

2021–2022



Student/Family Handbook

ACADEMIC/BEHAVIORAL ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS

All students will begin each school year with a fresh start. The first report that may affect a student's eligibility will be First Marking Period Interim/Progress Reports.

Probation

- A student is considered on probation if they have one or more markings of D+, D, and/or D- on an interim report or report card in ANY subject.
- The student's subject area teachers; as well as, their extra-curricular activity advisors will notify the student of their academic standing.
- The student will remain eligible for extra-curricular activities and privileges (dances, trips, etc.) while on probation.

Ineligible

- A student is considered ineligible if they have any marking of F on an interim report or report card. A student is also considered ineligible if they have any grades of D+, D, and/or D- that have remained the same or decreased from one interim report or report cards to the next given report.
- The student's subject area teachers; as well as, their extra-curricular activity advisors will notify the student of their academic standing.
- The student will remain eligible for extra-curricular activities and privileges (dances, trips, etc.) while ineligible until the next formal report.

ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL

ARRIVAL - NO supervision of students will be provided prior to 8:00 AM. Students should NOT be dropped off earlier than 8:00 AM and no later than 8:15 AM.

Students arriving after 8:20 AM will be considered tardy and must report to the main office.

DISMISSAL – Students will be dismissed out of their designated locations between 2:50 and 3:00 PM. Students in lower grades will only be released to a parent/guardian. Each year parents are asked to complete a Student Emergency Card. This affords a parent/guardian to identify other appropriate adults who the child is allowed to be released to. These people should be prepared to show photo identification. If, at any time during the year, a new individual arrives to pick up a child and is not identified on the emergency form, the child will not be released without verbal permission from the legal parent/guardian. If you are sending someone to pick up your child, please contact the main office to grant your verbal permission. They will need to show photo identification upon their arrival to the main office. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we ensure your child's safety.

BELL SCHEDULE

PERIOD	TIME (FULL DAY)	EARLY DISMISSAL	DELAYED OPENING
FACULTY ARRIVAL	7:55 AM	7:55 AM	9:55 AM
ARRIVAL	8:00 AM - 8:15 AM	8:00 AM - 8:15 AM	10:00 AM - 10:15 AM
HOMEROOM	8:15 AM - 8:25 AM	8:15 AM - 8:20 AM	10:15 AM - 10:20 AM
PERIOD 1	8:28 AM - 9:14 AM	8:23 AM - 8:51 AM	10:23 AM - 10:55 AM
PERIOD 2	9:17 AM - 10:03 AM	8:54 AM - 9:22 AM	10:58 AM - 11:30 AM
PERIOD 3	10:06 AM - 10:52 AM	9:25 AM - 9:53 AM	11:33 AM - 12:05 AM
PERIOD 4 LUNCH: Pre-K (in Classrooms), K, 1 st , 2 nd)	10:55 AM - 11:41 AM	9:56 AM - 10:24 AM	12:08 AM - 12:40 PM

<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>TIME (FULL DAY)</u>	<u>EARLY DISMISSAL</u>	<u>DELAYED OPENING</u>
PERIOD 5	11:44 AM – 12:30 PM	10:27 AM – 10:55 AM	12:43 PM – 1:15 PM
PERIOD 6	12:33 PM – 1:19 PM	10:58 AM – 11:26 AM	1:18 PM – 1:50 PM
PERIOD 7	1:22 PM – 2:08 PM	11:29 AM – 11:57 AM	1:53 PM – 2:25 PM
PERIOD 8	2:11 PM – 3:00 PM	12:00 PM – 12:28 PM	2:28 PM – 3:00 PM
STUDENT DISMISSAL (Pre-K - 8)	3:00 PM	12:30 PM	3:00 PM
TEACHER DISMISSAL	3:15 PM	TBD	3:15 PM

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

The New Jersey Constitution and implementing legislation guarantees each child in the public-school equal opportunity regardless of race, color, creed, religion, gender, ancestry, national origin, or social economic status.

The Board of Education affirms that every student should be given an equal opportunity to enjoy the benefits and privileges of full participation in all aspects of school life. All persons regardless of race, color, creed, religion, gender, or national origin shall have equal access to all categories of employment of the educational system of New Jersey. All concerns or allegations of denial of equal opportunity or for further information about our Policy and our grievance procedures, please contact the District Affirmative Action Officer: Dr. Elizabeth C. Giacobbe.

ASSEMBLIES/SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Assemblies and other special events are a privilege. Attendance at special programs may be denied to students for inappropriate behavior or to those who have incomplete assignments. This is at the discretion of administration.

ATTENDANCE

Recent changes to our attendance policy reflect those outlined in New Jersey State Law (N.J.S.A. 18A:38-7) which are now in effect for all NJ public schools.

Parents are responsible to ensure that the student attends school regularly and on time.

REQUIREMENTS FOR PRESENCE IN SCHOOL

A student will be considered present he/she has been present at least four hours during the school day. A student not present in school because of his/her participation in an approved school activity, such as a field trip, will be considered to be in attendance.

NOTIFICATION OF ABSENCE

Parents are expected to notify the school of the student's daily absence or of future or anticipated absences by calling the school office prior to the start of the school day (609-387-2200 press #1). The message on the attendance line should include:

- First and last name of the student and spelling
- Grade/Teacher
- Your relationship to student
- Date/s of absence
- Date of return

RE-ADMISSION TO SCHOOL AFTER ABSENCE

A student returning from an absence of any length must present to the school a written statement, dated and signed by the parent or legal guardian, of the reasons for the absence.

A note explaining a student's absence for non-communicable illness for a period of more than three school days must be accompanied by a physician's statement of the student's illness.

A student who has been absent by reason of having or being suspected of having a communicable disease must present to the school nurse written evidence of being free of communicable disease.

DEFINITIONS

An "excused absence" is defined as a student's absence from school for a full day or a portion of a day for one or more of the following reasons (please note, an excused absence still counts as an absence on the child's record, regardless of the reason):

EXCUSED ABSENCES

- A. College Visits with verification from educational institution
- B. Take Your Child to Work Day
- C. Veteran's Day
- D. Transportation issues for Displaced/Homeless Students
- E. Religious holidays recognized by the State Department of Education

"Truancy" is defined as a student's absence from all or a part of the school day without the knowledge of the pupil's parent(s) or legal guardian(s). A pupil will also be considered truant if he/she:

- a. Leaves school at lunch time without a pass,
- b. Leaves school without permission when school is still in session,
- c. Leaves class because of illness and does not report to the school nurse as directed, or
- d. Is present in school but is absent from class without approval. Such truancy from class is a "class cut."

An unexcused absence is a pupil's absence for all or part of a school day for any reason other than those listed. Absence is expressly not excused for any of the following purposes. This list is intended to be illustrative and is not inclusive:

- a. Employment other than school-approved work assignments
- b. Family travel

- c. Performance of household or baby-sitting duties

INSTRUCTION and MISSED WORK

Teachers are expected to cooperate in the preparation of home assignments for students who anticipate an excused absence of three or more school days duration. The parent or legal guardian must request such home assignments. Pupils absent for any reason are expected to make up the work missed. The pupil is responsible for requesting missed assignments and any assistance required. Teachers will provide make-up assignments as necessary. In general, pupils will be allowed one day to make up missed work for each one day of absence. Teachers shall make reasonable accommodations to extend time for pupils. A student who missed a test because of an excused absence shall be offered an opportunity to take the test or an alternate test. A pupil who anticipates an excused absence due to illness of more than two school week duration may be eligible for home instruction in accordance with Policy No. 2412

MANDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT RESPONSE TO UNEXCUSED ABSENCES

If a principal has a concern regarding a student's absences, the Principal will promptly write a letter to the student's parents or guardians expressing the concerns and parents' or guardians' obligations in the law to ensure regular attendance. A copy of this letter will be sent to the district's attendance officer who may file the "five day notices". The Principal will monitor the student's attendance and report problems to the district attendance officer who will take appropriate action to ensure attendance.

If a student accumulates ten absences, excluding documented long-term illness, the Principal will send a letter to the parents or guardians expressing concerns about the absences and their impact on student learning, including potential retention in grade. A copy of the letter will be forwarded to the attendance officer. This procedure will repeat if the student accumulates fifteen absences.

FOUR (4) UNEXCUSDED ABSENCES

For up to four cumulative unexcused absences, the Building Principal or designee shall:

- a. Make a reasonable attempt to notify the pupil's parent or legal guardian of each unexcused absence prior to the start of the following school day;
- b. Conduct an investigation of the cause of each unexcused absence, including contact with the pupil's parent or legal guardian;
- c. Develop an action plan in consultation with the pupil's parent or legal guardian designed to address patterns of unexcused absences, if any and to have the child return to school and maintain regular attendance;
- d. Proceed in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 9:6-1 et. seq. and N.J.A.C. 6A:16-11, if a potentially missing or abused child abuse situation is detected; and
- e. Cooperate with law enforcement and other authorities and agencies, as appropriate.

FIVE (5) TO NINE (9) UNEXCUSED ABSENCES

For between five and nine cumulative unexcused absences, the Building Principal or designee shall complete all stages as outlined above including evaluation of the action plan, a revision of the action plan, as needed, to identify patterns of unexcused absences and establish outcomes based upon the pupil's needs and specify the interventions for achieving the outcomes, supporting the pupil's return to school and regular attendance that may include any or all of the following:

- a. Refer or consult with building Intervention and Referral Services Team, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:16-8;
- b. Conduct testing, assessments, or evaluations of the pupil's academic, behavioral, and health needs;
- c. Consider an alternate educational placement;
- d. Make a referral to a community-based social and health provider agency or other community resource;
- e. Refer to the court program designated by the New Jersey Administrative Office of the Courts;
- f. Proceed in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 9:6 et. seq. and N.J.A.C. 6A:16-11, if a potentially missing or child abuse situation is detected; and
- g. Cooperate with law enforcement and other authorities and agencies, as appropriate.

TEN (10) UNEXCUSED ABSENCES

For cumulative unexcused absences of ten or more, the pupil between the ages of six and sixteen is **truant**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:38-27, and the Building Principal or designee shall:

- a. Make a mandatory referral to the court program required by the New Jersey Administrative Office of the Courts;
- b. Make a reasonable attempt to notify the pupil's parent or legal guardian of the mandatory referral;
- c. Continue to consult with the parent or legal guardian and the involved agencies to support the pupil's return to school and regular attendance;
- d. Cooperate with law enforcement and other authorities and agencies, as appropriate; and
- e. Proceed in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:38-28 through 31, Article 3B, Compelling Attendance at School, and other applicable State and Federal status, as required.

SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS

For pupils with disabilities, the attendance plan and punitive and remedial procedures of N.J.A.C. 6A:16-7.8 and Policy and Regulation 5200 shall be applied, where applicable, in accordance with the pupil's Individualized Education Programs, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. &1400 et. seq.; the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act; the procedural protections set forth in N.J.A.C. 6A:14; accommodation plans under 29 U.S.C. &&794 and 705(20); and individualized health care plans, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.3.

TARDY STUDENTS

A student is considered tardy, regardless of the reason, if s/he arrives after 8:20 AM.

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PROGRAMS

The school offers a breakfast and lunch program. The cost is FREE for all students.

Students may bring lunch from home (it may not contain any peanut or tree nut product) or receive a lunch in our school cafeteria. Monthly menus are available on our website. Parents should review the school menu with their children.

Students are supervised during lunch periods. Staff is on duty in the lunchroom and on the playground.

- **Cafeteria / Playground Guidelines**

Lunchtime is not only a time when students eat their lunch, but they are also afforded opportunities for social interaction with their peers. Students are expected to follow the guidelines below when in the cafeteria and on the playground.

- Students will use inside voices.
- Students will choose a seat with their class and remain seated throughout the lunch period.
- Once seated, students will eat their lunches. Students will not be permitted to participate in other activities such as outside play until their lunch is finished. Food is not allowed on the playground.
- Students will ask permission from a lunchroom assistant before leaving the cafeteria for any reason.
- Students will be permitted outside after eating lunch only if dressed appropriately for the weather.
- Glass bottles are not permitted in the cafeteria.
- Students are responsible for disposing of their own trash and clearing their immediate area on and around the table.
- On the playground, students must go up the ladder and down the slide.
- Students may not jump off playground equipment.
- When the whistle is sounded, children should stop playing and line-up as quickly as possible.
- When re-entering the building, the students should maintain quiet.

BEVERLY SCHOOL DISCIPLINE POLICY

Pupil Discipline/Code of Conduct

The Beverly City Board of Education believes that an effective instructional program requires an orderly school environment. The Beverly City School District is a small institution. It must accommodate pupils in grades Pre-Kindergarten to eight and prepare them for each level of learning. Therefore, clear expectations have been formulated especially for the conduct of all pupils at Beverly City School.

Further explanation is listed in the Code of Conduct which can be found in Appendix B.

Pupil Right to Due Process

Pupils shall not be deprived of their rights to an education in the Beverly City School District without notice of the charges against them and an opportunity to be heard in their behalf before the person or body with the authority to reinstate them. Each pupil shall be afforded the opportunity of an informal hearing before suspension from school, or if circumstances prohibit, as soon as possible after the suspension.

Administrators shall observe the following rights of due process before a pupil is suspended:

Informal Hearing before the Principal or His/Her Designee

1. Explain to the pupil orally the offense of which he/she is accused.
2. Provide the pupil with an opportunity to be heard and convey other information he/she thinks is relevant.
3. Advise the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of the pupil.
4. Provide the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) with an opportunity to consult with the principal or his/her designee.

In addition to the foregoing, if the offense is of a more serious nature, the Principal/Superintendent will make a concerted effort to notify the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) and provide them with an opportunity to be present at the informal hearing or otherwise consult with the principal or his/her designee.

Students are expected to:

- Know and exercise self-control, positive behavior and good manners.
- Accept responsibility for their actions.
- Respect the rights of others including the right to an education.

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) are expected to:

- Work collaboratively with the school to ensure academic success for their child.
- Demonstrate and model positive behavior and manners.
- Insist on his/her child's regular and punctual attendance to school.
- Exercise respect during all interactions with staff, students, and members of the community.
- Reinforce student compliance with the code of conduct.
- Provide emotional, social, and academic support for their child.
- Adhere to all policies and procedures of the district.

General Notes

The administration may apply other appropriate discipline beyond consequences described in this policy for good cause. Consequences may include but are not limited to: teacher detention; general detention; lunchroom detention or in/out of school suspension; community services; parent contact; parent presence at school. Parent(s) or legal guardian(s) will be notified through writing, telephone, or emergency contact as appropriate. An administrator has the discretion to revoke privileges afforded to the students for those students who are not compliant with classroom rules, school rules, code of conduct, New Jersey Administrative Code, and Beverly Board of Education Policies and Procedures. This list is not all encompassing. Eighth grade students run the risk of losing all eighth-grade privileges, for violation of any of the abovementioned, which include, but are not necessarily limited to: promotion exercises, dinner/dance, culminating trips, etc.

In the case of a suspension, an in-person parent conference is mandatory for a child to be readmitted to school. In the case of chronic misbehavior, such as on the playground, parent attendance may be requested.

A Bystander is a person who observes a conflict or unacceptable behavior. It might be something serious or minor, one-time or repeated, but the Bystander knows that the behavior is destructive or likely to make a bad situation worse. A Bystander may be subject to disciplinary action at the discretion of the administration.

An **active bystander** takes steps that can make a difference.

First, an active bystander assesses a situation to determine what kind of help, if any might be appropriate. Second, an active bystander evaluates options and chooses a strategy for responding.

Why does a bystander's response matter?

It matters to the person who is or may be harmed in the situation. It indicates to both the offending person and the potentially offended person where the larger community stands.

- If one person does something to another that contravenes community norms or values, such as making a racist remark, and a bystander ignores it, then the offending person may think that such behavior is actually acceptable.
- The offended or harmed person may think that nothing can be done and that s/he will just have to live with such behavior.
- "If a norm is deeply held, its violation should provoke reactions. What sense can we make, then, of the silence of bystanders?"

Pupils with Disabilities

For pupils with disabilities, subject to Individualized Education Programs in accordance with 20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq., the Individuals with Disabilities Educational Improvement Act, and accommodation plans under 29 U.S.C. 794 and 705(20), pupil discipline and the code of conduct shall be implemented in accordance with the components of the applicable plans.

Pupil Rights

Pupils subject to the consequences of the Pupil Discipline/Code of Conduct Policy and Regulation shall be informed of their rights, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:16-7.1(c)3.i. through vii., that include:

1. Advance notice of behaviors that will result in suspensions and expulsions that have been identified under authority of N.J.S.A. 18A:37-2;
2. Education that supports pupils' development into productive citizens;
3. Attendance in safe and secure school environments;
4. Attendance at school irrespective of pupils' marriage, pregnancy, or parenthood;
5. Due process and appeal procedures, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:3-1.3 through 1.17, N.J.A.C. 6A:4 and, where applicable, N.J.A.C. 6A:14-2.7 and 2.8;
6. Parent notification consistent with the policies and procedures established pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:16-6.2(b)3; and
7. Protections pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 1232g and 34 CFR Part 99, Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act; 20 U.S.C. 1232h and 34 CFR Part 98, Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment; N.J.A.C. 6:3-6, Pupil Records; 45 CFR 160, Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act; 20 U.S.C. 6301, Title IV(A)IV 4155 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as reauthorized under the No Child Left Behind Act;

42 CFR Part 2, Confidentiality of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Patient Records; N.J.S.A. 18A:40A-7.1, School-based drug and alcohol abuse counseling; information from participants; disclosure; N.J.A.C. 6A:16-3.2, Confidentiality of pupil alcohol and other drug information; N.J.S.A. 18A:36-19, Creation; Pupil Records: Maintenance and Retention, Security and Access; Regulations; Non-Liability; N.J.A.C. 6A:14-2.9, Pupil Records; as well as other existing Federal and State laws pertaining to pupil protections.

DRESS CODE

School Uniform

The Beverly School District is committed to enhancing and providing a safe and secure learning environment for all students. As a result of research, the Policy Committee and the Beverly City Board of Education has adopted a mandatory Uniform Dress Code Policy. The cooperation of parents and student in helping our school maintain high standards and personal pride in each student is appreciated.

The following dress code has been approved by the Board of Education for all grades Pre-Kindergarten through Eighth Grade:

1. **Shirts**
 - a. Colors: Royal Blue, Gold, and White
 - b. 3 button shirts with collar short or long sleeve (golf style or Polo)

2. **Sweaters and Vests:**
 - a. Colors: Royal Blue, Gold or White
 - b. Crew neck, V-neck or Cardigan over an appropriate shirt, as listed under #1.
 - c. Hooded sweatshirts may not be worn to conceal uniforms. Sweatshirts (both hooded and non-hooded) may be worn in the cooler months; however, the colors MUST match the uniform colors. Hoods are not permitted to be worn in school. Sweatshirts should NOT contain any logos.

3. **Pants/Skirts/Jumpers/Shorts:**
 - a. Colors: Tan/Khaki or Black
 - b. Dress pants
 - c. Skirts/Jumpers/Shorts – must be the same colors as listed above and be at or below the knee. Shorts may be worn seasonally, but must fall at or below the knee.

Repeat warnings of wearing inappropriate attire may result in disciplinary action.

Students are not permitted to wear hats in the building; however, they may bring them to school to wear during outside activities. Other inappropriate head coverings such as bandanas, sweatbands, caps, do-rags and any other headwear deemed inappropriate are not to be worn during the school day or to school functions, except for medical and/or religious purposes.

The warm weather provides us with an opportunity to go outside on a daily basis after lunch and during outside play. Flip-flops, open backed, open toed, or sandals are not considered acceptable footwear for active outside play, and your child will be asked to sit out. In addition, rollerblade sneakers are not considered appropriate footwear for school.

If a child's dress is deemed inappropriate while attending the school day or other school related events, parents or guardians will be contacted to bring their child a change of clothes.

RELEASE OF STUDENTS

Parents who wish a child to be excused from school early must send a note to the teacher with the child. Early dismissals will be granted in cases involving health (medical or dental appointments that cannot be scheduled outside of school hours, religious instructional classes, and family emergencies). THE PARENT MUST COME TO THE OFFICE TO GET THE CHILD. NO CHILD WILL BE RELEASED TO ANY PERSON, REGARDLESS OF RELATIONSHIP, WHOM THE CHILD DOES NOT RECOGNIZE.

Please refrain from signing your child out of school early simply for convenience purposes as this disrupts the learning continuum.

HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION AND BULLYING (HIB)

Beverly City School Students are expected to treat each other with respect regardless of gender, race, color, creed, religion, national origin, or sexual orientation. Bullying is a common and damaging form of violence among children.

Under New Jersey law, "harassment, intimidation, or bullying" means any gesture, any written, verbal or physical act or any electronic communication, whether it is a single incident or a series of incidents, that is:

- a. Reasonably perceived as being motivated by either any actual or perceived characteristic, such as race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, or mental, physical or sensory disability or
- b. By any other distinguishing characteristic; and that
- c. Takes place on school property, at any school-sponsored function, on a school bus, or off school grounds, as provided for in N.J.S.A. 18A:37-15.3, that substantially disrupts or interferes with the orderly operation of the school or the rights of other pupils; and that
- d. A reasonable person should know under the circumstances will have the effect of physically or emotionally harming a pupil or damaging the pupil's property, or placing a pupil in reasonable fear of physical or emotional harm to his/her person or damage to his/her property; or
- e. Has the effect of insulting or demeaning any pupil or group of pupils; or
- f. Creates a hostile educational environment for the pupil by interfering with a pupil's education or by severely or pervasively causing physical or emotional harm to the pupil

All instances of such harassment/bullying must be reported to a Beverly School District employee, classroom teacher and or administrator as stated in Board Policy. The person filing a report may choose to remain anonymous and granted he/she files the report in compliance with the district's Board of Education policy, will be immune from a cause of action for damages arising from any failure to remedy the reported incident. Once reported each incident will be recorded, parents will be contacted and appropriate action will be taken promptly including careful follow-up to prevent re-occurrence. Interventions include, but are limited to: contacting Superintendent, local authorities, support personnel, Child Study Team, detentions and suspensions when necessary. Victim assistance/support will be provided as well. Contact the Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying Specialist Mrs. Chelsea Light – School

Psychologist at (609) 387-2200 ext. 102 or school administration for further information. In an effort to be proactive and to assist the school in identifying concerns there is an anonymous reporting box located in the front vestibule and a hotline to report instances at 609.387.2200 ext. 555.

See appendix for the full policy.

BEVERLY CITY SCHOOL BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

- Code of Conduct – Appendix B of this handbook.
- Classroom Rules are posted in classrooms by individual teachers.

BIRTHDAY PARTIES/CELEBRATIONS

We will strictly be adhering to the Nutrition Policy located further in this handbook; as well as, any allergen restrictions per classroom including not permitting any product containing peanuts/tree nuts or were made in a facility containing such. Cupcakes or any item not meeting the guidelines will not be permitted in school. Birthday items must be purchased through Nutriserve. In Grades Pre-K through Grade 4, you must make arrangements with your child's teacher *in advance* of your child's birthday before any treats are accepted. In order to maintain the academic integrity of our middle school program, no birthday celebrations will be taking place during the school day even in the cafeteria. While we respect, cherish and honor each of the students, the school will not accept any balloons, flowers, etc. and ask that you celebrate with your child at home.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

It is very important that every student maintains an up-to-date address, telephone number, and emergency contact listing at the school office. Notify the school immediately with proper documentation if you have a change of address or telephone number during the school year.

CHILD STUDY TEAM

What is a Referral?

A referral is the first step in the special education process. It is a formal written request that a student be evaluated by the CST to determine whether a student is eligible for special education and related services or by the speech/language specialist to determine whether a student is eligible for speech services.

Who Can Refer?

Students may be referred to the CST or for a speech evaluation by instructional staff, school administration, parents and/or community agencies. Parents should submit their written request to the Director of Special Services.

When Should a Student Be Referred?

Generally, students who have academic and/or behavioral difficulties are first brought to the attention of the Intervention and Referral Services (I &RS) Committee. This committee will create interventions to address educational difficulties in the general education classroom. Interventions in the general education classroom should be attempted prior to a CST or speech referral.

When interventions in the general education classroom are not appropriate for the student, or when interventions are not effective, the student will be referred to the CST or speech/language specialist for evaluation.

Once a Student is Referred, What Happens Next?

Once a referral is received, the parents will be invited to a meeting that will be scheduled within 20 days of receipt of the referral (excluding school vacations other than summer vacation).

Based on a review of available information about the student's educational progress, a decision will be made at this meeting whether a CST or speech evaluation is warranted. If an evaluation is warranted, the nature and scope of the CST or speech evaluation will be discussed. If it appears that the problem can be alleviated with interventions in the general education program and the student has not participated in the I&RS process, there may be a decision not to conduct an evaluation, but to refer the student to the I&RS Committee for development of interventions, suggestions for other interventions for the parent to pursue, or refer the student to the 504 Committee. If the student is already in the I&RS process and an evaluation is not warranted, the I&RS plan can continue or be adjusted.

EMERGENCY CLOSINGS/DELAYED OPENING

School closings or delayed openings will be announced in the following manner:

- Contact School – 609-387-2200 for automatic message due to inclement weather or emergency closing.
- A text message, phone call, and email will be sent to each family's telephone, cell and email, so long as the most accurate, updated information is provided.
- Posted on the front/home page of our website: www.beverlycityschool.org
- Any and all delayed openings will be 2 hours. The following is a schedule for Regular Dismissal and Delayed Opening Days:

	<u>Regular Day</u>	<u>Delayed Opening</u>
Arrival	8:00 AM-8:15 AM	10:00 AM -10:15 AM
Homeroom	8:15 AM-8:25 AM	10:15 AM – 10:20 AM

GRADING

Students are graded on their mastery of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards.

Students in grades K-3 are graded on their skill level as either outstanding, satisfactory, partially satisfactory, needing improvement, or as unsatisfactory. These five levels reflect the student's ability and their progress.

Students in grades 4th through 8th grade are graded on a traditional A-F scale. See below for the grading scale.

Letter Grade	Grade Value
A+	97-100
A	94-96
A-	90-93
B+	87-89

Letter Grade	Grade Value
B	84-86
B-	80-83
C+	77-79
C	74-76
C-	70-73
D+	67-69
D	65-66
F	Below 65

HOMework

The Board of Education acknowledges the educational validity of homework as an adjunct to and extension of the instructional program of the school. The following is a recommended amount of time pupils should spend on the homework at various grade levels. Actual time spent will vary from pupil to pupil. Homework assignments are not necessarily written assignments. Pupils are expected to read and review information discussed in class.

Grade Level	Type of Homework Given
Grades 1, 2, 3	10-30 minutes. Work will vary from grade level and topics discussed. Occasionally long-term assignments are given during the year.
Grades 4, 5	40-60 minutes. Homework will vary in all subject areas. Occasionally long-term assignments are given during the year.
Grades 6, 7, 8	60-90 minutes. Homework will include daily and long term assignments in all subject areas.

Suggestions for making homework study more profitable:

- A. Set aside a specific time of the afternoon/evening to do homework
- B. Provide your child with a quiet, comfortable atmosphere to do homework
- C. Show your interest and give support
- D. Start long term assignments as soon as the teacher assigns them
- E. Encourage your child to develop high standards when doing homework.
- F. A child's work should be neat, legible and accurate.

PROGRESS REPORTS

A progress report shall be issued by the teacher at mid-marking period for all students.

Progress reports will be mailed in grades Pre-K-8 on the following dates:

First Report – October 8th

Second Report – December 21st
Third Report – March 4th
Fourth Report – May 13th

INTERNET

Beverly City School Internet Acceptable Use Policy

Internet access is available to students and teachers in the Beverly City School District. The Internet offers vast, diverse, and unique resources to both students and teachers. Our goal in providing this service is to promote educational excellence in schools by facilitating resource sharing, innovation and communication.

In general, these guidelines require efficient, ethical, and legal use of the network resources by students. Specifically, these guidelines are listed below so parents as well as students are aware of these responsibilities.

If a student violates any of these provisions, his/her access to the Internet will be terminated and future computer access could be denied. The student will also be subject to appropriate school discipline. If the activity is illegal, the student may be subject to criminal prosecution.

Please read and discuss this Acceptable Use Policy Agreement with your child. It is important that he/she understands the policy with respect to Internet access and its educational purpose in a school setting.

Note: The Beverly City School District makes no warranties of any kind and specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its Internet services.

Internet Terms and Conditions:

1. **Acceptable Use-** Acceptable use guidelines for the Internet include but are not limited to the following:
 - Student use of the Internet must be in support of education and research consistent with the educational objectives of the Beverly City School District.
 - Transmission of any material in violation of any U.S. or state regulation is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to: copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, or material protected by trade secret.
 - Use of the Internet to impose one's religious or political beliefs on others is prohibited.
 - Use of the Internet for commercial use is prohibited.
 - Use of the Internet to access, process, or transmit pornographic materials is prohibited.
 - Hate mail, harassment, discriminatory remarks and other antisocial behaviors are unacceptable.
 - Use of the Internet to obtain information used in report/assignment creation is permitted, providing that the source is identified and the material is not presented as if it were original to the user.
 - Student use of the Internet to download files or software must be approved by the teacher prior to processing. Teacher use of the Internet to download files or software must be approved by administration prior to processing.
 - Users will participate only in those discussion groups that are relevant to their education or professional/career development and such use must be approved by teacher/administration.
 - All illegal activities are prohibited.
2. **Network Etiquette-** Students are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. This includes, but is not limited to the following:
 - Be polite. Do not get abusive in your messages to others.

- Use appropriate language. Do not swear, use vulgarities, discriminatory remarks or other inappropriate language.
 - Do not reveal personal information such as: your personal address, passwords, or the phone numbers of students and colleagues.
 - Assume all communication and information accessible via the network to be private property. Users should not seek information or obtain copies of, or modify files, other data, or passwords belonging to other users, or misrepresent themselves or other users on the network. Note, however, that electronic mail and the Internet are not guaranteed to be private. People who operate the system do have access to all files and messages. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities may be reported to authorities.
3. **Security-** Security on any computer system is a high priority, especially when the system involves many users.
- All users have a vested interest in protecting the security of the system and the responsibility of notifying a teacher or system administrator immediately of a potential security problem. Do not demonstrate the problem to others. No one should use another individual's account without written permission from that individual.
 - Attempts to log-on as a system administrator will result in cancellation of user privileges and possible disciplinary action. Any user identified as a security risk may be denied access to the Internet.
4. **Vandalism-** Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy the data of another user or any of the agencies or networks that are connected to the Internet. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses. Vandalism will result in the cancellation of privileges and possible disciplinary/legal action.
5. **Enforcement-** The use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in cancellation of the privilege. School disciplinary action and/or appropriate legal action may also be taken. Serious violations of the Acceptable Use Agreement will be dealt with to the full extent of the law. The Board of Education will determine what constitutes serious inappropriate use.

INTERVENTION AND REFERRAL SERVICES COMMITTEE (I&RS)

Students experiencing academic and/or behavioral difficulties may be referred to the Intervention and Referral Services (I&RS).

Students not classified as eligible for special education services, and who are experiencing behavioral, academic, and health issues that are impeding their success in school can be referred to the I&RS team by any teacher in the building. Successful intervention by the I&RS team promotes academic achievement and emotional growth within a student. If you think your child would benefit from a referral, contact your child's homeroom teacher.

LOCKERS

- Students in Grades 6-8 will be assigned a locker to keep their items in.
- Students are assigned a classroom locker. The combination should not be shared with anyone.
- Students are to go to their lockers only at designated times by their teachers.
- No other students should be allowed to go into another students' locker under any circumstances with or without approval. Students entering another's locker will be disciplined accordingly.
- Lockers are the property of the Board of Education and are loaned to the students for storage of their possessions. No items are to be posted inside or outside of the lockers.
- NO private locks are to be placed on the locker at any time.

- Locker searches will be conducted on a regular basis. At random a homeroom of lockers will be selected for checking for neatness, posted items, proper storage of student possessions, and for dangerous items. School authorities are charged with the responsibility of safeguarding the safety and well-being of the students in their care and the property of the Board of Education.
- School Officials are also authorized to search lockers randomly if there is a reasonable basis to do so.

REPORT CARDS

Pre-Kindergarten receive progress reports throughout the school year and Kindergarten students receive report cards in February and June. Students in grades 1-8 will receive reports cards four times a year, in November, February, April and June. Conferences will be held twice a year in November and March. Student in grades 1-8 are issued report cards 4 times a year. The grading system is explained on the report card. The Beverly City School has an on-line grade portal where parents/guardians will have access to grades at any time. To gain access to the Parent Portal through Genesis, please contact the main office. You will need an email address in order to gain access.

<u>Marking Period</u>	<u>Ends</u>	<u>Report Cards Issued</u>
First	November 11, 2021	November 19, 2021
Second	January 27, 2022	February 4, 2022
Third	April 4, 2022	April 8, 2022
Fourth	June 21, 2022 (or last day of school)	June 21, 2022 (or last day of school)

PARENT / TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent/Teacher conferences will be scheduled November 1st & 2nd and March 9th & 10th for grades Pre-Kindergarten through Eighth Grade.

MEDICATION

During the school day, your children interact with many other children and adults. In order to maintain a healthy environment for all, please follow the guidelines below:

1. If your child has any of the following: fever over 100, vomiting, irritability, diarrhea, rash with fever or behavioral change, mouth sores with drooling, persistent cough and/or nasal discharge or symptoms that prevent your child from participating in school activities he/she should remain home until symptom free for 24 hours or a physician has determined the child is able to return.
2. If your child has a generalized illness (see above) during the school day, he/she will be excluded and should remain home until symptom free for 24 hours or until a physician has determined the child is able to return.
3. If your child has strep throat, he/she is excluded until 24 hours after medication with antibiotics has been instituted.
4. If your child has pink eye (purulent conjunctivitis), he/she will be excluded until examined by a physician and approved for readmission with no purulent (pus) discharge.

5. All cuts and abrasions should be kept clean and covered with a bandage. Any unusual amounts of drainage or swelling will be referred to the child's medical provider. If your child has impetigo and/or a draining wound that cannot be covered sufficiently, he/she is excluded until appropriately treated.
6. A child will also be excluded for communicable diseases in accordance with New Jersey Law/American Academy of Pediatrics Red Book and/or the Health Department.
7. If your child has any serious injuries, surgery or is hospitalized a note from the doctor is needed to return to school. The note should indicate if there are any limitations or if your child is allowed to participate in all school activities. **The school physician has the final review of any reports and orders from a child's medical provider.**
8. The spread of any infectious disease can be prevented or deterred if students adhere to basic principle of good personal hygiene, cleanliness and recommended use of personal protective measures.

The Beverly City Board of Education Policy/Regulation #5330 states: "Parents and legal guardians are encouraged to administer medications to children at home whenever possible as medication should be administered in school only when necessary for the health and safety of pupils. Medication will only be administered to pupils in school by the school physician, a certified or noncertified school nurse, a substitute school nurse employed by the district, or the pupils parent or legal guardian, a pupil who is approved to self-administer in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:40-12.3 and 12.4, and school employees who have been trained and designated by the certified school nurse to administer epinephrine in an emergency". Students who have a life-threatening condition, such as asthma or other potentially life threatening illness or allergic reaction and, following the regulations in Board of Education Policy #5330, may be permitted to self-administer medication for these conditions. No other students will be permitted to have medication in their possession during the school day or during school sponsored events. **All medications must be delivered to the school by the parent or legal guardian and must be in original containers.** For your convenience, all medication forms are available in Health Offices and on district website (Resources-Parents- Health Office).

- A. Permission for Administration of Medication by the School Nurse any medication, whether prescription, over-the-counter or nutritional supplement, that is to be administered during school hours, requires the following:
 1. The parent/guardian must provide a written request for the administration of the medication at school.
 2. Written orders, SIGNED by the private medical provider (physician/advanced practice nurse/dentist), must be provided to the school, and include the following: (Refer to Medication Order Form N60, Asthma Treatment Plan for students with asthma or Allergy Action Plan for students with a life-threatening allergy):
 - a. The pupil's name
 - b. Name of the medication
 - c. The purpose of its administration
 - d. The proper timing and dosage of medication
 - e. Any possible side effects
 - f. Length of time for which the order is valid (may not exceed the school year)
 3. The medication must be brought to school by the parent/guardian in the ORIGINAL container, appropriately labeled by the pharmacy, physician, dentist or pharmaceutical company.
 4. Medication orders and requests may not exceed one school year. A new order and parental request must be filed each year. Medication shall be retrieved by the parent/guardian by the end of the school year.
- B. Administration of Epinephrine
 - a. The parent/guardian provides a written authorization for the administration of epinephrine with written orders from the physician or advanced practice nurse that the child requires the administration of epinephrine for anaphylaxis. This authorization includes a signed statement from parent/guardian acknowledging the district shall have no liability as a result of any injury arising from the administration of epinephrine (refer to Allergy Action Plan).

- b. The school nurse has the primary responsibility for the administration of epinephrine however additional employees of the district may be designated and trained in the administration of epinephrine in an emergency when the school nurse is not physically present at the scene. The parent/guardian must notify the principal and nurse in writing of participation in school sponsored activities.
 - c. The permission for the emergency administration of epinephrine is effective for the school year it is granted and must be renewed every year.
 - d. The school nurse or trained designee are permitted, by law, to administer epinephrine via a pre-filled auto-injector mechanism to any student without a known history of anaphylaxis when the nurse or trained designee in good faith believes the student is having an anaphylactic reaction or any student whose parent/guardian has not submitted the written documentation and authorization for his/her child to receive epinephrine for anaphylaxis.
- C. Permission for Self-Administration of Medication
- a. Permission may be granted for self-administration of medication for a pupil with asthma or other potentially life-threatening illness or a life-threatening allergic reaction under the following conditions:
 - i. The parent/guardian must provide a written request for the administration of the medication at school and sign a statement acknowledging that the school district shall incur no liability as a result of any injury arising from the self-administration of medication by the pupil (Refer to Parent's Request for Student with Life Threatening Condition to Self-Administer Medication- Form N151).
 - ii. Written orders, SIGNED by the private medical provider (physician/advanced practice nurse), must be provided to the school, that the pupil has asthma or another potentially life-threatening illness or allergic reaction and is capable of, and has been instructed in, the proper method of self-administration of medication (Refer to Physician's Request for Student with Life Threatening Condition To Self-Administer Medication- Form N150). The written certification must include:
 - 1. The pupil's name
 - 2. Name of the medication
 - 3. The purpose of its administration
 - 4. The proper timing and dosage of medication
 - 5. Any possible side effects
 - 6. Length of time for which the order is valid (may not exceed the school year)

ALL MEDICATION ORDERS MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PRIVATE MEDICAL PROVIDER (PHYSICIAN /ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSE or DENTIST). COUNTER-SIGNATURES OR STAMPS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Information in regards to a student's medication may be shared with staff when such release of information is in pupil's best interest. Although these regulations may seem strict, they are for the protection and well-being of all the children. If you have any questions concerning this, please contact your child's school nurse.

ANAPHYLAXIS TO FOOD AND OTHER SUBSTANCES

The Board of Education recognizes pupils may have allergies to certain foods and other substances and may be at risk for anaphylaxis. Anaphylaxis is a sudden, severe, serious, systemic allergic reaction that can involve various areas of the body (such as the skin, respiratory tract, gastrointestinal tract, and cardiovascular system). Anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction that may be rapid in onset and may cause death. Policy 5331 has been developed in accordance with the Guidelines for the Management of Life-Threatening Food Allergies in Schools developed by the New Jersey Department of Education. An Individualized Healthcare Plan (IHP) and an Emergency Healthcare Plan will be developed for each pupil at risk for a life-threatening allergic reaction. Self-administration of medication, the placement and the accessibility of

epinephrine, and the recruitment and training of designees who volunteer to administer epinephrine during school and at school-sponsored functions when the school nurse or designee is not available shall be in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:40-12 and Board Policy and Regulation 5330. School staff will be appropriately trained by the certified school nurse to understand the school's general emergency procedures and steps to take should a life-threatening allergic reaction occur.

The school district will develop and implement appropriate strategies and prevention measures for the reduction of risk of exposure to allergens throughout the school day, during before- and after-school programs, at all school-sponsored activities, in the cafeteria, or wherever allergens are present.

A description of the roles and responsibilities of parent(s) or legal guardian(s), staff, and pupils to prevent allergic reactions and during allergic reactions are outlined in Regulation 5331.

Every incident involving a life-threatening allergic reaction and/or whenever epinephrine is administered throughout the school day, during before and after-school programs, and/or at all school-sponsored activities shall be reported to the school nurse or designee. The school nurse or designee shall be responsible to notify emergency responders, the principal or designee, and the Superintendent of Schools. The Superintendent shall inform the Board of Education after every incident including a life-threatening allergic reaction or whenever epinephrine is administered by the school nurse or designee. In addition, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:40-12.5.e.(3), the school nurse or designee shall arrange for the transportation of a pupil to the hospital emergency room by emergency services personnel after the administration of epinephrine, even if the pupil's symptoms appear to have resolved.

There will be occasions where food and/or beverages will be served as part of a classroom experience, field trip, and/or celebration.

Additionally, based on the school cafeteria's use of government commodity the district may not know the exact ingredients used in the preparation of all food and beverage items served within the school lunch program because the ingredients of these food and beverage products may be unknown to the food preparation person and/or server, a pupil with anaphylaxis to food should not consume any food products that he/she is unsure of the ingredients. The teacher will provide, whenever possible, advance notice of the classroom experience, field trip, or celebration in order for the pupil to bring a food or beverage product from their home so they may participate in the activity. Therefore, the parent(s)/legal guardian(s) and/or the pupil with anaphylaxis to food should be responsible for the pupil's purchase and consumption of any food products sold or provided by the school and/or by any school related organizations that may cause an anaphylactic reaction.

When a parent(s) or legal guardian(s) informs the Building Principal and the school nurse the pupil may have an anaphylactic reaction to a substance other than food, the Building Principal will work with school staff to determine if these substances are on school grounds. The Building Principal will inform and work with the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) and the pupil to avoid the pupil's exposure to these substances if present on school grounds.

School staff will be appropriately trained by the certified school nurse to understand the school's general emergency procedures and steps to take should a life-threatening allergic reaction occur. The certified school nurse will provide appropriate training to school staff to understand allergies to food and other substances, to recognize symptoms of an allergic reaction, and to know the school's general emergency procedures and steps to take should a life-threatening allergic reaction occur. The school nurse will work with appropriate school staff to eliminate or substitute the use of allergens in the allergic pupil's meals, educational/instructional tools and materials, arts and crafts projects, or incentives.

Policy and Regulation 5331 should be annually reviewed, evaluated, and updated where needed. Policy 5331 will be disseminated and communicated to all parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of pupils in the school in the beginning of each school year and when a pupil enters the school after the beginning of the school year.

N.J.S.A. 18A:40-12.3 through 18A:40-12.6

New Jersey Department of Education - Guidelines for the Management of Life-Threatening Food Allergies in Schools – September 2008

SCHOOL NUTRITION

The following items may not be served, sold, or given out as free promotion anywhere on school property at any time before the end of the school day:

1. Foods of minimal nutritional value (FMNV) as defined by U.S. Department of Agriculture regulations;
 - a. Soda Water
 - b. Water Ices-Those water ices, which contain fruit or fruit juices, are not included.
 - c. Chewing Gum
 - d. Certain Candies
 - i. Hard Candy: Includes such food as sour balls, fruit balls, candy sticks, lollipops, starlight mints, after dinner mints, sugar wafers, rock candy, cinnamon candies, breath mints, jaw breakers, and cough drops.
 - ii. Jellies and Gums: Includes such foods as gumdrops, jellybeans, jellied and fruit-flavored slices.
 - iii. Marshmallow Candies
 - iv. Fondant: Includes such foods as candy corn and soft mints.
 - v. Licorice
 - vi. Spun Candy
 - vii. Candy-Coated Popcorn
2. All food and beverage items listing sugar, in any form, as the first ingredient.
3. All forms of candy.
4. Baked goods such as cookies or cupcakes.
5. Home prepared items such as vegetable or fruit platters; and
6. Food items that are not sealed by the manufacturer or store

All snack and beverage items served anywhere on school property during the school day shall meet the following standards:

1. Based on manufacturers' nutritional data or nutrient facts labels:
 - a. No more than eight grams of total fat per serving, with the exception of nuts and seeds.
 - b. No more than two grams of saturated fat per serving.
2. All beverages shall not exceed 12 ounces, with the following exceptions:
 - a. Water.
 - b. Milk containing 1% or less fat.
3. Whole milk shall not exceed 8 ounces.
4. When serving food items as part of a celebration during the school day, the following items are permissible. However, please read the nutritional information carefully as they must meet the guidelines listed above:
 - 100 Calorie Cookies and Crackers
 - 100% Fruit Snacks
 - Animal Crackers
 - Cheese & Crackers
 - Crackers
 - Cheese Sticks
 - Fruit Ices
 - Fruit Trays (sealed only)
 - Jell-O
 - Rice Cakes
 - Vegetable Trays (sealed only)
 - Yogurt Pops

- Snacks purchased from the district school lunch provider
5. When serving food as part of a celebration during the school day and that celebration is away from school grounds, the only restrictions are those items identified in the regulation as foods of minimal nutritional value and homemade food items.
 6. When serving food on days that the school cafeteria is not serving lunch, the only restrictions are those items identified in the regulation as foods of minimal nutritional value, homemade food items and sealed food items.
 7. The following is a list of “non food alternatives” to celebrate birthdays. If it is important for you and your child to have a food item as a treat, the list also includes “healthy food alternatives.” Providing healthy classroom celebrations demonstrates a school commitment to providing healthy behaviors.
 - Reading a book to the class
 - Donating a book to the classroom library
 - Providing a token sticker or pencil to classmates
 - Providing a goodie-bag of non-food items including such items as: an eraser, a pencil, a pencil sharpener etc.

LOST AND FOUND

The Lost and Found Box is located in the Gymnasium/Cafeteria. Items found on the playground, in the cafeteria, in the hallways, bathrooms, or anywhere else on school grounds should be brought immediately to the Lost and Found box. If you have lost an item, please check the Lost and Found box to help locate your missing items.

PTA

The Parent Teacher Association helps provide additional activities for the pupils during the school year. The PTA will be sending home notices advising of the meeting dates and times.

Our Parent Teacher Association has been assembled to promote opportunities and activities to assist the educational community. The PTA serves as a communication link between home and school. We encourage all families to get involved in the PTA and their child’s education. Membership is always open. Applications are available at school. You can check for contact information on our school’s website.

SCHOOL RECORDS

The Board of Education conforms to laws and regulations providing for creation, maintenance, retention, security of, and access to pupil records. Parents and/or pupils have the right to review or appeal the contents of all records in accordance with New Jersey Statute and Administrative Code and Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

Parents wishing to review pupil records must make a request in writing to the school principal. An appointment may also be arranged to review the records with the teacher or the principal. Parents may request a copy of pupil records upon graduation or permanent departure from the school. After such notification, records no longer necessary to provide educational services will be destroyed. Parents must come to the school and pay nominal fee to obtain these records.

A complete copy of “Board Policy and Guidelines” is available upon request or can be located on our website.

SCHOOL SPONSORED ACTIVITIES

All students participating in a school sponsored activity, including, but not necessarily limited to, clubs, dances, sports, trips, band, choir, intramurals, etc., must be academically and behaviorally eligible. Students must maintain a passing grade in ALL subjects to be eligible to participate. Grades will be re-evaluated at progress report and report card dates only. Any student with a D average will be on probation. Participation by students with behavioral issues is at the administration's discretion.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

The Board of Education has purchased insurance coverage to protect all students against accidental injury during all school sponsored and supervised activities, whether at the school or away, including participation in athletics. This coverage is provided by Bollinger Insurance Solutions.

This insurance plan is **Excess** coverage: i.e., you must submit all bills to your own insurance carrier first. The school policy will pick up the unpaid balances, up to the limits of the policy.

All injuries should be immediately reported to a coach, nurse or teacher/advisor. Claim forms will be provided to the parent/guardian upon their request to the Health Office and must be submitted to the insurance company with 90 days.

These voluntary participation student accident insurance plans offered through your school can be purchased easily online at: www.Bollinger Schools.com.

VISITOR POLICY

In order to ensure the safety of our students, only persons who have official school business are permitted to be on school premises. All visitors must report to the Main Office as soon as they enter the building to obtain a visitors pass. Any parent or guardian wishing to visit their child's classroom needs to make an appointment with the classroom teacher.

APPENDIX A

Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying Policy

5512 HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION, AND BULLYING

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A. Policy Statement

The Board of Education prohibits acts of harassment, intimidation, or bullying of a student. A safe and civil environment in school is necessary for students to learn and achieve high academic standards. Harassment, intimidation, or bullying, like other disruptive or violent behaviors, is conduct that disrupts both a student's ability to learn and a school's ability to educate its students in a safe and disciplined environment. Harassment, intimidation, or bullying is unwanted, aggressive behavior that may involve a real or perceived power imbalance. Since students learn by example, school administrators, faculty, staff and volunteers should be commended for demonstrating appropriate behavior, treating others with civility and respect, and refusing to tolerate harassment, intimidation, or bullying.

For the purposes of this Policy, the term "parent," pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:16-1.3, means the natural parent(s) or adoptive parent(s), legal guardian(s), foster parent(s), or parent surrogate(s) of a student. Where parents are separated or divorced, "parent" means the person or agency which has legal custody of the student, as well as the natural or adoptive parent(s) of the student, provided such parental rights have not been terminated by a court of appropriate jurisdiction.

B. Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying Definition

"Harassment, intimidation, or bullying" means any gesture, any written, verbal or physical act, or any electronic communication, as defined in N.J.S.A. 18A:37-14, whether it be a single incident or a series of incidents that:

1. Is reasonably perceived as being motivated by either any actual or perceived characteristic, such as race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, or a mental, physical or sensory disability, or by any other distinguishing characteristic;
2. Takes place on school property, at any school-sponsored function, on a school bus, or off school grounds, as provided for in N.J.S.A. 18A:37-15.3;
3. Substantially disrupts or interferes with the orderly operation of the school or the rights of other students; and that
 - a. A reasonable person should know, under the circumstances, that the act(s) will have the effect of physically or emotionally harming a student or damaging the student's property, or placing a student in reasonable fear of physical or emotional harm to his/her person or damage to his/her property; or



- b. Has the effect of insulting or demeaning any student or group of students;
or
- c. Creates a hostile educational environment for the student by interfering with a student's education or by severely or pervasively causing physical or emotional harm to the student.

Schools are required to address harassment, intimidation, and bullying occurring off school grounds, when there is a nexus between the harassment, intimidation, and bullying and the school (e.g., the harassment, intimidation, or bullying substantially disrupts or interferes with the orderly operation of the school or the rights of other students).

"Electronic communication" means a communication transmitted by means of an electronic device, including, but not limited to: a telephone, cellular phone, computer, or pager.

C. Student Expectations

The Board expects students to conduct themselves in keeping with their levels of development, maturity and demonstrated capabilities with proper regard for the rights and welfare of other students and school staff, the educational purpose underlying all school activities and the care of school facilities and equipment consistent with the Code of Student Conduct.

The Board believes that standards for student behavior must be set cooperatively through interaction among the students, parents, school employees, school administrators, school volunteers, and community representatives, producing an atmosphere that encourages students to grow in self-discipline. The development of this atmosphere requires respect for self and others, as well as for school district and community property on the part of students, staff, and community members.

Students are expected to behave in a way that creates a supportive learning environment. The Board believes the best discipline is self-imposed, and it is the responsibility of staff to use instances of violations of the Code of Student Conduct as opportunities to help students learn to assume and accept responsibility for their behavior and the consequences of their behavior. Staff members who interact with students shall apply best practices designed to prevent student conduct problems and foster students' abilities to grow in self-discipline.



The Board expects that students will act in accordance with the student behavioral expectations and standards regarding harassment, intimidation, and bullying, including:

- I. Student responsibilities (e.g., requirements for students to conform to reasonable standards of socially accepted behavior; respect the person, property and rights of others; obey constituted authority; and respond to those who hold that authority);
2. Appropriate recognition for positive reinforcement for good conduct, self-discipline, and good citizenship;
3. Student rights; and
4. Sanctions and due process for violations of the Code of Student Conduct.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:37-15(a) and N.J.A.C. 6A:16-7.1(a)l, the district has involved a broad-base of school and community members, including parents, students, instructional staff, student support services staff, school administrators, and school volunteers, as well as community organizations, such as faith-based, health and human service, business and law enforcement, in the development of this Policy. Based on locally determined and accepted core ethical values adopted by the Board, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:16-7.1(a)2, the Board must develop guidelines for student conduct pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:16-7.1. These guidelines for student conduct will take into consideration the developmental ages of students, the severity of the offenses and students' histories of inappropriate behaviors, and the mission and physical facilities of the individual school(s) in the district. This Policy requires all students in the district to adhere to the rules established by the school district and to submit to the remedial and consequential measures that are appropriately assigned for infractions of these rules.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:16-7.1, the Superintendent must annually provide to students and their parents the rules of the district regarding student conduct. Provisions shall be made for informing parents whose primary language is other than English.

The district prohibits active or passive support for acts of harassment, intimidation, or bullying. Students are encouraged to support other students who:

- I. Walk away from acts of harassment, intimidation, and bullying when they see them;
2. Constructively attempt to stop acts of harassment, intimidation, or bullying;



3. Provide support to students who have been subjected to harassment, intimidation, or bullying; and
4. Report acts of harassment, intimidation, and bullying to the designated school staff member.

D. Consequences and Appropriate Remedial Actions

Consequences and Appropriate Remedial Actions - Students

The Board of Education requires its school administrators to implement procedures that ensure both the appropriate consequences and remedial responses for students who commit one or more acts of harassment, intimidation, or bullying, consistent with the Code of Student Conduct. The following factors, at a minimum, shall be given full consideration by school administrators in the implementation of appropriate consequences and remedial measures for each act of harassment, intimidation, or bullying by students.

Appropriate remedial action for a student who commits an act of harassment, intimidation, or bullying that takes into account the nature of the behavior; the nature of the student's disability, if any, and to the extent relevant; the developmental age of the student; and the student's history of problem behaviors and performance. The appropriate remedial action may also include a behavioral assessment or evaluation including, but not limited to, a referral to the Child Study Team as appropriate; and supportive interventions and referral services, including those at N.J.A.C. 6A:16-8.

Factors for Determining Consequences - Student Considerations

1. Age, developmental and maturity levels of the parties involved and their relationship to the school district;
2. Degrees of harm;
3. Surrounding circumstances;
4. Nature and severity of the behavior(s);
5. Incidences of past or continuing patterns of behavior;
6. Relationships between the parties involved; and
7. Context in which the alleged incidents occurred.



Factors for Determining Consequences - School Considerations

1. School culture, climate, and general staff management of the learning environment;
2. Social, emotional, and behavioral supports;
3. Student-staff relationships and staff behavior toward the student;
4. Family, community, and neighborhood situation; and
5. Alignment with Board policy and regulations/procedures.

Factors for Determining Remedial Measures

Personal

1. Life skill deficiencies;
2. Social relationships;
3. Strengths;
4. Talents;
5. Interests;
6. Hobbies;
7. Extra-curricular activities;
8. Classroom participation;
9. Academic performance; and
10. Relationship to students and the school district.

Environmental

1. School culture;
2. School climate;
3. Student-staff relationships and staff behavior toward the student;
4. General staff management of classrooms or other educational environments;
5. Staff ability to prevent and manage difficult or inflammatory situations;
6. Social-emotional and behavioral supports;
7. Social relationships;
8. Community activities;
9. Neighborhood situation; and
10. Family situation.

Consequences for a student who commits one or more acts of harassment, intimidation, or bullying may range from positive behavioral interventions up to and including



suspension or expulsion of students, as set forth in the Board's approved Code of Student Conduct pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:16-7.1. Consequences for a student who commits an act of harassment, intimidation, or bullying are those that are varied and graded according to the nature of the behavior; the nature of the student's disability, if any, and to the extent relevant; the developmental age of the student; and the student's history of problem behaviors and performance consistent with the Board's approved Code of Student Conduct and N.J.A.C. 6A:16-7, Student Conduct. The use of negative consequences should occur in conjunction with remediation and not be relied upon as the sole intervention approach.

Remedial measures shall be designed to correct the problem behavior, prevent another occurrence of the problem, protect and provide support for the victim of the act, and take corrective action for documented systemic problems related to harassment, intimidation, or bullying. The consequences and remedial measures may include, but are not limited to, the examples listed below:

Examples of Consequences

1. Admonishment;
2. Temporary removal from the classroom;
3. Deprivation of privileges;
4. Classroom or administrative detention;
5. Referral to disciplinarian;
6. In-school suspension;
7. Out-of-school suspension (short-term or long-term);
8. Reports to law enforcement or other legal action; or
9. Expulsion.

Examples of Remedial Measures

Personal - Student Exhibiting Bullying Behavior

1. Develop a behavioral contract with the student. Ensure the student has a voice in the outcome and can identify ways he or she can solve the problem and change behaviors;
2. Meet with parents to develop a family agreement to ensure the parent and the student understand school rules and expectations;
3. Explain the long-term negative consequences of harassment, intimidation, and bullying on all involved;



4. Ensure understanding of consequences, if harassment, intimidation, and bullying behavior continues;
5. Meet with school counselor, school social worker, or school psychologist to decipher mental health issues (e.g., what is happening and why?);
6. Develop a learning plan that includes consequences and skill building;
7. Consider wrap-around support services or after-school programs or services;
8. Provide social skill training, such as impulse control, anger management, developing empathy, and problem solving;
9. Arrange for an apology, preferably written;
10. Require a reflective essay to ensure the student understands the impact of his or her actions on others;
11. Have the student research and teach a lesson to the class about bullying, empathy, or a similar topic;
12. Arrange for restitution (i.e., compensation, reimbursement, amends, repayment), particularly when personal items were damaged or stolen;
13. Explore age-appropriate restorative (i.e., healing, curative, recuperative) practices; and
14. Schedule a follow-up conference with the student.

Personal - Target/Victim

1. Meet with a trusted staff member to explore the student's feelings about the incident;
2. Develop a plan to ensure the student's emotional and physical safety at school;
3. Have the student meet with the school counselor or school social worker to ensure he or she does not feel responsible for the bullying behavior;
4. Ask students to log behaviors in the future;
5. Help the student develop skills and strategies for resisting bullying; and
6. Schedule a follow-up conference with the student.

Parents, Family, and Community

1. Develop a family agreement;
2. Refer the family for family counseling; and
3. Offer parent education workshops related to bullying and social-emotional learning.

Examples of Remedial Measures - Environmental (Classroom, School Building, or School District)

1. Analysis of existing data to identify bullying issues and concerns;
2. Use of findings from school surveys (e.g., school climate surveys);



3. Focus groups;
4. Mailings-postal and email;
5. Cable access television;
6. School culture change;
7. School climate improvement;
8. Increased supervision in "hot spots" (e.g., locker rooms, hallways, playgrounds, cafeterias, school perimeters, buses);
9. Adoption of evidence-based systemic bullying prevention practices and programs;
10. Training for all certificated and non-certificated staff to teach effective prevention and intervention skills and strategies;
11. Professional development plans for involved staff;
12. Participation of parents and other community members and organizations (e.g., Parent Teacher Associations, Parent Teacher Organizations) in the educational program and in problem-solving bullying issues;
13. Formation of professional learning communities to address bullying problems;
14. Small or large group presentations for fully addressing the actions and the school's response to the actions, in the context of the acceptable student and staff member behavior and the consequences of such actions;
15. School policy and procedure revisions;
16. Modifications of schedules;
17. Adjustments in hallway traffic;
18. Examination and adoption of educational practices for actively engaging students in the learning process and in bonding students to pro-social institutions and people;
19. Modifications in student routes or patterns traveling to and from school;
20. Supervision of student victims before and after school, including school transportation;
21. Targeted use of monitors (e.g., hallway, cafeteria, locker room, playground, school perimeter, bus);
22. Targeted use of teacher aides;
23. Disciplinary action, including dismissal, for school staff who contributed to the problem;
24. Supportive institutional interventions, including participation in the Intervention and Referral Services Team, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:16-8;
25. Parent conferences;
26. Family counseling;
27. Development of a general harassment, intimidation, and bullying response plan;
28. Behavioral expectations communicated to students and parents;
29. Participation of the entire student body in problem-solving harassment, intimidation, and bullying issues;



30. Recommendations of a student behavior or ethics council;
31. Participation in peer support groups;
32. School transfers; and
33. Involvement of law enforcement officers, including school resource officers and juvenile officers or other appropriate legal action.

Consequences and Appropriate Remedial Actions - Adults

The district will also impose appropriate consequences and remedial actions to an adult who commits an act of harassment, intimidation, or bullying of a student. The consequences may include, but not be limited to: verbal or written reprimand, increment withholding, legal action, disciplinary action, termination, and/or bans from providing services, participating in school district-sponsored programs, or being in school buildings or on school grounds. Remedial measures may include, but not be limited to: in or out-of-school counseling, professional development programs, and work environment modifications.

Target/Victim Support

Districts should identify a range of strategies and resources that will be available to individual victims of harassment, intimidation, and bullying, and respond in a manner that provides relief to victims and does not stigmatize victims or further their sense of persecution. The type, diversity, location, and degree of support are directly related to the student's perception of safety.

Sufficient safety measures should be undertaken to ensure the victims' physical and social-emotional well-being and their ability to learn in a safe, supportive, and civil educational environment.

Examples of support for student victims of harassment, intimidation, and bullying include:

1. Teacher aides;
2. Hallway and playground monitors;
3. Partnering with a school leader;
4. Provision of an adult mentor;
5. Assignment of an adult "shadow" to help protect the student;
6. Seating changes;
7. Schedule changes;
8. School transfers;



9. Before- and after-school supervision;
10. School transportation supervision;
11. Counseling; and
12. Treatment or therapy.

E. Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying Reporting Procedure

The Board of Education requires the Principal at each school to be responsible for receiving complaints alleging violations of this Policy. All Board members, school employees, and volunteers and contracted service providers who have contact with students are required to verbally report alleged violations of this Policy to the Principal or the Principal's designee on the same day when the individual witnessed or received reliable information regarding any such incident. All Board members, school employees, and volunteers and contracted service providers who have contact with students, also shall submit a report in writing to the Principal within two school days of the verbal report.

The Principal or designee will inform the parents of all students involved in alleged incidents, and, as appropriate, may discuss the availability of counseling and other intervention services. The Principal or designee shall take into account the circumstances of the incident when providing notification to parents of all students involved in the reported harassment, intimidation, or bullying incident and when conveying the nature of the incident, including the actual or perceived protected category motivating the alleged offense. The Principal, upon receiving a verbal or written report, may take interim measures to ensure the safety, health, and welfare of all parties pending the findings of the investigation.

Students, parents, and visitors are encouraged to report alleged violations of this Policy to the Principal on the same day when the individual witnessed or received reliable information regarding any such incident.

A person may report, verbally or in writing, an act of harassment, intimidation, or bullying committed by an adult or youth against a student anonymously. The Board will not take formal disciplinary action based solely on the anonymous report.

A Board member or school employee who promptly reports an incident of harassment, intimidation, or bullying and who makes this report in compliance with the procedures set forth in this Policy, is immune from a cause of action for damages arising from any failure to remedy the reported incident.



In accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:37-18, the harassment, intimidation, and bullying law does not prevent a victim from seeking redress under any other available law, either civil or criminal, nor does it create or alter any tort liability.

The district may consider every mechanism available to simplify reporting, including standard reporting forms and/or web-based reporting mechanisms. For anonymous reporting, the district may consider locked boxes located in areas of a school where reports can be submitted without fear of being observed.

A school administrator who receives a report of harassment, intimidation, and bullying from a district employee, and fails to initiate or conduct an investigation, or who should have known of an incident of harassment, intimidation, or bullying and fails to take sufficient action to minimize or eliminate the harassment, intimidation, or bullying, may be subject to disciplinary action.

- F. Anti-Bullying Coordinator, Anti-Bullying Specialist, and School Safety/School Climate Team(s)
1. The Superintendent shall appoint a district Anti-Bullying Coordinator. The Superintendent shall make every effort to appoint an employee of the school district to this position.

The district Anti-Bullying Coordinator shall:
 - a. Be responsible for coordinating and strengthening the school district's policies to prevent, identify, and address harassment, intimidation, or bullying of students;
 - b. Collaborate with school Anti-Bullying Specialists in the district, the Board of Education, and the Superintendent to prevent, identify, and respond to harassment, intimidation, or bullying of students in the district;
 - c. Provide data, in collaboration with the Superintendent, to the Department of Education regarding harassment, intimidation, or bullying of students;
 - d. Execute such other duties related to school harassment, intimidation, or bullying as requested by the Superintendent; and
 - e. Meet at least twice a school year with the school Anti-Bullying Specialist(s) to discuss and strengthen procedures and policies to prevent, identify, and address harassment, intimidation, and bullying in the district.



2. The Principal in each school shall appoint a school Anti-Bullying Specialist. The Anti-Bullying Specialist shall be a guidance counselor, school psychologist, or other certified staff member trained to be the Anti-Bullying Specialist from among the currently employed staff in the school.

The school Anti-Bullying Specialist shall:

- a. Chair the School Safety/School Climate Team as provided in N.J.S.A. 18A:37-21;
- b. Lead the investigation of incidents of harassment, intimidation, or bullying in the school; and
- c. Act as the primary school official responsible for preventing, identifying, and addressing incidents of harassment, intimidation, or bullying in the school.

3. A School Safety/School Climate Team shall be formed in each school in the district to develop, foster, and maintain a positive school climate by focusing on the on-going systemic operational procedures and educational practices in the school, and to address issues such as harassment, intimidation, or bullying that affect school climate and culture. Each School Safety/School Climate Team shall meet, at a minimum, two times per school year. The School Safety/School Climate Team shall consist of the Principal or the Principal's designee who, if possible, shall be a senior administrator in the school and the following appointees of the Principal: a teacher in the school; a school Anti-Bullying Specialist; a parent of a student in the school; and other members to be determined by the Principal. The school Anti-Bullying Specialist shall serve as the chair of the School Safety/School Climate Team.

The School Safety/School Climate Team shall:

- a. Receive records of all complaints of harassment, intimidation, or bullying of students that have been reported to the Principal;
- b. Receive copies of all reports prepared after an investigation of an incident of harassment, intimidation, or bullying;
- c. Identify and address patterns of harassment, intimidation, or bullying of students in the school;



- d. Review and strengthen school climate and the policies of the school in order to prevent and address harassment, intimidation, or bullying of students;
- e. Educate the community, including students, teachers, administrative staff, and parents, to prevent and address harassment, intimidation, or bullying of students;
- f. Participate in the training required pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:37-13 et seq. and other training which the Principal or the district Anti-Bullying Coordinator may request. The School Safety/School Climate Team shall be provided professional development opportunities that may address effective practices of successful school climate programs or approaches; and
- g. Execute such other duties related to harassment, intimidation, or bullying as requested by the Principal or district Anti-Bullying Coordinator.

Notwithstanding any provision of N.J.S.A. 18A:37-21 to the contrary, a parent who is a member of the School Safety/School Climate Team shall not participate in the activities of the team set forth in 3. a., b., or c. above or any other activities of the team which may compromise the confidentiality of a student, consistent with, at a minimum, the requirements of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (20 U.S.C. Section 1232 and 34 CFR Part 99), N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7, Student Records and N.J.A.C. 6A:14-2.9, Student Records.

G. Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying Investigation

The Board requires a thorough and complete investigation to be conducted for each report of violations and complaints which either identify harassment, intimidation, or bullying or describe behaviors that indicate harassment, intimidation, or bullying.

[Option - Principal's Preliminary Determination

However, prior to initiating the investigation, the Principal or designee, in consultation with the Anti-Bullying Specialist, may make a preliminary determination as to whether the reported incident or complaint, assuming all facts presented are true, is a report within the scope of the definition of harassment, intimidation, and bullying under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act, N.J.S.A. 18A:37-14. The Superintendent or designee may sign-off on the preliminary determination.



The Principal or designee, upon making a preliminary determination the incident or complaint is not within the scope of the definition of harassment, intimidation, and bullying, shall inform the parents of the parties involved, who may appeal the preliminary determination to the Board of Education and thereafter to the Commissioner of Education in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:3.

A Board hearing shall be held within ten business days of receipt of the request for a Board hearing. If the preliminary determination, upon review of the facts presented in the reported incident or complaint, is to continue with the harassment, intimidation, and bullying investigation, the investigation shall be completed in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:37-15.b.(6) and this Policy.]

The investigation shall be initiated by the Principal or the Principal's designee within one school day of the verbal report of the incident. The investigation shall be conducted by the school Anti-Bullying Specialist in coordination with the Principal. The Principal may appoint additional personnel who are not school Anti-Bullying Specialists to assist with the investigation. Investigations or complaints concerning adult conduct shall not be investigated by a member of the same bargaining unit as the individual who is the subject of the investigation. An investigation concerning a staff member shall not be conducted by a staff member who is supervised by the staff member being investigated or who is an administrator in the district. The Principal or designee, in consultation with the Superintendent or designee, will appoint a staff member to complete these investigations.

The investigation shall be completed and the written findings submitted to the Principal as soon as possible, but not later than ten school days from the date of the written report of the incident. Should information regarding the reported incident and the investigation be received after the end of the ten-day period, the school Anti-Bullying Specialist shall amend the original report of the results of the investigation to ensure there is an accurate and current record of the facts and activities concerning the reported incident.

The Principal shall proceed in accordance with the Code of Student Conduct, as appropriate, based on the investigation findings. The Principal shall submit the report to the Superintendent within two school days of the completion of the investigation and in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act (N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 et seq.). As appropriate to the findings from the investigation, the Superintendent shall ensure the Code of Student Conduct has been implemented and may decide to provide intervention services, order counseling, establish training programs to reduce harassment, intimidation, or bullying and enhance school climate, impose discipline, or take or recommend other appropriate action, as necessary.



The Superintendent shall report the results of each investigation to the Board of Education no later than the date of the regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting following the completion of the investigation. The Superintendent's report shall include information on any consequences imposed under the Code of Student Conduct, any services provided, training established, or other action taken or recommended by the Superintendent.

Parents of involved student offenders and targets/victims shall be provided with information about the investigation, in accordance with Federal and State law and regulation. The information to be provided to parents shall include the nature of the investigation, whether the district found evidence of harassment, intimidation, or bullying, and whether consequences were imposed or services provided to address the incident of harassment, intimidation, or bullying. This information shall be provided in writing within five school days after the results of the investigation are reported to the Board of Education.

A parent may request a hearing before the Board of Education after receiving the written information about the investigation. Any request for such a hearing shall be filed with the Board Secretary no later than sixty calendar days after the written information is provided to the parents. The hearing shall be held within ten business days of the request. The Board of Education shall conduct the hearing in executive session, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-1 et seq.), to protect the confidentiality of the students. At the hearing, the Board may hear testimony from and consider information provided by the school Anti-Bullying Specialist and others, as appropriate, regarding the incident, the findings from the investigation of the incident, recommendations for consequences or services, and any programs instituted to reduce such incidents, prior to rendering a determination.

At the regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting following its receipt of the Superintendent's report on the results of the investigations to the Board or following a hearing in executive session, the Board shall issue a decision, in writing, to affirm, reject, or modify the Superintendent's decision. The Board's decision may be appealed to the Commissioner of Education, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:3, Controversies and Disputes, no later than ninety days after issuance of the Board of Education's decision.

A parent, student, or organization may file a complaint with the Division on Civil Rights within one hundred eighty days of the occurrence of any incident of harassment, intimidation, or bullying based on membership in a protected group as enumerated in the "Law Against Discrimination," P.L.1945, c.169 (C.10:5-1 et seq.).



H. Range of Responses to an Incident of Harassment, Intimidation, or Bullying

The Board shall establish a range of responses to harassment, intimidation, and bullying incidents and the Principal and the Anti-Bullying Specialist shall appropriately apply these responses once an incident of harassment, intimidation, or bullying is confirmed. The Superintendent shall respond to confirmed harassment, intimidation, and bullying, according to the parameters described in this Policy. The range of ways in which school staff will respond shall include an appropriate combination of counseling, support services, intervention services, and other programs. The Board recognizes that some acts of harassment, intimidation, or bullying may be isolated incidents requiring the school officials respond appropriately to the individual(s) committing the acts. Other acts may be so serious or parts of a larger pattern of harassment, intimidation, or bullying that they require a response either at the classroom, school building, or school district level or by law enforcement officials.

For every incident of harassment, intimidation, or bullying, the school officials must respond appropriately to the individual who committed the act. The range of responses to confirmed harassment, intimidation, or bullying acts should include individual, classroom, school, or district responses, as appropriate to the findings from each incident. Examples of responses that apply to each of these categories are provided below:

1. Individual responses can include consistent and appropriate positive behavioral interventions (e.g., peer mentoring, short-term counseling, life skills groups) intended to remediate the problem behaviors.
2. Classroom responses can include class discussions about an incident of harassment, intimidation, or bullying, role plays (when implemented with sensitivity to a student's situation or involvement with harassment, intimidation, and bullying), research projects, observing and discussing audio-visual materials on these subjects, and skill-building lessons in courtesy, tolerance, assertiveness, and conflict management.
3. School responses can include theme days, learning station programs, "acts of kindness" programs or awards, use of student survey data to plan prevention and intervention programs and activities, social norms campaigns, posters, public service announcements, "natural helper" or peer leadership programs, "upstander" programs, parent programs, the dissemination of information to students and parents explaining acceptable uses of electronic and wireless communication devices, and harassment, intimidation, and bullying prevention curricula or campaigns.



4. District-wide responses can comprise of adoption of school-wide programs, including enhancing the school climate, involving the community in policy review and development, providing professional development coordinating with community-based organizations (e.g., mental health, health services, health facilities, law enforcement, faith-based organizations), launching harassment, intimidation, and bullying prevention campaigns.

I. Reprisal or Retaliation Prohibited

The Board prohibits a Board member, school employee, contracted service provider who has contact with students, school volunteer, or student from engaging in reprisal, retaliation, or false accusation against a victim, witness, or one with reliable information, or any other person who has reliable information about an act of harassment, intimidation, or bullying or who reports an act of harassment, intimidation, or bullying. The consequence and appropriate remedial action for a person who engages in reprisal or retaliation shall be determined by the administrator after consideration of the nature, severity, and circumstances of the act, in accordance with case law, Federal and State statutes and regulations, and district policies and procedures. All suspected acts of reprisal or retaliation will be taken seriously and appropriate responses will be made in accordance with the totality of the circumstances.

Examples of consequences and remedial measures for students who engage in reprisal or retaliation are listed and described in the Consequences and Appropriate Remedial Actions section of this Policy.

Examples of consequences for a school employee or a contracted service provider who has contact with students who engage in reprisal or retaliation may include, but not be limited to: verbal or written reprimand, increment withholding, legal action, disciplinary action, termination, and/or bans from providing services, participating in school district-sponsored programs, or being in school buildings or on school grounds. Remedial measures may include, but not be limited to: in or out-of-school counseling, professional development programs, and work environment modifications.

Examples of consequences for a Board member who engages in reprisal or retaliation may include, but not be limited to: reprimand, legal action, and other action authorized by statute or administrative code. Remedial measures may include, but not be limited to: counseling and professional development.



J. Consequences and Appropriate Remedial Action for False Accusation

The Board prohibits any person from falsely accusing another as a means of retaliation or as a means of harassment, intimidation, or bullying.

1. Students - Consequences and appropriate remedial action for a student found to have falsely accused another as a means of harassment, intimidation, or bullying or as a means of retaliation may range from positive behavioral interventions up to and including suspension or expulsion, as permitted under N.J.S.A. 18A:37-1 et seq., Discipline of Students and as set forth in N.J.A.C. 6A:16-7.2, Short-term Suspensions, N.J.A.C. 6A:16-7, Long-term Suspensions and N.J.A.C. 6A:16-7.5, Expulsions and those listed and described in the Consequences and Appropriate Remedial Actions section of this Policy.
2. School Employees - Consequences and appropriate remedial action for a school employee or contracted service provider who has contact with students found to have falsely accused another as a means of harassment, intimidation, or bullying or as a means of retaliation could entail discipline in accordance with district policies, procedures, and agreements which may include, but not be limited to: reprimand, suspension, increment withholding, termination, and/or bans from providing services, participating in school district-sponsored programs, or being in school buildings or on school grounds. Remedial measures may include, but not be limited to: in or out-of-school counseling, professional development programs, and work environment modifications.
3. Visitors or Volunteers - Consequences and appropriate remedial action for a visitor or volunteer found to have falsely accused another as a means of harassment, intimidation, or bullying or as a means of retaliation could be determined by the school administrator after consideration of the nature, severity, and circumstances of the act, including law enforcement reports or other legal actions, removal of buildings or grounds privileges, or prohibiting contact with students or the provision of student services. Remedial measures may include, but not be limited to: in or out-of-school counseling, professional development programs, and work environment modifications.

K. Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying Policy Publication and Dissemination

This Policy will be disseminated annually by the Superintendent to all school employees, contracted service providers who have contact with students, school volunteers, students, and parents who have children enrolled in a school in the district, along with a statement explaining the Policy applies to all acts of harassment, intimidation, or bullying, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:37-14 that occur on school property, at school-sponsored functions, or on a school bus and, as appropriate, acts that occur off school grounds.



The Superintendent shall ensure that notice of this Policy appears in the student handbook and all other publications of the school district that set forth the comprehensive rules, procedures, and standards for schools within the school district.

The Superintendent shall post a link to the district's Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying Policy that is prominently displayed on the homepage of the school district's website. The district will notify students and parents this Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying Policy is available on the school district's website.

The Superintendent shall post the name, school phone number, school address, and school email address of the district Anti-Bullying Coordinator on the home page of the school district's website. Each Principal shall post the name, school phone number, address, and school email address of both the Anti-Bullying Specialist and the district Anti-Bullying Coordinator on the home page of each school's website.

L. Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying Training and Prevention Programs

The Superintendent and Principal(s) shall provide training on the school district's Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying Policy to current and new school employees; including administrators, instructors, student support services, administrative/office support, transportation, food service, facilities/maintenance; contracted service providers; and volunteers who have significant contact with students; and persons contracted by the district to provide services to students. The training shall include instruction on preventing bullying on the basis of the protected categories enumerated in N.J.S.A. 18A:37-14 and other distinguishing characteristics that may incite incidents of discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying.

Each public school teacher and educational services professional shall be required to complete at least two hours of instruction in harassment, intimidation, and bullying prevention within each five year professional development period as part of the professional development requirement pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18:37-22.d. The required two hours of suicide prevention instruction shall include information on the risk of suicide and incidents of harassment, intimidation, or bullying and information on reducing the risk of suicide in students who are members of communities identified as having members at high risk of suicide.

Each newly elected or appointed Board member must complete, during the first year of the member's first term, a training program on harassment, intimidation, and bullying in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:12-33.



The school district shall provide time during the usual school schedule for the Anti-Bullying Coordinator and each school Anti-Bullying Specialist to participate in harassment, intimidation, and bullying training programs.

A school leader shall complete school leader training that shall include information on the prevention of harassment, intimidation, and bullying as required in N.J.S.A. 18A:26-8.2.

The school district shall annually observe a "Week of Respect" beginning with the first Monday in October. In order to recognize the importance of character education, the school district will observe the week by providing age-appropriate instruction focusing on the prevention of harassment, intimidation, and bullying as defined in N.J.S.A. 18A:37-14. Throughout the school year the district will provide ongoing age-appropriate instruction on preventing harassment, intimidation, or bullying, in accordance with the Core Curriculum Content Standards, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:37-29.

The school district and each school in the district will annually establish, implement, document, and assess harassment, intimidation, and bullying prevention programs or approaches, and other initiatives in consultation with school staff, students, administrators, volunteers, parents, law enforcement, and community members. The programs or approaches and other initiatives shall be designed to create school-wide conditions to prevent and address harassment, intimidation, and bullying in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:37-17 et seq.

M. Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying Policy Reevaluation, Reassessment and Review

The Superintendent shall develop and implement a process for annually discussing the school district's Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying Policy with students.

The Superintendent, Principal(s), and the Anti-Bullying Coordinator, with input from the schools' Anti-Bullying Specialists, shall annually conduct a reevaluation, reassessment, and review of the Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying Policy, and any report(s) and/or finding(s) of the School Safety/School Climate Team(s). The Superintendent shall recommend to the Board necessary revisions and additions to the Policy consistent with N.J.S.A. 18A:37-15.c., as well as to harassment, intimidation, and bullying prevention programs and approaches based on the findings from the evaluation, reassessment, and review.



N. Reports to Board of Education and New Jersey Department of Education

The Superintendent shall report two times each school year, between September 1 and January 1 and between January 1 and June 30 at a public hearing all acts of violence, vandalism, and harassment, intimidation, and bullying which occurred during the previous reporting period in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:17-46. The information shall also be reported to the New Jersey Department of Education in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:17-46.

O. School and District Grading Requirements

Each school and each district shall receive a grade for the purpose of assessing their efforts to implement policies and programs consistent with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18:37-13 et seq. The grade received by a school and the district shall be posted on the homepage of the school's website and the district's website in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:17-46. A link to the report that was submitted by the Superintendent to the Department of Education shall also be available on the school district's website. This information shall be posted on the websites within ten days of receipt of the grade for each school and the district.

P. Reports to Law Enforcement

Some acts of harassment, intimidation, and bullying may be bias-related acts and potentially bias crimes and school officials must report to law enforcement officials either serious acts or those which may be part of a larger pattern in accordance with the provisions of the Memorandum of Agreement Between Education and Law Enforcement Officials.

Q. Collective Bargaining Agreements and Individual Contracts

Nothing in N.J.S.A. 18A:37-13.1 et seq. may be construed as affecting the provisions of any collective bargaining agreement or individual contract of employment in effect on the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act's effective date (January 5, 2011). N.J.S.A. 18A:37-30.

The Board of Education prohibits the employment of or contracting for school staff positions with individuals whose criminal history record check reveals a record of conviction for a crime of bias intimidation or conspiracy to commit or attempt to commit a crime of bias intimidation.



R. Students with Disabilities

Nothing contained in N.J.S.A. 18A:37-13.1 et seq. may alter or reduce the rights of a student with a disability with regard to disciplinary actions or to general or special education services and supports. N.J.S.A. 18A:37-32.

S. Approved Private Schools for Students with Disabilities (APSSD)

In accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 6A:16-7.7(a).2.ix.(2), the Board of Education shall investigate a complaint or report of harassment, intimidation, or bullying, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:16-7.7(a).2.ix. and Section G. of this Policy, occurring on Board of Education school buses, at Board of Education school-sponsored functions, and off school grounds involving a student who attends an APSSD. The investigation shall be conducted by a Board of Education Anti-Bullying Specialist, in consultation with the APSSD.

The school district shall submit all subsequent amended Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying Policies to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools within thirty days of Board adoption.

N.J.S.A. 18A:37-13 through 18A:37-32

N.J.A.C. 6A:16-7.1 et seq.; 6A:16-7.9 et seq.

Model Policy and Guidance for Prohibiting Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying on School Property, at School-Sponsored Functions and on School Buses - April 2011 - New Jersey Department of Education

Memorandum - New Jersey Commissioner of Education - Guidance for Schools on Implementing the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act-December 16, 2011

Adopted: 15 September 2010

Revised:



APPENDIX B

Codes of Conduct – Please refer to appropriate grade level(s)



**Student Rights and
Responsibilities:
Beverly City School Code of
Conduct
2021-2022**

Introduction

The Beverly City School is a safe and warm environment for all students. Supporting students and their rights as individuals is of the utmost importance. Positive behavior leads to positive feelings about school. This positivity leads to consistent attendance and strong academic outcomes. While positive approaches to acceptable and expected behavior are usually more effective, it is sometimes necessary to penalize students for severe violations of school regulations to ensure safety and promote a positive learning environment.

Consequences for both positive and negative behaviors are the hallmark of our Code of Conduct. Recognizing the good while addressing misbehavior creates a safe school culture. Research shows that receiving positive reinforcement activates a reward signal in the brain which reinforces the action and makes it likely the student will repeat that behavior in the future. Student misbehavior, especially behavior that impedes on the rights and responsibilities of teachers and other students, needs to be addressed while keeping our focus on learning from mistakes. Receiving feedback and altering future behavior leads the student to be more successful.

The Rights and Responsibilities outlined in this document are designed to focus on the positive and seek to minimize the need for consequences. The code was designed to provide prevention strategies while also facilitating the resolution of school-based student issues.

The Beverly City School District hopes that the families reinforce positive behaviors at home, and hold students accountable for their actions. Please support our efforts by recognizing that the teachers and staff of the Beverly City School are advocates for the rights and responsibilities of all students. Understanding our role helps to improve school culture and climate.

Thank you for your support.

Rights and Responsibilities: A Guide

Rights and Responsibilities

Our goal, as an entire school community, is to create a safe school where students, teachers, staff, parents, and administrators feel respected. All members of the school community have a responsibility to build this environment. Below are the rights and responsibilities for all members.

Policies that govern our Students' Rights and Responsibilities can be found at the end of this document and are a part of the Student Handbook. These policies include, but are not limited to Attendance, Dress Code, Electronics, and Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB).

Students

Students have the **RIGHT** to the following:

1. Receive a free and appropriate public education
2. Feel safe in school
3. Be respected and treated fairly regardless of race, color, creed, religion, religious practices, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, size, political affiliation, ability, and/or any other distinguishing characteristic
4. Have access to information about infractions and consequences
5. Express opinions in a responsible and respectful manner
6. Have access to direct assistance when experiencing personal challenges or difficulties
7. Be guaranteed confidentiality in counseling

Students have the **RESPONSIBILITY** to:

1. Be respectful to all- fellow students, teachers, staff, administrators, and parents
2. Make the most of the educational opportunities by working hard and attending school daily
3. Be honest about situations that occur and rules that are broken
4. Learn from mistakes and accept constructive criticism and consequences
5. Express opinions in a responsible and respectful manner
6. Follow school policies (including dress code, attendance, electronics, and Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying)

Families

Families have the **RIGHT** to the following:

1. Be involved in their children's education
2. Feel safe when attending school events or visiting the building
3. Be respected and treated fairly regardless of race, color, creed, religion, religious practices, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, size, political affiliation, ability, and/or any other distinguishing characteristic
4. Have access to information about academic and behavioral progress, infractions and consequences
5. Communicate concerns and opinions to the school district
6. Have access to individuals and agencies capable of providing services, counseling, and direct assistance to families experiencing challenges

Families have the **RESPONSIBILITY** to:

1. Be safe, responsible, and respectful at all times
2. Collaborate with the school and your child to make the educational experience positive for all
3. Support their children in following the school policies (including dress code, attendance, electronics, and Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying)
4. Make sure their children attend school daily
5. Provide updated contact information to the district whenever there is a change
6. Make every effort to support academics by providing a clear space to complete schoolwork and read with children nightly

Teachers, Staff, and Administrators

Teachers, staff, and administrators have the **RIGHT** to the following:

1. Work in a safe environment
2. Be respected and treated fairly regardless of race, color, creed, religion, religious practices, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, size, political affiliation, ability, and/or any other distinguishing characteristic
3. Have access to information about infractions and consequences
4. Communicate concerns and opinions to the families of their students
5. Receive support from families regarding student progress and behavior

Teachers have the RESPONSIBILITY to:

1. Be respectful to all- fellow students, teachers, staff, administrators, and parents
2. Work to build positive relationships with students, families, teachers, staff, and administrators
3. Proactively communicate information about student choices and consequences to their families
4. Practice conflict resolution as appropriate before student discipline infractions are escalated
5. Be knowledgeable about students' 504 plans and IEPs.
6. Be knowledgeable about the Students Rights and Responsibilities to enforce the Code of Conduct fairly and consistently

Privileges

Privileges are designed to emphasize a focus on the positive and seek to minimize the need for consequences. The examples listed below are used to reinforce respectful, safe, attentive, and productive behavior. Students' positive behavior should receive encouragement, as our end goal is to support productive young adults.

Privileges our school provides include, but are not limited to lunch in the cafeteria with classmates, basketball team, clubs, literature circles, Book Buddies, Post Office, Field Day, activity periods, dances, assemblies, programs, and student recognition rewards.

Code of Conduct

Code of Conduct

Students have the responsibility to meet the expectations of the school district and may participate in all activities, special privileges, and extracurriculars when they meet those standards. Our goal is to keep students attending school daily and learning as much as possible. These incentives are positive rewards for appropriate choices.

When a student makes a choice that impacts their own rights and responsibilities or the rights and responsibilities of another student, teacher, staff member, or administrator, corrective action and consequences are implemented. The interventions and consequences provided are meant to provide students with an opportunity to learn and grow. Corrective action taken by school personnel will vary according to the age and developmental levels of the student. The circumstances that are related to specific violations will be considered and action will be taken accordingly.

It should be noted that the administration may apply other appropriate consequences beyond those described below for good cause. An administrator has the discretion to revoke privileges for noncompliance with classroom rules, school rules, the Code of Conduct, the New Jersey Administrative Code, and the policies set forth by the Beverly City School Board of Education. This list is not all encompassing.

Eighth grade students run the risk of losing all eighth grade privileges for violating the rights and responsibilities of others. Again, the list is not exhaustive, however, students may lose all or some privileges which may include, but are not necessarily limited to the possible promotion, dinner dance, culminating trip, etc.

Tier	Examples	Recommended Interventions/Consequences
All students - 0	Students demonstrate respectful, attentive, and productive behaviors and passing grades aligned with their rights and responsibilities	Participation in all activities, special privileges, and extracurriculars

<p>Universal Prevention - 1</p>	<p>Uniform violation* Unprepared for school/class Use of profane or offensive language Inappropriate gestures, symbols, or comments Sleeping in class Disrespectful to students/staff Cell phone use Inappropriate use of technology Other disruptive behavior</p>	<p>Verbal correction Conference with teacher/staff member Teacher selected consequence Loss of teacher selected privileges Peer mediation Teacher contacts parent/guardian via telephone Re-teach or review expected behavior Loaner uniform provided Written reflection or apology Seat change In-class time out Teacher detention-either lunch or after-school Electronic device be put away Confiscation of electronic device, if necessary Loss of classroom privileges</p>
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Tier	Examples	Recommended Interventions/Consequences
Targeted Prevention - 2	Threats Verbal assault Continuous violation of acceptable use policy Cheating/Plagiarism Continuously making inappropriate gestures, using profane/offensive language Chronic disruptive behavior Other chronic misbehavior listed above	All Universal Prevention strategies, plus: Conflict mediation Parent conference with teachers and student Daily progress report Office referral Week long privilege loss
Intensive, Individualized Prevention - 3	Violence (assault, sexual assault, fighting, other inappropriate physical contact) Vandalism (arson, trespassing, damage to property, false public alarm, theft) Substance offense (alcohol, anabolic steroids, cocaine/crack, designer/synthetic drugs, heroin, marijuana, unauthorized prescription drugs, unauthorized over the counter substances, drug paraphernalia) Tobacco offense Vaping offense Weapon offense Gross misconduct Chronic defiance/disruption Chronic threats Other chronic misbehaviors that are highly serious or cause imminent danger to self or others	All universal and targeted prevention approaches, plus administrator assigned: Referral to school nurse and drug/alcohol counseling/treatment (if infraction is drug/alcohol related) Substance screening Referral to I&RS team Referral for risk assessment with social/emotional support providers Required conflict mediation Parent conference with administrative team Parent attends school with student After school detention In or out-of-school suspension

Tier	Examples	Recommended Interventions/Consequences
Serious Infractions-4	Bomb or weapon threats Starting a fire Possession or use of a firearm or explosive device Substance offense Use of a weapon Continuous violation of acceptable use policy	Serious infractions require serious consequences: Substance screening 10 day out-of-school suspension Referral to community resources (mobile response, family crisis unit, police)

*No dress code can be all inclusive. Therefore, the administration reserves the right to make final decisions on all attire.

Community-Based Services

The expression "It Takes a Village" is particularly accurate when it comes to raising children in the 21st century. The following are community-based resources to assist families in providing more support at home.

2ND Floor is a confidential and anonymous helpline for New Jersey's youth and young adults. The helpline helps students find solutions to the problems they face and are available 24/7 365 days a year.

1-888-222-2228

<https://www.2ndfloor.org/>

Big Brothers, Big Sisters is an organization that seeks to develop positive relationships that have a direct and lasting impact on the lives of young people.

<https://www.bbbs.org/>

Burlington County Resources provides a wide range of information about support, resources, and services for families in Burlington County, New Jersey. - www.burlingtonresourcenet.org

Division of Child Protection and Permanency investigates allegations of abuse and neglect, and arranges for family treatment and child protection 866-663-1331 <https://www.nj.gov/dcf/about/divisions/dcpp/>

Family Crisis Intervention Unit serves families at risk for court involvement due to family crisis, provides crisis intervention, short-term family therapy, and focuses on diverting formal court involvement and keeping family intact 609-267-1377

Family Support Organization offers advocacy for families from families.- 609-265-8838 www.fsoburlco.org

New Jersey System of Care is a free resource agency that helps families across New Jersey with behavioral health, disability services, and substance abuse treatment for our youth. 1-877-652-7624

www.performcarenj.org

South Jersey Legal Services, Inc. (SJLS) is a non-profit organization created to provide quality legal representation and advocacy to low-income individuals in south Jersey counties including Burlington.

1-800-496-4570 <https://www.lsnj.org/sjls/>

APPENDIX C

Title I Parent Involvement School Plan



Title I School Plan

The Beverly City School District Title I Program promotes the belief that all children can learn and acknowledges that parents share the school's commitment to educational success for all students. We recognize that a student's education is a responsibility shared by school, family, and community.

Under the ESEA/No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, each school receiving Title I funds shall:

- Jointly develop with and distribute to, parents of participating children a written parental involvement policy, agreed on by such parents that shall describe the means for carrying out the following requirements / components of the school's Title I Program.
- Notify parents of the policy (TITLE I PARENT INVOLVEMENT SCHOOL PLAN) in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practical, provided in a language that parents can understand.
- Make available to the local community (may be placed on the school website) the TITLE I PARENT INVOLVEMENT SCHOOL PLAN.
- Update / review the TITLE I PARENT INVOLVEMENT SCHOOL PLAN and COMPACT periodically to meet the changing needs of parents and the school.
- Attach the current Beverly City School Parent/Student/Staff Compact to the TITLE I PARENT INVOLVEMENT SCHOOL PLAN.



TITLE I REQUIREMENT	ACTIVITIES / STRATEGIES	PARTICIPANTS	TIME / DATE	EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE
<p>Include parents in the development and implementation of the school's <i>Title I Parent Involvement School Plan</i>.</p>	<p>Parent/Staff Open House at beginning of school year</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Title I Parents • Title I Staff • Grants Manager 	<p>September 2, 2021</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Invitation to parents 2. Attendance form 3. Draft of Parent Involvement Plan
<p>Offer parent meetings/ workshops at different times of the day.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open House, Title I Parent Meeting, Title I Conferences • Invitation to parents to attend Title I lessons 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Title I parents • Title I Staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September 2, 2021 • November 1 & 2, 2021 • March 9 & 10, 2022 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invitations sent to all Title I parents • Attendance forms



<p>Provide parents of participating children:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Title I Compact issued at beginning of school year. • Title I Parent Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Title I parents • Title I students • Staff 	<p>Policy sent home in summer mailing</p>	<p>Signed handbook in students' files</p>
<p>Develop a school – parent compact that addresses how parents, staff, & students will share responsibility for improved academic achievement and proactively foster a true working partnership.</p>	<p>Compact issued at beginning of school year, provided in native language if necessary</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Title I parents • Title I Staff 	<p>Beginning of school year</p>	<p>Signed handbook agreement in students' files</p>



<p>Ensure effective involvement of parents and staff.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall Open House • Title I Parent Involvement Conferences offered • District Parent Involvement Policy available for review on school district website • Parents provided with multiple points of contact with staff, including email addresses and telephone contact information • Staff participates in Title I Program Staff Meetings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Title I parents • Title I Staff • Grants Manager • Workshop facilitators 	<p>Ongoing throughout school year</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invitations to all conferences, Open Houses, and training session • All communication between parents and staff (email, documentation of telephone calls, and written communication) in each students' file. • District Parent Involvement Policy posted on School District website • Staff participation in Title I Program Staff Meetings • Staff included in workshops throughout the school year
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AGREEMENT PAGE

Beverly City School

Signatures of both parent(s)/guardian(s) and child are required on this page for the following codes/policies/regulations:

- School Behavior Expectations
- Dress Code
- Assembly Guidelines
- Internet Acceptable Use Terms and Conditions Agreement
- Harassment, Intimidation, & Bullying Summary & Policy
- Attendance Policy
- Medication Policy
- Anaphylaxis to Food & Other Substances Policy
- Nutrition Policy
- Title I Parent Involvement School Plan

Identified above are codes, policies, procedures, and regulations that help provide a safe environment for our school community. Parents/Guardians and students are responsible for complying with all items in this handbook. Please note, there are additional policies and regulations approved by the Board of Education, not included in this handbook. Administration has the discretion of adding new procedures as needed. In acknowledgement that you and your child have reviewed and discussed these regulations please sign below.

Name of Student: _____
Please Print

Student's Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____
Please Print

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Student's Teacher: _____ Grade: _____