

New York R-IV School District



Student Parent Handbook

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Mission C-110-S

The mission of the New York R-IV School District is: strives to provide educational experiences that assist students to build a solid foundation of academic, social, emotional, and physical skills on which to build future success.

Vision: The New York R-IV School District believes that learning is an on-going process, and we will provide a solid base that will give our students the learning skills to accomplish this life-long commitment.

School Board Members G-100-S

President	Kelly Boyle	2027
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Member	Bobbie Branson Jr.	2029

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.

School Building Information and Contact Information

New York R-IV School District
6061 NE State Route U
Hamilton, MO 64644

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Administrative Assistant & Bookkeeper

Phone: 816-583-2563

Fax: 816-583-4065

School Hours: 7:45 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.

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

Staff Listing

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Superintendent Information

Dr. Bryan O'Neal
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Academic Calendar I-100-S

The Academic Calendar is available [here](#).

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

Procedures for Reporting an Absence

For the school to ensure the safety of our students, please notify the school if your child is going to be absent by calling the office at 816-583-2563 ext. 2. We will call you to ask about your child if they are not in the building by 8:00 a.m. Please understand we truly care about your child. We must inquire about illness as we are mandated to turn in reports to the Caldwell County Health Department regarding types of illnesses in the area.

Absences of any amount will be recorded. **We are required by law to report irregular attendance or an abnormal number of absences.**

After a student misses four days in a semester, parent/guardian will be notified by mail, and a doctor's excuse may be required.

The District will contact Division of Family Services or the local prosecutor in cases where the District has a reasonable suspicion that a student's lack of attendance constitutes educational neglect on the part of the parent/guardian or that the parent/guardian are in violation of the compulsory attendance law. No such action will be taken unless other strategies and interventions have been implemented and proven ineffective.

Excused Absences

It is the responsibility of the student to make up work with teacher support when a student's absence is excused. The timelines for turning in make-up work will be determined by the teacher and will notify the household once set. Each absence, the terms may vary. If there are questions, the parent/guardian will need to notify the teacher that assigned the work.

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

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

Unexcused Absences

Absence for reasons other than the categories of excusable reasons, or that does not have the proper documentation for an excused absence as determined by the principal, will be considered unexcused. Students who have an unexcused absence are encouraged to make-up the work to aid learning. The timelines for turning in make-up work and any impact on grading will be according to the guidelines of the building and at the direction of the teacher- if District allows. 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 after the expected class period has begun, as determined by the District. The District will count tardiness as an absence. Students will be marked as tardy if they arrive after 7:45 a.m. If there is excessive tardiness, the administration will contact the parents and set up a conference to discuss and come up with a plan moving forward.

Truancy

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

teacher. Families are entitled to appeal assigned consequences to the Superintendent or designee.

School Admissions S-100-S

Tuition

Tuition for nonresident students is payable in advance and must be received by the New York R-IV School District before the beginning of each billing period.

For students enrolling at the start of the school year, the first tuition payment is due no later than **August 1**. Thereafter, tuition payments are due **in advance of each month of attendance** and must be received on or before the **first day of the month** (e.g., September tuition is due September 1, October tuition is due October 1, etc.).

Failure to pay tuition by the established due date may result in the student being ineligible to attend school until the tuition account is brought current, unless other arrangements have been approved in writing by the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee.

Dress Code S-180-S

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

Dress Code Expectations and Prohibitions

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

1. House shoes or slippers;
2. See-through garments;
3. Tops that are backless, strapless, low-cut, bare-midriff, have overly-large arm openings; or spaghetti straps;
4. Clothing that does not cover undergarments when a student is sitting or standing;
5. Undergarments worn as outer wear;
6. Clothing with profane, obscene, or otherwise inappropriate language;
7. Clothing with words, symbols or images that promote illegal, sexual, or violent behavior;
8. Clothing with advertisements or promotion of alcohol, tobacco, or drugs;
9. Language or symbols that promote gangs;

10. Hats and hoods (hooded sweatshirts worn up);
11. Handkerchiefs;
12. Sunglasses;
13. Face paint;
14. Overly-dramatic make-up;
15. 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);
16. Blankets carried or worn as coats or wraps while in the building;
17. Heavy or loose chains, or straps that create a safety risk.

Additional Dress Code Information

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

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

Food Service Program F-285-S

Breakfast and Lunch

Breakfast is served at 7:30 a.m.

Prices:

Students

- Breakfast: \$1.55 (reduced \$.30)
- Lunch: \$2.50 (reduced \$.40)
- Extra milk or milk with lunch from home: \$0.47

Visitors

- Breakfast: \$2.50
- Lunch: \$4.00

Lunch Schedule:

Preschool-8th Grade 11:15-11:45 a.m.

For the 2026–2027 school year, the New York R-IV School District will provide one breakfast and one lunch to each enrolled student each school day at no cost. Milk is a required component of reimbursable school meals; however, the cost of milk remains the financial responsibility of the student's parent(s) or legal guardian(s). By participating in the district's meal program, parents/guardians acknowledge and accept

responsibility for all milk charges incurred by their student. Outstanding milk charges are the responsibility of the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) and are payable in accordance with district procedures.

Students may bring their lunch from home, but please send a nutritious lunch, no soda pop. 100% fruit juice is recommended, or students can buy milk or drink water.

Lunches and afternoon milk may be charged for a month. A lunch bill will be sent home a week after the month has ended. All bills need to be paid within two weeks after the bill was received. The lunch bill is usually sent home on Friday with the weekly bulletin. If payment is not made in a timely manner, students will be placed on a cash-in-advance method of payment.

For the 2026-2027 school year, the District is providing breakfast and lunch, at no cost.

Free and Reduced Lunch Application

At the beginning of each school year, information is sent home explaining the Free and Reduced Lunch Program. We encourage everyone to fill out the forms. Our school receives money from the state for participating. We are reimbursed more for students on the Free and Reduced Lunch Program than students paying the regular student price.

This information is kept strictly confidential in the office.

Adult Visitors for Lunch

Parents are welcome to eat lunch with their child, please contact the school by 9:00 AM to be included in the lunch count.

Cafeteria Rules

1. Students may talk quietly.
2. Students are expected to use good table manners.
3. Students may have seconds, but only after they have eaten everything else on their plate. If seconds are taken, they must be eaten.
4. If students get extra food that is offered but not served on a plate, such as bread and peanut butter, they must eat the extra food when taken.

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

Parents/guardians should provide, at the time of enrollment, information on any allergies the student may have. The main office 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 main office has an emergency kit available and accessible in all school buildings containing asthma-related medications as allowed by District rules. If you do not want these medications administered to your student in an emergency, please notify administration 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 the main office. There are trained employees in the building to provide first aid, dispense medication, and support the needs presented in the main office.

Illnesses/Injuries

In the event of student injury, the District will contact the parent (or in the absence of the parent, the emergency contact). The District will complete an injury report form and provide a copy to the parent to sign and return.

If a student has a fever of 100.4 degrees or above, the student must be fever free without medication for 24 hours before they may return to school.

Health Screenings

Every fall all students' height, weight, hearing, and vision are screened. Every spring all students' height and weight is screened.

Head Lice Policy

If a student is found to have head lice, they will be sent home immediately. For a student to return to school after having a case of head lice, 2 steps must occur:

1. Child must be treated with appropriate head lice treatment product.
2. Child must be brought to school by an ADULT for re-screening by the administration.

If it is found that a child does not have nits or live head lice during re-screen, they will be allowed to go to class. The administration will conduct a re-screen of a student in 7-10 days after original case of lice. If nits or live lice are found during re-screening, the child will again be sent home to start treatment/rescreening process over. Siblings and/or other students in the household will also be screened once a case of head lice has been found. A child should not need to miss more than one day of school to be properly treated for head lice.

Administration of Medication S-135-S

All medication is kept in the main 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 office by an adult and must be accompanied by the following information. Do NOT send medications with your child on the bus. The District will not administer the first dose of any medication or any medication that is outdated or expired.

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.

Prescription Medication – Prescription medication must be sent to school in the original prescription container. The prescription label will serve as the written

permission from the physician. If parents request medication is given differently, a new order from the physician must be given to the office. 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 main office may need to clarify prescription orders with the provider.

When a student has a health condition which needs accommodation or may necessitate emergency care, it is important that the main office be informed. Examples of a health condition that would need to be shared with the main office 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 main office 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.

Communicable Diseases F-245-S

Parents/guardians must notify the District if their student has a communicable disease. Parents/guardians will be required to provide written approval from the student's treating physician in order for their student to attend school. The District reserves the right to prevent student attendance until clarification or implementation of precautionary measures are in place. Parents/guardians are required to notify the District if they are enrolling or have a student attending school who is HIV positive. Medical information of students is highly confidential, and the District will take necessary steps to protect the medical information of students and ensure that such information is released only to those with a need-to-know and/or individuals and entities who are required by law to be notified of certain health and medical information.

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

Immunizations and Vaccinations

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

Student Insurance S-140-S

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

Students participating in interscholastic athletics are required to have insurance coverage. This may be in the form of either family coverage or the coverage offered through the District. Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA), requires that a student be covered through insurance before being allowed to practice or compete for a school team. The student will not be allowed to participate in interscholastic practices or competitions until proof of insurance is provided.

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

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

Student Records S-125-S

Access to and Release of Student Information

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

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

Directory Information

Directory information is information about a student that generally is not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if disclosed without the consent of a parent or eligible student. The District will designate the types of information included in directory information and may release this information without obtaining consent from a parent or eligible student unless a parent or eligible student notifies the District in writing. Parents and eligible students will be notified annually of the information the District has designated as directory information and the process for notifying the District if they do not want the information released. Even if parents or eligible students notify the District in writing that they do not want directory information disclosed, the District may still

disclose the information if required or allowed by law. For example, the District may require students to disclose their names, District email addresses in classes in which they are enrolled, or students may be required to wear or display a student identification card that exhibits information designated as directory information. If you do not want the District to disclose any or all of the types of information designated below as directory information from your child's education records without your prior written consent (with exception of disclosures required by law), you must notify the District in writing by September 1st of each school year.

The District designates the following items as directory information:

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

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

School Officials with a Legitimate Educational Interest

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

A school official includes a person employed by the District as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel) or a Board Member. A school official also may include a volunteer, contractor, or consultant who, while not employed by the school, performs an institutional service or function for which the school would otherwise use its own employees and who is under the direct control of the school with respect to the use and

maintenance of PII from education records, such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist; a parent or student volunteering to serve on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee; or a parent, student, or other volunteer assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks.

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

Release of Records to Other Agencies or Institutions

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

Military and Higher Education Access

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

Release

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

Notice

Parents/Guardians and/or eligible students have the right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the District to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA are:

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

Personnel Records E-190-S

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

- Whether your student's teacher has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction.
- Whether your student's teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional statute through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived.

- Whether your student’s teacher is teaching in the field of discipline of the certification of the teacher.
- Whether your student is provided services by paraprofessionals and if so, their qualifications.

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

- Information on the level of achievement and academic growth of your student, if applicable and available, on each of the State academic assessments required under Title I.A.
- Information regarding any State or LEA policy regarding student participation in any assessment required under ESEA section 111(b)(2) and by State or LEA, including a policy, procedure, or parental right to opt the child out of such assessment, where applicable.
- 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.

This information may be requested by contacting administration.

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

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

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

The Schoolwide Program Plan and the School Parent and Family Engagement Plan may be accessed online through the DESE website available [here](#) and by following these instructions.

- Click “ePeGS – Public”
- Select New York R-IV 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:	Building Administrator
Phone #:	(816) 583-2563
Email Address:	oneal@newyorkr4.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.

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

Name:	Building Administrator
Phone #:	(816) 583-2563
Email Address:	oneal@newyorkr4.com

Visitor Procedures C-155-S

For student purposes, all visitors, including Board Members, 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's pass. Students are not allowed to invite visitors to the school during the school day except for parents, guardians, or grandparents. 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.

Parents are encouraged to visit their child's classroom. Parents and patrons of the district may visit the district and join the Board and improving the instructional program. Since classroom observations and visits can be disruptive, the District does not permit parents/guardians or other family members to visit classrooms during instructional time for the purpose of observing students unless the principal has approved the written request to visit 24 hours in advance. Classroom visits will be limited to 45 minutes per week. Classroom parties and special activities planned by the teacher and approved by the principal will be excluded from this time.

Transportation Services F-260-S

Students are required to ride the bus home unless we have written or verbal permission from a parent or guardian. When a student needs to ride home with another student, the bus driver needs a note and the office needs to be notified. If a student is going to be picked up by someone other than a parent, the office needs to be notified. **If we receive no instructions from the parent or guardian, we will always send the student home via the home bus.**

Students who are not riding the bus home will be sent out to their designated person at 3:15 p.m. Any student released earlier will be recorded as leaving earlier. People picking up students will need to be loaded and left before the bus pulls in, once the bus is being loaded, all pick-up people need to wait until the bus leaves before leaving.

Bus Rules

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.

All students riding buses operated by the District, either on daily routes or activity trips, shall follow these rules:

1. The bus is an extension of school property and authority. Rules applying to the school premises apply equally to the school bus.
2. The driver oversees the students and the bus. Students must follow all directions given to them by the bus driver.
3. Students are to be seated immediately after boarding the bus. They are to remain seated while the bus is in motion, facing forward with their feet on the floor. There will be no standing or walking on the bus while the vehicle is in motion. Three students will use each seat when necessary. The driver will assign seats.
4. Conversation is to be carried on in normal tones. Loud, unnecessary noise, shouting, cursing, and foul language are strictly prohibited.

5. Students must not at any time extend arms, head, or any objects out of the bus windows. All trash shall be placed in the trash can located at the front or rear of the bus.
6. No open food/drink containers will be allowed on the bus without driver permission.
7. No balloons and/or glass items allowed.
8. The use or possession of tobacco, alcohol, and/or illegal drugs is prohibited.
9. Students must be on time; the bus cannot wait beyond its regular bus schedule for those who are tardy.
10. The driver will not discharge rides at places other than the regular bus stop unless by proper authorization by a parent or school official.
11. Students who cross the road after leaving the bus or to board the bus shall cross in front of the bus.
12. District buses operate at or near the seating capacity of the bus. Students other than those assigned shall obtain permission from the principal before being permitted to board the bus for transportation to a specified destination.

A bill for damages may be sent to the parents of any student causing intentional damage to a school vehicle. Students may be deprived of the use of school buses if they violate their privilege or misbehave in any way. Any offense committed by a student on a District-owned or contracted bus will be punished in the same manner as if the offense had been committed at the student's school building. Misconduct will be treated the same as school building misconduct.

Consequences:

All infractions will be reported to the principal and a "Bus Violation Report to Parents" will be sent home.

1. The first report is a WARNING and requires a parent signature to be returned to the driver.
2. The second report will require a parent signature and have the student off the bus 1 day.
3. The third report will require parent signature and have the student off the bus 3 days.
4. The fourth report will have the student off the bus the rest of the school year.

Cooperative Transportation for Hamilton School District Cooperative Programs

Purpose

The New York R-IV School District Board of Education recognizes the value of cooperative educational and extracurricular programs with the Hamilton School District and authorizes limited transportation to support student participation in Board-approved cooperative programs.

Transportation provided under this policy is intended solely to transport eligible students from the New York R-IV School District to the Hamilton School District during the regular New York R-IV school day. This service is provided as a convenience to

support participation in Board-approved cooperative programs and shall not be construed as a general transportation service.

Eligibility

Transportation under this policy is available only to students who:

1. Are enrolled in the New York R-IV School District.
2. Are officially participating in a Board-approved cooperative educational or extracurricular program with the Hamilton School District.
3. Have all required district forms and annual parent acknowledgments on file.
4. Remain in good standing under all applicable district transportation and student conduct policies.

Regular Transportation Hours

For purposes of this policy, the regular New York R-IV School District operating day is defined as:

7:45 a.m. through 3:15 p.m.

Cooperative transportation shall be provided only during these hours and only when necessary for participation in an approved cooperative program.

The District shall not provide transportation before or after the regular school day unless specifically authorized by the Board of Education.

Authorized Destination

Students utilizing cooperative transportation shall be transported only to the Hamilton School District campus or another location officially designated by Hamilton School District personnel for the approved cooperative program.

District transportation shall **not** be used to transport students to:

- Private residences.
- Childcare providers.
- Businesses or places of employment.
- Parks or recreational facilities.
- Restaurants or retail establishments.
- Another student's residence.
- Any alternate location requested by a parent or guardian.
- Any destination unrelated to the approved cooperative program.

No alternate stops, route deviations, or convenience stops shall be made.

Parent/Guardian Responsibilities

Parents or legal guardians are responsible for ensuring the District receives all transportation information necessary to provide cooperative transportation.

Parents or guardians shall provide the New York R-IV School District with a complete practice, rehearsal, or activity schedule for any cooperative activity that occurs during the regular school day (7:45 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.).

Parents or guardians are also responsible for notifying the District of any additions, cancellations, or changes to the practice or activity schedule that affect transportation. Notification should be provided to the school office or Superintendent's Office as soon as reasonably possible and prior to the requested transportation whenever possible.

The New York R-IV School District will **not** obtain schedules from the Hamilton School District, coaches, sponsors, or students. It is the sole responsibility of the parent or legal guardian to ensure that accurate and current schedule information is provided.

Failure to provide timely or accurate schedule information may result in transportation not being available for the affected practice or activity.

Transportation Changes

Transportation requests, cancellations, or schedule changes will be accepted **only** from a parent or legal guardian.

Students are **not** authorized to request transportation changes, alternate destinations, schedule modifications, or cancellations.

District employees, including bus drivers, coaches, teachers, office personnel, sponsors, and administrators, shall not alter transportation arrangements based solely upon information provided by a student.

Parent Responsibility After Delivery

Upon arrival at the Hamilton School District, responsibility for the student's supervision transfers in accordance with the cooperative activity being attended.

If a student's practice, rehearsal, contest, meeting, or other activity begins after arrival or extends beyond the regular transportation schedule, the student's parent or guardian is solely responsible for arranging supervision and transportation after the activity concludes.

The New York R-IV School District does not provide transportation home following practices or activities unless separately authorized by the District.

Transportation When School Is Not in Session

Cooperative transportation is provided **only** when the New York R-IV School District is conducting a regular student attendance day.

Transportation shall **not** be provided when the District is:

- Closed for holidays.
- Closed for Thanksgiving, Christmas, Spring, or Summer Break.
- Closed due to inclement weather.
- Closed because of emergency conditions.
- Operating an Alternative Methods of Instruction (AMI) day.
- Dismissed early for any reason.
- Conducting teacher workdays.
- Conducting professional development days.
- Otherwise not in regular session.

The District will not operate special routes, additional routes, or modified routes solely for cooperative transportation when school is not in regular session.

Parents and guardians are solely responsible for transportation whenever New York R-IV School District is not in session.

Student Conduct

Students utilizing cooperative transportation remain subject to all Board policies governing student conduct and transportation safety.

Failure to comply with district expectations may result in suspension or revocation of transportation privileges.

Limitations of Transportation Services

Transportation provided under this policy is limited exclusively to supporting participation in approved cooperative educational and extracurricular programs.

District transportation shall not be used for personal convenience, childcare, employment, social activities, or any purpose unrelated to the approved cooperative program.

The District reserves the right to suspend or discontinue transportation services due to safety concerns, staffing shortages, weather conditions, mechanical failures, budgetary limitations, or other operational needs.

Exceptions

No district employee, including bus drivers, coaches, sponsors, teachers, office personnel, or administrators, may authorize alternate stops, route deviations, transportation schedule changes, or exceptions to this policy based solely upon a student's request.

Transportation changes shall only be accepted from a parent or legal guardian unless necessary to address an emergency involving the immediate health or safety of a student.

Any non-emergency exception must receive prior approval from the Superintendent.

Liability

Transportation under this policy is provided as a limited service to support participation in Board-approved cooperative programs.

The New York R-IV School District assumes responsibility only while students are being transported on a district-authorized vehicle in accordance with this policy.

The District assumes no responsibility or liability:

- Before a student boards a district vehicle.
- After the student has been delivered to the authorized destination.
- During any waiting period before practices or activities begin.
- After practices, contests, rehearsals, meetings, or activities conclude.
- For transportation arrangements made by parents or guardians.
- For any alternate transportation not authorized by the District.

Nothing contained in this policy shall be interpreted as creating an obligation for the District to provide transportation beyond the circumstances specifically described herein.

Administrative Authority

The Superintendent or designee shall develop administrative procedures necessary to implement this policy, including required transportation request forms, annual parent acknowledgments, and operational guidelines.

The Superintendent may suspend transportation services whenever necessary to protect student safety, district resources, or the legal interests of the District.

Parent Acknowledgment

As a condition of receiving cooperative transportation services, parents or legal guardians shall annually sign the District's Cooperative Transportation Agreement acknowledging that they:

- Have read and understand this policy.
- Agree to comply with all transportation requirements.
- Understand that transportation is limited to the conditions established by this policy.
- Accept responsibility for providing practice schedules and all transportation outside the District's regular transportation services.
- Understand that transportation changes will only be accepted from a parent or legal guardian.
- Understand that no alternate stops or special transportation requests will be granted.

Failure to submit the required acknowledgment may result in denial of cooperative transportation services.

Student Discipline S-170-S

Student Code of Conduct

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

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

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

1. Such student is under the direct supervision of the student's parent, legal guardian, or custodian and the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee has authorized the student to be on school property;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Standards of Conduct and Consequences

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

District Policy for Discipline

Definitions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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 [§ 160.261, 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.

Prohibited Conduct	Definition
Academic Dishonesty	Any type of cheating that occurs in relation to an academic exercise or assignment. It may include plagiarism, fabrication of information or citations, 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. <u>Consequences:</u> Students may receive a zero for the work, including any student assisting the student. The teacher will notify the parent and office immediately as to the action taken. The parent shall be notified that a second offense may bring automatic suspension from school.
Arson	Starting or attempting to start a fire or causing or attempting to cause an explosion.
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.

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 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.
Automobile/Vehicle Misuse	Discourteous or unsafe driving on or around District property, unregistered parking, failure to move vehicle at the request of school officials, failure to follow directions given by school officials or failure to follow established rules for parking or driving on District property.
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, and any threat of retaliation for reporting of such acts. "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. Students will not be disciplined for speech in situations where the speech is protected by law.
Bus or Transportation Misconduct	Any misconduct committed by a student on transportation provided by or through the District.
Dishonesty	Any act of lying, whether verbal or written, including forgery.
Disrespectful or Disruptive Conduct or Speech	Conduct that interferes with an orderly education process such as disobedience or defiance to an adult's direction, use 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.
Drugs/Alcohol/Tobacco/E-Cigarettes	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, 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.
Extortion	Threatening or intimidating any person for the purpose of obtaining money or anything of value.
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.
Fighting	A conflict: verbal, physical, or both, between two or more people.
Weapons and Firearms	A) Possession or use of a firearm as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 921 or any instrument or device defined in § 571.010, RSMo, or any instrument or device defined as a dangerous weapon in 18 U.S.C. § 930(g)(2). B) Other weapons are prohibited. Other weapons are defined as a device readily capable of lethal use, or device designed to mimic a weapon. Other weapons include mace spray, any knife, regardless of blade length; and items customarily used, or which can be used, to inflict injury upon another person or property. C) Possession or use of ammunition, a component of ammunition or a weapon, weapon accessories, or tactical gear.

Fireworks or Incendiary Devices	Possessing, displaying, or using fireworks, matches, lighters, or other devices to start fires or other unsanctioned actions. This does not include educational activities designed and supervised by District employees.
Gambling	Betting something of value upon the outcome of a contest, event, assignment, or game of chance.
Harassment, including Sexual Harassment	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. Harassment, including sexual harassment, is unwanted and unwelcomed conduct that causes another person extreme unease or fear. Examples include, but are not limited to, derogatory comments or slurs, lewd propositions, blocking movement, offensive touching, or offensive posters or graphics.
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.
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.
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.
Public Display of Affection	Physical intimacy that is inappropriate for an educational setting, such as 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.

Sexual Activity	Consensual acts of sex or consensual simulations of sex including, but not limited to, intercourse or oral or manual stimulation.
Tardiness or Truancy	A student arriving after the class period has begun is marked tardy. Truancy is when a student is absent from school without permission from the parents/guardians or school official. Truancy includes, but is not limited to skipping classes, falsifying the reason for an absence, or absences that have not been pre-arranged and pre-approved as excused.
Technology Misconduct	Gaining or attempting to gain unauthorized access to or interfering with a technology system or information, using any type of electronic device without permission, or recording audio or visual information without express permission for educational purposes and as allowed by District rules, or using technology in a manner inconsistent with the terms of the Technology Usage Agreement. This includes cell phone misuse.
Theft	Taking or attempting to take the property of others without consent or knowingly taking possession of stolen property.
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.
Unauthorized Entry	Entering a District facility, office, locker or other area that is locked or assisting someone to enter District property who is not authorized or through an unauthorized entrance.
Vandalism	Deliberate destruction of or damage to property belonging to the District, employees, or students.
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.

Bullying, Hazing, and Cyberbullying S-185-S

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

Definitions

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

Cyberbullying – Bullying as defined above through the transmission of a communication including, but not limited to a telephone, wireless telephone, or other wireless communication device, computer, or pager. The District has jurisdiction to prohibit cyberbullying that originates on a school campus, or at a District activity if the communication was made using District technological resources, if there is sufficient nexus to the educational environment, or if the electronic communication was made on the school's campus or at a District activity using the student's own person technological resource.

Anti-bullying Coordinator – The Superintendent will ensure an individual at each school is designated to serve as the anti-bullying coordinator. All anti-bullying coordinators will be teacher-level or above and a list of coordinators will be kept on file at the District administration office and updated annually. Additionally, a District anti-bullying coordinator will be designated. The building anti-bullying coordinator is the Administrator and can be reached at 816-583-2563.

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

Reporting Bullying or Cyberbullying

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

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

When an anti-bullying coordinator is informed about a possible bullying or cyberbullying incident, verbal, written, or otherwise, the District will conduct a prompt,

impartial, and thorough investigation to determine whether misconduct, including unlawful conduct, occurred. The District will implement interim measures as necessary. When it is determined that bullying or cyberbullying occurred, the District will take appropriate action for violations of District expectations and rules.

Investigation

Within two (2) school days of receipt of a report of bullying or cyberbullying, the anti-bullying coordinator or designee will initiate an investigation of the incident. The school principal may appoint other school staff to assist with the investigation. The investigation will be completed within ten (10) school days from the date of the written report unless good cause exists to extend the investigation. A copy of the written report of the investigation and results will be sent to the District anti-bullying coordinator and included in the files of the victim and the alleged or actual perpetrator of bullying or cyberbullying. All reports are confidential in accordance with law and District rules.

Retaliation

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

Consequences of Bullying, Cyberbullying, or Retaliation

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

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

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

Public Notice

The District will:

1. Provide information and appropriate training to District staff who have significant contact with students regarding the policy.

2. Provide education and information to students regarding bullying, including information regarding the District policy prohibiting bullying, the harmful effects of bullying, and applicable initiatives to address bullying, including student peer-to-peer initiatives to provide accountability and policy enforcement for those found to have engaged in bullying, cyberbullying, and/or retaliation against any person who reports an act of bullying.
3. Instruct school counselors, school and licensed social workers, mental health professionals, and school psychologists to educate students who are victims of bullying on techniques for overcoming bullying's negative effects. Techniques will include, but are not limited to, cultivating the student's self-worth and self-esteem; teaching the student to defend himself/herself assertively and effectively; helping the student develop social skills; and/or encouraging the student to develop an internal locus of control.
4. Implement programs and other initiatives to address and respond to bullying in a manner that does not stigmatize the victim and makes resources or referrals available to victims of bullying.

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

Report Form

This form is available on the website or the front office.

Complaints or Concerns C-120-S

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

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

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

Name: Building Administrator
 Phone #: (816) 583-2563
 Email Address: oneal@newyorkr4.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: Secretary of the Board
 Phone #: (816) 583-2563
 Email Address: kreed@newyorkr4.com

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

Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA) Complaint Procedures

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

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1. What is a complaint?

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

2. Who may file a complaint?

Any individual or organization may file a complaint.

3. How can a complaint be filed?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The following activities will occur in the investigation:

- **Record.** A written record of the investigation will be kept.
- **Notification of LEA.** The LEA will be notified of the complaint within five days of the complaint being filed.
- **Resolution at LEA.** The LEA will then initiate its local 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.

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

In addition to the procedures listed in number 7 above, complaints related to equitable services will also be filed with the U.S. Department of Education, and they will receive all information related to the investigation and resolution of the complaint. Also, appeals to the United States Department of Education must be filed no longer than thirty days following the Department's resolution of the complaint (or its failure to resolve the complaint).

9. How will appeals to the Department be investigated?

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

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

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

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

The District is committed to providing equal opportunity in all areas of admission, recruiting, hiring, employment, retention, promotion, contracted services, and access to programs, services, activities, and facilities. The District strictly prohibits any unlawful

discrimination or harassment against any person because of race, color, religion, disability, age, sex, gender, national origin, or any other characteristic protected by law. The District also prohibits retaliatory action, harassment, or discrimination against individuals who make complaints of, report, or otherwise participate in the investigation of any such unlawful discrimination, harassment, or retaliation. The District is an equal opportunity employer.

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

Name: Building Administrator
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Email Address: oneal@newyorkr4.com

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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: Building Administrator
Address: 6061 NE State Route U, Hamilton, MO 64644
Email Address: oneal@newyorkr4.com

Phone #: 816-583-2563

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

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

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

Student Searches S-175-S

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

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

The District may utilize drug dogs on campus. Drug dogs will not come into direct contact with students.

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 main office in accordance with written label directions and parental permission in compliance with District rules. (*See the Handbook's section on Administration of Medication for more information.*)

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

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

Weapons in School S-200-S

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

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

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

Instruction

Assessment Program I-195-S

All students will participate in the required, statewide screening and assessment program or an alternative assessment as determined by a student's Individual Education Plan (IEP). The District will comply with all assessment requirements for students with

disabilities. The District has a written assessment plan, which is updated and posted annually on the District's website.

Teaching About Human Sexuality I-120-S

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

Section 504 I-125-S

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

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

The District has developed a 504 Procedures Manual for the implementation of federal regulations for Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Subpart D. This Procedures Manual may be reviewed Monday – Friday (8:00 am – 3:00 pm in the office of the Building Principal, 816-583-2563, oneal@newyorkr4.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 (8:00 am – 3:00 pm in the office of the Building Principal, 816-583-2563, oneal@newyorkr4.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. The courses are taught by Missouri teachers, are aligned with the Missouri State Learning Standards, and follow the same semester calendar as face-to-face classes. The requirements for the enrollment and approval process are outlined in District Policy. Students whose educational interests are best served through on-line options may take up to six credits per semester.

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

Technology F-265-S

Policy on Student Display or Use of Electronic Personal Communications Devices

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

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

Prohibited Display or Use

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

Disciplinary Procedures

If a cell phone and/or electronic device is seen during the school day, it may be confiscated.

- The first offense will result in the item being taken away and will require a parent to pick it up from the office.
- Continued use may result in detention or suspension.

It is recommended that students leave all cell phones and other personal electronic devices at home. If a student possesses electronic pictures or texts, the District will consider it the same as a hard-copy possession. The District is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

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.
- For educational purposes, when explicitly authorized by a teacher or school official pursuant to this policy.

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.

Acceptable Use

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

Unacceptable Use

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

User Agreements

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

Safety and Cybersecurity

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

Building Information

Grading and Reporting System

97-100	A	73-76	C
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90-96	A-	70-72	C-
87-89	B+	67-69	D+
83-86	B	63-66	D
80-82	B-	60-62	D-
77-79	C+	59 & below	Failing

Report cards will not be issued until all charges, fees, and fines have been paid.

Grade Cards

Report cards will be sent home at the end of each nine weeks. Weekly grades are posted in each student's assignment book. Both are a means of informed mean parents/guardians of the student's progress in each subject.

The grading scale includes letter grades (A, B, C, D, and F) as well as check marks, percentages, and Satisfactory and Unsatisfactory. In certain areas letter grades may be omitted in Kindergarten and Preschool.

Conferences with Teachers

Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled in October but are recommended throughout the year as needed. Should a student experience academic or behavior issues, it is recommended that the parent call the teacher and schedule a conference, first. If the problem cannot be resolved, then contact the principal. Even if there are no problem, do not let that stop you from visiting from your child's teacher or classroom when appropriate.

Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) Activities

The District participates in MSHSAA activities through a Co-Op with Hamilton School District. Students are to comply with Hamilton School District requirements and all MSHSAA guidelines. The most up-to-date version of the MSHSAA handbook is located at <https://www.mshsaa.org>.

Based on Missouri Statute (§ 167.790, RSMo), homeschool students, full-time equivalent virtual students, and family paced education school students can participate, contingent upon the successful completion of a tryout if applicable, in any event or activity offered by the District, as defined by law, in which the student resides. This includes athletics and fine arts activities, or other activities related to these. The District may require participation in components of instruction required for participation in certain activities. The District's disciplinary policies and Student Code of Conduct will apply to all students in these activities and all students must meet the same academic, physical, and financial requirements. Due to the timing of this legislation passing and printing of this material, there may be additional MSHSAA requirements in place the District must comply with as well.

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

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

School Cancellations and/or Early Dismissal

School will be closed when weather conditions are such that buses are unable to run safely. Announcements will be made using TeacherEase, Facebook, and the District website, notifying students and parents/guardians. Please do not call the administration.

Arrival and Dismissal Procedures S-165-S

Students who are transported by their parents should arrive at school no earlier than 7:30 a.m. because this is when adult supervision begins. From 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., parents are not to park in the bus lane, which is the semi-circle drive. If parents need to park during these times, parents are to park in the designated parking spots.

The bus will be loaded by 3:15 p.m. Parents who transport their children can pick up students and leave at 3:20 p.m. All children should be picked up by 3:20 p.m., unless they are participating in a supervised activity.

Deliveries

Deliveries for students are to be made to the front office. Students will be able to pick up their deliveries at the end of the day. Students are not allowed to have balloons and/or glass items on the bus.

Parties/Celebrations

Students are welcome to celebrate their birthday with their class by bringing in treats. We encourage parents to make healthy choices when selecting birthday treats to share. You will need to contact the classroom teacher in advance and arrange for an appropriate time and make sure there are no allergies.

Invitations to personal birthday parties at students' homes may be handed out at school ONLY if all students in the classroom receive one.

Our school has four classroom parties a year: Halloween, Christmas, Valentine's Day, and Easter. Parents can volunteer to help at anytime by contacting the homeroom teacher. The homeroom teacher will arrange room parents to provide treats, supplies and or activities. If a party falls on a full day of school it will start at 2:30 p.m.; if it is 1/2 day of school it will start at 12:00 p.m.

Supply Lists

Supply lists for the 2026–2027 school year are posted on the District website. Please note that some school supplies will be provided by the District.

Field Trips

Properly supervised and planned educational field trips are important part of the instructional program. A signed permission form from a parent or guardian is required for all field trips. All students **must** ride the bus on the way to the field trips.

Parents/guardians must provide their own transportation. A student may ride home from a field trip with their parent/guardian if the parent/guardian has signed the student out. Parents/guardians are always welcome to attend.

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 administration.

All District policies can be located at: <https://egs.edcounsel.law/new-york-r-iv-school-district-policies>

School Nutritional Program F-290-S

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

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

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

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

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Student Transfers S-120-S

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

Trauma-Informed Schools Initiative

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

Tobacco-Free Policy C-150-S

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

Safety F-225-S

Every precaution is taken to ensure the safety of your child during normal school hours. Safety drills are held on a regular basis throughout the school year. These drills may include fire, building and bus evacuation, tornado, earthquake, bomb threat, and lock-ins. Crisis and policy manuals including emergency drill practices and procedures are in the office. Each classroom maintains safety plans near the classroom exits.

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.