

CLASSIFIED AND NON-CERTIFIED STAFF
HANDBOOK
USD #325 PHILLIPSBURG

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of U.S.D. #325 public schools is to provide positive school experiences and healthy school environments, which prepare students for successful and productive adult lives. We believe this may best be accomplished by cooperation between our schools, students, parents, and the communities we serve.

Equal Opportunity Employer

The district is an equal opportunity employer and shall not discriminate in its employment practices and policies with respect to hiring, compensation, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment because of an individual's race, color, religion, sex, age, disability or national origin.

The board shall hire employees on the basis of ability and the district's needs.

- This handbook is not an employee contract. Further, this handbook is not to be considered as either an express or implied contract between the school district and the employee. No employee has the authority to create an employee contract by modification of this document.
- Any time the superintendent is mentioned in this manual, his/her designee is implied.
- As a condition of employment, employees agree to follow rules and regulations.
- This handbook may be changed or modified and items added or deleted at any time as recommended by the superintendent and approved by the board.
- Classified employees are employees-at-will and employment may be terminated at any time, with or without cause. Classified employees pursuant to a written contract may still be employees-at-will in accordance with the written contract and employment may be terminated as provided in the written contract.

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1. BENEFITS AND COMPENSATION

Leaves and Absences

The employee will be granted such leave as approved by application of Board Policy. Should the employee be required to be absent from work for reasons other than those approved in Board Policy, the employee will have a deduction made from the next paycheck equivalent to the regular rate of compensation for the position, comparable to the time lost. The employee shall notify the building principal and/or Superintendent when time off for other than approved reasons is requested.

Bereavement Leave

Non-certified personnel working a minimum of 20 hours per week may receive four (4) days bereavement leave as the result of death in the immediate family. Such leave is not accumulative from year to year. Such leave will be with full pay. Other non-certified employees will be granted such leave under the Personal Leave section.

Personal Leave

Each classified hourly employee working at least 3 hours a day and having completed five (5) consecutive years of service in the District shall be credited with one (1) day of paid personal leave at the beginning of each fiscal year thereafter, which shall not be cumulative. After completion of ten (10) consecutive years of service in the District hourly employee will be credited with two (2) days of paid personal leave at the beginning of each fiscal year thereafter, which shall not be cumulative. This leave may be used as the employee sees fit and must be used within the current school year. No carry-over will be allowed. The employee shall request such leave from the Principal at least five (5) days prior to the leave, using the district leave request form.

No more than two personal leave requests will be granted from any one building at any one time, except in the case of extreme emergency, in which case the five days' notification may be waived. Emergency will be defined as personal or family concern, described to the superintendent without requiring a violation of an individual's confidentiality. Any leave granted the last two weeks of school would be subject to full disclosure and superintendent approval.

Additional days may be granted as approved by the Superintendent, but will be without pay.

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Sick Leave

The sick leave benefits are different for different categories of non-certificated staff. Custodians: 1 day for each 20 days worked, not to exceed 12 days per year, or accumulated time of 60 days; full-year secretaries: 10 days per year, accumulative to 60; attendance center secretaries: 9 days per year, accumulative to 50; teacher aides: 8 days per year, accumulative to 45; cooks/lunchroom personnel: (employees working a minimum of 3 hours per day) will receive 7 days per year, accumulative to 35.

Sick Leave Reserve

Non-certified staff that are employed for 52 weeks per year and work 40 hours per week are classified as full-time employees. At the beginning of each year, a sick leave reserve not to exceed 30 days will be available for such staff to apply to. Any non-certified full-

time employee may apply, in writing, to draw upon the reserve in the event that he/she has used all earned sick leave and paid vacation leave available to them. The written application will be made to the Superintendent. It will include reasons and documentation for the request. In extreme situations, the employee may apply after the fact of lost time for personal illness and the request may be considered retroactively. In that case the application must be limited to emergency situations such as prolonged illness or serious illness or injury. The reserve leave will be totally under the control of the Board and administrated by its agent. No leave time from this reserve will be granted for other than employee illness. The Superintendent will notify the applicant in writing regarding the action taken on the request, and such decision will be final. When the 30 days are exhausted during any one year, no additional days will be granted, except as the Board may voluntarily grant.

Each participant who is awarded days from the reserve will pay the days back at a rate of no less than two days per year during the first year of payback, and no less than 3 days per year during succeeding years until the total award has been paid back. The employee may elect to pay back days at a higher rate. If an employee leaves the district prior to full payback, the employee may repay any balance due with any unused sick days they might have remaining instead of a reduction in pay upon resignation. The Board may withhold an amount equal to the employee daily wage for each day not paid back if the employee has no remaining unused sick leave to draw from. Exceptions to this policy may be granted by the Board. *(Approved by BOE 12/08/03)*

Family and Medical Leave

Family and medical leave shall be granted for a period of not more than 12 weeks during a 12-month period. The 12-month period is defined as a fiscal year beginning July 1 and ending the following June 30. Spouses employed by the district may only take an aggregate of 12 weeks of leave for a birth or placement for adoption of a child, foster care or to care for a child with a serious health condition.

Leave is available because of:

- * the birth of a child of the employee and to care for him/her; the placement of a child with the employee for adoption or foster care; the need to care for a spouse, child or parent of the employee because of a serious health condition; or a serious health condition of the employee that prevents the employee from performing the job functions. (Leave must be taken within 12 months of birth or placement.)

The leave shall normally be unpaid leave. If the employee has any paid vacation, personal, sick or disability leave that is available for use because of the reason for the leave, the paid leave shall be used first and counted toward the annual family and medical leave. The employee is eligible for family and medical leave upon completion of 12 months of service in the district and employed at least 1250 hours during the preceding year.

During the period of any unpaid family and medical leave the board shall continue to pay the employer's share of the cost of group health benefits in the same manner as paid immediately prior to leave. Any employee portion of the cost shall be paid by the employee to the clerk of the board on or before the payroll date or at another time as the employee and superintendent may agree. The board may terminate group health coverage if the employee payment is not received within 30 days of the due date.

Upon the employee providing notice of need for leave, the employer will notify the employee of:

- * the reasons that leave will count as family and medical leave; any requirements for medical certification; employer requirement of substituting paid leave; requirements for premium payments for health benefits and employee responsibility for repayment if employer pays employee share; right to be restored to same or equivalent job; and any employer required fitness-for-duty certification.

Family leave (first 2 reasons) may not be used intermittently or on a part-time basis without the prior approval of the superintendent.

The superintendent may require an instructional employee to continue leave until the end of the semester if the leave begins more than five (5) weeks before the end of a semester, lasts more than three (3) weeks and the return would occur during the last three (3) weeks of the semester.

If the leave is for a reason other than the employee's serious health conditions, the superintendent may require an instructional employee to continue leave until the end of a semester if:

- * the leave begins in the last five (5) weeks of a semester, will last more than two (2) weeks and the return to work would occur in the last two (2) weeks of a semester; or the leave begins in the last three (3) weeks of a semester, and lasts more than five (5) days.

Duty Lunches

In some cases, lunches from the hot lunch program may be provided as a part of the compensation provided by the district for staff assigned to duties related to the lunch program. The established price of the lunch will be added to the employee's regular monthly compensation, which causes the lunch to be treated as income. The same amount will be deducted so that actual compensation will equal the original sum. This will ensure deduction for social security, which the employee has to pay on the value of the lunches.

Vacation

Vacation benefits vary by position.

Custodians: Following the first year of service, they will receive six (6) days of vacation. Starting with the second year, they will receive 10 days. Starting with the fifth consecutive year of service, they will receive 12 days of vacation. For head custodians, they will receive 15 days of vacation starting with the fifth consecutive year. In addition to vacation, custodians will have the following days free of duty except for maintaining adequate heat for the building: Labor Day, Two days at Thanksgiving, Two days at Christmas, New Year's Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, and Fourth of July.

Non-certified staff other than custodians: In order to be eligible for annual vacation, the employee must be on a yearly work schedule. The Clerk, Assistant Clerk and others designated by the Board are in this category. They will receive six (6) days of vacation for the first year and starting with the second year, they will receive ten (10) days of vacation per year. Starting with the fifth year of continuous service, they will receive fifteen (15) days of vacation.

Certain full-time employees such as custodians and central office personnel have a defined set of holidays granted. Sometimes holidays come on either Saturday or Sunday. These employees will be excused from work on Friday, if the holiday is on Saturday and Monday, if the holiday is on Sunday. This will apply only if school is not in session on the Friday or Monday.

Activity Passes

The board may provide each classified employee with a pass to district-sponsored activities with the exception of specified athletic tournaments and KSHSAA events. The pass will be valid for the employee and family only. One FAMILY pass will be issued, with children accompanied by parents.

Loyalty Oath

As required by current law, all employees must sign a loyalty oath and file the oath with the clerk before beginning employment and to be eligible for a paycheck.

Reimbursement/Travel Expense

The board shall provide reimbursement for expenses incurred in travel related to the performance and duties of the district's employees when approved in advance by the superintendent.

Requests for reimbursement shall have the following attached: receipts for transportation, parking, hotels or motels, meals, and other expenses for which receipts are ordinarily available.

For the authorized use of a personal car, including approved travel between buildings, staff members shall be reimbursed at a mileage rate established by the board.

Salary Reduction Plan

Classified employees may participate in a district salary reduction plan. The board may change, add or delete benefit options included in the plan.

A participant may elect to terminate his/her Payroll Reduction Agreement or modify the benefits elected only if his/her family status has changed. A participant has a change in family status upon marriage, divorce, death of a spouse or child, birth or adoption of a child, or termination of employment of a spouse. The participant shall supply written verification to the district of such change and must make any termination or election changes within thirty (30) days of the date of such change in family status. A participant desiring to make such change may discontinue participation or reduce benefits or elect new or increased benefits subject to the requirements of the particular nontaxable benefit selected and consistent with the change in family status.

Kansas Public Employees Retirement System

Employees who meet the qualifications for the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System must become a member. An employee contribution as determined by current law will be made each pay date.

Requests for information or questions about procedures should be directed to the central office at (785) 543-5281.

Retirement

A classified hourly employee working at least 3 hours a day and retiring from the District who has been employed by the District for at least twenty (20) consecutive years and has a minimum of 85 points based on KPERs retirement calculations will be paid at the rate of twenty (\$20) dollars for each day of accumulated full pay sick leave upon retirement of the employee (*****not to exceed**

the maximum accumulated days allowed for the individuals position). Each person shall give written notice of his or her intention to retire on or before April 1 of the current school year in order to receive this payment. Resignation for any reason other than retirement before the end of the school year will cancel payment of accumulative sick leave. The district will contribute compensation due into a Special Pay 403(b) Employer Paid Retirement Plan with American Fidelity in the retiree's account within 60 days following last day worked.

- *** Custodians – may accumulate 60 days
 - Head Secretaries – may accumulate 50 days
 - 9 month employees – may accumulate 45 days
 - Kitchen staff working minimum of 3 hours a day – may accumulate 35 days
- (Approved by BOE 6/12/2006)

Workers Compensation

Notice of Accidents

Employees must notify the employer within ten (10) days of an accident or the claim may be barred. Additional information about your rights and responsibilities under workers compensation may be obtained from your supervisor or the district office.

Coverage

Benefits are for personal injury from accident or occupational disease arising out of, and in the course of, employment with the district. Injuries which occur during recreational or social events under circumstances where the employee is under no duty to attend, and where the injury did not result from the performance of tasks related to normal job duties are not covered under workers compensation.

Any employee who is off work and drawing workers compensation shall be required to provide the clerk of the board with a written doctor's release before the employee is allowed to return to work. In addition, should the employee be released to return to work by a doctor and fail to do so, all benefits under sick leave shall be ended and those benefits under workers compensation shall be restricted as provided by current statute.

Coordination with Leave Benefits

The workers compensation plan will provide coverage for medical expenses and wages to the extent required by statute to those employees who qualify. Whenever an employee is absent from work and is receiving workers compensation benefits due to a work-related injury or is receiving district paid disability insurance, the employee may use available paid sick leave to supplement the workers compensation or district paid disability insurance payments.

In no event shall the employee be entitled to a combination of workers compensation benefits and salary in excess of his/her full salary. Available paid sick leave may be used for this purpose until 1) available paid sick leave benefits are exhausted; 2) the employee returns to work; or 3) employment is terminated. Sick leave shall be deducted on a prorata amount equal to the percentage of salary paid by the district.

Unemployment Compensation

For answers to questions regarding unemployment insurance policies, benefits and claims see your personnel representative or contact the nearest Department of Human Resources, District Job Insurance Office.

2. SCHEDULES

Work Schedule

Time schedules for classified employees will be assigned by the superintendent or designee.

The normal work week for classified personnel shall consist of 40 hours per week for full-time employment.

Overtime

There shall be no overtime worked unless approved in advance by the superintendent or principal. All overtime will be paid at the rate required by current law. All approved overtime shall be recorded on the employee's time card. Overtime pay is paid for hours actually worked in excess of 40 hours. Paid leave shall not be considered as hours worked.

Overtime payments will be made under the following conditions:

- When approved in advance;
- When there is an emergency situation and an administrator cannot be notified.
- When the request for overtime is submitted on a time sheet and approved by the principal or Superintendent.

Time Sheets

Time sheets are required for all hourly employees and must be signed by the employee.

The time cards shall be reviewed and approved by the building administrator on a regular basis. The employee will note all days off for holidays, sick leave, vacation or other time off, for whatever reason.

Breaks

All classified personnel are allowed a break if their regular daily schedule calls for four hours or more of continuous work. Breaks are limited to 15 minutes in length and may not be accumulated or added to lunch or dinner hours. Breaks for meal times, if allowed, shall be scheduled by the supervisor.

Payroll Procedure

As a matter of Board Policy, employees are to be paid on or about the 15th of each month, but not later than the 20th. Employees report at varying times for the first time under individual work agreements. Due to this fact, it is difficult to establish a payroll date which does not involve partial monthly payments. Beginning July 1, 2002, hourly employees will be paid strictly from time cards. Each month, employees will be paid for the prior month's actual hours recorded on the time card, turned in to the building principal for approval and forwarded to the central office payroll department. (Example: August hours will be paid on the September payroll; May hours will be paid on the June payroll) Only actual hours on duty should be recorded on the time card. All leave should be recorded as such on the time card.

Employees who elect to have health, dental, or other premiums withheld from their paycheck will have the premiums for months paychecks are not received withheld during the months checks are received. The total amount of elective premiums will be divided by the number of months checks that will be received. That additional amount will be withheld and held in escrow until the month the premium is due. If for any reason the employee

paycheck does not cover the monthly required withholding, the employee will be responsible to leave payment for summer premiums with the central office before leaving for the summer. If payment is not received in a timely manner, the particular insurance will be dropped due to non-payment. The district will not be responsible for payment of any individual employee's elective premiums if reimbursement is not received prior to the due date.

3. CONDUCT

Prohibited Substances

Drug Free Schools and Communities Act/Drug Free Workplace

The unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by school employees on school premises or as a part of any school activity is prohibited.

As a condition of employment in the district, employees shall abide by the terms of the board policy on drug free schools/workplace. Employees shall not unlawfully manufacture, distribute, dispense, sell, possess or use controlled substances in the workplace. Any employee who is convicted under a criminal drug statute for a violation occurring at the workplace must notify the superintendent of the conviction within five days after the conviction.

Within 30 days after the notice of conviction is received, the school district will take appropriate action with the employee. Such action may include the initiation of termination proceedings. Alternatively, or in addition to any action short of termination, the employee may be required to participate satisfactorily in an approved drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program as a condition of continued employment. The employee shall bear the cost of participation in such program. This is intended to implement the requirements of the federal regulations promulgated under the Drug Free workplace Act of 1988, 34 CFR Part 85, Subpart F. It is not intended to supplant or otherwise diminish personnel disciplinary actions which may be taken under existing board policies or the negotiated agreement.

Tobacco Use

The use of tobacco products by any person, in any form, is prohibited in any school building, owned, leased or rented by the district, that is used for pupil attendance purposes, or in any school vehicle.

Relations with Students

Employees shall maintain relationships with students which are conducive to an effective educational environment. Employees shall not have any interaction of a sexual nature with any student at any time regardless of the student's age or status.

Employee Protection

An employee may use reasonable force necessary to ward off an attack, to protect a student or another person, or to quell a disturbance which threatens physical injury to others.

Confidentiality

Student Information

Confidential student information, whether written or oral, shall be handled in a confidential manner and be discussed only with the parents/guardians of the particular student and the appropriate school personnel. Violations of this rule, which violate the privacy rights of students, could result in disciplinary actions being taken against the employee, including termination.

Personnel Information

Confidential personnel information, whether written or oral, shall be handled in a confidential manner and be discussed only with the appropriate school personnel. Violations of this rule, which violate the privacy rights of personnel, could result in disciplinary actions being taken against the employee, including termination.

Sexual Harassment

Sexual harassment will not be tolerated in the school district. Sexual harassment of employees or students of the district by board members, administrators, certificated and classified personnel, students, vendors, and any others having business or other contact with the school district is strictly prohibited.

Sexual harassment shall include, but not be limited to, unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when:

- submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of an individual's employment;
- submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as the basis for employment decisions affecting such individual; or
- such conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive working environment.

No district employee shall sexually harass, be sexually harassed, or fail to investigate or refer a complaint of sexual harassment for investigation. Complaints of sexual harassment by employees will be promptly investigated and resolved. Initiation of a complaint of sexual harassment will not adversely affect the job security or status of an employee, nor will it affect his or her compensation or work assignment. Violation of district policy shall result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

Employees who believe they have been subjected to sexual harassment should discuss the problem with their immediate supervisor. If an employee's immediate supervisor is the alleged harasser, or if the employee is uncomfortable discussing the issue with his/her supervisor, the employee should discuss the problem with the principal or the superintendent.

Employees who do not believe the matter is appropriately resolved may file a written complaint under the district's discrimination complaint procedure. Confidentiality shall be maintained throughout the complaint procedure.

Gifts

Unless approved by the principal, employees shall not give gifts to any student or class of students when the gifts arise out of a class or school-related activity.

Employees are prohibited from receiving gifts from vendors or sales representatives. Premiums resulting from sales projects sponsored by the district shall become the property of the district. All other premiums, price reductions, and additional merchandise awarded based on district business shall become the property of the district.

Solicitations of Employees

Unless permission is granted by the appropriate supervisor, solicitation of employees by any vendor, student, other school district employee or patron during normal duty hours is prohibited.

Solicitations by Employees

No employee will attempt, during the school day or on school property, to sell or endeavor to influence any student or school employee to buy any product, article, instrument, service or other items that may directly or indirectly benefit the school employee.

No employee will engage in sales or solicitation on behalf of the school or use the school name without the prior approval of the principal.

Dress Code

The board encourages appropriate dress for all district employees.

Conflict of Interest

District employees are prohibited from engaging in any activity that may conflict with or detract from the effective performance of their duties.

Outside Employment

Classified employees shall not engage in outside employment that impairs the effectiveness of their service.

Criminal Convictions

Any employee convicted of a felony or driving under the influence, or who enters a plea of guilty or diversion agreement, must notify the superintendent within five days after the conviction or diversion agreement.

Suspension

The superintendent shall have the authority to suspend classified employees with pay until the suspension is resolved by board action. The board may suspend with or without pay for a period determined by the board.

Termination

The board may terminate a classified employee at any time, with or without cause.

4. DISTRICT PROCEDURES

Assignment and Transfer

The board retains the right to assign, reassign, and transfer classified personnel.

Board Policy

Employees shall follow and be familiar with all policies and regulations established by the board of education.

Complaints/Grievances

Any employee may file a complaint with their supervisor concerning a school rule, regulation, policy or decision that affects the employee.

The complaint shall be in writing; filed within ten (10) days following the event complained of and shall specify the basis of the complaint. The supervisor shall meet with the employee and provide a written response within ten (10) days. If the employee disagrees with the decision, the employee may appeal to the superintendent. The superintendent's decision shall be final.

Contracts

Any written contract shall contain a reference that the contract is an employment-at-will contract which may be terminated by either party by giving written notice to the other. There are no rights of continuing employment.

Discrimination Complaints

Discrimination against any individual on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or religion in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in the district's programs and activities is prohibited. Kent Otte, 785-543-5281, has been designated to coordinate compliance with nondiscrimination requirements contained in Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

Complaints of discrimination should be addressed to an employee's supervisor or to the compliance coordinator. Complaints of discrimination against the superintendent should be addressed to the board of education or compliance coordinator.

Complaints of discrimination will be resolved using the district's discrimination complaint procedure.

Drug and Alcohol Testing

All district employees performing job functions, which require the employee to maintain a commercial driver's license shall be tested for alcohol and drugs as required by current federal law. Board approved rules and regulations necessary to implement the testing program shall be on file with the clerk.

Each new employee who is required to undergo alcohol and drug testing shall be given a copy of the appropriate regulations.

Compliance with the required elements of the testing program is a condition of employment as a driver in the district.

Supervision

The superintendent has the responsibility to supervise all classified employees not directly under the supervision of a building principal. A building principal has the responsibility to supervise all classified staff that is assigned to the building.

Job Description

A job description for each category of classified employee will be developed by the superintendent. A copy of each job description is filed with the clerk and will be available for inspection during regular office hours.

Employment Status

All classified employees are employed on an “at-will” basis, regardless of their length of service, and may be dismissed at any time.

Jury Duty

An employee called to jury duty may be paid regular school wages if the employee endorses all jury duty pay, except reimbursement for mileage and subsistence, over to the district.

Distribution of Materials

Materials from sources outside of the district may not be distributed on school grounds without prior permission from the principal. Examples of outside materials include, but are not limited to, political materials, special interest materials, and advertisements.

The principal shall determine the time, place and manner for materials distribution.

Orientation

All new classified employees shall receive an orientation as designed by the supervisor and shall be given a copy of this handbook.

Personal Property

The district is not responsible for employees’ personal property and does not provide insurance on employees’ personal property. If an employee’s personal property is broken, damaged or stolen while the employee is on the job, repair or replacement is the employee’s responsibility.

Use of Personal Vehicle

With prior approval of the administration, classified employees may use their private vehicle to perform district business.

Any employee who plans to transport students in his or her personal vehicle must provide proof of adequate insurance and a valid driver’s license to the principal prior to transporting students.

Weapons

Employees are prohibited from carrying weapons on school property or at school sponsored events, unless approved in advance and in writing by the superintendent.

Recruitment

The superintendent will recruit personnel to fill existing or proposed vacancies and recommend the board hire the most qualified candidate.

Interrogation and Investigation of Students

No one may interrogate or investigate a student on school grounds without the permission of the principal.

Searches of Students and Property

If a classified staff member believes there is a need to search a student or property, he/she shall contact the principal.

Searches of students or property shall be conducted in accordance with the rules approved by the board. Classified personnel shall not search students or property. No law enforcement officer shall search students or property without a search warrant.

Building principals are authorized to search students or property if there is reasonable suspicion that district policies, rules or directives are being violated. All searches by the principal shall be carried out in the presence of another adult witness.

Resignations

Classified employees may resign from their jobs in accordance with the employment agreement and board policies.

Exit Interviews

An exit interview may be conducted prior to an employee leaving the district.

Staff Development

All plans for staff development involving expenditure of district funds, or which require time away from the employee's assigned responsibilities shall be approved in advance by the superintendent.

Telephone Use

District telephones are for school business. Use of phones for personal business should be avoided except in case of an emergency. Use of phones for social calls is not permitted. Long distance calls made in an emergency must be recorded and reported to the employee's immediate supervisor so arrangements may be made to bill the employee.

5. RECORDS

Personnel Records

Personnel files maintained by the district shall be confidential and in the custody of the appropriate supervisor and/or the superintendent. Employees have the right to inspect their files during regular business hours upon proper notice and under the supervision of an administrator.

Required Records

Each classified employee must have the following records/forms on file with the director of personnel before the first day of employment:

- employment application;
- KPERs enrollment form (if employee is eligible);
- W-4 withholding certificate;
- social security number;
- loyalty oath or affirmation;
- health form (if working directly with students),
- driver's license and driving record (if required for position)
- INS form (proof of identity).

Address Changes

All address changes must be made with the clerk before the end of the pay period in which the changes took place.

Driving Records

It shall be the responsibility of all school bus drivers to annually provide documentation to the superintendent (and the leasing company if the district leases buses) of the validity of license

certification by the Kansas Department of Revenue. If a school bus driver's license is suspended or revoked at any time, such suspension or revocation shall be immediately reported to the superintendent and the driver shall cease driving a school bus until the license is restored.

6. REPORTS

Accidents

Any school employee who discovers an accident on school property shall report the accident to the building principal or designated representative.

If the person requires medical treatment, the employee shall:

- send for medical help;
- make the individual as comfortable as possible while waiting for competent medical assistance to arrive; and
- notify the principal or designated representative.

If an employee present is qualified to administer first aid, that aid may be given. If an employee is injured on the job, the supervisor should be contacted immediately and a report shall be made within ten days. The supervisor will then be responsible for contacting the district central office, which will in turn supply the injured employee with the appropriate forms to complete.

The employee must keep copies of all doctor's orders and provide a file copy to the district central office. The employee must inform the doctor or hospital that he/she is covered by the district workers compensation plan.

Child Abuse

Any district employee who has reason to know or suspect that a child has been injured as a result of physical, mental or emotional abuse or neglect or sexual abuse, shall promptly report the matter to the local Social Rehabilitation Service (SRS) office or to the local law enforcement agency if the SRS office is not open.

It is recommended the building administrator also be notified after the report is made.

District employees shall not contact the child's family or any other persons to determine the cause of the suspected abuse or neglect. It is not the responsibility of school employees to prove the child has been abused or neglected.

Vandalism

Employees shall report any vandalism to their immediate supervisor.

7. HEALTH

Asbestos

An asbestos management plan has been developed for the district. A copy of the management plan is available from the building principal.

Bloodborne Pathogens

The exposure control plan for bloodborne pathogens is available for review from the building principal.

All staff shall receive the training and equipment necessary to implement the plan.

Communicable Diseases

Whenever an employee has been diagnosed by a physician as having a communicable disease, the employee shall report the diagnosis and nature of the disease to the superintendent so a proper report may be made as required by statute.

An employee afflicted with a communicable disease dangerous to the public health shall be required to withdraw from active employment for the duration of the illness in order to give maximum health protection to other district employees and to students.

The employee shall be allowed to return to duty upon termination of the illness, when authorized in writing by a physician.

The board reserves the right to require a written statement from the employee's physician indicating the employee is free from all communicable disease symptoms.

Health Examinations

Custodians, maintenance personnel, teacher aides, secretaries, paraprofessionals, clerks, food service workers and others who come into regular contact with students shall complete health examinations as required by law.

As a condition to entering employment, new employees in any of these categories in the district are required to complete a physical examination at the time of employment with the district. The employee must present a district-approved form, completed by a health care professional, to the clerk that states "that there is no evidence of physical condition that would conflict with the health, safety, or welfare of the pupils; and that freedom from tuberculosis has been established. If at any time there is a reasonable cause to believe any employee is suffering from an illness detrimental to the health of the pupils, the school board may require a new certificate of health." (K.S.A. 72-5213)

The board reserves the right to have any employee examined at any time by a physician of the board's choice to determine if the employee is able to fulfill and perform the obligations of employment and to abide by and implement the policies and rules of the board. The costs of any examination required will be borne by the board.

Medications, Administering

The supervision of any medications shall be in strict compliance with the rules and regulations of the board. District employees may not dispense or administer any medications, including prescription and non-prescription drugs, to students except as outlined in board policy.

Hazardous Waste

When hazardous waste material is produced in a class, or otherwise located in the district, its disposal shall be in accordance with state and federal laws, rules and regulations.

No employee shall bring hazardous material to school without the prior approval of the supervisor. Such material shall be in an appropriate container and properly labeled.

If an employee discovers waste material that is, or may be, hazardous, he/she should notify his/her supervisor immediately.

Hazardous wastes include, but are not limited to, wastes that are flammable, corrosive, infectious, highly reactive or toxic.

Hazardous waste must be placed in an appropriate container affixed with a hazardous waste label that lists the specific contents.

Unlabeled containers whose contents are undetermined, which may contain hazardous substances, shall not be put in trash containers.

All hazardous wastes must be properly labeled and stored appropriately until they can be disposed of properly. Placing them in trash containers or the sewer system is not an acceptable disposal method.

Pest Control

The district periodically applies pesticides inside buildings. Information regarding the application of pesticides is available from the head custodian.

8. SAFETY AND SECURITY

Emergency Closings

When the superintendent decides the weather threatens the safety of students and employees, he/she will notify the radio/TV station to broadcast a school closing announcement.

Safety Practices

All employees shall engage in safe lifting, climbing and carrying practices. Employees shall ask for assistance when needed.

Security

Any district employee who believes any of the following has occurred at school, on school property or at a school-sponsored activity shall immediately report this information to local law enforcement:

- an act which constitutes the commission of a felony or a misdemeanor; or
- an act which involves the possession, use or disposal of explosives, firearms or other weapons as defined in current law.

It is recommended the building administrator also be notified.

Securing Work Area

Employees are expected to lock or otherwise secure any files, records, safes, tools, vehicles or other district equipment at the close of each work day and other appropriate times.

Computers

Use of or access to district computers and computer software is limited to district employees and students. Use of computers is for the performance of official and approved assignments only. Use of district computer equipment or software for personal projects is prohibited without prior permission of the employee's supervisor.

Only software purchased by the district may be loaded onto district computers. Software licensed to the district shall not be used on computers not owned by the district. District software shall not be copied for personal use.

Employees shall not use electronic communications, including e-mail and the internet, to harass staff, students, or other individuals.

No Right to Privacy

Employees shall have no expectation of privacy or restricted access to any information generated during the course of their official duties, or entered in any district computers. Employees waive any right to privacy in e-mail messages and consent to the access and disclosure of e-mail messages by authorized employees.

Employees shall only use passwords or other encoding or security mechanisms as assigned by the district computer system(s) administrator or other officials designated by the board. The use of a password does not affect the employer's right to monitor. All forms of electronic communications are monitored by the employer to ensure the systems are only being used for official purposes.

Ownership

Computer materials or devices created as part of any assigned district responsibility undertaken on school time shall be the property of the district. The board's rules governing ownership of employee-produced computer materials are on file with the clerk and are available upon request.

Secure Files

All employees must secure files containing confidential student information.

Internet

Inappropriate use and/or transmission of any material in violation of any United States or state regulation, is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, or material protected by a trade secret.

Copying and Duplicating

The copyright laws of the United States make it illegal for anyone to duplicate copyrighted materials without permission. Severe penalties are provided for unauthorized copying of all materials covered by the act unless the copying falls within the bounds of the "fair use" doctrine. Any duplication of copyrighted materials by district employees must be done with permission of the copyright holder or within the bounds of "fair use", as set forth in board policy.

Specific regulations concerning fair use are posted near district copy machines.

Keys

The building principal is responsible for issuing keys and maintaining a current and accurate list of all people who have been issued keys. No keys shall be duplicated without permission.

Keys should be turned in to the appropriate supervisor when an employee is no longer employed by the district or is assigned to another building.

Keys shall not be loaned to anyone. Any lost keys shall be reported immediately to the principal so measures may be taken to maintain safety and security and to protect district property.

9. EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

Appropriate Use of Equipment and Supplies

Use of equipment and supplies is for the performance of official and approved assignments only.

Use of district equipment or supplies for personal projects is prohibited without prior permission of the employee's supervisor.

APPENDIX A

Report to Local Law Enforcement
USD #325

Pursuant to K.S.A. 72-89b03, the administrator or other school employee whose signature appears below is reporting the following crimes.

{Briefly describe each incident and the person/s involved}

Date	School/Location	Student/s or Person/s Involved	Brief Description
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			

School Districts are required by Federal Law and K.S.A. 72-6214 to protect the privacy rights of students under the age of 18.

Signed: _____
Administrator or other school employee.

cc: Superintendent of Schools, USD #325
Student/s file

SCHOOL EQUIPMENT POLICY

This policy is intended to clarify the position of the Board of Education concerning personal use of district property or equipment. Personal use of district property or equipment is not allowed with the exception that the building principal may approve specific requests if it is deemed justifiable given the particular conditions of the request.

In addition, staff and student safety requires that some procedure be in place for hand tools allowing for safe, responsible use. Staff members who would like to use a hand tool must fill out a form and give it to the district employee responsible for the area in which the tool is kept. The form may be delivered by the staff member or a student. The district employee will then issue the hand tool and file the request form until the tool is returned. The tool will be used by the staff member or by a student who has been instructed in the proper use of the tool. If a student uses the tool, the staff member is responsible for the safety of the student.

If other equipment besides hand tools is requested, the request should go directly to the principal. All questions should be directed to the principal. No equipment is allowed off grounds unless related to employment responsibilities or specifically approved by the principal.

EQUIPMENT CHECK OUT FORM

Staff Name _____ Time _____ Date _____

Item Checked Out _____

Signature _____ Date Returned _____