

# South Holt R-I



## Elementary Student/Parent Handbook

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### Mission C-110-S

The mission of the South Holt R-I is: to provide lifelong learning opportunities through a commitment to academic excellence preparing effective responsible citizens to meet future challenges and to live productive lives in a changing society.

### School Board Members G-100-S

Jason Kurtz-President

Neal Prussman-Vice President

Diane Schroeder-Treasurer

Jim Kelly

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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 schools.

Accordingly, complaints or concerns made to Board members will be referred to the appropriate District point of contact for resolution.

### District and School Building and Contact Information

Superintendent	Mrs. Jean Peavler
Elementary Principal & Director of Special Education	Mrs. Kristen Mendenhall
Secondary Principal & Athletic Director	Ted Quinlin
Elementary Secretary	Mrs. Hannah Vergith
Nurse	Mrs. Blair Costello
School Counselor	Miss Julie Weipert & Mrs. Paige Martin

Technology Coordinator	Ms. Lisa Fansher
Pre-School	Mrs. Elizabeth Dudeck
Kindergarten	Mrs. Lindsay Gordon
1st Grade	Mrs. Sarah Kurtz & Mrs. Tracie Bevering
2nd Grade	Mrs. Amy Nester
3rd Grade	Mrs. Kim Long
4th Grade	Mrs. Michelle Knapp
5th Grade	Mrs. Mallorie Kunkel
6th Grade	Mrs. Rachel Plummer
Title I Reading	Mrs. Lisa Slusher
Art	Ms. Makynlee Turner
Music	Ms. Kelley Sybert
Physical Education	Mrs. April Allen
Library & Technology	Mrs. Nichole Anderson
Special Education	Mrs. Emily Crane & Mrs. Michele Schuman
Speech and Language	Ms. Kathy Blair
Para Professionals	Mrs. Kerri Boyd, Ms. Megan DeBee, Mrs. Raegan Medsker, Mrs. Kaitlyn Nauman, Ms. Nancy Nauman, and Mrs. Shelby Wallace

Kitchen Staff	Mrs. Sescha Hicks, Mrs. Carmen Mudd, and Ms. Miranda Stawkowski
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### Elementary Office

The elementary offices are located at the west entrance, off the playground. Please contact the office by phone at (660) 446-2356. If you need to enter the school during the school day, ring the bell outside the office and a member of the office staff will assist you.

### Hours

South Holt Elementary is in session Monday through Friday from 8:24-3:14. Students should not arrive before 8:00 a.m., as supervision is not provided until 8:00 a.m. A student is considered tardy if not in the classroom by 8:24 a.m. School is dismissed at 3:14 p.m. Students are expected to leave the school premises immediately after dismissal.

School personnel are on duty from 8:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Arrangements can be made for meetings with teachers or the principal outside regular hours by contacting the elementary office.

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

## Welcome Letter

Dear South Holt Families,

Welcome to South Holt Elementary School! I am excited to begin a great school year with the students, staff, and families at South Holt. The South Holt Elementary Staff is delighted to get students back in our classrooms, and we look forward to filling students with energy and enthusiasm for learning. Through our partnerships with families and the South Holt Community, I am confident that our students will achieve greatness this school year.

Our mission at South Holt is to partner with citizens of the district to provide all students with the opportunity to acquire the skills needed for productive lives in a changing world. We will work diligently to provide all students with the skills and learning experiences they need to grow and thrive in both their character development and academic achievement. We look forward to partnering with families to make a positive impact on our students and our school community.

Please familiarize yourself with the following handbook. The handbook will give you insight into various routines, procedures, and policies that help make South Holt Elementary a great learning environment for your child(ren). Feel free to contact the elementary office with any questions you have regarding the handbook or other school related topics. Through our ongoing communication, we can build a great partnership.

The staff at South Holt is looking forward to an exceptional year helping to grow and develop your child(ren) both socially and academically. We can't wait to see what the year has in store of each student who walks through our doors. Together we will make this a great school year at South Holt! Thank you for allowing us to partner with you in this journey.

Respectfully,

Kristen M. Mendenhall  
*Elementary Principal*

*The student handbook is issued to provide needed information for students and parents. It is not all-inclusive and the South Holt Board Policy Handbook takes precedence over this handbook should any conflict exist. Teachers may also have rules specific to their classrooms. If you want to know more about any section in the handbook, please ask. Keep this handbook for reference to questions and situations which may arise during the school. Those items not covered specifically in the handbook will be judged by the administration after consideration of all the facts.*

## Academic Calendar I-100-S

### 2025-2026 School Calendar Option

August 2025							South Holt R-I School District							February 2026										
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October 2025							Teacher PD Days							April 2026										
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School Closed							Early Release							Total Student Days -- 170 Days										
PD							Teacher PD Days							Report Cards										
Report Cards							Parent Teacher Conferences							First & Last Day of School										

## 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. 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. Should a student miss school on Friday, he/she will be ineligible for Saturday activities unless consent is given by administration **prior** to the absence. A parent call does not necessarily excuse an absence unless an administrator grants permission. Students with appointments (doctor, dental, etc.) must present a note from that professional to the high school office upon their return to

school. The administration makes the final determination regarding whether an absence is excused, unexcused, or truant.

*Procedures for Reporting an Absence*

Absences from school may be classified as excused, unexcused, or truancy. Attendance patterns for all students will be monitored. Absences, which are not clearly excusable, will be investigated by the principal and/or staff and appropriate action taken.

Authorized school trips such as field trips are not classified as absences. In case of absence, it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to notify the school. If the school is not notified on the day of the absence, a note from the parent/guardian will be required on the first day of the student's return to school. To ensure the safe whereabouts of each child, the elementary secretary or principal may call parents who have not contacted the school by 9:30 a.m. on the date of the absence.

Parents/guardians are expected to notify the school on any day their child is absent by 9:30AM. The parent may contact the school in a number of ways. They should contact the school by telephone (660-446-2356), written note (subject to verification), or e-mail ([mendenhallk@southholtri1.com](mailto:mendenhallk@southholtri1.com) or [vergithh@southholtri1.com](mailto:vergithh@southholtri1.com)). **An absence for which insufficient reason is presented, or if no contact is made by the parent before 9:30AM on the morning of the student's return will be considered unexcused.**

A student will not be readmitted to a class from which they have been absent until they have obtained an admit slip from the principal's office. It is the responsibility of the returning student to check with their teachers regarding makeup work.

The school will make every attempt to keep parents informed about their student's attendance record. Parents/Guardians will be notified by the school when a student has been absent 5 days in a semester, regardless of the reason. **If a student accumulates more than eight absences per semester, the parent/guardian will be notified and the school may notify the Juvenile Office.**

*Checking Out*

All students must check out through the office before departing. A parent/guardian must come inside the building and sign the student out in the office. It is the student's responsibility to follow this procedure. The student will be released if a parent/guardian has called and checked him/her out. If a student leaves school without going through this procedure, the student will be counted as unexcused or truant.

Students are to be released from school during school hours only with permission of the building principal/designee. Early dismissal of a student may be approved only by the principal/designee. Normally requests for early dismissal must be in writing, signed and dated by a parent/guardian.

No student is allowed to sign out for lunch.

### *Excused Absences*

1. Excused absences include the following:
  - a. Medical appointments: (doctors, dentists, etc.) - ALL such appointments require that a note from the health provider be presented at the principal's office on the day the student returns to South Holt. Failure to present this note to the office will result in the absence being counted as UNEXCUSED.
  - b. Court Appearances: (Civil and Criminal) - ALL such appearances require that a note from a court officer be presented at the principal's office on the day the student returns to South Holt.
  - c. Bereavement: Up to three days of excused absence may be granted for the death of an immediate family member (parent, sibling, or grandparent). Students may be excused to attend funerals of other relatives or friends at the discretion of the principal.
  - d. Family vacations: Vacations (outside of normal school breaks) will be considered excused up to a maximum of five days per school year. Any absences in excess of five days will be unexcused. The student must contact the administration in advance for it to be excused.
  - e. School-sponsored activities (e.g., field trips, athletic, competitions, etc.) Students are responsible for missed assignments/homework **due no later than** the day they return to class.
  - f. Religious Observances
  - g. 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
  - h. 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.

### *Make-Up Work*

The following procedures should be followed by students who are absent so as to prevent academic difficulties:

1. The student shall obtain assignments from appropriate staff members. Assignments shall be obtained in advance if the absence is foreseen. Parents may call the school office (660) 446-2356 to request that make-up work be sent to the office. Make-up work can be picked up after 2:00 in the elementary office.
2. All assigned work shall be submitted upon returning to school in a timely manner. A student will be allowed one day to complete missing assignments for each day missed, up to a maximum of three days upon their return to school.
3. All classroom work (to include tests) shall be completed as indicated by the individual classroom teacher. It is the student's responsibility to complete and turn in all missed work.

Students with prior notice of absence (field trip, athletics, appointments, etc.) must acquire classwork before the absence. Failure to do so may result in a zero for the classwork.

### *Unexcused Absences*

Unexcused absences include the following:

- a. Recreational activities (Hunting, fishing, shopping, etc.)
- b. Out of School Suspensions (OSS)
- c. Personal business
- d. Working for hire

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 Make-Up Work guidelines in the Excused Absences section above. 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.

### *Late Arrival/Tardiness*

A late arrival or tardy occurs when a student arrives to school after the school day has begun.. Tardiness will be counted as an unexcused absence in situations where the student arrives too late to have meaningful participation (8:50am) in the class, lesson or activity. Excessive tardiness may result in detention and/or notification of the Juvenile Office.

### *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 Make-Up Work guidelines in the Excused Absences section above.

Any school official or employee who knows or has reasonable cause to suspect that a student is being subjected to home conditions or circumstances which would reasonably result in truancy will immediately report or cause a report to be made to the building principal, or his/her designee, who will then become responsible for making a report via the Student Abuse Hotline to the Missouri Division of Family Services (DFS). The building principal shall inform the Superintendent/designee that a report has been made, and keep the Superintendent apprised of the status of the case.

## **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 (P.E. exemption for this item); or spaghetti straps of such a style that they do not adequately cover the wearer;
4. Clothing that does not cover undergarments when a student is sitting or standing;
5. Undergarments worn as outer wear or not covered;
6. Clothing that does not adequately cover the wearer;
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. Sunglasses, hats and hoods (hooded sweatshirts worn up);
12. Costumes and attire that are reserved for specific and approved occasions ie. dress-up days without administrative approval;
13. 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);
14. Blankets or covers carried or worn as coats or wraps while in the building or any other sleeping items;

### ***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 is served from 8:00 to 8:15. Cold cereal or a hot entree along with milk is available. Regular price for breakfast is \$1.60 daily.

#### *Lunch*

Each class is scheduled for a 20-minute lunch time. Regular price for lunch is \$2.70. Students may choose to bring a cold lunch from home. Milk is available in the cafeteria for \$.50. Students may bring their own drink, however, pop and other caffeinated drinks are not allowed.

#### *Food Service Notes*

- Parents will be notified via email or phone call when the balance on their child's food account has a negative balance.
- Parents may monitor their child's balance through the Power School Parent Portal. Contact Lisa Fansher, the district technology coordinator, for assistance accessing the Lunch Portal.
- There is a designated table for any student with peanut allergies. Students that bring peanut butter or peanut food items are not permitted to sit at that table.
- No pop, tea, energy drinks, etc. are to be brought or purchased for school meals.
- Students are not permitted to leave school for lunch.

South Holt R-I offers both breakfast and lunch programs. A calendar of breakfast and lunch menus will be sent home monthly, and may be accessed on the South Holt website. Free and reduced prices are offered to those who meet income guidelines. Applications will be sent home at the beginning of each school year, and may be requested at any time during the school year. Breakfast/lunch money will be collected by the classroom teacher daily. When sending payments with students, be sure to put the money or check in an envelope with the child(rens) name(s) on the outside and what the money is to be used for. Payments will not be accepted in the breakfast and lunch lines. All questions and inquiries about food account balances should be directed to the elementary secretary at (660) 446-2356.

Elementary students should not have more than a \$20.00 negative lunch balance. Once this amount is reached, parents receive automated notifications on regular basis until the debt is paid. Parents are also offered a Free and Reduced Lunch Application. While students have meal debt, students are able to continue to charge meals but are not allowed to get an extra entree.

*Free and Reduced Lunch Application*

This is distributed at the beginning of the school, upon enrollment of a new student, and any time it is requested.

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*

Students are not to share or trade food at any time. Other students in the school (or bus) may have a LIFE-THREATENING food allergy, usually to NUTS/PEANUTS. Always check with the classroom teacher with regards to any food allergies if bringing food to school for parties/classroom events.

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, Narcan, 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 school nurse 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 accommodations 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 a school nurse. The school nurse for your student's building may provide services in other buildings as well. Although the nurse may be not physically present at all times in a specific building, the nurse is 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*

Students feeling sick should report to the office and then they will then be sent to the nurse. Before any student leaves the school, he or she must report through the office. Parents will be notified before sending a student home from school.

Every accident that occurs in relation to the school must be reported immediately to the person in charge and to the school office. School staff will fill out an accident report form and submit it to the office. Any adults injured on school property must report to the superintendent's office.

Children should not attend school if they display any one of the following symptoms: fever, sore throat, skin rash, red or inflamed eyes, discharge from ears, vomiting, diarrhea, severe cough, or severe itching of the body or scalp. If a child should display any of these symptoms while at school, he or she will rest in the nurse's office until picked up. Students should remain at home for 24 hours following fever, vomiting or diarrhea. If a child displays any of these symptoms or becomes injured at school, the school will contact the parent/guardian. Please make available to the office accurate, up-to-date information as to where you can be reached and the name and telephone number of the person to contact in case you are not available. This emergency person must have a working telephone and access to reliable transportation. Parents must notify the school immediately if the names and/or numbers of your emergency contact person changes.

### *Health Screenings*

Various tests will be conducted, such as eye, ear, etc.

#### **Head Lice Procedures:**

Students or faculty will not be permitted in school with live head lice. If a student or faculty member is found to have live lice, he/she will be sent home with an instruction sheet for treatment, and parent/guardian will be contacted in the case of a student. If nits only are found, the student may stay in school the remainder of the day.

Parents/Guardians will be contacted regarding treatment for live head lice and/or nits. The student/teacher may be allowed to return to school the next day after being checked by the school nurse or appropriate faculty. No live lice should be present, and proof of shampoo treatment should accompany the student/teacher. Nits may still be present, but should be improved.

### *Health Office*

If you have any questions, please contact Blair Costello, 660-446-2356.

#### **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 by a parent/guardian or other responsible party designated by the parent/guardian 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. When possible, the prescriber should state potential adverse effects and applicable emergency instructions.

*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. Said label must contain the name of the student, name of the drug, dosage, frequency of administration, route of administration, diagnosis and the prescriber's name. 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 nurse may need to clarify prescription orders with the provider. When possible, the prescriber should state adverse effects and applicable emergency instructions.

The District will not administer the initial dose of any new prescription except in an emergency.

When a student has a health condition which needs accommodation or may necessitate emergency care, it is important that the school nurse 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 nurse 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 nurse or 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/ 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.

#### Asbestos F-215-S

The U.S. EPA Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) under the Federal Code of Regulations 40 CFR 763.93g(4) requires that building occupants be notified annually of the presence of asbestos in the building and the availability of the Asbestos Management Plan. Inspections are conducted annually.

A copy of the Management Plan and inspection reports are available for review in the Superintendent's Office located at 201 South Barbour Street, Oregon, Missouri 64473 as well as each school office. Questions regarding asbestos or the management plan may be directed to the Superintendent at 660-446-3454.

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> of each school year or within 10 days of enrollment for new students.

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); student identification number; user identification used by the student for the purposes of accessing or communicating in electronic systems as long as that information alone cannot be used to access protected educational records; 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;; 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 can be found on the District's website or in the front 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

#### *Student Emergency Information*

All students are required to have the following information on file in the office in the event of an emergency. Any changes to this information during the school year should be reported to the office.

1. Name of parent(s) or guardian(s)
2. Complete and current home and mailing addresses
3. Home telephone, parent work number, and cell phone numbers
4. Emergency telephone number of a friend or relative
5. Physician's name and telephone number
6. Medical alert information regarding any health problems.

#### 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.

To access the Schoolwide Program Plan and the School Parent and Family Engagement Plan please click [here](#) and following these instructions:

- Click “ePeGS – Public”
- Select South Holt Co. R-I from the dropdown menu
- Click “Funding Application Menu”
- Click “Quality Schools”
- Click “ESEA Consolidated”
- Click “Budget Application”
- Click “Initial”
- Select “ESEA Consolidated Plan” from left side menu
- Click “School Level”
- Select your student’s school

[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: High School Counselor  
Phone #: 660-446-2282  
Email Address: [martinp@southholtr1.com](mailto:martinp@southholtr1.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 Spanish.

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

Name of Coordinator: High School Counselor  
Address of Office: 201 South Barbour Street, Oregon, Missouri 64473a  
Phone #: 660-446-2282  
Email: [martinp@southholtr1.com](mailto:martinp@southholtr1.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 and without a visitor sticker. 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. Adults waiting to pick up children after school are asked to wait near the office entrance on the playground.

Parents are welcome to visit their child's classroom. Such visits must be pre-arranged with the child's teacher and principal and should last no longer than 1/2 a school day. If a student wishes to bring a guest to school, those arrangements must also be made in advance and approved by the principal.

#### 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.

The bus driver is in charge of the students riding the bus and the same relationship exists as if the student were in a classroom. Riding the bus is a privilege that may be revoked if the student cannot behave. **All students representing South Holt Schools in activities will ride the bus to and from events unless picked up by their parent(s).** Bus transportation is provided to students living more than one mile from school. In addition, most students ride the bus for field trips or special occasions. Buses are considered an extension of the school environment. Classroom conduct is expected. School administrators will work with bus drivers in enforcing the following rules and consequences to ensure the safety of all passengers.

If you know that your child/children will not be riding the bus for a few days for some reason, please call your bus driver and let him/her know. If you wish for your child to go home on the bus with another student you must send a signed, dated note to school. Some buses are very full. You will be notified if your request cannot be approved.

**Bus Rules:**

1. Follow the driver's instructions at all times.
2. Bus drivers have the authority to assign seats to individual students or all students. If seats are assigned: sit in your assigned seat; do not sit in someone else's assigned seat.
3. Sit in the seat properly and stay seated while the bus is in motion. (Do not kneel in the seat.)
4. Keep all objects (including hands, arms, head, legs) inside the bus and out of the aisle. (Never throw anything out the bus windows.)
5. Speak quietly using only acceptable language. (No yelling, screaming, profane language/ gestures, or sexually oriented remarks.)
6. Help keep the bus safe, clean, and in good repair. (No littering, marking, or damaging the bus in any way.)
7. The possession/use of tobacco, alcohol, or drugs in any form (including look-alikes) is prohibited.
8. Treat other riders with respect. Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself. (No crowding, pushing, fighting, teasing, or disturbing other riders.)
9. Glass objects, sharp objects, weapons (real or toy), ammunition, and matches/lighters, etc., and materials of a sexual nature are not allowed on the bus.
10. Each driver has the authority to allow (or not allow) radios, and CD players on the bus. If allowed, they must be personal size, and earphones must be used
11. Each driver has the authority to allow (or not allow) food and/or drink on the bus. If allowed, riders are responsible to keep the bus free of trash and clean up spills, etc.

**Consequences:**

Consequences for breaking bus rules include the following: loss of a privilege, confiscation of items, pink slip, parent conference, suspension of bus riding privileges, cleaning of the bus, restitution for property damage, in-school/out-of-school suspension. All school rules and consequences may also be applied to behavior and situations on the bus.

For most offenses the bus driver will issue a pink slip. Pink slips must be signed by the driver, parent, and principal. The following progression of consequences will apply:

- 1st pink slip: Driver and parent telephone conference
- 2nd pink slip: 1-5 day suspension from bus
- 3rd pink slip: 3-7 day suspension from bus
- 4th pink slip: 5 day suspension from bus up to suspension from the bus for the rest of the school year
- Additional pink slips: 10 day suspension from bus up to suspension from the bus for the rest of the school year

For serious offenses (including deliberate/open defiance, fighting, weapons, drugs, property damage) the usual progression of consequences may be set aside and more serious consequences applied.

## **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.

### **General School Rules:**

The following school rules include, but are not limited to:

1. Students will respectfully follow the directions of all teachers and staff members.
2. Students must get permission before leaving a staff member's supervision to go to another location (i.e. rest room, nurse's office, library).
3. Students will be respectful in the hall. This includes walking in line and remaining quiet at all times.
4. Students will leave gum, candy, toys, games, and other personal articles at home. These items may only be brought to school with specific permission of the teacher.
5. Water fountains are turned on in the building. Students may bring a water bottle to school to have during the school day, so long as it is not a disruption in the classroom. Students may NOT bring pop, tea, coffee, sports drinks, energy drinks, mixes, etc. to have in the classroom. Exceptions may occasionally be made for special events such as class parties.
6. Students will respect the property and rights of others at all times.
7. Students will help keep the school building and grounds clean and free of trash.

8. Students will communicate with all persons in a respectful manner. This includes appropriate volume and language. Profane language/gestures, name-calling, bullying, and hurtful teasing will not be tolerated.
9. Unwelcome touch of any kind, including touch of a sexual nature, pushing, kicking, hitting, etc. will not be tolerated. Provisions of the MO Safe Schools Act will be followed.
10. Tobacco, alcohol, drugs (real or look-alike), weapons (real or toy), ammunition, matches/lighters, and material of a sexual nature are strictly forbidden.

*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. Students are expected to be quiet during the entire detention period and to work exclusively on assigned tasks.

*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. Students will not attend their regular class schedule. ISS will be served in a designated room, supervised by school personnel. Students are not allowed interaction with others, must stay on task, and should complete the work assigned.

*Expectations:*

1. ISS students are responsible for completing any assignments for their classes (quizzes, tests, daily work) on the same schedule as their non-ISS classmates.

2. Students are not to be in the hallways during passing periods. Permission is needed to be in the hallways.
3. ISS students will begin eating lunch between 11:40-12:10.
4. Students are not to lay their head down or sleep.
5. Violation of any of these rules will result in additional suspension time (either ISS or OSS).

*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.

*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. Out of School Suspension (OSS) will be assigned by the administration. The student is not to be on school property before, during, or after school hours until the full suspension is completed. This includes activities such as ball games, dances, performances, etc. Students will not be eligible for any school activity until OSS is satisfactorily completed, and they have attended a full day of classes. Students in OSS will receive credit for work and must follow the attendance policy for work due dates.

*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.

<b>Prohibited Conduct</b>	<b>Definition</b>	<b>Consequences – First Offense</b>	<b>Consequences – Subsequent Offense</b>
Academic Dishonesty	<p>Any type of cheating that occurs in relation to an academic exercise or assignment. It may include plagiarism, fabrication of information or citations, 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. 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>	<p>First Offense: Loss of credit and parents notified by teacher</p>	<p>Subsequent Offense: Loss of credit, possible failure of quarter, ISS</p>

Arson	Starting or attempting to start a fire or causing or attempting to cause an explosion.	First Offense: 1-10 days of OSS, possible long term suspension or expulsion, notification to law enforcement officials, documentation in student's discipline record.	Subsequent Offense: 10 days of OSS, recommendation for expulsion to the superintendent, notification to law enforcement officials, documentation in student's discipline record.
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.	First Offense: ISS, 1-10 days of OSS, recommendation for 11-180 days of OSS, possible notice to law enforcement officials	Subsequent Offense: 10 days of OSS, recommendation for long term suspension, notification to law enforcement officials
Assault, Third or Fourth Degree	Using physical force, such as hitting, striking or pushing, to cause or attempt to 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	First Offense: ISS, 1-10 days of OSS, recommendation for 11-180 days of OSS, possible notice to law enforcement officials	Subsequent Offense: 10 days of OSS, recommendation for long term suspension, notification to law enforcement officials

	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), 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,	First Offense: Detention, ISS, 1-10 days of OSS, parents/guardians contacted	Subsequent Offense: ISS, 1-10 days of OSS, legal authorities notified

	<p>and any threat of retaliation for reporting of 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 through the District.	1st pink slip: Signatures	Refer to <a href="#">Transportation Services F-260-S</a>
Dishonesty	Any act of lying, whether verbal or written, including forgery.	First Offense: Detention, ISS, 1-3 days of OSS	Subsequent Offense: ISS, 3-10 days of OSS
Disrespectful or Disruptive Conduct or Speech	Conduct that interferes with an orderly education process such as	Disruptive Conduct:	Disruptive Conduct:

	<p>disobedience or defiance to an adult's direction, use 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>First Offense: Detention, ISS</p> <p>Disrespectful Conduct or Speech:</p> <p>First Offense: Detention, ISS, 1-3 days of OSS</p> <p><u>Defiance to an adult's direction:</u></p> <p>First Offense: Detention, ISS, 1-3 days of OSS</p>	<p>Subsequent Offense: ISS, 1-10 days of OSS</p> <p>Disrespectful Conduct or Speech:</p> <p>Subsequent Offense: ISS, 3-10 days of OSS</p> <p><u>Defiance to an adult's direction:</u></p> <p>Subsequent Offense: ISS, 1-10 days of OSS</p>
Drugs/Alcohol/Tobacco/E-Cigarettes	<p>The use, sale, transfer, distribution, possession, or being under the influence of prescription drugs, alcohol, 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,</p>	<p>Drugs or Alcohol:</p> <p>First Offense: 1-10 days of OSS, long term suspension, notification to law enforcement officials, and documentation in student's discipline record. Controlled substance shall be turned over to law enforcement agencies. Possible referral to intervention care group for rehabilitative recommendations. If the student is a senior, they will not be allowed to go on the senior trip.</p>	<p>Drugs or Alcohol:</p> <p>Subsequent Offense: 11-180 days of OSS, expulsion, notification to law enforcement officials, and documentation in student's discipline record. Controlled substance shall be turned over to law enforcement agencies. Referral to intervention care group for rehabilitative recommendations.</p> <p>Possession, use, or sale of any tobacco and E-cigarette/Vaping material or</p>

	or at District-sponsored events. However, students may use, possess, and be under the influence of their prescription drugs and over the counter drugs in compliance with District procedures.	Possession, use, or sale of any tobacco and E-cigarette/Vaping material or product on school grounds, bus or any school activity:  First Offense: ISS, 1-3 days of OSS	product on school grounds, bus or any school activity:  Subsequent Offense: ISS, 1-10 days of OSS
Extortion	Threatening or intimidating any person for the purpose of obtaining money or anything of value.	First Offense: ISS, 1-3 days of OSS	Subsequent Offense: ISS, 3-10 days of OSS, recommendation for long term suspension to Superintendent.
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.	First Offense: ISS, 1-3 days of OSS	Subsequent Offense: 3-10 days of OSS, law enforcement officials notified, possible long term suspension, documentation in student's discipline record.
Fighting	A conflict: verbal, physical, or both, between two or more people.	First Offense: ISS, 1-3 day of OSS	Subsequent Offense: 1-10 days of OSS, Recommendation of 11-180 day of OSS (possible expulsion)
Fireworks or Incendiary Devices	Possessing, displaying, or using fireworks, matches, lighters, or other devices to start fires or other	First Offense: 1-10 days of ISS, 1-10 days of OSS	Subsequent Offense: 11-180 days OSS, recommendation for long term suspension, possible notification law

	unsanctioned actions. This does not include educational activities designed and supervised by District employees.		enforcement officials, and documentation in student's discipline record.
Gambling	Betting something of value upon the outcome of a contest, event, assignment, or game of chance.	First Offense: Detention, 1-10 days of ISS, 1-10 days of OSS	Subsequent Offense: 11-180 days OSS, recommendation for long term suspension, possible notification law enforcement officials, and documentation in student's discipline record.
Harassment, including Sexual Harassment	<p>Conduct that annoys, threatens, intimidates another 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,</p>	First Offense: ISS, 1-3 days of OSS	Subsequent Offense: 3-10 days of OSS, recommendation for long term suspension or expulsion, Juvenile officer notified

	offensive touching, or offensive posters or graphics.		
Hazing	The imposition of strenuous, humiliating, and/or dangerous tasks as part of an initiation, admission, or affiliation to a group, even when all parties willingly participate.	First Offense: Detention, 1-10 days of ISS, 1-10 days of OSS	Subsequent Offense: 11-180 days OSS, recommendation for long term suspension, possible notification law enforcement officials, and documentation in student's discipline record.
Inappropriate Dress	See Student Dress Code	First Offense: Student will be required to change.	Subsequent Offense: Detention
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.	First Offense: Principal/Student conference, Detention	Subsequent Offenses: Principal/Student/Parent conference, Detention, ISS, OSS
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, equipment, or facilities, etc.	First Offense: Detention, 1-3 days ISS, 1-3 days of OSS, student will make restitution for damage done.	Subsequent Offense: 1-10 days ISS, 1-10 days of OSS, student will make restitution for damage, and law enforcement officials contacted.
Public Display of Affection	Physical intimacy that is inappropriate for an educational setting, such as	First Offense: Administrative warning, detention	Subsequent Offense: Detention, ISS

	but not limited to, kissing, groping, fondling, cuddling.		
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 vetted and approved by District employees for educational purposes.	First Offense: ISS, 1-3 days of OSS	Subsequent Offense: 3-10 days of OSS, recommendation for long term suspension or expulsion, Juvenile officer notified
Sexual Activity	Consensual acts of sex or consensual simulations of sex including, but not limited to, intercourse or oral or manual stimulation.	First Offense: Principal/Student Conference, 3-5 days OSS	Subsequent Offense: 5-10 days OSS with recommendation of long-term suspension.
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,	Truancy: First Offense: ISS Tardiness: See <a href="#">Attendance and Absence Procedures S-115-S</a>	Truancy: Subsequent Offense: ISS, law enforcement officials notified

	<p>but is not limited to skipping classes, falsifying the reason for an absence, or absences that have not been pre-arranged and pre-approved as excused.</p>		<p>Tardiness: See <a href="#">Attendance and Absence Procedures S-115-S</a></p>
Technology Misconduct	<p>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.</p>	<p><u>For cell phone violations, see <a href="#">Technology F-265-S</a></u></p> <p><u>Using electronic devices without permission, using social media, and/or using for purposes that harm other individuals:</u></p> <p>First offense: Device will be confiscated until the end of the day.</p> <p>Other technology misconduct:</p> <p>First Offense: Restitution, Principal/Student conference, loss of user privileges, 3 days ISS</p>	<p><u>For cell phone violations, see <a href="#">Technology F-265-S</a></u></p> <p><u>Using electronic devices without permission, using social media, and/or using for purposes that harm other individuals:</u></p> <p>Second offense: Device will be confiscated until the end of the day, parent contact, and 30 minute detention</p> <p>Subsequent offenses: Device will be confiscated until the end of the day and returned to the parent, and 30 minute detention. Possible revoking of permission to have an electronic device at school (applies to grades 7 – 12). Administration may also move to consequences</p>

			<p>defined under “Defiance to an adult’s direction.”</p> <p>Other technology misconduct:</p> <p>Subsequent Offense: Restitution, Principal/Student conference, loss of user privileges, 3-10 days OSS, Recommendation for long term suspension.</p>
Theft	Taking or attempting to take the property of others without consent or knowingly taking possession of stolen property.	First Offense: Detention, ISS, 1-3 days of OSS, restitution	Subsequent Offense: ISS, 3-10 days of OSS, restitution, law enforcement officials contacted.
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.	First Offense: Detention, ISS, 1-10 days OSS	Subsequent Offense: 3 days ISS, 1-10 days OSS, Recommendation for further suspension.
Unauthorized Entry	Entering a District facility, office, locker or other area that is locked or assisting someone to enter District property who is not	First Offense: Principal/Student conference, Detention	Subsequent Offenses: Principal/Student/Parent conference, Detention, ISS, OSS

	authorized or through an unauthorized entrance.		
Vandalism	Deliberate destruction of or damage to property belonging to the District, employees, or students.	First Offense: Detention, ISS, 1-10 days of OSS, student will make restitution for damage done.	Subsequent Offense: ISS, 1-10 days of OSS, student will make restitution for damage, and law enforcement officials contacted.
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.	<p><b>Missed detention:</b>            Students failing to serve their detention (or make adequate arrangements to do so) will result in the detention being doubled. If the student fails to serve that detention, the student will be placed in ISS the following day.</p> <p>Extracurricular practices will not be an appropriate excuse to skip detention.</p> <p>Detentions can be held before or after school or during lunch.</p> <p>Any other violations:</p> <p>First Offense: Detention, 1-3 days ISS, 1-3 days OSS</p>	Any other violations:  Subsequent Offense: 3-10 days ISS, 3-10 days OSS, Recommendation for further suspension.

Weapons and Firearms	<p>A) Possession or use of a firearm as defined in <a href="#">18 U.S.C. § 921</a> or any instrument or device defined in <a href="#">§ 571.010, RSMo</a>, or any instrument or device defined as a dangerous weapon in <a href="#">18 U.S.C. § 930(g)(2)</a>.</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 taser, any knife, regardless of blade length; items customarily used, or which can be used, to inflict injury upon another person or property; or any item designed to look like or imitate a device listed in policy.</p>	<p>A) In accordance with federal and state law, any student who brings or possesses a firearm or device considered to be a weapon on school property or at any school activity will be suspended from school for at least one calendar year or expelled and will be referred to the appropriate legal authorities. The suspension or expulsion may be modified on a case-by-case basis upon recommendation by the superintendent to the Board of Education. Students who use or possess other weapons defined in this policy will be subject to suspension and/or expulsion from school and will be</p>	<p>A) In accordance with federal and state law, any student who brings or possesses a firearm or device considered to be a weapon on school property or at any school activity will be suspended from school for at least one calendar year or expelled and will be referred to the appropriate legal authorities. The suspension or expulsion may be modified on a case-by-case basis upon recommendation by the superintendent to the Board of Education. Students who use or possess other weapons defined in this policy will be subject to suspension and/or expulsion from school and will be</p>
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	<p>C) Possession or use of ammunition, a component of ammunition or a weapon, weapon accessories, or tactical gear.</p>	<p>transferred to appropriate legal authorities.</p> <p>B) First Offense: 1-10 days of ISS, 1-10 days of OSS</p> <p>Subsequent Offense: 11-180 days OSS, recommendation for long term suspension, possible notification law enforcement officials, and documentation in student's discipline record.</p> <p>C) First Offense: 1-10 days of ISS, 1-10 days of OSS</p> <p>Subsequent Offense: 11-180 days OSS, recommendation for long term suspension, possible notification law enforcement officials, and documentation in student's discipline record.</p>	<p>transferred to appropriate legal authorities.</p> <p>B) First Offense: 1-10 days of ISS, 1-10 days of OSS</p> <p>Subsequent Offense: 11-180 days OSS, recommendation for long term suspension, possible notification law enforcement officials, and documentation in student's discipline record.</p> <p>C) First Offense: 1-10 days of ISS, 1-10 days of OSS</p> <p>Subsequent Offense: 11-180 days OSS, recommendation for long term suspension, possible notification law enforcement officials, and documentation in student's discipline record.</p>
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## 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 District anti-bullying coordinator is the Curriculum Director/Assistant Administrator. The building anti-bullying coordinator is: K-6 Counselor and can be reached at 660-446-2282.

*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 anti-bullying coordinator. 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 principal 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 the District's Compliance Officer 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 on the District's website or a paper copy may be requested.

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 #: 660-446-2282  
Email Address: [peavlerj@southholtr1.com](mailto:peavlerj@southholtr1.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: Elementary Principal  
Phone #: 660-446-2282  
Email Address: [mendenhallk@southholtr1.com](mailto:mendenhallk@southholtr1.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).

<b>Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Complaint Procedures for ESSA Programs Table of Contents</b>	
<b>General Information</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. What is a complaint under ESSA?</li><li>2. Who may file a complaint?</li><li>3. How can a complaint be filed?</li></ol>	<b>Complaints filed with the Department</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>4. How will a complaint filed with the LEA be investigated?</li><li>5. What happens if a complaint is not resolved at the local level (LEA)?</li><li>6. How can a complaint be filed with the Department?</li><li>7. How will a complaint filed with the Department be investigated?</li></ol>
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	8. How are complaints related to equitable services to nonpublic school children handled differently?
<b>Appeals</b>	9. How will appeals to the Department be investigated? 10. What happens if the complaint is not resolved at the state level (the Department)?

**A) 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.

**B) Who may file a complaint?**

Any individual or organization may file a complaint.

**C) How can a complaint be filed?**

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

**D) 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.

**E) 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.

**F) 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.

**G) 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 compliant 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.

**H) 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).

**I) 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.

**J) 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 #: 660-446-2282  
Email Address: [peavlerj@southholtr1.com](mailto:peavlerj@southholtr1.com)

In the event the 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: Elementary Principal  
Phone #: 660-446-2282  
Email Address: [mendenhallk@southholtr1.com](mailto:mendenhallk@southholtr1.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: High School Counselor  
Address: 201 South Barbour Street, Oregon, Missouri 64473  
Email Address: [martinp@southholtr1.com](mailto:martinp@southholtr1.com)  
Phone #: 660-446-2282

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. Drug dogs may be used by the District. Drug dogs will not come into direct contact with students.

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

Students are allowed the privilege of parking on school premises. The District has the authority to monitor vehicles and the parking lots of its campuses. The interior of a student's vehicle may be searched if the administration has reasonable suspicion that the search will reveal evidence that the student has or is violating school rules and/or the law.

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, taser, any knife regardless of length, any other items customarily used, or which can be used, to inflict injury upon another person or property; or any item designed to look like or imitate a device listed in policy.

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.

#### Teacher-Parent Communication

Classroom teachers may send notes to all parents or individual parents from time to time. Phone calls will be made when teachers feel it's appropriate. If you wish to visit with a teacher, please call the office to schedule a visit or reach out to the teacher via email. Please do not drop in on teachers during the school day, as this may be disruptive to the learning environment.

#### Parent/Teacher Conferences

A parent teacher conference will be scheduled at the end of the first quarter for all elementary students. The first quarter report card will be issued at this conference. Additional conferences may be scheduled throughout the school year at the request of parents/guardians, teachers, and/or the principal.

#### 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.

##### *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.

##### *Grading and Reporting System*

Progress reports are issued at each mid-term and report cards are issued quarterly. The following grading scale will be used by all teachers for grades three through twelve at South Holt. Honor Roll certificates are presented quarterly to students in grades 3-6. To qualify for Honor Roll, students must either have all As (High Honor Roll) or all As and Bs (Regular Honor Roll) on their quarterly grade report.

A = 95-100%

C = 73-76

A- = 90-94

C- = 70-72

B+ = 87-89

D+ = 67-69

B = 83-86

D = 63-66

B- = 80-82

D- = 60-62

C+ = 77-79

F = 59 and below

Students in Kindergarten, First Grade, and Second Grade are assessed using a standards based report that will be distributed at the same time as all other grade cards. These progress reports are completed by classroom teachers.

## **Parent Portal**

Parents have online access to the Parent Portal. This is an online resource that may be used to monitor student grades and attendance. The Parent Portal may also be used to monitor a student's food account balance. Parents may contact the district technology coordinator to access their child's parent portal account.

## **Awards:**

- **Elementary Awards Assembly:**

An Awards Assembly is held at the end of the school year to honor and recognize student accomplishments throughout the school year. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

- **Attendance Recognition:**

Students will be recognized for exceptional attendance at the end of the school year. Students missing zero days of school will be presented a Perfect Attendance Certificate. Three tardies in the same quarter will count as a day absent when figuring attendance awards. For purposes of these awards, ALL absences (excused or unexcused) will be counted. Remember, students arriving after 9:00 a.m. or leaving before 2:30 p.m. will be considered absent for part of the day.

- **Academic Honor Roll:**

Students in grades three through six are eligible for the Academic Honor Roll Award each quarter. High Honor Roll certificates will be presented to students with all As. Regular Honor Roll certificates will be presented to students with all As and/or Bs. Quarterly Academic Honor Roll Awards will be presented to students in their classrooms at the end of each quarter.

- **Reading Circle:**

A Reading Circle Certificate is a state award, awarded to students who meet annual reading goals. To earn this certificate students must read and report on the following:

- Kindergarten - 20 books
- 1<sup>st</sup> grade - 20 books
- 2<sup>nd</sup> grade - 20 books
- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade - 16 books
- 4<sup>th</sup> grade - 16 books

- 5<sup>th</sup> grade - 16 books
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade - 16 books

A special certificate is awarded to students who earn the Reading Circle Certificate for five years (does not have to be consecutive).

- **Read for a Cozz:**

Students in grades K-6 may earn the Read for a Cozz Award quarterly. Read for a Cozz book report criteria will be determined by classroom teachers. Books read for this award may also be counted toward the Reading Circle Certificate.

- **Presidential Award for Educational Excellence:**

The Presidential Award for Education Excellence is awarded to 6th grade students. Students must start working for this prestigious award in fourth grade. To qualify for this award, students must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 on a 4 point scale in grades four, five and six. In addition, students must score in the Advanced level in reading and/or math on the MAP assessment given in the spring of 5th grade.

- **Knight Character Awards:**

Each month (September-April) a student from each class will be awarded a Knight Character Award based on the Character Word of the Month. Each month these students will be honored with a breakfast in the library. Parents will be notified a week prior to the breakfast and are encouraged to attend.

### Standardized Testing

State standardized tests are given to students in grade 3-6 in the spring. Students take the Communication Arts and Math MAP Assessments. Students in grade 5 take the MAP Science Assessment. Students in grades K-6 will be assessed periodically throughout the school year. Assessments include, but are not limited to iReady Diagnostic Testing in Reading and Math and Dyslexia screening.

### *Reading Success Plans*

The District is committed to taking substantial procedures for maximizing student success in reading. These procedures include but are not limited to reading proficiency/readiness screening; provision of intensive reading instruction particularly to students exhibiting a substantial reading deficiency and informing and involving parents/guardians in improvement of student reading proficiency/readiness.

### *Promotion/Retention*

The purpose of promotion and retention is to provide maximum consideration for the long-range welfare of the student and to provide an opportunity for each student to progress through school according to his/her own needs and abilities. It is expected that

most students in the school will be promoted annually from one grade level to another upon completion of satisfactory work and progress. However, an elementary student who does not achieve at the expected level or whose development may not allow satisfactory progress in the next grade level will be considered for retention.

**Incomplete grades:** Any incomplete grade at the end of any grading period shall be received as zero after the student fails to make up all work as directed by the instructor. Make up time for assignments shall be according to present school policy except under extenuating circumstances arising from extended absenteeism. Under these noted extenuating circumstances arrangements will be made with the building principal concerning make-up work.

*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 Monday – Friday (8:30 am – 2:00 pm) in the office of the Julie Weipert, Elementary Counselor, 504 Coordinator, 201 South Barbour Street, Oregon, Missouri 64473, 660-446-2282, [weipertj@southoltr1.com](mailto:weipertj@southoltr1.com). 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 Monday – Friday (8:30 am – 2:00 pm) in the office of Kristen Mendenhall , Director of Special Education, 201 South Barbour Street, Oregon, Missouri 64473, 660-446-2282, mendenhallk@southholtr1.com. 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 or need alternative placement. 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.

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 and District Policy.

### *Library and Computer Labs*

These resources are open during regular school hours; however, school personnel should be present when in use by students.

### Technology F-265-S

### Policy on Student Display or Use of Electronic Personal Communications Devices

**Due to state legislation our cell phone policy has changed.**

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.

Cell phone usage is not permitted in the building from entry at 8 am in the morning through the dismissal bell at 3:16. This will be strictly enforced. All phones will need to be placed in airplane mode or silenced.

Phones must be stored in your backpacks or teacher collection center.

If a parent needs to reach a student, please call the office and leave a message. Students will not be excused from class for a phone call unless it is an emergency.

### **Disciplinary Procedures**

Violations of this policy shall result in disciplinary measures consistent with the District's student code of conduct. Disciplinary action may include:

Should an electronic device be confiscated by school personnel, the device may be kept until the end of the school day or may require a parent to pick-up. .

#### Discipline:

1st offense: Device will be confiscated until the end of the day.

2nd offense: Device will be confiscated until the end of the day, parent contact, and recess or lunch detention

Subsequent offenses: Device will be confiscated until the end of the day and returned to the parent, and 30 minute recess or lunch detention. Possible revoking of permission to have an electronic device at school. Administration may also move to consequences defined under "Insubordination."

### **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*

#### **CHROMEBOOK AGREEMENT**

#### **DEVICE EXPECTATIONS**

1. Chromebooks are for school use only.
2. Lower the lid to the Chromebook when you are walking with it. Keep the device in the school provided folio.
3. Students should not slam or push on the lid, keys or screen; should not set heavy objects on top of the device nor place objects inside the Chromebook.
4. Students should not pry keys off the Chromebook.
5. Students should take care in plugging in and unplugging from the device.
6. Students should not eat or drink near the Chromebook.
7. Web browsing is for educational/school use only. Students will be expected to use teacher selected sites, apps, and extensions to complete daily work and assignments.
8. Students will use appropriate and respectful language in all communications, and will abide by all school policies while using the Chromebook.
9. Students will make the Chromebook available for inspection by an administrator, teacher or staff member upon request. Students understand that the Chromebook and its contents can be monitored by staff.
10. Students will not attempt to remove asset ID or identification names on the Chromebook. Students will not deface or otherwise decorate the Chromebook or case.
11. The student will use the Chromebook Camera & Microphone for approved use only.

12. Students will not use or harm another student's Chromebook. Students will not loan the Chromebook assigned to them to others. Students will not use or attempt to use another student's or a staff member's subscriptions, logins, files, or personal information.
13. Students will not change the configuration of the Chromebook, including the network and security settings.
14. Sign out of your Chromebook and shut down at the end of each day.
15. At the end of the day, take the Chromebook to an assigned location and plug it in correctly to charge.
  - a. If the Chromebook does not work throughout the day due to not being fully charged, consequences will be assigned similar to any consequence given for not having class materials.
  - b. You are not to take chargers from the cart you have been assigned to. (K-6 students only)

## **DEVICE REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT**

1. Students will not attempt to repair, alter, or make additions to their Chromebook.
2. Students will report all damages immediately to the building principal.
  - a. If the screen is damaged, a replacement fee of **\$55** will be assessed.
  - b. If the keyboard is damaged beyond use, a replacement fee of **\$65** will be assessed.
  - c. If the charger is lost or damaged, a replacement fee of **\$20** will be assessed.
  - d. If the case (JH & HS Only) is broken or lost, a replacement fee of \$40 will be assessed.
3. Students will report loss, theft, or total damage of the Chromebook to their parents/guardians, Administration, and proper authorities within 24 hours.
  - a. If the Chromebook is lost, stolen, or damaged beyond repair; a replacement fee of **\$250.00** will be assessed.

### *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

##### *Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) Activities*

The District complies with all MSHSAA guidelines. The most up-to-date version of the MSHSAA handbook is located at [www.mshsaa.org](http://www.mshsaa.org)

#### **Sixth Grade Participation in MSHSAA Athletics**

Students in 6th Grade have the opportunity to participate in the following MSHSAA activities: Junior High Football, Junior High Volleyball, Junior High Basketball, Junior High Track, Junior High Cheerleading. All 6th Grade students who participate in MSHSAA activities are accountable for all expectations, rules, guidelines, etc. outlined in the South Holt R-I Athletic Handbook. All 6th Grade athletes must have a current physical on file in the JH/HS office. Sixth grade students who do not meet the academic and behavioral expectations outlined in this section may lose participation privileges. The District Athletic Director and Elementary Principal will monitor 6th Grade participation in Junior High Athletics.

### **STUDENT ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS FOR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

#### **PHILOSOPHY**

The South Holt R-I School District believes that participating in extracurricular activities is a valuable experience for all students. Additionally, the district believes that

participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege and not a right. The purpose of extracurricular activities is to develop leadership, good sportsmanship, school pride, and new and lasting relationships.

## ACTIVITIES

Activities are defined as any and all school-sponsored events, whether they occur on school property or off school property under the direct sponsorship of the school.

Activities governed by the Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) are included, as are other activities including but not limited to: FFA, FCCLA, Student Council, National Honor Society, academic contests, field trips (including senior trip), and school dances.

## CITIZENSHIP

All students at South Holt R-I are to conduct themselves in a manner that brings credit to the group, team, school, community, family, and themselves. MSHSAA By-law 212 requires that student participants in extracurricular activities be “creditable citizens”. At South Holt R-I the citizenship requirement extends beyond MSHSAA activities to all school-sponsored activities.

## CONDUCT AND CONSEQUENCES

Any student deemed to not be a “creditable citizen” may be declared ineligible to participate in extracurricular activities by the school administration. The consequences outlined in this policy are minimum guidelines for student suspension from activities.

Coaches and sponsors may initiate their own rules and guidelines, provided they have been discussed with administrators and participants. Further disciplinary consequences as outlined in the school’s discipline policy may also be imposed.

Possession or use of any type of tobacco product and substances appearing to be tobacco products is prohibited. Tobacco products and substances appearing to be tobacco products are detrimental to the health and well being of staff and students. This prohibition includes electronic cigarettes, vaping and similar objects used in conjunction with vaping, alcohol, unauthorized prescription drug, narcotic substance, counterfeit (or look-alike) drug, drug-related paraphernalia, or any type of illegal drug on school property or off school property at a school-sponsored event will result in the immediate suspension from activities. Other actions could cause a student to be considered “a non-creditable citizen” and thus could lead to suspension from school activities. Such actions could include theft, vandalism, or destruction of property on school property or at a school-sponsored activity.

**First Offense:** The student will be suspended from all school-sponsored extracurricular activities for a period of 10 school days.

**Second Offense:** The student will be suspended from all school-sponsored extracurricular activities for a period of 30 school days.

**Third Offense:** The student will be suspended from all school-sponsored extracurricular activities for the remainder of the school year (through June 30).

- “School days” are defined as days that school is in session and days on which school events take place.
- Consequences start over at the beginning of each school year (beginning July 1).
- Students who are suspended (under the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> offense) may continue to practice with a team or group, but may not participate in any contest or activity and may not wear any part of the uniform during the suspension.
- Students enrolled in band, vocal music, or other classes in which participation is part of the grade are expected to perform with the group as directed by the teacher. However, suspended students may not participate as an individual, nor may they participate in any special activities of the group during a suspension.
- Students enrolled in band, vocal music, or other classes in which participation is part of the grade are expected to perform with the group as directed by the teacher. However, suspended students may not participate as an individual, nor may they participate in any special activities of the group during a suspension.

**24-Hour Rule:**

Parents or relatives who wish to speak with coaches after a game about conflicts (playing time, benching, technical fouls, etc.) must wait until the next day to do so, and schedule the parent-coach conference in advance. South Holt administrators will likely sit in on such meetings. This restriction serves as a “cooling-off” period to allow both parents and coaches to think the situation over, and allows the school to gather any relevant information (Officials reports, attendance records, etc.) prior to the meeting. **Failure to adhere to the 24-hour rule may result in the parents being banned from attending athletic events for the rest of the season, both home and away.** (Other area schools will honor any such South Holt ban.)

**SPORTSMANSHIP**

We believe good sportsmanship should be exemplified at all activities and contests. Opponents who enter our school should be treated as guests. The same goes for game officials. At all times, both participants and spectators should treat those around them with respect.

***Sports***

Football – Junior High offered

Volleyball – Junior High offered

Cross Country

Basketball – Junior High offered

Track and Field – Junior High offered

Baseball

## **MASCOT**

The teams at South Holt are known as the Knights.

## **SCHOOL COLORS**

The teams or groups at South Holt are represented by the colors black and gold.

## **CONFERENCE AFFILIATION**

South Holt is a member of the 275 Conference. Other conference schools include:

Craig Hornets	Osborn Wildcats
Fairfax Bulldogs	Rock Port Blue Jays
Dekalb Tigers	South Nodaway Longhorns
Jefferson Eagles	Stewartsville Cardinals
Mound City Panthers	Tarkio Indians
Nodaway-Holt Trojans	Union Star Trojans
North Nodaway Mustangs	West Nodaway Rockets
Northeast Nodaway Blue Jays	

## **CITIZENSHIP**

All students in the South Holt R-1 School District are expected to conduct themselves in such a way as to only bring credit upon the team, group, school, community, their family, and themselves. MSHSAA requires that student participants in activities be “credible citizens: (By-law 212). Any student judged to not be a “Credible Citizen” may be declared ineligible for any period of time by school administration. Expectations are as follows:

1. Student athletes are to be on their best behavior at all times. Good behavior in the classroom is mandatory. If a student athlete receives an I.S.S. during the sports season he or she is subject to the following punishment.
  - a. **First Offense** - *individual will miss one (1) games.*
  - b. **Second Offense** - *individual will miss two (2) games.*
  - c. **Third and Subsequent Offense** - *individual will miss five (5) games.*

\*\*\*These offenses take place during a specified sports season and do not carry over from season to season.

2. Any student receiving an O.S.S. during the sports season will be subject to the following punishments:
  - a. **First Offense** - two (2) game suspensions after the student is allowed to return to school.
  - b. **Second Offense** - five (5) game suspensions.

**Law Enforcement:** A student who commits an act for which charges may be or have been filed by law enforcement authorities under any municipal ordinance, misdemeanor or felony statute shall not be eligible until all proceedings with the legal system have been concluded and any penalty (i.e. jail time, fine, court costs, etc.) or special condition

of probation (i.e. restitution, community service, counseling, etc.) has been satisfied. If law enforcement authorities determine that charges will not be filed, eligibility will be contingent upon local school policies. Moving traffic offenses shall not affect eligibility, unless they involve drugs, alcohol, or injuries to others. After a student has completed all court appearances and penalties, and has satisfied all special conditions of probation and remains under general probation only, local school authorities shall determine eligibility.

**Student Responsibility:** Each student is responsible to notify the school of any and all situations that would affect his/her eligibility under the above standards. If the student does not notify the school of the situation prior to the school's discovery, then the student shall be ineligible for up to 365 days from discovery, pending review by the Board of Directors.

### **ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY**

- You must be currently enrolled in and regularly attending courses that offer a minimum of 3.00 units of credit.
- In order to participate in sports and extra curricular activities students must maintain passing grades in five of six classes.
  - Two week grade checks will be conducted and students will be placed on academic probation if they are failing any class and they will be assigned study hall with their 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher until the next grade check. If a student maintains a failing grade in more than 1 class at the end of the quarter they will be ineligible to play on the first day of the next quarter.
- If you are a beginning 9th grade student, you must have been promoted at the close of the previous school year.
- You must be making satisfactory progress toward graduation as determined by your school's policies.
- Do not drop courses without first consulting with your school principal or Athletic Director to determine whether it will affect your eligibility.

### **TRANSFERRING SCHOOLS**

- a. If you transfer schools and your parents do not move into the district of your new school, you will be ineligible for 365 days, unless you meet one of the exceptions listed in the MSHSAA Residence and Transfer Rules.
- b. If you move with your parents to your new school district, you will be eligible at your new school provided you were eligible in all other respects at your former school. A student shall not be eligible to represent two different schools in the MSHSAA state tournament series in the same sport during the same season.
- c. Always check with your school principal before you transfer to determine whether it will affect your eligibility.

### *Travel and Transportation*

Students will usually be transported to and from respective activities via school-provided transportation. Some exceptions of this are when a parent makes a request to transport the student and contacts the Principal personally to seek permission, when the length of an activity makes it impractical to provide transportation, when the difficulties of working with a bus company make it impossible for them to arrive on time, or when the close proximity of the event makes providing transportation impractical. Student athletes are not allowed to drive themselves or receive rides from fellow students to and from sporting events unless consent is given by the schools administrator. **We highly desire students to ride the bus home from contests, as this adds to the team building concept. If a student desires not to ride home from an event, he/she needs to sign out with the sponsor/coach by a parent or guardian prior to leaving. A parent note is not acceptable unless previously cleared by the administration.**

### **STATE LEVEL COMPETITION**

Students, teams, or groups who qualify for state level competitions in any activity will have the following expenses paid for by the school; travel, lodging, and a \$10.00 per meal allowance. If the qualifying competitor is a team or group, the competitors will be defined as team members who will suit up for the activity, managers, and cheerleaders who perform.

### **ATTENDANCE**

A student must be in attendance the whole day in order to attend or participate in a school activity that same day. Certain instances will be excusable at the discretion of the principal (advanced approval required for appointments), or a doctor's note is presented. If an event is scheduled for a Saturday, students must be in attendance all day on Friday, or be excused by the principal, to participate.

### **STUDENT ATHLETE DRESS POLICY**

A student will be required to practice good grooming habits and adhere to guidelines established by their respective head coach. If the head coach is not requiring or setting proper grooming and dress standards for his or her players, the administration can and will step in to make the necessary changes.

### **EXPECTATIONS OF FANS**

It is the belief of the South Holt R-I School District that our fans should be a favorable reflection of the school and community. Any behavior that is contrary to this should be carefully scrutinized.

The following expectations apply to students, patrons, and other fans of the South Holt R-1 School District:

1. Our opponents, their coaches, and fans are guests in our house and should be treated with courtesy and respect.

2. Fans should refrain from criticizing game officials. They are trained in the mechanics and rules of game officiating. Game officials are human and will make mistakes. That is simply a part of the game. They are here to assist in the administration of the game, they don't care who wins.
3. Fans should only make gestures or hold up signs that encourage our teams.
4. Fans should only engage in songs, chants, and slogans designed to encourage our teams.
5. Above all, fans should remember that the game is for the players.

### **FLAGRANT/UNSPORTSMANLIKE PENALTIES**

Any student who receives a penalty for an unsportsmanlike penalty including but not limited to a technical foul or unsportsmanlike penalty in football, shall be suspended from that contest for one contest, and shall not resume play until the next contest at that same time on the clock. For each subsequent penalty during that sport's season, the player will sit an additional game (ex. 2 penalties= 2 games, 3 penalties= 3 games, etc.) There is some latitude afforded coaches. For example, a uniform violation would not be of the serious nature that falls into this category. However, an intentional late hit or overly aggressive foul resulting in a flagrant foul could. Therefore coaches will be given some latitude. If one of the fouls comes into question, the administration and coach will meet the next school day and determine the course of action to be taken.

### **PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS**

Current MSHSAA guidelines request a student athlete receive a sports physical prior to participating in a sport. Physicals are good for two school years, unless documented by a physician. Prior to participating in football, volleyball, cross country, cheerleading, basketball, track and field or baseball each student must have on file in the office:

1. A completed physical examination form. (Scout physical cannot be used as athletic physicals)
2. Accompanying insurance information please note.
3. Proof of insurance, parent permission, and student agreement must be completed yearly.

### **IMPACT SCREENING**

Current MSHSAA guidelines request a student athlete receive impact screening prior to participating in a sport. Physicals are good for two school years, unless documented by a physician. Prior to participating in football, volleyball, cross country, cheerleading, basketball, track and field or baseball. Impact screening will occur for all incoming 7th, 9th, and 11th grade students as well as anyone moving into the South Holt School District.

### **Dual Sports or Activity Participation**

The Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) outlines the following **Sports** offered at South Holt R-1 School District: football, volleyball, cross country, basketball, track & field and baseball. The following **Activities** are also offered: Music

Activities, Scholar Bowl, Cheerleading, and Target Shooting. A South Holt R-1 School District student is permitted to participate in a sport and an activity at the same time, as many activities run through multiple sport seasons. However, a student will be allowed to participate in one sport per sport season.

## **CONFERENCES WITH COACHES AND SPONSORS**

All coaches will be available at times to discuss the progress of your student. However, there are limitations to what a coach will discuss and at what times. The following is a summary of appropriate subject matter and timeliness:

1. Coaches/Sponsors will only discuss your student, their progress, attitude, and any other essential information. Coaches/Sponsors will not discuss other students.
2. Coaches/Sponsors will not discuss game strategy or play calling
3. Coaches will not discuss playing time issues with parents. Team members are encouraged to come to the coach to discuss these issues.
4. If a conflict exists between the student and coach/sponsor and the student does everything possible, the parent should first visit with the coach/sponsor in an effort to resolve the conflict. If that too does not yield results, the parent should visit with administration.
5. Parents should not contact a coach/sponsor at home to discuss conflicts, nor should they insist that the coach/sponsor address the conflict in a public place away from school grounds.

These guidelines are established to allow the most professional relationship possible among coaches, sponsors, students, and parents. They also serve as a guide to head off any situations that may be potentially embarrassing to the people involved.

## **Mosaic Rehab and Sports Medicine**

As a service to our students and coaches, Mosaic Rehab and Sports Medicine from Maryville provides certified athletic trainers to assist in recovery and following any type of athletic injury. The trainers advise students on recovery exercises and drills following an injury. The trainers are at South Holt 1-2 days a week. In addition, these trainers are in attendance at some of our athletic contests and can provide assistance if needed.

## **Elementary Attendance at Athletic Events**

Elementary students are welcome to attend junior high and high school athletic events to watch and support local teams. To attend an event, a student must have been in attendance at school the day of the event. Students attending extracurricular events should be accompanied by and supervised by a parent or other adult. Students are expected to sit and watch the game. Students who do not follow these guidelines will be asked to sit with their parents. If the parents are not present they may be called to come

and get their child. In extreme cases a student may be banned from attending such events.

*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.

**Organizational meetings:** Class and club meetings will be held before/after school or during lunch. Rarely will meetings be held during class time. All class and club activities must have the approval of the principal and be announced at least one day in advance of the meeting time, placed in the announcements, and all stakeholders notified of the meeting.

See [Missouri State High School Activities Association \(MSHSAA\) Activities](#) section above for information about:

- Transportation;
- the academic policy;
- consequences for tobacco, vapes, alcohol, drugs, theft, vandalism, destruction of property, and other actions.

**Academic Policy**

Sixth through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students wishing to participate in any school-sponsored activity, either during or after school hours, must meet the following local academic requirements:

1. A student must be in attendance at school **all day** to be eligible to participate in any school activity that night, unless prearranged with the principal. Should a student miss school on Friday, he/she will be ineligible for Saturday activities unless consent is given by administration prior to the absence. A parent call does not necessarily excuse an absence unless an administrator grants permission. Students with appointments (doctor, dental, etc.) must present a note from that professional to the high school office upon their return to school.

2. The student must maintain the appropriate academic standards. The minimum South Holt academic standard requires that 6th students pass five of six classes to maintain eligibility for the next quarter. **In other words, a student can fail no more than one class the preceding quarter and still retain his/her eligibility.**

## **STUDENT ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS FOR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES** – See the [MSHSAA section](#) above.

### **Activities**

#### Cheerleading

#### Transportation

Student travel to and from extracurricular events is the responsibility of the South Holt School District. From a liability standpoint student travel is so important that delegating travel to anyone other than the student's parents is a questionable act. With this in mind, we want to reiterate the current policy. Students traveling to an event on district-provided transportation will ride home on district-provided transportation unless the student's parent/guardian makes arrangements in advance with school administration that their son/daughter will be riding home with them. **Only under emergency or very necessary situations will a student be allowed to ride to or from an event with someone other than the parent/guardian.**

#### *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 Thrill Share to notify students and parents/guardians. Announcements will also be made on the District website and Facebook, Texts, and other social media outlets. It is highly recommended that parents sign up for notifications through the South Holt App. 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*

##### Arrival

Once students arrive on school grounds either by bus or other vehicle, they are to remain on the school grounds. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action.

Students should not arrive before 8:00 a.m. Students who plan to eat breakfast should report directly to the cafeteria after hanging their bags on the designated hooks outside of their classrooms. Students who are not going to eat breakfast should hang their bags on the designated hooks and report directly to the playground when they arrive at school after 8:00 a.m. If a teacher wishes to work with a student prior to school, the student should report to the playground until the teacher makes contact with the student. Students are not to "hang out" in the halls or go to other parts of the building without permission. During inclement weather, students will report to the elementary gym rather than the playground. Parents should drop students off outside the building. Parents should not escort students to their classrooms in the morning. Any parent who enters the building in the morning must check in in the Elementary Office.

#### **Dismissal**

Students dismiss at 3:14 p.m. Car riders and walkers in grades K-4 will be dismissed in the circle drive behind the elementary school. Car riders and walkers in grades 5-6 will be dismissed out the playground doors on the north end of the building. They will walk to the circle drive if they have lower grade siblings. Teachers will walk students out of the building and supervise until students are all dismissed. Students who must wait for a ride will wait in the office. Parents picking students up should remain in their vehicles while in the circle drive. Adults picking up students should NOT pull into the north parking lot, as the traffic creates safety issues. Any change of dismissal routines must be reported to the school with a written note, phone call, or email from the parent/guardian. Elementary car riders should NOT exit, or plan to be picked up on the high school side of the building.

#### **Late Arrival and Early Departure**

Students who must leave during the day must be signed out through the elementary office by a parent or guardian. If other arrangements need to be made, the parent/guardian must make arrangements through the office. Students that are not properly signed out will have their absence recorded as being unexcused and be considered truant. Students arriving at school after school begins must be signed into the office by a parent or guardian.

#### **Early Dismissal Procedures**

Students are to be released from school during school hours only with permission of the building principal/designee. Early dismissal of a student may be approved only by the principal/designee. Normally requests for early dismissal must be in writing, signed and dated by a parent/guardian.

#### ***Deliveries***

All deliveries will be received in the Elementary Office.

#### ***Stolen Items***

Students are responsible for locking and securing all personal property. The school cannot accept responsibility for personal items. Reports of theft should be made to the office immediately.

### *Personal Items*

A student's personal play items should not be brought to school, unless specifically requested by the teacher. Examples include cell phones, electronic devices, music players, electronic games, cameras, trading cards, stuffed animals, etc. Expensive jewelry and other items of value should not be brought to school. Items confiscated by school personnel may be kept until the end of the school year or may require a parent to pick up. Any personal property brought to school, for any reason, is the responsibility of the student who brings it.

### *Care of School Property*

Students are responsible for the proper care of books, supplies, and furniture supplied by the school. Restitution will be required for students that disfigure property, break windows, or do other damage to school property and equipment, both during school hours and at school sponsored events. Damage of a malicious nature will be considered and treated as a very serious offense. Suspensions and/or expulsions will be considered in all cases of damage to grounds or facilities.

### *Textbooks*

In some grades, textbooks are checked out to each student at the beginning of the year. A record is kept of the condition of the book and the book number. The student is expected to retain the same book that was checked out to them. Students not returning a book will be required to pay the cost for a replacement. Students returning books showing excessive damage will be assessed a charge to cover the cost of repair or replacement.

### *Lost and Found*

Articles found should be taken to the elementary office lost and found. If something is misplaced or stolen, it should be reported immediately. They may be claimed upon identification. The school district assumes no responsibility for loss to students' personal property.

### *Posting Notices*

Any notices to be posted to bulletin boards, lockers, or in the hallways must receive prior approval from the principal. Personal notices will not be permitted.

### *School Telephone*

The office telephone is for school business. Students will have limited access to call home for forgotten books, materials, or assignments. After-school plans should be made before the student comes to school. Parents who need to contact a student during the school day may contact the office and a message will be delivered to the student. No long distance calls should be made from school unless approved by the office. No private long distance calls will be charged to the school. To do so will result in repayment and possible suspension.

### *Use of the Gym*

The gym is not to be used after school hours for any type of activity unless approval is obtained from the office. No student is to use the gym to play before school starts or after school has been dismissed. Students or persons not directly involved in the activity in the gym should not be in the gym or in the building after school has been dismissed for the day.

### *Fundraising*

All school fundraising events must have sponsor, principal, and superintendent approval before fundraising activities begin.

### *Assemblies*

At all times the student's behavior should be refined and courteous. Whether guests are present or not, each student is personally responsible for the impression made by the school as a whole. Unacceptable conduct would include whistling, uncalled for clapping, boisterousness, use of an electronic device (not part of the assembly), and talking during a program. These same guidelines also apply to field trips and other such activities.

For any student not wishing to participate in the assembly, a parent must contact the principal prior to the start of the assembly.

### *Field Trips*

Most elementary classes take at least one field trip during the school year. Field trips, while fun, are educational in nature and complement the regular curriculum. Parent volunteers are sometimes asked to attend field trips to help supervise students. All school rules apply during field trips. Permission slips will be sent home in advance of field trips, and must be signed by a parent or guardian and returned to school before any child is allowed to go on a field trip.

Student travel to and from field trips is the responsibility of the South Holt R-I School District. In the interest of student safety, delegating travel to anyone other than a student's parents or guardians will not be allowed. Students traveling to an event on district-provided transportation will ride home on district-provided transportation unless the student's parent/guardian personally sees the teacher/sponsor to tell them their son/daughter will be riding home with them and signs a release sheet indicating that their son/daughter will not be riding the bus home. **Only under emergency or very necessary situations will a student be allowed to ride to or from an event with someone other than the parent/guardian. Such situations must have approval from the building principal.**

### *Field Day*

Field Day is a half-day event in the spring during which students participate individually and in teams in a variety of activities. Field Day is coordinated by the physical education teacher.

### *Recess*

Each class is scheduled for at least one daily recess. All recesses will be outside except in extreme cold (negative wind chill) or heavy precipitation. Students should come to school dressed appropriately for the weather. Students are expected to go outside to recess unless health problems exist. A note signed by a parent is required to excuse a child from recess. Extended excuses may require a doctor's statement.

### *Playground Rules*

1. Obey adults on the playground at all times.
2. Stay on the playground at all times, unless granted permission to leave by the adult in charge. Students should not ring the doorbell to be let in the building. Teachers must let students inside if they are to go inside during recess.
3. Students are expected to play and interact in a safe way. This includes students keeping their hands and feet to themselves.
4. Playground balls may only be kicked in the grassy area.
5. Students should be seated, face forward when using the slide. Students shall not climb up slides or go down head first.
6. Students should use swings in a safe manner. This includes being seated and using swings one at a time. Students should not jump off of swings.
7. Students should use all equipment appropriately. This includes not climbing on top of, or on the outside of play equipment.
8. Toys and personal items are not allowed on the playground during recess (toys, electronic devices, etc.).
9. Food, including gum, should not be consumed during recess.
10. Students should line up promptly when the whistle is blown or the teacher calls. All equipment should be collected and put away.

### *Classroom Celebrations*

Birthdays are special days and may be celebrated at school with treats from home. Birthday treats are optional. Make arrangements with the classroom teacher in advance if your child will provide birthday treats. All deliveries must be made to the elementary office. Invitations to private birthday parties, holiday parties, sleepovers, etc. may not be handed out at school unless ALL children in the class receive invitations.

Class parties are scheduled for Halloween, Christmas, and Valentine's Day. Teachers may ask families to assist with snacks, games, etc. Parents and guardians may sign up to assist with parties at Back to School Night in the fall. Consult with teachers regarding food allergies when planning for parties.

### *Holt County Autumn Festival*

The Holt County Autumn Festival is an annual event that occurs in September. A children's parade is held on Friday afternoon during the festival. Elementary students are dismissed at 1:00 on the given Friday to be able to access the festivities. In addition, students in Kindergarten, First, and Second Grades have the opportunity to ride on class floats in the main parade on Saturday morning. Third grade students may ride the fire trucks during the general parade. Float design and creation is the responsibility of parents and guardians of students in each grade.

### 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 Superintendent in the District Office

All District policies can be located at: <https://egs.edcounsel.law/south-holt-r-i-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, 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, audiotape, 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](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov)

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*Student Transfers S-120-S*

The District will enroll students in the school associated with the attendance area in which the student resides.

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*

**Fire, tornado, disaster:** In the case of an emergency the student should follow specific instructions given by their teacher. The following general rules should be followed by all:

1. Walk at a rapid pace - do not run.
2. Do not talk - your teacher will have important instructions for you.
3. Do not stop in front of doors or on steps.

For increased safety, the school practices both announced and unannounced fire and storm drills periodically. The tones for fire and tornado or as follows:

**Fire bell** - Continuous Bell      **Tornado bell** - Intermittent Bell

School staff are trained each year for emergencies involving intruders in the building and building lockdowns. Students will be educated regarding responding to such emergencies. It is imperative that students follow the directions of school staff during such emergencies and that parents listen to all communication from the South Holt School District regarding any situations involving the school. Do not attempt to enter the school during such emergencies. Wait for communication from the District.

*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*
- *School-Parent-Student Compact*

*Student Technology Usage Agreement**Students*

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:

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Student Name (please print):

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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:

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Parent/Guardian Name (please print):

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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

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Parent/Guardian Name (please print):

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**SCHOOL-PARENT-STUDENT COMPACT**

**SOUTH HOLT R-1'S K-6TH GRADE**

**SCHOOL-PARENT-STUDENT COMPACT**

South Holt Elementary, and the parents of students participating in Title 1.A activities, services, and programs, agree that this compact outlines how the entire school staff, the parents, and the students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement.

**School Responsibilities**

South Holt Elementary and its staff will:

\*Provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables participating children to meet the Missouri Learning Standards as follows:

1. Retain highly qualified principals and teachers,
2. Provide instruction, materials, and high quality professional development which incorporates the latest research, and
3. Maintain a safe and positive school climate

\*Hold annual parent-teacher conferences to-

1. Discuss the child's progress/grades during the 1st quarter,
2. Discuss this compact as it relates to the child's achievement.

\*Provide parents with frequent reports on their child's progress as follows:

1. Mid-quarter report sent from the school, and
2. Quarterly grade cards/reports sent home by the school.

\*Be accessible to parents through:

1. Phone calls, email, or person-to-person meetings,
2. Scheduled consultation before, during, or after school, and
3. Scheduled school or home visits.

**Parent Responsibilities**

I, as a parent, will support my child's learning in the following ways:

1. Make sure they are in school every day possible.
2. Check that homework is completed.
3. Monitor the amount of screen time per day.
4. Be aware of my child's extracurricular time and activities.
5. Stay informed about my child's education by reading ALL communications from the school and responding appropriately.

**Student Responsibilities**

I, as a student, will share the responsibility to improve my academic performance to meet the Missouri Learning

Standards and will:

1. Attend school every day possible.
2. Be respectful toward others.
3. Do my homework every day and ask for help when I need it.
4. Read at least 15 minutes a day outside of school time.
5. Give all notes and information from school to my parents/guardians daily.

Principal Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Teacher Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date