limits the use of seclusion or restraint to situations or conditions in which there is imminent danger of physical harm to self or others.

Students with disabilities will be disciplined in compliance with state and federal laws per the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Plan, and any regulations and state and local compliance plans, which includes due process rights as afforded to all students. Additionally, a student's Individual Education Plan (IEP), including any portion that is related to past or potentially future violent behavior, will be provided to appropriate staff members with a need to know.

Information regarding a student's misconduct and discipline is confidential and only shared with those who have a need to know. Teachers and other authorized District personnel shall not be civilly liable when acting in conformity with District policies, including the discipline policy, or when reporting acts of school violence to a supervisor or other person as mandated by law.

The District discipline policy and procedures will be provided to every student at the beginning of each year, be published on the District website, and made available in the office of the Superintendent during normal business hours.

This code applies to all misbehavior committed by a student on District property, at any school-sponsored activity or event whether on- or off-campus, and District transportation. Additionally, the District may use its authority to address behavior that occurs off-campus if it interferes with the operation of the school or endangers the safety of students or staff.

Standards of Conduct and Consequences

No document can identify every possible offense that could potentially result in disciplinary action. This code identifies most offenses constituting a failure to obey the standards of conduct set by the Board. However, when circumstances warrant, the principal, Superintendent, and/or Board may impose consequences for misconduct not specifically outlined in this document.

District Policy for Discipline

Definitions

Acts of violence or violent behavior - The exertion of physical force with the intent to do serious physical injury while on school property, including District-transportation and school activities.

Corporal Punishment – The intentional infliction of physical punishment, usually in the form of spanking, as a method of student discipline.

Detention – A form of student discipline that requires students to attend a before and/or after school setting which monitors and restricts student activity.

Detention will be held before school on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 AM until 7:30 AM or after school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 3:30 PM until 4:30 PM.

Detentions will be for any student who misses recess 3 times in a month or students who have 3 or more late assignments in a month. Late is considered anything past 24 hours of the due date and time. A detention slip will be sent home to be signed by the parent where they will pick the day of the week and AM or PM. **Students are expected to be on time for morning detention and parents are expected to be on time when picking up for afternoon detention or a suspension will be granted.**

During detention there will be:

- NO talking, eating, drinking, sleeping, electronics, or chewing gum.
- Students may do homework or write an essay. They will not be allowed to read for pleasure or AR goals.

Expulsion – A form of student discipline which removes and excludes a student from school for an indefinite period of time. Students who are expelled are entitled to due process rights.

In-school suspension – A form of student discipline which consists of removing the student from normal classes during the day and assigning the student to an in-school suspension program or class for a specified period of time.

Need to know – A requirement to report acts of school violence to school personnel who are directly responsible for a student's education and who otherwise interact with the student on a professional basis while acting within the scope of their assigned duties.

Office Referral – This is when a student is sent to the office due to their conduct on District property. Parents of any student that is sent to the office will be notified that day by a phone call from the principal explaining the reason for the referral and the consequence the student received.

Out-of-school suspension – A form of student discipline which removes and excludes a student from school for a defined period of time. Students who are suspended are entitled to due process rights. Any work missed while suspended is due upon the return to the classroom. It is the parents responsibility to arrange pick up of missed

work for out of school suspensions. No credit will be received for any work that is not returned on the day the student returns to school.

Parent Involvement - Parents and/or legal guardians will be notified by telephone, personal contact, letter, email, or certified letter. A conference may be required as needed.

Physical Restraint – The use of person-to-person physical contact that immobilizes or reduces the ability of a student to move the student’s torso, arms, legs, or head freely. It does not include briefly comforting or calming a student, holding a student’s hand to transport the student for safety purposes, physical escort, intervening in a fight, or using an assistive or protective device prescribed by an appropriately trained professional or professional team.

Restitution – The requirement of a student to return or pay for stolen goods or damaged property.

Seclusion – This is the involuntary confinement of a student alone in a room or area that the student is physically prevented from leaving and that complies with the building code in effect in the school district. Seclusion does not include a timeout, in-school suspension, detention, or other appropriate disciplinary measures. Seclusion is limited to situations or conditions in which there is imminent danger of physical harm to self or others.

Serious violation of the District’s Student Discipline Policy – Any act of violence or violent behavior, any drug-related activity, any offense listed in [Section 160.261.2, RSMo](#), or any other violation of the District’s Student Discipline Policy resulting in the suspension of a student for more than 10 school days.

Student Conference - A conference between the student and principal. During this conference, the student must agree to correct their behavior.

Prohibited Conduct	Definition	First Offense	Subsequent Offense
Academic Dishonesty	Any type of cheating that occurs in relation to an academic exercise or assignment. It may include plagiarism, fabrication of information or citations,	Minimum - Parent Involvement & No Credit Maximum – Short Term Suspension (1 – 5 Days OSS) & No Credit	Minimum - In School Suspension & No Credit Maximum – Long Term Suspension (6 – 150 Days OSS) & No Credit

	<p>cheating, falsification of work or excuses for work, disrupting or destroying another person's work, failure to contribute to a team project, or other misconduct related to academic work.</p> <p>Students may not claim AI generated content as their own work. The use of AI to take tests, complete assignments, create multimedia projects, write papers, or complete schoolwork without permission of a teacher or administrator is strictly prohibited. The use of AI for these purposes constitutes cheating or plagiarism.</p>		
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Arson	Starting or attempting to start a fire or causing or attempting to cause an explosion.	Minimum – Long Term Suspension (6 – 150 Days OSS) Maximum - Expulsion	Minimum - Long Term Suspension (11 – 150 Days OSS) Maximum - Expulsion
Use and/or possession of lighters, matches, etc.		Minimum – Student Conference & Confiscation Maximum – Long Term Suspension (6 – 10 Days OSS) & Confiscation	Minimum - Short Term Suspension (1 – 5 Days OSS) & Confiscation Maximum - Expulsion
Assault, First or Second Degree	Knowingly causing or attempting to cause serious physical injury or death to another person, recklessly causing serious physical injury to another person, or any other act that constitutes criminal assault in the first or second degree.	Minimum - Temporary/Permanent Removal From Class Maximum - Long Term Suspension (6 – 150 Days OSS)	Minimum - In School Suspension Maximum - Expulsion
Assault, Third or Fourth Degree	Using physical force, such as hitting, striking or pushing, to cause or attempt to	Minimum - Temporary/Permanent Removal From Class Maximum - Long Term Suspension (6 – 150 Days OSS)	Minimum - In School Suspension Maximum - Expulsion

	cause physical injury; placing another person in apprehension of immediate physical injury; recklessly engaging in conduct that creates a grave risk of death or serious physical injury; causing physical contact with another person knowing the other person will regard the contact as offensive or provocative; or any other act that constitutes criminal assault in the third or fourth degree.		
Bullying and Cyberbullying	Intimidation, unwanted aggressive behavior or harassment (including criminal harassment under the Safe Schools Act),	Minimum - Student Conference Maximum - Short Term Suspension	Minimum - In School Suspension Maximum - Expulsion

	<p>that is repetitive or is substantially likely to be repeated and causes a reasonable student to fear for his or her physical safety or property; substantially interferes with the educational performance, opportunities or benefits of any student without exception; or substantially disrupts the orderly operation of the school. Bullying may consist of physical actions, including gestures, or oral communication, cyberbullying, electronic or written communication, and any threat of retaliation for reporting of</p>		
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	<p>such acts.</p> <p>"Cyberbullying" means bullying through the transmission of a communication including, but not limited to, a message, text, sound or image by means of an electronic device including, but not limited to, a telephone, wireless telephone or other wireless communication device, computer or pager.</p> <p>Students will not be disciplined for speech in situations where the speech is protected by law.</p>		
Bus or Transportation Misconduct	Any misconduct committed by a student on transportation provided by or	Loss of recess, assigned seat, written essay about appropriate bus behavior, and parent contact.	<p>Second Offense: Loss of bus riding privileges for one full day (AM and PM route).</p> <p>Subsequent Offense: Loss of</p>

	<p>through the District.</p> <p>Any student whose conduct on a school bus is improper or jeopardizes the safety of other students may have his/her right to school bus transportation suspended for such period of time as deemed proper by the Superintendent, building principal or designee.</p>		<p>bus riding privileges for 5 days or more. Removal from the bus for the remainder of the school year will be used if discipline problems persist.</p>
Dishonesty	Any act of lying, whether verbal or written, including forgery.	<p>Forgery: Minimum - Parent Involvement</p> <p>Maximum - Long Term Suspension (6 – 10 Days OSS)</p>	<p>Forgery: Minimum - In School Suspension</p> <p>Maximum - Long Term Suspension (6 – 150 Days OSS)</p>
Disrespectful or Disruptive Conduct or Speech	Conduct that interferes with an orderly education process such as disobedience or defiance to an adult's direction, use	<p>Defiance of Authority: Minimum - Student Conference</p> <p>Maximum - Short Term Suspension (1-5 Days OSS)</p> <p>Disrespect: Minimum - Student Conference</p>	<p>Defiance of Authority: Minimum - Parent Involvement</p> <p>Maximum – Long Term Suspension (6 – 150 Days OSS)</p>

	<p>of vulgar or offensive language or graphics, any rude language or gesture directed toward another person. Discriminatory or harassing conduct may be addressed under the District's policy regarding this conduct.</p>	<p>Maximum - Long Term Suspension (6 – 10 Days OSS)</p> <p>Improper Language: Minimum - Student Conference</p> <p>Maximum - Long Term Suspension (6 – 10 Days OSS)</p> <p>Disruptive or Demeaning Language or Conduct: Minimum - In School Suspension</p> <p>Maximum – Long Term Suspension (6 – 10 Days OSS)</p>	<p>Disrespect: Minimum - Parental Involvement</p> <p>Maximum - Long Term Suspension (6 – 150 Days OSS)</p> <p>Improper Language: Minimum - Parent Involvement</p> <p>Maximum - Long Term Suspension (6 – 150 Days OSS)</p> <p>Disruptive or Demeaning Language or Conduct: Minimum - Short Term Suspension (1 – 5 Days OSS)</p> <p>Maximum - Long Term Suspension (6 – 150 Days OSS)</p>
Drugs/Alcohol/Tobacco/E-Cigarettes	<p>The use, sale, transfer, distribution, possession, or being under the influence of prescription drugs, alcohol,</p>	<p>Minimum - Short Term Suspension (1 – 5 Days OSS)</p> <p>Maximum - Expulsion</p>	<p>Minimum - Long Term Suspension (6 – 150 Days OSS)</p> <p>Maximum - Expulsion</p>

	<p>tobacco products, electronic cigarettes, vaping products, other nicotine delivery products, imitation tobacco products, narcotic substances, unauthorized inhalants, controlled substances, illegal drugs, counterfeit substances, imitation controlled substances, drug/tobacco paraphernalia, or over the counter drugs on any District property, vehicles, or at District-sponsored events. However, students may use, possess, and be under the influence of their prescription drugs and over the counter</p>	<p>Prescription Medication: Minimum - Parent Involvement</p> <p>Maximum - Expulsion</p> <p>Possession or Use of Tobacco: Minimum - In School Suspension</p> <p>Maximum – Short Term Suspension (1 – 5 Days OSS)</p>	<p>Prescription Medication: Minimum - Short Term Suspension (1 – 5 Days OSS)</p> <p>Maximum - Expulsion</p> <p>Possession or Use of Tobacco: Minimum - Short Term Suspension (1 – 5 Days OSS)</p> <p>Maximum - Long Term Suspension (6 – 10 Days OSS)</p>
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	drugs in compliance with District procedures.		
Extortion	Threatening or intimidating any person for the purpose of obtaining money or anything of value.	Minimum - Parent Involvement Maximum - Long Term Suspension (6 – 10 Days OSS)	Minimum - Short Term Suspension (1 – 5 Days OSS) Maximum - Long Term Suspension (6 – 150 Days OSS)
False Alarms or Reports	Intentionally tampering with alarm equipment for the purpose of setting off an alarm, making false reports for the purpose of scaring or disrupting the school environment.	Minimum: Restitution. Principal/Student Conference. Maximum - 1-180 days out-of-school suspension, or expulsion.	Restitution. In-School Suspension. Maximum - 1-180 days out-of-school suspension, or expulsion.
Fighting	A conflict: verbal, physical, or both, between two or more people.	Minimum - Temporary/Permanent Removal From Class Maximum - Long Term Suspension (6 – 10 Days OSS)	Minimum - In School Suspension Maximum - Expulsion
Weapons and Firearms	A) Possession or use of a firearm as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 921 or any instrument or device	Minimum - Parent Involvement Maximum - Expulsion This is subject to the disciplinary	Minimum - Suspension (1 – 150 Days OSS) Maximum - Expulsion

	<p>defined in § 571.010, RSMo, or any instrument or device defined as a dangerous weapon in 18 U.S.C. § 930(g)(2).</p> <p>B) Other weapons are prohibited. Other weapons are defined as a device readily capable of lethal use, or device designed to mimic a weapon. Other weapons include mace spray, any knife, regardless of blade length; and items customarily used, or which can be used, to inflict injury upon another person or property.</p> <p>C) Possession or use of ammunition,</p>	<p>requirements of Policy S-200-P.</p>	<p>This is subject to the disciplinary requirements of Policy S-200-P.</p>
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	a component of ammunition or a weapon, weapon accessories, or tactical gear.		
Fireworks or Incendiary Devices	Possessing, displaying, or using fireworks, matches, lighters, or other devices to start fires or other unsanctioned actions. This does not include educational activities designed and supervised by District employees.	Confiscation. Warning. Principal/student conference. Maximum: Detention	Confiscation. Principal/student conference. Detention. In-school suspension Maximum-1-10 days out-of-school suspension
Gambling	Betting something of value upon the outcome of a contest, event, assignment, or game of chance.	Principal/student conference; loss of privileges. Maximum - Detention or In-school suspension	Principal student conference, loss of privileges, detention, or in-school suspension Maximum-1-10 days out-of-school suspension
Harassment, including Sexual Harassment	Conduct that annoys, threatens, intimidates another	Minimum - Student Conference	Minimum - Parent Involvement

	<p>person based on gender, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, disability or any other characteristic protected by law.</p> <p>Harassment, including sexual harassment, is unwanted and unwelcomed conduct that causes another person extreme unease or fear. Examples include, but are not limited to, derogatory comments or slurs, lewd propositions, blocking movement, offensive touching, or offensive posters or graphics.</p>	Maximum - Short Term Suspension (1 – 5 Days OSS)	Maximum - Long Term Suspension (6 – 150 Days OSS)
Hazing	The imposition of strenuous, humiliating, and/or dangerous	<p>In-school suspension</p> <p>Maximum: 1-180 days of out-of-school suspension</p>	<p>1-180 days out-of-school suspension</p> <p>Maximum-Expulsion</p>

	tasks as part of an initiation, admission, or affiliation to a group, even when all parties willingly participate.		
Indecent Exposure	Includes display of breasts, buttocks and genitals in a public location.	Minimum - Parent Involvement Maximum - Long Term Suspension (6 – 10 Days OSS)	Minimum - In School Suspension Maximum - Expulsion
Nuisance Items	Displaying or using items that create distractions and could be lost, stolen, or broken such as toys, collectible items, or other possessions not approved for educational purposes.	Confiscation, warning, principal/student conference, detention. Maximum-In-school suspension	Confiscation. principal/student conference, detention. In-school-suspension Maximum - 1-10 days out-of-school suspension
Property Damage or Loss of School Property	Damage to or loss of school property such as, but not limited to, books, electronic devices, calculators, uniforms,	Restitution. Principal/student conference. Detention. In-School Suspension. Maximum-1-180 days out-of-school suspension	Restitution. In-school suspension. 1-180 days out-of-school suspension. Maximum-Expulsion

	equipment, or facilities, etc.		
Public Display of Affection	Physical intimacy that is inappropriate for an educational setting, such as but not limited to, kissing, groping, fondling, cuddling.	Principal/Student conference. Detention Maximum-In-School Suspension	Detention. In-School Suspension Maximum-1-10 days out-of-school suspension
Sexting and/or Possession of Sexually Explicit, Vulgar or Violent Material	Possessing, displaying, or generating sexually explicit, vulgar, or violent material, such as but not limited to, pornography, nudity, violence or explicit death or injury. Students will not be disciplined for speech in situations where it is permissible by law. This restriction does not apply to curricular material	Minimum - Student Conference Maximum - Long Term Suspension (6 – 10 Days OSS)	Minimum - Parent Involvement Maximum - Long Term Suspension (6 – 150 Days OSS)

	vetted and approved by District employees for educational purposes.		
Sexual Activity	Consensual acts of sex or consensual simulations of sex including, but not limited to, intercourse or oral or manual stimulation.	Minimum - Student Conference Maximum - Long Term Suspension (6 – 150 Days OSS)	Minimum - Parent Involvement Maximum - Expulsion
Tardiness or Truancy	A student arriving after the class period has begun is marked tardy. Truancy is when a student is absent from school without permission from the parents/guardians or school official. Truancy includes, but is not limited to skipping classes, falsifying the reason for an absence, or absences that have not been	Trauncy: Minimum - In School Suspension Maximum - Short Term Suspension (1 – 5 Days OSS)	Trauncy: Minimum - Short Term Suspension (1 – 5 Days OSS) Maximum - Long Term Suspension (6 – 10 Days OSS)

	pre-arranged and pre-approved as excused.		
Technology Misconduct	Gaining or attempting to gain unauthorized access to or interfering with a technology system or information, using any type of electronic device without permission, or recording audio or visual information without express permission for educational purposes and as allowed by District rules, or using technology in a manner inconsistent with the terms of the Technology Usage Agreement. This includes cell phone misuse.	Confiscation and Parent Contact	Second Offense: Confiscation and Parent Pick Up Subsequent Offense: Out of School Suspension (1 – 150 Days)

Theft	Taking or attempting to take the property of others without consent or knowingly taking possession of stolen property.	Minimum - Restitution/Loss of Privileges Maximum - Restitution/Long Term Suspension (6 – 150 Days OSS)	Minimum - Restitution/In School Suspension Maximum - Restitution/Expulsion
Threats or Verbal Assault	Verbal, written, graphics, or gestures in a convincing manner that causes another person to fear for the safety of themselves or property.	Minimum - Parent Involvement Maximum - Long Term Suspension (6 – 150 Days OSS)	Minimum - In School Suspension Maximum - Expulsion
Unauthorized Entry	Entering a District facility, office, locker or other area that is locked or assisting someone to enter District property who is not authorized or through an unauthorized entrance.	Principal/student conference. Detention. Maximum: In-school suspension	1-180 days out-of-school suspension Maximum: Expulsion
Vandalism	Deliberate destruction of or damage to property belonging to	Minimum - Student Conference	Minimum - Parent Involvement

	the District, employees, or students.	Maximum - Short Term Suspension (1 – 5 Days OSS)	Maximum - Long Term Suspension (6 – 150 Days OSS)
Violation of Imposed Disciplinary Consequences	The failure to comply with the discipline consequences assigned. This includes appearing on District property or at a school-sponsored event while serving a suspension or expulsion.	Verbal warning. Detention. In-School Suspension. Maximum: 1-180 days out-of -school suspension, or expulsion. Report to law enforcement for trespassing if expelled.	In-School Suspension. 1-180 days out-of -school suspension, or expulsion. Report to law enforcement for trespassing if expelled. Maximum: 1-180 days out-of -school suspension, or expulsion. Report to law enforcement for trespassing if expelled.

Bullying, Hazing, and Cyberbullying S-185-S

The District strictly prohibits bullying, including hazing, and cyberbullying on school grounds, at any school function, or on District transportation.

Definitions

Bullying – Intimidation, unwanted aggressive behavior or harassment that is repetitive or is substantially likely to be repeated and causes a reasonable student to fear for his or her physical safety or property; substantially interferes with the educational performance, opportunities, or benefits of any student without exception; or substantially disrupts the orderly operation of the school. Bullying may consist of physical actions, including gestures, or oral, cyberbullying, electronic, or written communication, and any threat of retaliation for reporting such acts.

Cyberbullying – Bullying as defined above through the transmission of a communication including, but not limited to a telephone, wireless telephone, or other wireless communication device, computer, or pager. The District has jurisdiction to prohibit cyberbullying that originates on a school campus, or at a

District activity if the communication was made using District technological resources, if there is sufficient nexus to the educational environment, or if the electronic communication was made on the school's campus or at a District activity using the student's own person technological resource.

Anti-bullying Coordinator – The Superintendent will ensure an individual at each school is designated to serve as the anti-bullying coordinator. All anti-bullying coordinators will be teacher-level or above and a list of coordinators will be kept on file at the District administration office and updated annually. Additionally, a District anti-bullying coordinator will be designated. The building anti-bullying coordinator is: the principal and can be reached at 660-458-6271.

School Day – A day on the District calendar when students are required to attend school.

Reporting Bullying or Cyberbullying

District employees are required to report any instance of bullying of which the employee has firsthand knowledge. Any employee, substitute, or volunteer who witnesses an incident of bullying must report the incident to the building anti-bullying coordinator within two (2) school days of witnessing the incident. If the anti-bullying coordinator is unavailable or is the subject of the report, the employee should contact the District's Compliance Officer. In addition, all District employees, substitutes, or volunteers must direct all persons seeking to report an incident of bullying to the building anti-bullying coordinator.

Any individual making a verbal report of bullying will be asked to submit a written complaint to the anti-bullying coordinator. If the person refuses or is unable to submit a written complaint, the anti-bullying coordinator will summarize the verbal complaint in writing.

When an anti-bullying coordinator is informed about a possible bullying or cyberbullying incident, verbal, written, or otherwise, the District will conduct a prompt, impartial, and thorough investigation to determine whether misconduct, including unlawful conduct, occurred. The District will implement interim measures as necessary. When it is determined that bullying or cyberbullying occurred, the District will take appropriate action for violations of District expectations and rules.

Investigation

Within two (2) school days of receipt of a report of bullying or cyberbullying, the anti-bullying coordinator or designee will initiate an investigation of the incident. The school principal may appoint other school staff to assist with the investigation. The investigation will be completed within ten (10) school days from the date of the written report unless good cause exists to extend the investigation. A copy of the written report of the investigation and results will be sent to the District anti-bullying coordinator and

included in the files of the victim and the alleged or actual perpetrator of bullying or cyberbullying. All reports are confidential in accordance with law and District rules.

Retaliation

The District prohibits reprisal or retaliation against any person who reports an act of bullying or cyberbullying, testifies, or participates in any manner with an investigation proceeding, or hearing. The District will take appropriate remedial action for any student, teacher, administrator, or other school personnel who retaliates.

Consequences of Bullying, Cyberbullying, or Retaliation

When the District receives a report of bullying, cyberbullying, or retaliation, interim measures to protect the victim(s) will be taken. If an investigation determines that bullying, cyberbullying, or retaliation occurred, the District will act to end the bullying, cyberbullying or retaliation.

Students who are determined to have participated in bullying, cyberbullying, or retaliation will be disciplined in accordance with the District discipline policy. Consequences may include, but are not limited to, loss of privileges, detention, in- or out-of-school suspension, expulsion, and referral to law enforcement. Any determination of consequences will consider factors such as the age of the student(s), developmental level of the student(s), degree of harm, severity of behavior, disciplinary history, and other educationally relevant factors.

District employees and substitutes who violate this policy will be disciplined, up to and including termination. Volunteers, visitors, patrons, or others who violate this policy may be prohibited from District property or activities, or other remedial action.

Public Notice

The District will:

1. Provide information and appropriate training to District staff who have significant contact with students regarding the policy.
2. Provide education and information to students regarding bullying, including information regarding the District policy prohibiting bullying, the harmful effects of bullying, and applicable initiatives to address bullying, including student peer-to-peer initiatives to provide accountability and policy enforcement for those found to have engaged in bullying, cyberbullying, and/or retaliation against any person who reports an act of bullying.
3. Instruct school counselors, school and licensed social workers, mental health professionals, and school psychologists to educate students who are victims of bullying on techniques for overcoming bullying's negative effects. Techniques will include, but are not limited to, cultivating the student's self-worth and self-esteem; teaching the student to defend himself/herself assertively and effectively; helping the student develop

- social skills; and/or encouraging the student to develop an internal locus of control.
4. Implement programs and other initiatives to address and respond to bullying in a manner that does not stigmatize the victim and makes resources or referrals available to victims of bullying.

Complaints alleging unlawful discrimination, harassment, or retaliation in violation of District policy will be referred for investigation to the District Compliance Officer.

Report Form

This form is available in the front office.

Complaints or Concerns C-120-S

Effective communication helps avoid and resolve many complaints, concerns, misunderstandings and disagreements. Individuals who have a complaint or concern should discuss their concerns with the school personnel involved in the issue at hand in an effort to resolve problems. This step will usually involve communicating directly with the person or persons with whom the complainant has a concern. This step may be skipped when the complainant in good faith believes that speaking directly to the person would subject the complainant to discrimination, harassment or retaliation.

This step may also be skipped if the complainant in good faith believes that any law or a District policy or written rule has been violated. The District has adopted specific procedures for investigation and resolution for complaints or concerns as required by specific and varying laws that are applicable to the District. The District's Compliance Officer should be contacted with any complaints or concerns that any law or District written rule has been violated, including but not limited to, laws relating to: civil rights, including discrimination, harassment, and retaliation; special education matters including the IEP and 504 processes and services; federal programs and related services; bullying; and The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, including student records and confidentiality.

When communicating directly with the school personnel involved in the issue does not resolve matters satisfactorily, or if it is appropriate to skip the first step as described above, a complainant should consult with the District's Compliance Officer who will direct the complainant to the appropriate process for resolution of the complaint. The District designates the following individual to act as the District's Compliance Officer:

Name:	Superintendent
Phone #:	660-458-6271
Email Address:	admin@lathambraves.com

In the event the District's Compliance Officer is unavailable or is the subject of a report that would otherwise be made to the Compliance Officer, reports should instead be directed to the alternative Compliance Officer:

Name:	Board Secretary
Phone #:	660-458-6271
Email Address:	office@lathambraves.com

All complaints of violation of any law or a District policy or written rule will be promptly investigated by the District, and appropriate action will be taken. Complainants are strongly encouraged to provide their concerns in writing.

Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA) Complaint Procedures

This guide explains how to file a complaint about any of the programs (Title I, A,B, C, D, II, III, IV.A, V) that are administered by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (the Department) under the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA).

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1. What is a complaint?

For these purposes, a complaint is a written allegation that a local education agency (LEA) or the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (the Department) has violated a federal statute or regulation that applies to a program under ESSA.

2. Who may file a complaint?

Any individual or organization may file a complaint.

3. How can a complaint be filed?

Complaints can be filed with the LEA or with the Department.

4. How will a complaint filed with the LEA be investigated?

Complaints filed with the LEA are to be investigated and attempted to be resolved according to the locally developed and adopted procedures.

5. What happens if a complaint is not resolved at the local level (LEA)?

A complaint not resolved at the local level may be appealed to the Department.

6. How can a complaint be filed with the Department?

A complaint filed with the Department must be a written, signed statement that include:

- A statement that a requirement that applies to an ESSA program has been violated by the LEA or the Department, and
- The facts on which the statement is based on the specific requirements allegedly violated.

7. How will a complaint filed with the Department be investigated?

The investigation and complaint resolution proceedings will be completed within a time limit of forty-five calendar days. That time limit can be extended by the agreement of all parties.

The following activities will occur in the investigation:

- **Record.** A written record of the investigation will be kept.
- **Notification of LEA.** The LEA will be notified of the complaint within five days of the complaint being filed.
- **Resolution at LEA.** The LEA will then initiate its local complaint procedures in an effort to first resolve the complaint at the local level.
- **Report by LEA.** Within thirty-five days of the complaint being filed, the LEA will submit a written summary of the LEA investigation and complaint resolution. This report is considered public record and may be made available to parents, teachers, and other members of the general public.
- **Verification.** Within five days of receiving the written summary of a complaint resolution, the Department will verify the resolution of the complaint through an on-site visit, letter, or telephone call(s).
- **Appeal.** The complainant or the LEA may appeal the decision of the Department to the U.S. Department of Education.

8. How are complaints related to equitable services to nonpublic school children handled differently?

In addition to the procedures listed in number 7 above, complaints related to equitable services will also be filed with the U.S. Department of Education, and they will receive all information related to the investigation and resolution of the complaint. Also, appeals to the United States Department of Education must be

filed no longer than thirty days following the Department's resolution of the complaint (or its failure to resolve the complaint).

9. How will appeals to the Department be investigated?

The Department will initiate within ten days, which will be concluded within thirty days from the day of the appeal. This investigation may be continued beyond the thirty day limit at the discretion of the Department. At the conclusion of the investigation, the Department will communicate the decision and reasons for the decision to the complainant and the LEA. Recommendations and details of the decision are to be implemented within fifteen days of the decision being delivered to the LEA.

10. What happens if a complaint is not resolved at the state level (the Department)?

The complainant or the LEA may appeal the decision of the Department to the United States Department of Education.

Equal Opportunity and Prohibition against Harassment, Discrimination, and Retaliation C-130-S

The District is committed to providing equal opportunity in all areas of admission, recruiting, hiring, employment, retention, promotion, contracted services, and access to programs, services, activities, and facilities. The District strictly prohibits any unlawful discrimination or harassment against any person because of race, color, religion, disability, age, sex, gender, national origin, or any other characteristic protected by law. The District also prohibits retaliatory action, harassment, or discrimination against individuals who make complaints of, report, or otherwise participate in the investigation of any such unlawful discrimination, harassment, or retaliation. The District is an equal opportunity employer.

Anyone who believes that they have been discriminated, harassed, and/or retaliated against in violation of this policy should report the alleged discrimination, harassment and/or retaliation to the District's Compliance Officer. The District designates the following individual to act as the District's Compliance Officer:

Name:	Superintendent
Phone #:	660-458-6271
Email Address:	admin@lathambraves.com

In the event the District's Compliance Officer is unavailable or is the subject of a report that would otherwise be made to the Compliance Officer, reports should instead be directed to the alternative Compliance Officer:

Name:	Board Secretary
Phone #:	660-458-6271

Email Address: office@lathambraves.com

All employees, students, and visitors who have witnessed any incident or behavior that could constitute discrimination, harassment, or retaliation under this policy must immediately report such incident or behavior to the District's Compliance Officer for investigation.

All complaints of violation of this policy will be promptly investigated by the District, and appropriate action will be taken.

Title IX C-131-S

The District does not discriminate on the basis of sex in the education program or activity that it operates and is required by Title IX not to discriminate in such a manner. The requirement not to discriminate in the education program or activity extends to admissions and employment. Inquiries about the application of Title IX to the District may be referred to the Title IX Coordinator or Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights of the Department of Education, or both.

The District designates the following individual to serve as the District's Title IX Coordinator:

Name or Title:	Superintendent
Address:	156 School Street, P.O. Box 367, Latham, MO 65050
Email Address:	admin@lathambraves.com
Phone #:	660-458-6271

Any person may report sex discrimination, including sexual harassment (whether or not the person reporting is the person alleged to be the victim of conduct that could constitute sex discrimination or sexual harassment), in person, by mail, by telephone, or by electronic mail, using the contact information listed for the Title IX Coordinator, or by any other means that results in the Title IX Coordinator receiving the person's verbal or written report. Such a report may be made at any time (including during non-business hours) by using the telephone number or electronic mail address, or by mail to the office address listed for the Title IX Coordinator.

All employees, students, and visitors who have witnessed, heard about, or received a report about any incident or behavior that could constitute sexual harassment under this policy must immediately report such incident or behavior to the District's Title IX Coordinator for investigation. If the allegations are against the District's Title IX Coordinator, it must be immediately reported to the Superintendent, unless the Superintendent is also the Title IX Coordinator, then to the President of the Board of Education.

All complaints of violation of this policy will be promptly investigated by the District, and appropriate action will be taken.

Student Searches S-175-S

Desks, lockers, and other District property provided for student use are subject to periodic and random inspections without notice.

Student property may be searched based upon reasonable suspicion of a violation of school rules or law and an examination of facts, credible information, or reasonable inferences based upon the facts and circumstances. Searches will be conducted in the presence of an adult witness.

Law enforcement will be contacted if a search produces a controlled substance, drug paraphernalia, weapons, stolen goods, or evidence of a crime.

Student Alcohol/Drug Abuse S-195-S

The District takes measures to foster a safe and drug-free learning environment that supports student engagement and development. Therefore, educational programs are provided to help students cultivate healthy lifestyles and age-appropriate drug awareness. All use, sale, transfer, distribution, possession, or being under the influence of unauthorized prescription drugs, alcohol, narcotic substances, unauthorized inhalants, controlled substances, illegal drugs, or counterfeit substances on any District property, vehicles, or at District-sponsored events is strictly prohibited. Suspected or known violations of the District policy should be immediately reported to school authorities. Any incidents that violate this policy are subject to disciplinary action and notification to law enforcement. Any confiscated substances will be turned over to law enforcement.

In cases where it is necessary for a student to take prescription or over-the-counter medications during the school day, the medication must be documented by the nurse's office in accordance with written label directions and parental permission in compliance with District rules. (See the Handbook's section on Administration of Medication for more information.)

Any drug/alcohol offense may result in one or more of the following: Administrator/Student conference, detention, in-school suspension, 1-180 days out-of-school suspension or expulsion, restitution if appropriate, loss of privileges including, but not limited to: confiscation of the contraband item, loss of parking privileges, loss of technology privileges, and referral to law enforcement. (See the Handbook's section on Student Discipline for more information.)

The possession or use of medical marijuana at school is prohibited. Students under the influence of medical marijuana may result in discipline.

Weapons in School S-200-S

The District strictly prohibits unauthorized possession or use of weapons on District property, at District-sponsored activities, either on- or off-campus, and District transportation. Weapons will be confiscated and reported to law enforcement authorities.

Examples of prohibited weapons may include, but are not limited to, blackjack, concealable firearm, explosive weapon, firearm, firearm silencer, gas gun, knife, machine gun, knuckles, projectile weapon, rifle, shotgun, spring gun, switchblade or any knife, mace spray, or items customarily used, or which can be used, to inflict injury upon another person or property.

By law, a student who brings a weapon prohibited by law on school property will be expelled or suspended from school for not less than one calendar year and referred to law enforcement. The expulsion or suspension may be modified on a case-by-case basis upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to the Board. Other provisions of the discipline code related to the offense may be applied in addition to the consequences required by law. Students with disabilities who violate this policy will be reviewed under the provisions of the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) and/or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.

Instruction

Assessment Program I-195-S

All students will participate in the required, statewide screening and assessment program or an alternative assessment as determined by a student's Individual Education Plan (IEP). The District will comply with all assessment requirements for students with disabilities. The District has a written assessment plan, which is updated and posted annually on the District's website. The assessment plan is posted on the District's website.

Teaching About Human Sexuality I-120-S

Students will be provided instruction regarding human sexuality that is appropriate for students' age and gender. Students in 6th grade through 12th grade will be provided training regarding sexual abuse that is trauma-informed and developmentally appropriate. District Policy provides information about the requirements related to content. Parents/guardians have the right to remove their student from any part of human sexuality instruction or sexual abuse training. All curriculum materials used in the District's human sexuality instruction and sexual abuse training are available for review prior to its use in instruction.

Section 504 I-125-S

The District is required to undertake measures to identify and locate every qualified disabled person residing in the District who is not receiving a public education; and take appropriate steps to notify disabled persons and their parent or guardians of the District's duty.

The District will provide free appropriate public education (FAPE) to each qualified disabled person in the District's jurisdiction regardless of the nature or severity of the person's disability. For purposes of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the provision of an appropriate education is the provision of regular or special and related aids and services that are designed to meet individual educational needs of disabled

persons as adequately as the needs of nondisabled persons are met and are based on adherence to procedures that satisfy the requirements of the Section 504 federal regulations.

The District has developed a 504 Procedures Manual for the implementation of federal regulations for Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Subpart D. This Procedures Manual may be reviewed *Tuesday – Friday (8:00 am – 4:00 pm)* in the front office at 156 School Street, Latham, MO 65050. Alternative times are available by request.

This notice will be provided in native languages as appropriate.

Special Education I-125-S

The District is required to locate, evaluate, and identify children with disabilities who are under the jurisdiction of the District, regardless of the severity of the disability, including children attending private schools, children who live outside the District but are attending a private school within the District, highly mobile children, such as migrant and homeless children, children who are wards of the state, and children who are suspected of having a disability and in need of special education even though they are advancing from grade to grade. The District assures that it will provide a free, appropriate public education (FAPE) to all eligible children with disabilities between the ages of 3 and 21 under its jurisdiction. Disabilities include autism, deaf/blindness, emotional disorders, hearing impairment and deafness, intellectual disability, multiple disabilities, orthopedic impairment, other health impairments, specific learning disabilities, speech or language impairment, traumatic brain injury, visual impairment/blindness and young child with a developmental delay.

The District assures that it will provide information and referral services necessary to assist the State of Missouri in the implementation of early intervention services for infants and toddlers eligible for the Missouri First Steps program.

The District assures that personally identifiable information collected, used, or maintained by the District for the purposes of identification, evaluation, placement or provision of FAPE of children with disabilities may be inspected and/or reviewed by their parents/guardians. Parents/guardians may request amendment to the educational record if the parent/guardian believes the record is inaccurate, misleading, or violates the privacy or other rights of their child. Parents have the right to file complaints with the U.S. Department of Education or the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education concerning alleged failures by the District to meet the requirements of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

The District has developed a Local Compliance Plan for the implementation of State Regulations for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). This plan contains the agency's policies and procedures regarding storage, disclosure to third parties, retention and destruction of personally identifiable information and the agency's assurances that services are provided in compliance with the General Education Provision Act (GEPA).

This plan may be reviewed *Tuesday – Friday (8:00 am – 4:00 pm)* in the front office at 156 School Street, Latham, MO 65050. Alternative times are available by request.

This notice will be provided in native languages as appropriate.

Virtual/Online Courses I-160-S

The District offers online classes for students for acceleration, credit recovery, and options for students who need flexible schedules. The courses are taught by Missouri teachers, are aligned with the Missouri State Learning Standards, and follow the same semester calendar as face-to-face classes. The requirements for the enrollment and approval process are outlined in District Policy. Students whose educational interests are best served through on-line options may take up to six credits per semester.

For more information regarding online courses, consult the secondary course catalog and/or speak with your school counselor. Additional information about resources and processes may be accessed on the District's website at <https://www.lathambraves.com/> and District Policy.

Technology F-265-S

Policy on Student Display or Use of Electronic Personal Communications Devices

For purposes of this policy, an "electronic personal communications device" means a portable device used to initiate, receive, store, or view communication, information, images, or data electronically.

This includes, but is not limited to, mobile phones, personal tablets, smartwatches, personal laptops, handheld gaming devices, meta/AI glasses, and earbuds/headphones connected to these devices.

Prohibited Display or Use

Students are prohibited from displaying or using electronic personal communications devices from the beginning of the school day until the end of the school day.

Students must place their phones and devices in the designated box located outside the principal's office upon arrival and retrieve them at the end of the day, either after school or following sports practice, whichever is later.

Disciplinary Procedures

Violations of this policy shall result in the devices being confiscated. Parents may make arrangements with the principal to pick up these items—they will not be returned to the student.

Exceptions

Display or use of an electronic personal communications device shall be permitted if required under:

- An Individualized Education Program (IEP)
- A Section 504 Plan

- An Individualized Emergency Health Care Plan or Individualized Health Care Plan (under §167.625 RSMo)
- The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), as amended
- The Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended
- The Civil Rights Act of 1964
- The Equal Educational Opportunities Act of 1974 for English language learners

Use of electronic devices are also allowed under the following conditions:

- In case of an emergency, a serious, unexpected, and dangerous situation that requires immediate action. This includes but not limited to the following: an active fire, active tornado or earthquake, active shooter, evacuation of school grounds, a medical emergency, or any other serious, unexpected, and dangerous situation that requires immediate action.

Technology Devices and Acceptable Use Policy

The District maintains an environment that promotes ethical and responsible conduct in all online network activities by employees and students. All authorized users are expected to acknowledge and comply with the rules and policies of technology usage and the District network.

Technology Devices

All students will have access to a Chromebook. Students in grades K-4 will also have access to Ipads.

Acceptable Use

All use of District devices and Internet usage must support educational purposes consistent with the District mission. Network accounts must be accessed only by the authorized user of the assigned account without an expectation of privacy from the District. Employee and student subscriptions to mailing lists and bulletin boards require prior approval by the system administrator. All online activity will be respectful and align with the code of conduct, discipline, and other related policies of the District. All technology of students will be monitored in compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA).

Unacceptable Use

Any use of the network for commercial, for-profit, political purposes or advertisement is prohibited. Excessive use of the network for personal business may be cause for disciplinary action. No use of the network may be used to disrupt the use of the network by others or to destroy, modify, or abuse the system in any manner. District resources may not be used to download software or other files unrelated to its mission. Use of the network to access or process pornographic, dangerous, or inappropriate files as determined by the administrator is prohibited. The network may not be used to download, duplicate, or distribute copyrighted materials. The network shall not be used for any unlawful purposes. Use of profanity, harassing, or other offensive or discriminatory language is prohibited.

User Agreements

Parents and, when age-appropriate, students are required to review and sign User Agreements in order to access District technology. (See User Agreement form in this handbook.)

Safety and Cybersecurity

The District monitors the online activities of students and operates a technology protection measure (“filtering/blocking device”) on the network and/or all computers with Internet access, as required by law. The filtering/blocking device will attempt to protect against access to visual depictions that are obscene or harmful to minors or are child pornography, as required by law. Filters/blocking devices are not foolproof, and the District cannot guarantee that users will never be able to access offensive materials using District equipment. Evading or disabling, or attempting to evade or disable, a filtering/blocking device installed by the District is prohibited.

Building Information

Grading and Reporting System

Report cards are issued at the end of each quarter. If a conference with the teacher is warranted, please call to set up an appointment.

The following grading scale will be used for grades 3-8

100-95	A
94-90	A-
89-87	B+
86-83	B
82-80	B-
79-77	C+
76-73	C
72-70	C-
69-67	D+
66-63	D
62-60	D-
59-0	F

Honor Roll

Honor Roll is designed to recognize effort and achievement in grades 3-8. It will be posted quarterly and will be based on the 4.00 scale. All students receiving a GPA of 4.0 will be recognized on the Principal’s Honor Roll. Students receiving a GPA of 3.0-3.75 will be recognized on the Honor Roll.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher conferences will be held at the end of the first and third quarters. Parents of all students are strongly encouraged to attend conferences to learn about their student’s progress. Conferences are also available at other times upon parent request.

Promotion and Retention

It is expected that most students will be promoted annually from one grade level to the next upon satisfactory completion of work. However, a student may be retained if they are not meeting the minimum objectives set forth by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the local Board of Education.

Retention Policy for Fourth Grade

Senate Bill 319 states that any fourth grader reading below the third grade level will be retained in the fourth grade. Students are exempt from this mandatory retention if:

- they receive special educational services under an individual education plan;
- they receive services under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and that plan includes elements that address reading;
- they are determined to have limited English proficiency; or
- they have been determined, prior to the beginning of any school year, to have a cognitive ability insufficient to meet the reading requirement described above. Students may not be retained more than one time based on the reading requirement in Senate Bill 319.

Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) Activities

Students participating in Co-Op MSHSAA activities must comply with all MSHSAA requirements, the policies and requirements of the District hosting the Co-Op, and the policies and requirements of the Moniteau Co. R-5 School District.

District Sponsored Extra-Curricular Activities and Clubs I-210-S

Extracurricular activities sponsored by the District are part of the educational experience and opportunities for students. Clubs, sports, and other groups seek a diverse range of students and provide fair access under the law. Students are encouraged to identify activities matched to their interests and ability levels and participate in those activities. Participation in extracurricular activities is voluntary and a privilege. Therefore, students must meet certain academic standards, demonstrate acceptable citizenship and behavior, and maintain appropriate attendance in order to be eligible to participate. Unless special arrangements have been made with the principal, a student is required to attend school on the day of an activity in order to participate. All extracurricular activities are supervised by District employees and the expected code of conduct for students remains the same as during the standard school day. Additional guidelines for specific groups, including activities sanctioned by the Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA), may be outlined at the beginning of the year and/or season. Competitive, interscholastic activities may have evaluation procedures that eliminate some students from participation. When students are not selected for participation, communication will occur in a personal and respectful way.

School Cancellations and/or Early Dismissal

School will be closed when weather conditions are such that buses are unable to run safely. A broadcast will be made utilizing the Remind 101 system to notify students and parents/guardians. Announcements will also be made on the District Facebook page,

KOMU 8, KRCG 13, and KMIZ 17. Please do not call the administration or radio/TV stations for this information.

At times, school may dismiss early during the day. In the event such a closing should occur, a broadcast will be made and media notified. Information should be given to your child as to what s/he should do if this situation arises. Please keep a watch on the weather, especially in the winter months. If the school needs to send your student to another destination or phone someone to pick her/him, please have this information on file in the office. Time is short in emergency situations and every effort will be made to keep students safe.

Arrival and Dismissal Procedures S-165-S

Any student who leaves during the school day will need to be signed out by a parent/guardian at the office. Students who are entering school after 7:50 a.m. will need to be signed in by a parent/guardian. Students may not leave school grounds without permission from the classroom teacher or the office. Please be on time when picking up your student, teachers and staff are not available or scheduled to supervise students after 3:30 pm. If a child is late getting picked up more than three times, the Children's Division may be called.

Class Schedules/Bell Schedules

Bell Schedule (Grades 5-8)

1 st hour	7:50-8:50
2 nd hour	8:53-9:53
3 rd hour	9:56-10:56
4 th hour	10:59-11:59
Lunch	12:00-12:20
5 th hour	12:25-1:25
6 th hour	1:28-2:28
7 th hour	2:31-3:30

At 7:15 a.m. doors open for students. Students should not arrive at school prior to 7:15 a.m. Teachers are not available to supervise prior to this time. Anyone arriving after 7:50 will need a parent to sign them in at the office and will be considered tardy.

The school day ends at 3:30. Any student leaving before this time will be docked for their time missed.

Student Use of School Phone

Students will be permitted to use the telephone in the office for special cases. All plans for special arrangements should be made prior to the student arriving to school. Students will not be allowed to use the phone to make arrangements to visit friends, stay overnight, get forgotten items, or engage in after-school activities.

Parties/Celebrations

All birthday and party treats need to be store bought. We can no longer allow homemade treats to be brought into school. This policy will be strictly enforced. Treats must be brought in their original sealed container from the store. No foods may enter classrooms if they contain ingredients that any student is allergic to.

Lockers

Each student in grades 5th-8th is assigned a hallway locker. Locks are prohibited even if provided by the student or parent.

Personal Items

Personal Items To Leave At Home

- Pets-special arrangements can be made for a pet visit-see your child's teacher.
- Knives, sharp objects, toy guns, weapons of any kind.
- Toys, electronic games, trading cards.
- Shoes with wheels are not permitted at school or school activities.
- Party Invitations-Students may only pass out party invitations if they include everyone in the class-please get permission from your child's teacher prior to sending to school.

The school will not be responsible for loss or theft of any of the above items.

Recess Rules

In addition to student conduct expectations, the following rules apply for recess times:

1. If a problem arises, the students should report to a supervisor with details immediately.
2. Leave nature alone-trees, flowers, leaves, rocks, animals, etc. all need to be left alone.
3. Dress appropriately-shoes must be worn at all times.
4. Stay off of the ground (rolling around, wrestling, etc.)
5. Respect school property-this includes using equipment as it is intended.
6. Use appropriate language.
7. Respect the personal space and property of others.
8. Keep hands, feet, and all other objects to yourself.

Recess Consequences

First Offense:	Reteach Rule
Second Offense:	Five minute loss of recess. Student must explain which rule was broken and what they will do differently next time.
Third Offense:	Sit out remainder of recess, plus loss of next day's recess. Student must explain what they will do differently next time. The

	recess duty teacher will contact parent. Student may walk track if teacher agrees to it.
Fourth Offense:	Sent to the administrator. Behavior plan will be made, loss of recess for one week. Student will contact their parent. Student may walk track if teacher and administrator agrees to it.
Fifth Offense and Beyond:	Loss of recess privilege to be determined by teacher on duty and administrator. Parent will be contacted. Student may walk track if teacher and administrator agrees to it.

***Teachers on recess duty will document incidents.

Supply Lists

Supply lists will be sent home at the end of each year. The lists are also available on the District's website.

Community-Teacher Organization (CTO)

CTO is the parent-teacher organization for our district. This organization supports and organizes school fundraisers that directly benefit Moniteau Co. R-5's students and teachers. We welcome and encourage all parents and staff to become involved in CTO. There is no cost to join this organization! The group will meet periodically, please keep an eye out for more information as to the first meeting date.

District Policy Information

Physical Examinations and Screenings S-146-S

The District will generally obtain parental consent before administering a physical examination or screening on a student. However, the District may forgo obtaining parental consent if there is a health or safety concern or by court order.

No nonemergency, invasive physical examinations or screenings of student are scheduled or expected to be scheduled at this time.

Parents and guardians will be provided an opportunity to opt out of any nonemergency, invasive physical examination or screening of their student.

This policy does not apply to any physical examination or screening that is permitted or required by state law, including physical examinations or screenings that are permitted without parent notification.

Surveying, Analyzing, and Evaluating Students S-150-S

The District has developed District Policies regarding the rights of a parent/guardian to:

- Inspect all instructional materials.

- Inspect and provide prior written consent for a student to participate in certain student surveys.
- Be informed of and provide prior written consent for physical examinations or screenings that the school or agency may administer to a student.
- Be informed of the District's collection, disclosure, or use of personal information collected from students for the purpose of marketing or for selling that information (or otherwise providing that information to others for that purpose), including arrangements to protect student privacy that are provided by the agency in the event of such collection, disclosure, or use.

If a parent/guardian would like to request the review of any of the above materials, please contact: the front office.

All District policies can be located at: <https://egs.edcounsel.law/latham-school-district-policies/>

School Nutritional Program F-290-S

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), religious creed, disability, age, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotope, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the [USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form](#), (AD-3027) found online at: [How to File a Complaint](#), and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

Mail:	U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
Fax:	(202) 690-7442; or
Email:	program.intake@usda.gov

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Student Transfers S-120-S

1. Students who are homeless or in foster care may attend their school of origin if it is in the student's best interest. The District may assign District students with disabilities (served under the provisions of an Individual Education Plan (IEP) or Section 504 Plan (504)) to a school outside the student's attendance area as determined by the IEP or 504 team. In special circumstances, and at the mutual discretion of the participating school Districts, Districts may contract for necessary services for students with disabilities.
2. The District will consider students placed into programs by the Missouri Department of Mental Health (DMH), the Department of Social Services (DSS), or by a court order a resident of the District in which the program is housed. The District will allow a student to attend another school within the District if that student is enrolled in a persistently dangerous school or becomes a victim of a violent criminal offense on school property as mandated by state regulations.

Trauma-Informed Schools Initiative

The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) has established the "Trauma-Informed Schools Initiative" and created a website with more information about this initiative. In accordance with Missouri law, the District is providing notice of the address for this website: <https://dese.mo.gov/college-career-readiness/school-counseling/traumainformed>.

Tobacco-Free Policy C-150-S

To promote the health of all individuals, the District prohibits all employees, students and patrons from smoking or using tobacco products, electronic cigarettes or imitation tobacco or cigarette products in all District facilities, on District transportation, on all District grounds at all times and at any District-sponsored event or activity while off campus.

Safety F-225-S

The District conducts drills in the fall and spring including, but not limited to, severe weather, fire, intruder, etc.

Firearms and Weapons F-235-S

Possession of weapons, including concealed weapons, is strictly prohibited on District property, on District transportation or at any District function or activity sponsored by the District unless the visitor is an authorized law enforcement official or is specifically authorized by the Board.

Use of Recording Devices or Drones C-165-S

The District prohibits audio and visual recordings on District property, District transportation or at a District activity unless authorized by the Superintendent.

Requests for such authorization must be made within a reasonable period of time prior to the recording. Unless otherwise specified by the Superintendent, exceptions in Policy C-165-P apply to this prohibition.

All unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), commonly known as drones, with the potential to capture or produce visual images of District property or District events must be operated in accordance with applicable Federal Aviation Administration regulations or safety guidelines and must receive authorization from the Superintendent to operate a UAS on or over District property or at a District event.

Signature and Form Requirements

- *Technology Usage Agreement Form*
- *Student/Parent Handbook Acknowledgement Form*

*Student Technology Usage Agreement**Students (for grades 2nd and above)*

I have read, understand, and agree to the Technology Acceptable Use Policy when using electronic devices owned, leased, or operated by the District *or* while accessing the District Wi-Fi/Internet, even if using a personal device. Should I violate the policy (F-265-P) or the Student Parent Handbook provision regarding technology usage (F-265-S), my access privileges may be revoked. I also understand that any violation of the policy or Student Parent Handbook is prohibited and may result in disciplinary or legal action.

Student Signature:

Student Name (please print):

Student ID: _____ Grade: _____ Date: _____

Parent Technology Usage Agreement Permission Form

As the parent/guardian, I have read, understand, and agree to the Technology Acceptable Use Policy (F-265-P) and the Student Parent Handbook provision regarding technology usage (F-265-S) when my student(s) or family are using electronic devices owned, leased, or operated by the District *or* while accessing the District Wi-Fi/Internet, even if using a personal device. Should my student(s) violate the policy or Student Parent Handbook, access privileges may be revoked. I also understand that any violation of the policy or handbook is prohibited and may result in disciplinary or legal consequences. I further understand that the District has taken steps to control access to the Internet, but cannot guarantee that all controversial information will be inaccessible to student users. I agree not to hold the District responsible for materials acquired on the network and accept responsibility when my student(s) uses District technology outside the school setting. I give permission for my student(s) to use District technology and network resources, including the Internet.

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Parent/Guardian Name (please print):

Date: _____

*Students 18 years of age or older may sign this release form for themselves.

I acknowledge that I have received and reviewed the 2025-2026 Student/Parent Handbook. I understand the policies and guidelines of the District and that violations of these policies and guidelines may result in disciplinary action.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Parent/Guardian Name (please print):

Date: _____

*Students 18 years of age or older may sign this release form for themselves.