

Gibraltar Elementary School

Student and Parent Handbook



2022-2023 School Year

Gibraltar Area Schools

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Dear Students and Families,

Gibraltar Elementary School welcomes you to the 2022-2023 school year! Working together -- students, teachers, staff, administrators, school board members, parents, and community-- we strive to achieve our district's mission:

Gibraltar Schools, in partnership with family and community, will strive for excellence in educating each of our children to live responsible, creative, and fulfilling lives in a global society. We are committed to fostering a learning environment that promotes student growth and achievement, instructional excellence, and academic rigor.

Students, the Gibraltar Elementary School faculty and staff are committed to providing you with the best possible experience in 4-year-old Kindergarten through 6th grade. Our school mission statement is as follows:

Gibraltar Elementary School strives to work in partnership with teachers, parents, and community to effectively educate all children to achieve at their highest potential while providing a safe and nurturing environment. Our school promotes a passion for lifelong learning and respect for self and others with an appreciation for individual differences.

The purpose of the Elementary Student and Parent Handbook is to assist you by outlining expectations and procedures and by providing basic information. We hope you will always be conscious of these expectations and abide by them as we strive to live the Viking Values: *We are Kind, We are Responsible, We are Engaged, We are Dedicated.*

Best wishes for a successful and enjoyable school year,

Gibraltar Elementary School Administration, Faculty and Staff

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SCHOOL SONG

(To the tune of the Northwestern fight song)

We're Gonna Fight On Gibraltar
 Fight for Victory
 We're The Mighty Vikings And
 We'll Win This Game You'll See

U Rah Rah!

We're Going To Really Glorify Our Name
 And We'll Send Our Mighty Vikes
 Of Blue And Gold
 Right On To Fame!

U Rah Rah Gibraltar,
 U Rah Rah Gibraltar,
 U Rah Rah Gibraltar! Gibraltar!

**NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT/
 EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

It is the policy of the Gibraltar Area School District that no person may be denied admission to school in this district or be denied participation in, be denied the benefits of pupil service, recreational, or any other program or activity because of the person's sex, race, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, religion, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability or handicap as required by Wis. Statute 118.13. This policy also prohibits discrimination as defined by Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 (sex), Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (race, color and national origin), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (handicap), and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (disability). The school district shall provide appropriate educational services or programs for students who have been identified as having a handicap or disability, regardless of the nature or severity of the handicap or disability. The school district shall provide for the reasonable accommodation of a student's sincerely held religious beliefs with regard to examinations and other academic requirements. The school district encourages informal resolution of complaints under this policy. A formal complaint procedure is available to address allegations of policy violations in the school district. Any questions concerning this policy should be directed to Dr. Brett Stousland, District Administrator, Gibraltar School 3924 Hwy.42, Fish Creek, WI 54212, 868-3284 extension 215. Any individual who is interested in learning more about a particular board policy or has other comments or questions can contact Lauren Ward, Elementary Principal and 4K Director, at 868-3284, extension 283. *School Board Policy 2260.*

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SECTION ONE

District Expectations/Policies

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS:

All members of the Gibraltar Elementary School (GES) community are expected to be responsible, respectful, and safe. For students, this means that you:

- Do the best job you are capable of doing in the school building
- Make wise use of the facilities and equipment available to you
- Conduct yourselves in a mature fashion
- Respect the property and rights of others
- Cooperate and work with fellow classmates, teachers, and other school personnel

EXPECTATIONS:

Gibraltar Area Schools believes that all students are entitled to:

- A quality education by teachers with an interest in individual students
- Be treated with dignity and respect
- Consistent and fair treatment in relationship to school policies and expectations
- Attend a school that has a safe and healthy environment
- Due process when school policies are enforced

EXPECTATIONS FOR PARENTS:

Parent/Guardian support is a critical part of student success.

- Actively participate in your child's education
- Attend Parent Teacher Conferences
- Communicate regularly with school staff regarding the child's academic and behavioral progress
- Ensure that the child attends school promptly and report reasons for absences
- Report to school personnel any problems or conditions that may affect their child's daily performance at school
- Provide your child with the materials necessary to complete school work
- Provide positive role models for students in the community as well as at extracurricular events associated with the school

SCHOOL BOARD POLICY:

In addition to the information in this handbook, the Board of Education of Gibraltar Area Schools has developed district policies for the efficient operation of the district. Copies of the Board of Education policies can be found online and in the District Office.

FEEDBACK/CONCERNS:

All school rules are subject to regular review. Students or parents who have a suggestion for a change or a new procedure are encouraged to talk to a teacher, or an administrator. All suggestions will be given due consideration and presented to the Superintendent and the Board of Education where appropriate.

Individuals who are not satisfied with a decision or discussion regarding school procedures should contact the building principal. A complaint or challenge that remains unresolved after discussing the matter with the building principal must be submitted in writing and will be reviewed by the superintendent. The superintendent will confirm or reject the principal's decision. If the concerned party is not satisfied with the superintendent's decision, an appeal can be made through the school board.

SECTION TWO

School Operations

SCHOOL DAY:

The normal school day is considered to be seven (7) hours. The daily schedule for students shall be as follows:

Elementary: 8:10 a.m. - 3:17 p.m.

Secondary School: 8:08 a.m. - 3:33 p.m.

ARRIVAL TIME:

Students are expected to arrive promptly to school. Students may be dropped off starting at 7:45 AM. Students will be supervised in the Elementary vestibule or be escorted to breakfast. Please remember the school day does not start until 8:10 AM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Announcements are made by students in the morning at approximately 8:15am. Students read the announcements and are selected by the teacher and rotated by grade level.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

If your children stay after school for extracurricular activities they must stay with the adult in charge of their activity. For their own safety, they must be supervised at all times just as they are during the school day.

YMCA Activities

Students attending YMCA programs are expected to follow these guidelines.

There will be a designated bus for transportation to the YMCA daily. If you want your child to be a "regular Y participant," provide your child's regularly assigned bus driver with a written note stating the need to travel on the designated bus to the YMCA and his/her bus driver will assist him/her in boarding the proper bus. Be sure to state the dates of this activity and include a parent signature.

Elementary school children 4K-5 are **NOT** allowed to walk to or from school and the YMCA. Our school provides safe travel to the YMCA. **ALL** 4K-5 students are expected to **ride this bus or have a parent pick them up for transportation** to the YMCA. School personnel will stop students who decide to walk to or from the YMCA.

Wednesdays

Wednesday afternoons are reserved for family and church-related activities. As a rule, the school **will not** organize or schedule school activities during after school hours on Wednesdays.

Church-related Activities

The school and local churches coordinate transportation of children to local churches for religious education and church-related activities on most Wednesdays after school. An additional bus is routed from school to the churches if the number of children is large enough to warrant a separate route. If the number of children going to a particular church is small, those children will be transported on a regular bus route.

FIELD TRIPS:

For purposes of the following policies, student trips are defined into three categories: curricular and instructional field trips, extracurricular field trips, and student expense field trips. When students participate in field trips that are conducted within the same *school day*, students shall be responsible for their own meals or have the school provide a cold lunch. The school will pay co-curricular registration and admission fees for participating in events.

Days Excluded for Scheduling School Activities. "The Board shall not schedule activities or events on Wednesday evenings after 3:30 p.m. for grades K-8 and 6:00 p.m. for grades 9-12, Sundays, and the following holidays: New Year's Day, Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, the day after Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve Day, and Christmas Day. All planned exceptions must be pre approved by the Board and notice of the exceptions given to parents of students involved in such activities prior to the date of exception. All emergencies must be pre-approved by the Superintendent." (Policy 2430) 1

MATERIAL RATINGS:

Our teachers are sensitive to the influence that films may have on children, and seldom show full-length movies as instructional media. Rather, commonly used instructional videos are short segments with "G" rating. Segments from a PG movie might be shown with parent permission. A list of possible videos used throughout this year can be obtained from our classroom teachers. Concerns regarding videos should be discussed with your child's teacher or principal.

STUDENT STORAGE:

A student hook and supply bin is provided by the school for the convenience of the student solely and exclusively for the storage of outer garments, footwear, and school-related materials. No student shall use the hook or bin for any other purpose. Any unauthorized item found on the hook or in the bin may be removed. Items removed from the locker may be held by the school for return to the parents or guardian of the student (without liability to the school for safekeeping) unless the inspecting authority suspects that possession or storage of the unauthorized item found in the locker involves a violation of law, in which case the suspect material removed from the locker may be turned over to law enforcement officials. Please reference School Board Policy 5771.

TOYS FROM HOME:

We discourage toys being brought to school. If children do bring toys from home to play with at recess, they should be kept in their backpack. Please realize that if children do bring toys from home to play with at recess the school is not responsible for any that are lost, broken, or stolen.

MEDICATION POLICY:

A parent or guardian will advise the administration office when the parent wishes medication to be administered to a child while at school.

Self-Administration: A student who has a parent's written authorization may bring medication to school and take it during school hours. The student shall not possess more than a day's supply. **No child under 9 years of age shall self-administer medication.** Students who suffer asthma or other respiratory illnesses that require the medicinal use of inhalers may carry and use inhalers for self-administration during the school day.

Short-Term Medication: A short-term prescription (not to exceed 10 days) shall be in the original labeled container with the student's name, doctor's name, name of medication, amount and frequency of dosage, date of filing, and prescription number. A parent shall submit a written request to their child's respective school office that school personnel administer the medication.

Long-Term Medication: Written statements addressed to the school principal shall be requested of:

- The family physician, who shall state the necessity of said medication to be given during school hours.
- The parents, who shall request school personnel to administer medication as prescribed by the physician.
- The parent shall request the physician to prescribe a duplicate container of said medication for the school. The pharmacy shall label the container to include the student's name, doctor's name, medication name, amount and frequency of dosage, date of filling, prescription number, and telephone number of the pharmacy.
- A daily log for each medication administered by school personnel shall be kept including date, name of child, name of medication, dosage, and name of person who administered medication.
- A thirty-day supply of medication is the maximum amount to be stored in school. All medication must be kept in a locked area.

- All long-term medication authorizations shall expire at the end of the school year. The physician and a parent shall notify the school when there is to be any change in the administration of the medication.
- The school shall maintain a master list of students who are to take medication at school including the student's name, name of medication, and amount and frequency of dosage. This list should be kept current and reviewed periodically.

Non-Prescription Medication: School personnel may administer non-prescription medication with a parent's authorization. Parents shall inform school personnel of the name of the medication, dosage, time to be administered, and the reason for administration. The quantity of nonprescription medication stored at school shall not exceed a ten-day dosage. All parental and physician requests shall be kept as part of the student file for one year after graduation. *School Board Policy 5330.*

INSURANCE:

The school carries insurance to apply to student injuries received in the school or while in a school-sponsored activity. Anytime a student is injured, the incident will be immediately reported to a teacher or coach. The teacher or coach will file an accident report in the office. This insurance is secondary to any other insurance under which a student may be covered.

LOST & FOUND:

The lost and found is located in the elementary school hallway. Students who find an item should turn it into the office staff during passing periods or before or after school. All unclaimed items will be donated at the end of the school year.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/SINGING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM:

Every school day Gibraltar Elementary staff will offer the opportunity for students to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. No child will be forced to participate if that is his or her parent or guardian's choice. Please contact your child's teacher if you do not wish for your child to engage in this practice.

POLICE AND SCHOOL RELATIONS:

The School District of Gibraltar Area is committed to establishing a cooperative working relationship with all administrative sanctioned agencies whose representatives need to or wish to work with students. The district is also interested in ensuring that the rights of students and their parents/guardians are maintained while the student is a responsibility of the school district. The Gibraltar Area Schools will make every effort to develop healthy attitudes toward law enforcement agencies and all other administratively sanctioned agencies and personnel in order to promote a better understanding and communication. Police officers will make every effort to interview students outside of school hours and outside the school setting in those cases where police assistance has not been requested by school authorities. In the event it becomes necessary for police to interrogate a student during normal school hours, such interrogations in the schools will be coordinated with class schedules. When law enforcement personnel come to the schools, they shall be as inconspicuous as possible. Whenever possible, they shall wear plain clothes and drive unmarked cars when visiting the school. Actual summoning of a student from classes shall be done by the principal or his or her designee. The police officer shall be as unobtrusive as possible and the student should be seen in a setting which assures privacy, so as to avoid any possible embarrassment and/or stereotyping of the student as a consequence of the police contact. All interrogations of juveniles will be conducted with full regard for principles of fundamental fairness and in compliance with procedures and requirements established by law concerning interrogations of juveniles. A Police Contact Report will be kept by each administrator of all requests for police questioning of students either at the request of the school or by the police. (*School Board Policy 5540*) The school will contact law enforcement officers should student behavior violate local or state statutes as well as school rules.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER (SRO)

Gibraltar Area Schools has contracted with the Door County Sheriff's Department to provide a School Resource Officer (SRO). The SRO's presence is intended to provide additional security for our campus, staff, and students. The SRO will also provide proactive instruction on student health and safety topics in grades K-12. The SRO officer may engage with the administration in critical events as appropriate.

RECESS POLICIES:

Students will go outside for recess unless it is raining, or the administration observes that the temperature is too cold. Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for weather conditions. Outdoor recess will occur unless temperature or wind chill indices fall below zero degrees (0). When severe weather conditions exceed safe limits, children will have indoor recess within their classrooms. The principal and/or playground supervisor will be responsible for determining whether indoor or outdoor recess will be held. Your child can stay in from recess with a written doctor's excuse which will be kept on file with the nurse.

Recess Attire: All children are expected to be properly dressed for all weather conditions. The following guidelines are provided to assist parents in having their child attired.

- When temperatures fall below 50 degrees, all children will be expected to wear long sleeve outerwear. Additional outerwear is recommended.
- When the temperature or wind chill index is less than 20 degrees above zero, boots, snow pants, coats, mittens, and hats are to be worn for warmth, whether snow is or is not present.
- Should snow exist, children must wear boots and snow pants to leave the blacktop.
- No matter the temperature, fourth and fifth students are not required to wear snow pants if they remain on the blacktop. However, they are strongly encouraged to bring boots every day as even the blacktop can be messy during the winter months.
- You may wish to send extra mittens and socks during the winter months to replace those items when they become wet from outdoor play
- Please see that your child has appropriate clothing that allows him or her to stay warm, and check that zippers are in good working condition.

RELEASE OF RECORDS:

The State Legislature set down laws pertaining to the release of student records. Sections *118.125(2)(k)* and *767.24(7)* provide that a parent or adult student shall have access to a child's medical, dental, and school records regardless of whether the parent has legal custody of the child. *118.125(2)(k)* - A school board may disclose personally identifiable information from the pupil records of an adult pupil to the parents or guardian of the adult pupil, without the written consent of the adult pupil, if the adult pupil is a dependent of his or her parents or guardian under 26 USC 152, unless the adult pupil has informed the school, in writing, that the information may not be disclosed. *767.24(7)(a)* Except under *par. (b)* or unless otherwise ordered by the court, access to a child's medical, dental and school records is available to a parent regardless of whether the parent has legal custody of the child. A parent shall not have access to a child's student records if: *767.24(7) (b)* A parent who has been denied periods of physical placement with a child under this section is subject to [s. 118.125 \(2\) \(m\)](#) with respect to that child's school records.

REPORTING OF SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT:

Wisconsin statutes require that school personnel who have a reasonable suspicion that abuse or neglect of a child has occurred, or may occur, must report this possibility to the county department of social services. It is the responsibility of this county agency to assess and determine what action is most appropriate to protect this child. Gibraltar School District staff members annually are informed of their obligations to abide by this law.

SCHOOL CLOSING/EARLY RELEASE:

In the event that school will be canceled, closed, or delayed due to safety concerns an announcement will be made via school messenger and on WDOR radio station in Sturgeon Bay as well as the following TV stations: WLUK Fox 11, WFRV 5, WBAY 2, and NBC 26 News. If school closes early, WDOR will announce the bus departure time from the school.

ALLERGY AWARE DISTRICT

Gibraltar Area Schools is an Allergy Aware District.

Food allergies present a clear and present danger to students due to direct environmental impacts that can be mitigated. To that end, all school classrooms will maintain the following allergy aware practices in the classroom:

- Classrooms will be allergen free based on the needs of the students assigned to the classroom.
- No food items will be shared in any classroom unless it is being used for educational purposes and is provided by school staff who have ensured it is allergy safe for all students in that classroom.
- Students will wash their hands following any eating in the classroom.
- A letter will be sent to all parents/guardians by the school nurse when a known allergy concern is present in their student's classroom.
- All teachers will sign the 504 Plan Signature form that relates to student allergies.
- Signs will be posted outside of classrooms where students attend who have food allergies stating that those foods are not permitted in those classrooms.

Please also see Section 8: Student Behavior Expectations, Section 11: Cafeteria, and District Policy 5335.01 for more information.

SNACKS for GRADES K-4:

Students and parents are expected to follow the district's School Wellness Policy (Policy 8510) in the provision of school snacks. Expectations are that:

- Snacks will include healthy food choices that reduce a child's intake of fats, sugars, and sodium. Snacks will be items that can be eaten quickly.
- **Students must follow all peanut and nut free classroom procedures as appropriate.**
- Classroom celebrations are expected to comply with the nutrient standards of the Child Nutrition Program.
- Fruit juice or water can accompany a food item. Soda pop is NOT allowed within our elementary school.
- Food cannot be used as a reward or withheld as punishment for student behavior or work completion.

All children will have the opportunity to order a carton of milk at snack time (45 cents/carton). Sufficient funds should be maintained in a student's food service account to accommodate this need. Costs for snack milk consumption will be deducted at the end of the month, so anticipate a decline in your account at that time. Should your account fall below recommended guidelines established by the district, you will receive a daily automated phone call reminding you to deposit additional funds for food and/or milk expenses.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:

The Gibraltar Area School District shall provide a free and appropriate education for all students evidencing special educational needs according to Section 115.89 (Wis. Statute) and Chapter P.I. 11 (Wis. Administrative Code). Students with disabilities will be instructed to the maximum extent possible with all other students. Special classrooms, separate schooling, or other removal of students with disabilities will occur only when the nature or severity of the disability is such that education in regular education settings cannot be achieved satisfactorily.

STUDENT ILLNESS IN SCHOOL:

If a student becomes ill or has an accident, he/she should report it to a teacher or staff member immediately, and that person will assist the student to the elementary office. The school nurse or the elementary secretary will call a parent or guardian to determine if the student should remain in school or if he/she will be picked up by a parent or designee. In the case of an emergency, the school will call for First Responders.

SUPERVISION:

Supervision is needed during all school activities. Students must leave the school grounds after the school day unless supervised by faculty or staff. Students may not "hang around" school after classes are dismissed, they are to leave the school and school grounds in a timely manner.

TELEPHONE:

Students may request to use the telephone in the elementary office if needed. Students are prohibited from using cellular phones and telephones in the classrooms. Cell phones should be turned off and kept in backpacks. Students may use cell phones prior to or at the conclusion of each day.

VISITOR GUIDELINES:

Adult Visitors: Parents and visitors are welcome additions to our elementary school. However, for the protection and safety of our students, you will be expected to wait in the school's vestibule until acknowledged by a school secretary or other staff member. You will need to sign the registration book, provide a photo ID, and obtain a visitor's welcome badge prior to entering the hallway.

School Aged Visitors: Gibraltar Schools do not allow school aged visitors within our classrooms. As a staff, we acknowledge both the advantages and disadvantages to this practice however, we believe that our purpose is to provide distraction free high quality instruction to our students, not provide supervision for guest students.

RELEASE OF STUDENTS TO AUTHORIZED PERSONS:

If you need to pick up your child during the day, our elementary secretary or another staff member will contact your child's teacher and have the student sent to the office where he/she will be released to you or the person designated. If the designated pick up person is running late the student will remain in the office area until an adult picks them up.

If only one (1) parent/guardian is permitted to make educational decisions or to approve absences of the student by Court order, the responsible parents shall provide the school with a copy of the Court order. Without such notice, the school will presume that the student may be released into the care of either parent. No student shall be released to anyone who is not authorized by a parent with authority to do so. No student who has a medical disability and/or appears to be incapacitated will be released without a person to accompany him/her.

STUDENT RELEASE TO GOVERNMENT AGENCY:

No student will be released to any government agency without proper warrant or written parental permission except in the event of any emergency as determined by principal.

DIRECTORY DATA:

The laws of Wisconsin allow school districts to release "Directory Data" of pupils. "Directory Data" means those pupil records which include the pupil's name, address, telephone listing, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, photographs, degrees and awards received, and the name of the school most recently previously attended by the pupil. Gibraltar Schools has a procedure that will allow this information to be given to responsible parties who do not seek monetary gain. Any parent, legal guardian, or adult student may request that any part of the directory data may be not released without prior consent. It is the parent's, guardian's, or adult student's responsibility to inform the school immediately if they do not want the directory data released for any reason. Please contact the school should this be necessary.

SCHOOL SAFETY

Accidents: Any student suffering an injury during the school day or at a school activity should report the injury to the teacher/coach involved or to the GES office. If medical attention is required, the office will follow the school's emergency procedures.

Fire, Tornado & Disaster Drills: Periodic safety drills will be held throughout the school year. Emergency procedures are posted in each GES classroom. In the case of a fire evacuation, all individuals in the building are to leave promptly and quietly at the sound of the alarm. During a fire evacuation drill, all individuals are to

return to the building when the recall bell sounds. In the case of a tornado or similar disaster students are to follow the directions of their instructors.

Building Emergency Plan-Run, Hide, Take Action: The Gibraltar Area Schools implement an options-based safety plan based on the Run, Hide, Fight to help ensure the safety of the school population in the event of an unwelcome intruder. The school will periodically review and practice these protocols.

Building Emergency Plan-Security Drills: Security drills will be periodically practiced to help ensure the safety of the population of this school in the event of an unwelcome intruder, or if a dangerous situation arises. It is imperative that these drills are taken seriously by everyone involved every time they are practiced.

WELLNESS POLICY:

The Gibraltar Schools are committed to promoting student wellness through proper nutrition, nutrition education, physical activity, and positive lifelong habits.

To accomplish this goal, the schools will –

Nutrition:

1. Educate students and parents regarding healthy nutrition and the effect of proper nutrition upon their quality of life.
2. Regarding provision of foods and beverages to students,
 - a. assure the school lunch program will continue to comply with the federally-mandated nutrient standards of the Child Nutrition Program.
 - b. strongly encourage parents and school personnel to provide healthy foods/food choices and to reduce the inclusion of fats, saturated fats, cholesterol, sugars, and sodium in foods they prepare for student lunches, snacks, classroom observances and celebrations (e.g., birthdays, Halloween, Valentine's Day), and school sales (concession stands, breakfast cart, fundraisers).
 - c. assure that food will not be used as a reward nor withheld as punishment for student behaviors or completion of school work.
 - d. beginning with the Early Childhood and Kindergarten classes in September 2006, and continuing with the classes as they progress through successive grades, assure that observances and celebrations will comply with the federally-mandated nutrient standards of the Child Nutrition Program.

Physical Activity:

3. Educate students and families regarding the importance of frequent, vigorous physical activity in developing and sustaining personal wellness. The schools will provide opportunities (e.g., physical education instruction, recesses, athletics, before and after school activities, field trips) for a minimum of 60 minutes of physical activity per day for students.
4. Continue our collaboration between the school and community organizations (e.g., YMCA, scouts, community-based sports) for the provision of physical activity outside of the school day and school year.

Risky Behaviors:

5. Educate students and families regarding the use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs, responsible sexual behaviors, stress management, and proper personal hygiene as pertains to wellness and positive lifelong habits.

Personalized Goal Setting:

6. Provide voluntary opportunities for students and school families to set goals and create personalized action plans for wellness improvement, including personal nutrition, physical activity, and weight or body mass management.

(adopted 07/17/06)

SECTION THREE

Academics

TEXTBOOKS:

Students are responsible for returning textbooks and instructional materials to their teachers at the end of the school year. A student who mistreats or loses instructional materials will be charged the fair price to replace it. Textbooks should be stored in the classroom when they are not being used.

HOMEWORK:

Each student should write all assignments in his/her student planner (grades 3-5) Assignments should be recorded daily and completed each night each night. The amount of homework a student receives varies depending on the grade level and teacher. Please talk to your individual classroom teacher or grade level team to find out nightly expectations for homework.

SPECIAL OBSERVANCE DAYS:

The Department of Public Instruction has designated the following list as special observance days for all Wisconsin schools. Our teachers will include observance of these days in their daily instruction during the 2022-2023 school year.

September 11	September 11 Observance Day	February 12	Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
September 16	Mildred Fish Harnack Day	February 15	Susan B. Anthony's Birthday
September 16	POW/MIA Recognition Day	February 22	George Washington's Birthday
September 17	U.S. Constitution Day	March 4	Casimir Pulaski Day
September 21	Wisconsin Day	March 17	"The Great Hunger" in Ireland
September 28	Bullying Awareness Day	April 9	Prisoners of War Remembrance Day
September 28	Frances Willard Day	April 13	American's Creed Day
October 9	Leif Erickson Day	April 19	Patriots' Day
October 12	Christopher Columbus Day	April 22	Environmental Awareness Day
November 11	Veterans Day	April 24	Arbor Day
January 15	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day	June 14	Robert La Follette Sr. Day

REPORT CARDS / PROGRESS REPORTS

Students in grades PK-5 are issued mid-trimester written progress reports and report cards at the end of each trimester. Written progress reports convey progress towards our expected learning outcomes. Review this information together with your child, and feel free at any time to contact your child's teacher should you have questions or concerns regarding your child's progress. It is the responsibility of the student, parent, and teacher collectively to be informed and to take action if adequate progress is not being achieved. Parents and students will have access to student information via the parent portal in Skyward.

GRADE LEVEL CLASSIFICATIONS:

Final determination of grade level placement will be made prior to the start of the school year. A student who does not advance in grade level may be affected in terms of specific class activities, and other privileges and benefits afforded to the respective classification.

SECTION FOUR

Support Services and Counseling

SCHOOL COUNSELING:

School Counseling services are available to all students in the form of individual or group counseling as needed. School counseling services are short-term services aimed to improve academic, personal/social, and career development as it pertains to the school setting. These may include problem solving, self-compassion, implementation of proactive actions, stress/emotion management, and helping students reach their full potential as a student and human being. Meetings with the school counselor may be a one-time session or multiple sessions, depending on the particular need/issue. These services are not intended as a substitute for diagnosis or treatment for any mental health disorder and are generally short-term in nature. Should it be determined by the school counselor that more extensive services are necessary it will be the responsibility of the parent, with assistance from the counselor if needed, to arrange outside counseling or psychiatric services.

STUDENT CONTACT GUIDELINES:

Gibraltar Area Schools offer short-term, goal oriented individual counseling to all students as needed. Parents/guardians or school staff may refer students for counseling, or students may self-refer. Student services personnel are not mandated to seek parental permission to meet with a student for individual counseling. Parents will be notified in the event that their child participates in a school counseling group. School counseling groups are based on common needs and interest in participation. Parents who do not wish to have their child meet with the school counselor should notify the elementary principal at the beginning of each school year.

Because these services are often provided to minors in the school setting, the school counselors may share information with parents/guardians, the student's teacher, and/or administrators or school personnel who work with the student on a need to know basis, so that we may better assist the student. The counselor will make the students aware of these limits to confidentiality. School counselors may share information with a third party, such as an outside counselor, psychiatrist, social worker, or pediatrician, with a signed release of information from a parent/guardian.

School counselors, and all school staff, are mandated by law to report suspected abuse and/or neglect cases to the Department of Child and Family Services. The involved parties typically are not notified. This decision will be at the discretion of the mandated reporter. Certain situations, such as violation of the law, may be reported directly to local law enforcement.

STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM/SUPPORT GROUPS:

The Gibraltar Comprehensive School Counseling Program offers a wide variety of resources to meet the concerns and challenges of all Gibraltar students. Parents will be notified in the event that their child participates in a school counseling group. School counseling groups are developed based on common needs and interest in participation.

SECTION FIVE

Physical Education

PHYSICAL EDUCATION MEDICAL EXCUSE:

A medical excuse from a doctor is needed if a student is unable to participate in physical education for more than two days. Students are required to bring a medical excuse from their doctor to the office. A copy will be kept on file in the office as well as forwarded to the PE teacher.

SECTION SIX

Student Activities

EXTRACURRICULAR CODE OF CONDUCT:

All elementary students who participate in the privileges provided through co-curricular programming will read and acknowledge the expectations set forth in 5500 - *Student code of classroom conduct*

Participation in Gibraltar co-curricular programs is a privilege. Students may exercise their privilege by complying with the following rules:

- Complete all requirements for participation (Physical, Fees, Code).
- Abstain from being in the presence of illicit alcohol and drug use.
- Abstain from the use, provision, sale, and/or possession of alcohol, tobacco products, controlled substances, mood altering substances, or look-alike drugs.
- Attend class without truancy.
- Maintain behavior that does not violate school suspension rules and/or Wisconsin felony statutes.

The consequence for non-compliance is non-participation. The above mentioned rules apply 24 hours per day and 365 days per year.

LEAVING A COMPETITION/EVENT WITH PARENTS:

Group or team members must use the mode of transportation approved by the school (i.e. bus, van, etc.) Any member who travels with the group or team must return with the group or team. If a student wishes to go to, or leave an event, via alternative transportation, the student **MUST** come to the office **PRIOR** to the competition and obtain a Travel Release Form. A parent/guardian must first sign the form and then the form must be signed by an administrator and the coach/advisor of the event to be valid.

List of Activities:

Club/Activity/Sport/Opportunity	Season	Grades	Advisor
Basketball (boys and girls)	Fall/Winter	4-5	Peninsula Youth Basketball Club- Devin Thomas
Little Vikings (Grades K-3) Gibraltar Hoopsters (Grades 4-6)	Winter (Saturdays)	K-5	Justin Burress
Noetic Math Club	Late Winter	4-5	Lorraine Kroll
Destination Imagination (D.I.)	Winter/Spring	3-4-5	Becky Meyer
Ike University	Summer	K-5	Lauren Ward
Running Club	Spring	4-5	Gina Thomas

SECTION SEVEN

Attendance

ATTENDANCE POLICY:

Gibraltar Area Schools require all students to attend school regularly in accordance with the laws of Wisconsin. The school's educational program is predicated upon the presence of the student and requires continuity of instruction and classroom participation. The regular contact of students with one another in the classroom and their participation in a well-planned instructional activity under the guidance of a competent teacher are vital to this purpose.

TARDY POLICY:

- Students not in their homeroom or in class when the late bell rings are considered tard
- All students who are tardy to school should report to the office to sign in
- Teachers are requested to refer cases of chronic tardiness to the principal or appropriate administrator

COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE LAW:

All children between six (6) and eighteen (18) years of age shall attend school regularly during the full period and hours, religious holidays excepted, that the school is in session. All students must attend until the end of the term, quarter, trimester, or semester of the school year in which the child becomes eighteen (18) years of age unless they fall under an exception outlined in the District's Administrative Guidelines. A child who is enrolled in five (5) year-old kindergarten shall attend school regularly, religious holidays excepted, during the full period and hours that kindergarten is in session until the end of the school term.

PARENTAL/GUARDIAN EXCUSE FOR ABSENCE:

A parent/guardian of a student who is absent shall provide a verbal statement indicating the reason for and the time period of the absence. This statement must be submitted prior to the absence if the absence is foreseeable. If the absence is not foreseeable, the statement must be provided prior to the student's readmission to school. The statement shall be submitted to the school office and will be filed in the student's school record. The District reserves the right to verify statements and investigate absences from school.

EXCUSED ABSENCES:

A student shall be excused from school for the following reasons:

Physical or Mental Condition

The student is temporarily not in proper physical or mental condition to attend a school program. If the absence exceeds 10 days, the inability of the student to attend due to physical or mental condition must be certified in writing by a licensed physician, dentist, chiropractor, optometrist or psychologist or Christian Science practitioner living and residing in Wisconsin, who is listed in the Christian Science Journal. The time period for which the certification is valid may not exceed thirty (30) days.

Obtaining Religious Instruction

Students may wish to obtain religious instruction outside the school during the required school period. The time period or periods of absence shall be determined by a school administrator. Such absences must be at least 60 minutes but not more than 180 minutes per week. Requests for absence under this paragraph shall be denied if the student fails to attend religious instruction after requesting to be absent from his or her regular school. The supervisor of such religious instruction shall report monthly, to the principal of the school regularly attended, the names of the students who attended such weekly religious instruction. See Policy 5223 - Religious Instruction for further details.

Permission of Parent or Guardian

The student may be excused by his or her parent or guardian before the absence for any or no reason. A student may not be excused for more than ten (10) days under this paragraph and must complete any

coursework missed during the absence. Examples for being absent that should be counted under this paragraph include, but are not limited to, the following:

Professional and other necessary appointments (e.g. medical, dental, and legal) that cannot be scheduled outside of the school day

To attend the funeral of a relative

Legal proceedings that require the student's presence

Vacations: Parents are encouraged not to take their child out of school for vacations. When a family vacation must be scheduled during the school year, the parents should discuss the matter with the principal and the student's teacher(s) to make necessary arrangements and file appropriate paperwork.

Religious Holiday

The student wishes to observe a religious holiday consistent with the student's creed or belief.

Suspension or Expulsion

The student has been suspended or expelled.

A student may be excused from school, as determined by the School Administrator, for the following reasons:

Quarantine: Quarantine of the student until a negative COVID test has been received

Illness of an immediate family member

Emergency: An emergency that requires the student to be absent because of family responsibilities or other appropriate reasons.

UNEXCUSED ABSENCES:

Unexcused absences demonstrate a deliberate disregard for the educational program and are considered a serious matter. The principal will determine on a case by case basis the appropriate methods to deal with unexcused absences. The following methods may be considered:

- Counseling the student
- Requiring the student to make-up lost time
- Requiring the student to make-up course work and/or examinations, as permitted under this Guideline
- Conferring with the student's parents
- Suspending the student from school
- Referring the student to an appropriate agency for assistance

Administrative action addressing excessive unexcused absences shall be in accord with due process as defined in *Policy 5611*, the Student Code of Conduct, and other applicable Board Policies.

LATE ARRIVAL AND EARLY PICK UP:

It is necessary that a student be in attendance throughout the school day in order to benefit fully from the educational program of the District. As an agent for the education of the children of this District, the Board requires that the school be notified in advance of such absences by written or verbal request of the student's parent, who shall state the reason for the tardiness or early dismissal. Justifiable reasons shall be determined by a school administrator. No staff member shall permit or cause any student to leave school prior to the regular hour of dismissal except with the knowledge and approval of the principal and with the knowledge and approval of the student's parents.

TRUANCY:

A student will be considered truant if he or she is absent part or all of one or more days from school during which the school office, principal, or a teacher has not been notified of the cause of such absence by the parent

or guardian of the absent student. A student will also be considered truant if he or she has been absent intermittently for the purpose of defeating the intent of the Wisconsin Compulsory Attendance statute - Sec. 118.15, Wis. Stat

HABITUAL TRUANCY:

A student is considered a habitual truant if he or she is absent from school without an acceptable excuse for part or all of five (5) or more days on which school is held during a school semester.

When a student initially becomes habitually truant, the school office shall ensure that all applicable provisions of the District's Truancy Plan are carried out.

Parent/Guardian Responsibilities: It is the responsibility of the student's parent or guardian to ensure that their child attends school regularly. Parents are expected to provide an excuse for all absences.

Student Responsibilities: Students are required to attend all classes and other school activities on their daily schedule, unless they have been excused from school.

MAKE UP COURSE WORK AND EXAMINATIONS:

A student whose absence from school was excused or unexcused shall be permitted to make up coursework and examinations missed during the absence when he/she returns to school. Teachers shall also have the discretion to specify where and when examinations and coursework shall be completed, including outside regular school hours. The time for completing the work shall be commensurate with the length of the absence, unless extended by the principal based upon extenuating circumstances.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL EVENTS:

The school encourages students to attend as many school events held after school as possible, without interfering with their school work and home activities. Enthusiastic spectators help to build school spirit and encourage those students who are participating in the event. However, in order to ensure that students attending evening events as nonparticipants are properly safeguarded, it is strongly advised that students be accompanied by a parent or adult chaperone when they attend the event. The school will not be able to supervise unaccompanied students nor will it be responsible for students who arrive without an adult chaperone.

SECTION EIGHT

Student Conduct and Behavior

STUDENT BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS:

Gibraltar Area Schools students are expected to act in such a manner that their behavior will reflect favorably on the individual student and on the school, showing consideration for fellow students and creating a positive, cooperative school atmosphere.

FOOD AND BEVERAGES:

For the promotion of good health, students may consume bottled water during the school day. Students are expected to use the trash cans whenever allowed to consume food or beverages in the classroom or hall.

CULTURAL RESPONSIVENESS:

Gibraltar Elementary is committed to providing a school environment that is welcoming to all students. Such an environment is free from all derogatory racial or ethnic speech or action. Any Elementary student in violation of this commitment, whether such action is generalized or directed to an individual, will be subject to our leveled discipline system. This includes but is not limited to in- or out-of-school suspension and/or mandatory training on culturally responsive behavior. Examples include but are not limited to: racial slurs, the viewing or sharing of offensive materials (digital or analogue), and other actions that may be perceived by a reasonable adult to be culturally inappropriate.

PLAYGROUND EXPECTATIONS

Our elementary playground is a learning environment where children can develop and practice social, physical and language skills. Recess is an important part of an elementary school setting as children make independent choices and negotiate social networks. All children in grades EC – 5 will have daily scheduled recess. Parent(s) are always invited to join in these activities after signing into the office if there is a current, approved back-ground check on file.

Homeroom teachers and our physical education teacher will review playground expectations with pupils. These include:

- School re-entry – Play equipment must be brought to the playground at the start of recess. Students will not be allowed to return to their classrooms or hall area during recess for items forgotten.
- Swings- Safety is our first concern. Only one person to a swing. Students may push each other from behind only. Be careful around swings and steer clear of poles and swinging areas. (Do not run under swings.)
- Slides always FEET FIRST. Treat others respectfully and keep hands to yourself. Walking up the slide is prohibited.
- Fences and Backstops- Should a ball or similar playground equipment go behind a fence, ask a supervisor on the playground for assistance. Climbing on or over backstops or fences is prohibited. Students will play in designated safe areas at all times.

Other Playground Rules

- Get ready for recess quietly. When leaving the building, please be quiet so other classes are not disturbed.
- Demonstrate respectful, cooperative and courteous behavior at all times on the playground.
- The woods are off limits. If a ball goes into the woods, tell an adult.
- Appropriate language is to be used on the playground as well as in the school building.
- When recess is over, and the bell rings, students should line up at your class's designated spot. Enter the building with indoor voices.
- If an emergency drill (fire) has begun during recess, go immediately to the blacktop and line up by homeroom. Do not continue to play.

SERIOUS DISCIPLINARY REFERRALS:

Certain student behaviors seriously violate standards of student behavior and do not follow general referral procedures. Such student violation, within a due process investigation, may cause suspension or expulsion from school. In addition, law enforcement may be contacted. These behaviors include:

***** possession or use of a weapon; harassment of a student or staff member, possession, use, sale, or provision of alcohol or drugs; arson or initiating a false alarm; open defiance of or uncivil behavior towards school authority; incorrigible behavior; possession, use, sale, or provision of tobacco, alcohol or drugs; stealing; destruction of school property or property of school personnel or students; and/or fighting*****

A student suspended out-of-school is ineligible from participating in any school events or activities and denied the opportunity to be on the school campus while suspended. A student and parent conference with the principal will be required for reinstatement of a suspended student. Any student has the right to appeal disciplinary actions to the Superintendent and the Board of Education. All appeals must take place within five (5) days of the disciplinary action.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT:

A sexual harassment policy was developed for students and all employees who have direct contact with the school. The seven-page document is too lengthy to include, but a complete policy may be obtained from the Gibraltar Administrative Office. The policy outlines some of the following: **Definition Of Sexual Harassment:** In simple terms, sexual harassment is deliberate and/or repeated sexual or sex-based behavior that is not welcome and not asked for. **Reporting Procedures:** Inform the individual that his/her behavior is unwelcome, offensive or inappropriate. DO NOT assume or hope that the problem will go away. Keep notes of times, places, witnesses and a description of each incident. Save all notes or records in a safe place. Notify a counselor or principal. **Examples of Sexual Harassment:** These examples may help you recognize certain behaviors as sexual harassment. It's generally considered sexual harassment when a person or group: Stares at a person's body in a sexual way; Hugs, grabs, pinches or touches someone sexually; Calls someone at home and makes obscene suggestions or noises; Tells "dirty" stories near someone who doesn't want to hear them; Intentionally bumps into someone, stands too close, or blocks the way; Passes "dirty" notes or pictures, or puts them in a person's book or locker; Writes graffiti or starts rumors about someone's sexual behavior or orientation; Calls out obscene names, whistles or shouts sexual suggestions to a student walking by. **Remember One Basic Rule:** It's probably sexual harassment if the person feels uncomfortable or threatened as a result of the action. It doesn't matter what the harasser intended. *S2260.03 – Title IX Sexual Harassment.*

DRUG PARAPHERNALIA POLICY:

No student or employee shall use, possess, or possess with intent to use any drug paraphernalia for purposes prohibited by the controlled substances law while on the premises owned or rented or under the control of Gibraltar Area Schools. The definition of "drug paraphernalia" shall be that as defined in Special Session Assembly Bill #9, October 1989, Chapter 120 and adopted by the Gibraltar Board of Education April 23, 1990 and confirmed on July 26, 1999. *School Board Policy 5530.*

The administration recognizes that students who use, are under the influence of, or in possession of tobacco, tobacco products, drugs, tobacco paraphernalia (e-cigarettes, trippy sticks, etc.) drug paraphernalia, alcohol, inhalants, performance-enhancing drugs, or other substances that alter human physiology/mood, during a school session, on school premises, on school-provided transportation, or while attending a school-sponsored activity are subject to disciplinary consequences and referral to law enforcement officials as appropriate.

SMOKING POLICY:

In keeping with the district health curriculum, which stresses the dangers from the use of tobacco products, and in an effort to create a healthy environment for students, employees, and the general public, the Board of Education has adopted the following policy:

There shall be no use, possession, sales, or provision of tobacco products in any of the Gibraltar School buildings, offices, shops, storage buildings, vehicles, or enclosed structures at any time. There shall be no use,

possession, sales, or provision of tobacco products on school grounds, playing fields, or other outdoor areas of the school district property. *School Board Policy 7434.*

WEAPONS:

It is the goal of the Gibraltar Area Schools to provide a safe and healthy environment for all persons on its premises or attending any of its activities or functions. To aid in reaching that goal, the district shall strictly enforce a policy that no person age 20 or less shall possess, use, or threaten use of a weapon, or a look-alike weapon, on school premises, on school-sponsored vehicles, or at any school-related event; and, that no person age 21 or more shall use or threaten use of a weapon, or a look-alike weapon, on school premises, on school-sponsored vehicles, or at any school-related event. A weapon is defined as a firearm (loaded or unloaded), knife, razor, chemical irritant including pepper spray, martial arts device, explosive device, metal knuckle or any other object which, by the manner in which it is used, is capable of inflicting bodily harm. A look-alike weapon is defined as a toy gun, non-working replica of a weapon, cap gun, starter pistol, or any other object which could reasonably be mistaken for an actual weapon regardless of where it is manufactured for that purpose. All persons are prohibited by state law from possessing a firearm on school premises, on school sponsored vehicles, or at any school-related event, or within 1,000 feet from the grounds of the school. Exceptions to this policy shall be made for: weapons under the control of law enforcement personnel, and weapons authorized by the building principal that must be handled in a legal manner for the purpose of education, and tools that may be used as weapons but are used in a non-threatening manner by school personnel or adults age 21 or older in their completion of their daily endeavors.

Violations: A student age 20 or less who violates this policy shall be subject to school disciplinary action, including immediate suspension and presentation for expulsion, in accordance with state and federal laws. Disciplinary measures taken will be the responsibility of the building principal. Circumstances involving a policy violation, including the age of the student, will be taken into consideration when disciplinary action is being determined. Weapons will be confiscated by the district. A weapon taken from a student will be reported to the student's parents/guardians. The building principal also will report the confiscation of the weapon to the county sheriff's office. A violator age 20 or less who is not a student in the Gibraltar Area Schools will be subject to appropriate response by the district which may include referral to law enforcement officials. A person age 21 or more who violates this policy will be referred to law enforcement officials. A student with exceptional education needs who violates this policy shall be removed from school and displaced in an interim alternative education setting in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education and state regulations while the violation is being processed in the district. *School Board Policy 5772.*

DRESS CODE:

Gibraltar recognizes that each student's mode of dress and grooming is a manifestation of personal style and individual preference. The school will not interfere with the right of students and their parents to make decisions regarding their appearance, except when their choices interfere with the educational program of the schools.

Accordingly, school administration sets forth grooming guidelines as are necessary to promote discipline, maintain order, secure the safety of students, and provide a healthy environment conducive to academic purposes. Such guidelines shall prohibit student dress or grooming practices which:

- A. present a hazard to the health or safety of the student himself/herself or to others in the school, including by way of communicating threats of harm or depictions of harmful conduct directed at others;
- B. interfere with school work, create disorder, or disrupt the educational program, including dress that promotes or depicts illegal activity, such as illegal drug use, underage alcohol consumption, or similar activities;
- C. cause excessive wear or damage to school property;
- D. prevent the student from achieving his/her own educational objectives because of blocked vision or restricted movement, including the wearing of hats and other head coverings, except those related with religious observances or for medical need; or
- E. given usual student physical activities, does not maintain coverage so that skin and undergarments are not inappropriately exposed.

Such guidelines shall also apply to the dress requirements for members of the athletic teams, bands, and other school groups when representing the District at a public event. Where appropriate, a uniform or specific dress requirement shall be used for students when representing the District as described.

In enforcing the dress code, the following procedures shall be used:

- A. the principal shall serve as the initial arbiter of student dress and grooming in his/her building;
- B. before taking action to enforce dress code requirements, including by requiring that a student remove, cover, or otherwise conceal the item or depiction at issue, the principal shall determine whether the item constitutes protected speech in so far as the item independently makes a statement of a discernable nature to the observer by depiction, words, or combination of the two that does not require separate explanation.

Expressive dress may not be protected speech if it involves:

- A. Obscenity
- B. Language or depictions intended to incite violence or foment hatred of others

Dress that is protected speech may still be prohibited if it is likely to cause a substantial disruption to the educational environment. This may include dress that includes the use of vulgarity, discriminatory language including racial or ethnic slurs, negative stereotypes, violence, or other communication when the clear intent is to invoke strong reactions in observers so as to impair the ability of teachers and/or students to engage in educational pursuit. No protected speech may be prohibited on the basis of disagreement by District officials with the specific point of view expressed if the topic is otherwise permitted (e.g. permitting depictions of support for one political party, but prohibiting depictions of support for the other). Students who violate the foregoing rules will not be admitted to class and may be subject to additional consequences.

If the clothing cannot be removed or concealed, the student may be sent home after contact is made with the student's parent/guardian. *School Board Policy 5511*

ELECTRONIC DEVICES:

The school district encourages student use of laptop and PDA technology for the purpose of personal productivity. The administration reserves the right to assure that student-provided devices are compatible with the school's infrastructure. Electronic communication and personal entertainment devices, including cellular phones, are a part of a contemporary student's life. However, the use of these devices in classes, assemblies, meetings, etc., is an unwarranted distraction. Students are prohibited from activating or allowing their device to be activated in the school or while attending school events between the hours of 8:10 a.m. and 3:17 p.m., unless directed to do so by a teacher. When observed during the prohibited hours, staff members shall confiscate the device(s) and deposit the device(s) with the school principal. Confiscated items may be retrieved by the student's parent or guardian, or, in the case of a liberated student, by the student after 3:21 p.m. The use of personal electronic devices is permitted during a student's posted lunch time, except in the media center. Under the direct supervision of a teacher, students may use personal, handheld electronic communication devices to accomplish an instructional objective. In order to ensure the privacy of all persons in school locker rooms and restrooms, no person may electronically record and/or transmit the image of any other person in the locker room or restroom. In addition, no person shall possess or distribute such images. Violation of this prohibition will lead to a suspension and recommendation of expulsion from school and referral to law enforcement.

The use of electronic devices –with earphones is prohibited in instructional settings, such as classrooms, study halls, and the media center, unless specifically approved by a faculty member, and without earphones is prohibited on school buses. *School Board Policy 5136*

UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT:

Listed below are some examples of conduct that are considered unacceptable. This list is not to be considered all-inclusive. Inappropriate behavior will be addressed and an appropriate remedy will be sought.

1. ***Alcohol and other Drugs:*** Gibraltar Area Schools will take the necessary steps to discipline any students who uses, solicits, attends school or school-related activities after using, is in possession of or under the influence of a drug or an intoxicant, and/or is in possession of related paraphernalia will be subject to the following sanctions:

* social suspension - excluding the student from school activities for a stipulated time.

- * school suspension - excluding the student from the school setting for a stipulated time.
- * expulsion - removal of the student from the school setting. If school officials deem appropriate, referrals will be made to the Door County Unified Board for individual counseling or treatment.

2. **Defiance:** Students are expected to treat all with the proper respect: other students, custodians, food service staff, supervisors, secretaries, teachers and administrators. If approached, students should identify themselves, follow directions, and comply with all reasonable requests or directives.
3. **Threatening Behavior/Harassment:** Harassment or intimidation can arise from a broad range of physical or verbal behavior which can include, but are not limited to, the following: physical or mental abuse, racial insults, ethnic slurs, religious slurs, unwelcome sexual advance and touching, sexual comments or jokes, sexually explicit/derogatory statements, or discriminating remarks which are offensive or objectionable to the recipient or which cause the recipient discomfort, humiliation or which interfere with the recipient's academic performance and is forbidden by federal and state laws and. Please report incidents to the office.
4. **Tardiness:** Students are expected to be in class on time for all assigned placements. Please refer to "Tardiness".
5. **Truancy:** Per state statute (Ch.118.15), all students are to be in all classes and scheduled study halls every day.
6. **Loitering:** Students are expected to be in assigned areas at all times. Students may not be in unassigned areas such as restrooms, locker rooms, hallways, stairwells, commons area, outside the building, or in cars in the parking lot at any time without permission (a pass). When moving from one area of the building to another, students are to go directly to their destination and not "hang out" at lockers or in any area along the way.
7. **Tobacco/Nicotine Products:** Possession or use of any product containing nicotine is not allowed at any time in school buildings, on school grounds, at school functions off school property, or in any vehicle used for school purposes. This includes but is not limited to cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, snuff, e-cigarettes and hookah pens (all types, including related products not containing nicotine), and all "look-alike" products.
8. **Cheating/Lying/Plagiarism:** Gibraltar Area Schools does not tolerate cheating/lying/plagiarism in any form. Cheating/lying/plagiarism includes copying homework, copying another person's test answers, buying/selling homework, paraphrasing information without giving credit to the original writer, and copying material off of the internet and calling it your own. Work submitted under a student's name must be her/his own independent effort unless credit is given for resource assistance. Plagiarism/lying/cheating is unethical and dishonest. Students caught cheating/lying/plagiarizing will receive a zero on the paper, project, or assignment. In addition, parents will be notified by the teacher, and a disciplinary referral will be made. Violations will be taken into consideration when determining student eligibility for awards, scholarships, and letters of recommendation.
Vandalism/Theft. We are proud of our school and our students. Acts of vandalism or theft will not be tolerated. Restitution will be required and students may face additional disciplinary action.
9. **Weapons.** No one shall possess or use dangerous weapons or look-alike weapons in school, on school grounds, in vehicles or at school-sponsored events. The building principal will report the confiscation of the weapon to the county sheriff's office. A violator age 20 or less who is not a student in the Gibraltar Area Schools will be subject to appropriate response by the district which may include referral to law enforcement officials. A person age 21 or more who violates this policy will be referred to law enforcement officials.
10. **Profanity.** Use of profane or vulgar language is unacceptable at all times. (City Ordinance 8.04(2)) "No person shall use any indecent, vile, profane or obscene language or conduct himself or herself in any indecent, lewd, lascivious or obscene manner."
11. **Amorous Behavior.** Overt romantic behavior is not appropriate in a public school. Students are encouraged to show proper respect for themselves, their companion, and those around them by refraining from such displays.
12. **Salesmanship.** A student may not display, distribute, offer to sell, or sell any item to students or school personnel on school property, at school sponsored functions, or on school transportation without the written permission of the principal.

13. **Use of laser pointers.** The use of laser pointers in school is strictly prohibited. No student shall possess or use a laser pointer in school. If a laser pointer is found or taken from a student it will not be returned.
14. **Anti Social Affiliation/Organization.** No student shall be permitted to wear any clothing or possess any paraphernalia which is identified by the administration as gang related. Gang related behavior, such as hand signs, insignia, colors, or other behavior identified by the administration will not be tolerated on school property or at any school event. A student who is in repeated violation of this policy will be either suspended and/or expelled.

BULLYING AND HARASSMENT:

(Student-to-Student, Staff-to-Student, Student-to-Staff, Parent-to-Staff)

The Gibraltar Area Schools are committed to an educational environment that is free of harassment in any form. It is therefore the policy of the District to:

1. Prohibit and discourage any individual (employee, applicant for employment, parent, student or other individual doing business or having a relationship with the District) from harassing any other individual associated with the District;
2. Provide a harassment-free educational environment;
3. Address any instances of harassment in a timely manner;
4. Provide ongoing educational awareness of the problem of harassment in all forms
5. Provide procedures for filing and pursuing claims of harassment.

The District will not tolerate any form of prohibited harassment and will take all necessary and appropriate action to eliminate it, including discipline of employees and suspension and expulsion of students.

Definition of Prohibited Harassment: Harassment is prohibited if it is based upon a protected group status. In that regard, no person shall be subject to harassment on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, age, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, arrest or conviction record, or physical, mental or emotional disability or any other basis protected by state or federal law.

Prohibited harassment may include, but is not limited to, the following:

1. Verbal harassment, including epithets, kidding, derogatory comments, slurs or ethnic jokes;
2. Physical harassment, including patting, pinching, or intentional brushing against another's body;
3. Physical interference with movement, activities, or work;
4. Visual harassment, including derogatory cartoons, drawing, posters
5. Demands for sexual favors, where or not accompanied by implied or overt promises of preferential treatment or threats.

This policy applies to all District employees, applicants for employment, parents, students, and other individuals doing business or having any dealings with the District.

Definition of Bullying Behavior: Bullying is deliberate and intentional behavior using words or actions, intended to cause fear, intimidation or harm. Bullying may be repeated behavior and involves an imbalance of power. The behavior may be motivated by an actual or perceived distinguishing characteristic, such as, but not limited to: age, national origin, race, ethnicity, religion, gender, gender identification, sexual orientation, physical attributes, physical or mental ability or disability, and social, economic, or family status.

Bullying behavior can be:

1. Physical (e.g., assault, hitting or punching, kicking, theft)
2. Verbal (e.g., threatening or intimidating language, teasing or name-calling, racist remarks)
3. Indirect (e.g., spreading cruel rumors, intimidation through gestures, social exclusion and sending insulting messages or pictures by mobile phone or using the Internet – also known as cyber bullying)
4. Between students and students, students and adults, or adults and adults.

Bullying and Harassment Complaint and District Response:

A report of bullying and/or harassment and the subsequent investigation will be handled confidentially, to the extent possible. No information regarding the initial report, the complaint, or the investigation will be released by the District unless required by law or, if necessary, for the purpose of taking corrective action.

Violations of the District's bullying and harassment policy will result in discipline of the individual involved. In the case of an employee bullying and/or harassing a student, the discipline to the employee may range from a warning to termination, depending on the facts. In the case of a student bullying and/or harassing another student, the discipline to the student may range from a warning to expulsion from school, depending on the facts. In the case of other violations of the policy, appropriate action will be determined by the investigation process.

The District recognizes that false or fraudulent claims of bullying and harassment may be filed. The District will treat all bullying and harassment claims as valid claims unless and until the District's investigation reveals that the complaint was filed falsely, fraudulently, or for an improper purpose. The District reserves the right to discipline any person filing a false or fraudulent claim of bullying and harassment. The discipline shall be determined based upon the facts and circumstances of the individual case.

The District forbids retaliation against anyone who reports an incident of bullying and/or harassment or files a complaint of harassment.

The policy applies to all District employees, applicants for employment, parents, students and other individuals doing business or having dealings with the District.

Bullying and Harassment Complaint Procedure:

Any individual who believes he/she has been subjected to bullying and/or harassment by another individual or an employee, applicant for employment, parent/guardian, or other individual doing business or having dealings with the District, or any parent/guardian who believes his/her child has been subjected to harassment should report the bullying and/or harassment. The report should be presented in writing to the principal or counselor in the school where the alleged bullying and/or harassment occurred, or to the administrator who is primarily responsible for the program where the alleged bullying and/or harassment occurred. If the student or parent/guardian is not comfortable making the complaint to one of the aforementioned individuals, the complaint should be submitted to the school superintendent.

In the event the complaint is made to a staff member, the staff member shall immediately report the complaint to the school principal. All complaints of bullying and/or harassment should receive immediate attention and investigation, and should be reported to the school superintendent.

Any person who files a complaint alleging bullying and/or harassment will receive written acknowledgement within five (5) working days that the complaint has been received. Each complaint will be thoroughly investigated within fifteen (15) working days after receipt, unless additional time is needed to conduct the investigation. The investigation shall be conducted by the school principal. The investigation shall include conferring with the person(s) involved in the alleged harassment and shall include a written summary of the investigation.

If the investigation reveals that the complaint is valid, prompt action designed to curtail the bullying and/or harassment and to prevent its recurrence will be taken. If appropriate, the matter shall also be reported to the appropriate social service or law enforcement agency.

If the complaining party is dissatisfied with the decision of the investigating party, the matter may be appealed to the school superintendent, in writing. The school superintendent shall review the appeal and may, if appropriate, conduct a further investigation into the matter. The school superintendent shall render a decision with respect to the appeal within ten (10) working days following receipt of the appeal.

If the complainant is dissatisfied with the school superintendent's decision, the complainant may appeal the decision, in writing, within thirty (30) days following the superintendent's decision to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Appeals may also be made to the Office of Civil Rights.

Sanctions and supports: If it is determined that students participated in bullying behavior in violation of the policy, the principal may take disciplinary action, including, suspension, expulsion and/or referral to law enforcement officials for possible legal action as appropriate.

Students found in violation of the bullying policy may be referred to pupil services staff for counseling or other educational programming designed to prevent repetitive bullying behavior. Employees found to have participated in bullying behavior, or having become aware that bullying was taking place and failed to report the behavior, are considered to be in violation of the prohibition expressed in this policy. They may be subject

to disciplinary action consistent with the collective bargaining agreement or disciplinary action established by policy or practice. Parents or other non-school adults found to have participated in harassing and/or bullying behavior will be referred to law enforcement officials for possible legal action.

Disclosure and public reporting: The policy will be distributed annually to all students enrolled in the school district, their parents and/or guardians and employees. It will also be distributed to organizations in the community having cooperative agreements with the schools. The school district will also provide a copy of the policy to any person who requests it.

Records will be maintained on the number and types of reports made, and sanctions imposed for incidents found to be in violation of the bullying policy. An annual summary report shall be prepared and presented to the school board, which includes trends in bullying behavior and recommendations on how to further reduce bullying behavior. The annual report will be available to the public. *Adopted 02/11/91, School Board Policy 5517.01*

TRANSPORTATION

Bus Expectations:

The bus driver is totally responsible for safety on the bus. Therefore, students must abide by his/her authority. All bus riders are expected to abide by the following expectations. Failure to follow these expectations may result in loss of bus riding privileges.

All students should follow these procedures:

- Be ready when it is your turn to get off the bus
- Keep area clean - throw trash in the garbage on your way out
- Report any damage or messes to the bus driver
- Use inside voices
- Keep hands and feet to self
- Keep sports equipment and school projects stored and keep the aisle clear
- Use positive and kind language
- Follow the directions of the driver at all times
- Stay in your seat
- Please enter and leave the bus in an orderly fashion with elementary children seated in the front of the bus, middle grades in the center portion, followed by junior and senior high students in the rear.
- Be on time at designated pick-up points.
- Expect to be picked up and delivered at your destination stop. Written permission must be provided for drop-off at another stop.
- Cross in front of the bus upon signal from the driver.
- Walk away from the outside of the bus to allow the driver full vision of you inside the mirror.
- Students who cause damage to the bus or school property may be assessed a fine to cover damages.
- The driver maintains the right to assign student seats.

Allergy Aware Practices on the School Bus

Gibraltar Area Schools is an Allergy Aware District.

Food allergies present a clear and present danger to students due to direct environmental impacts that can be mitigated. To that end, all school classrooms will maintain the following allergy aware practices on the bus:

- No eating will be permitted on daily am/pm bus routes.
- No eating will be permitted on buses during school-sponsored trips; trips that happen over a mealtime will have an opportunity for participants to eat prior to or following their bus ride.

Please also see Section 2: School Operations, Section 11: Cafeteria, and District Policy 5335.01 for more information.

Pre-Planned Exceptions – Written Notes Required

The following practices ensure clear communication, consistent route times, and safe transportation of your child to and from school.

- All students in grades preschool through sixth grade are required to bring a signed permission slip to their bus driver if a parent is requesting a child to be delivered to a different location after school other than the child's regularly scheduled home drop off. Should a phone contact be necessary, please call your child's homeroom teacher rather than the school office.
- Buses cannot deviate from the established routes. If the location is not on a scheduled route, parents will be expected to meet the bus at a location on the route and take their child the rest of the way. If this is necessary, parents must contact their respective bus driver who will assist in this matter.
- In addition to a bus driver note, children in preschool, kindergarten and first grade must also bring a note to their classroom teacher describing the bus change. This assures that school staff will assist the child in getting on the proper bus.
- All students in Gibraltar Elementary School must bring a signed parent permission note to their teacher if another adult will be picking them up after school.
- Bus drivers and teachers have been informed to NOT allow a student to ride a different bus without prior parent information.
- **Please do not expect your child's teacher or our office secretary to make "last-minute" phone attempts to clarify bus travel plans. Written permission slips ensure proper communication and safety.**
- For transportation messages or questions that do not require immediate attention, please use the school voice mailbox (868-3284, ex. 279) which will be checked daily by our drivers.

Delayed Bus Dismissals from School

Occasionally we have experienced delays after school bus departure. This could result from a field trip bus returning to school late, for example. Given the nature of these unexpected problems, advanced parent notice is not usually possible. If you are worried that your child hasn't arrived home at the scheduled time and you have waited an additional 10 minutes, please call our transportation director, Rob Rericha (920-868-3284, ext 279) to hear a possible message regarding this delay. If there is an emergency, you may reach Mrs. Lauren Ward at 868-3284, ext 283.

SECTION NINE

Technology Use

COMPUTER, INTERNET, AND NETWORK USE RULES:

The following code of conduct applies to all users of the Internet. "I will strive to act in all situations with honesty, integrity, and respect for the rights of others and to help others to behave in a similar fashion. I will make a conscious effort to be of service to others and to the community." The user is held responsible for his/her actions using the Internet. Unacceptable uses of the system will result in the suspension or revocation of Internet use. *School Board Policy 7540.*

District computers and network resources are provided for the instruction of students. All instructional computer workstations are filtered to prevent access to Internet websites that violate the intent of the federal filtering rules. School personnel monitor all student access to the Internet.

Students who:

- circumvent the filtering device will lose their school access to the Internet
- use the network for any illegal activity, including violation of copyright laws, plagiarism, academic dishonesty, or cheating
- use the network to access, upload, download, or distribute pornographic, obscene, or sexually explicit material
- use the network to transmit obscene, abusive, or sexually explicit language
- use the network in ways which violate school policies and/or student behavior standards,
- violate policies dealing with harassment,
- degrade or disrupt the technology equipment or system performance
- invade the privacy of other individuals
- gain unauthorized access to restricted resources or entities
- use an account allocated to another user, with or without that person's permission
- post personal communications without the author's consent
- use the computer system for playing of non-instructional games

Will lose their school access to the school's computers and network for a period of:

1st offense = 45 school days

2nd offense = 90 school days

3rd offense = one (1) school year

School Board Policy 7540, Revised Policy Adopted 10/12/98, Revised Policy Adopted 08/27/01, and Revised Policy Adopted 02/23/04

SECTION TEN

Student Discipline

DISCIPLINE:

The Board recognizes that students who cannot or will not control themselves and who disrupt the school program need to learn how to behave. All members of the school district's staff are responsible for doing as much as possible to help these students. However, students who do not respond to this help and are persistent in infringing upon the rights of other students by performing or exhibiting actions which degrade or harm other students or otherwise limit the rights of other students to learn and of teachers to teach, and interfere with the safe, secure, and effective operation of the school, shall not be tolerated. The district administrator, principals, and every teacher in the school district shall ensure that proper conduct and behavior is maintained by students in the classrooms, on school premises, on school buses and during school-sponsored activities. Students shall be informed that teachers and administrators are authorized to employ reasonable practices in disciplining students for misbehavior and/or violations of rules and regulations. A positive approach in the disciplinary measures shall be used, taking into account the dignity of the student, the seriousness of the infraction, and the need for positive motivation of students. In reference to discipline in the school, the ultimate goal is to develop an understanding of self-discipline and its necessity in our society. Specific rules and regulations concerning student behavior shall be established by the administration. These rules and regulations, along with state laws relating to student conduct and behavior, shall be distributed to parents, staff and students. The school district shall not discriminate in standards and rules of behavior or disciplinary measures, including suspensions and expulsions, on the basis of gender, race, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability, discrimination complaints shall be processed in accordance with established procedures. *LEGAL REFERENCE: Sections 118.13; 120.13(1); 121.52(2) Hayes Statutes, CROSS REFERENCE: Complaint Procedure for Student Non-Discrimination Policy 4122.*

Students who act in a manner that violates the rights of other students to learn and of teachers and other staff to carry out their duties and that causes loss to the property of students, staff, and the school, and/or act without regard for specific rules and the authority of staff members, will be referred to the school principal for disciplinary action. A record of the reason for the referral and action taken is to be placed in the student's cumulative folder. If a student is repeatedly referred to the school principal for unacceptable behavior, he or she is subject to suspension from school for a period not to exceed three (3) days, or may be presented for expulsion due to incorrigible behavior. *School Board Policy 5600.*

DISCIPLINE PROCESS:

The principal is authorized to make any reasonable rules and regulations concerning the conduct of students while the students are under the supervision of school personnel or associated with any school-sponsored activity. The principal may restrict the privileges of a student to participate in school activities and/or school leadership roles if the student's behavior violates school rules and regulations. In all student disciplinary actions, a student's due process rights will be assured.

DISCIPLINARY CONSEQUENCES:

Students who willfully disregard rules or exhibit behavior that adversely affects other students or members of the staff will be subject to consequences as a result of their action. When a student refuses to accept the usual discipline for an infraction, the refusal can result in a sterner consequence such as suspension or expulsion. Listed below are the major possible disciplinary actions utilized by the Gibraltar Area Schools administrative team. In such situations, every effort will be made to administer consequences appropriate to the infraction as well as the student's needs. Parents will be notified should any of these actions become necessary.

1. *Student removal from class.* All efforts will be made to resolve a problem within the classroom first. Students may be removed from the classroom or related area if the student exhibits severe or repeated behavior that is deemed dangerous, unruly, disruptive, or interferes with the teacher's ability to teach effectively, as specified in the classroom expectations and student expectations. Students may also lose recess time to discuss actions with a teacher or administrator.

2. ***In-School Suspension.*** In some cases, it becomes necessary to isolate a student from the student body for all or part of a school day. Students assigned to in-school suspension (ISS) will be required to spend the assigned time in a predetermined location. Assignments will be gathered from classroom teachers and must be completed by the end of the day. All completed assignments will be returned to teachers for grading and will be included as a part of the overall grade.

3. ***Out-of-School Suspension.*** Out-of-school suspension (OSS) is utilized in cases of severe or persistent infractions. OSS may be invoked for a period of one to three days. During the suspension, the student is not allowed on school grounds or at any school-sponsored event until reinstatement. A suspended student will be given the opportunity to make up any major quarter, semester or grading period exam. No extracurricular participation will be allowed. A re-entry conference with the student, parents, and the administrative team may be required prior to re-entry.

4. ***Probation.*** Upon the third suspension, the principal will determine whether a probationary hearing will be recommended to the district administrator or their designee. Following the probationary hearing a student may be readmitted after agreeing to a behavioral contract or the student may be referred to the Board of Education with a recommendation for expulsion. The Superintendent of Schools or the Board of Education may place a student on probation based on a violation of school rules or readmission after a suspension or expulsion.

5. ***Expulsion.*** Repeated refusal to follow school rules, conduct which endangers the property, health, and safety of others, alcohol and drug infractions, weapons violations, theft, threats to staff, and other serious, significant behaviors are considered potential grounds for expulsion. In such cases, a recommendation for expulsion may be made to the Board of Education for the student's removal from school.

POSITIVE BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTIONS AND SUPPORTS (PBIS)

In compliance with the Wisconsin DPI and the state of Wisconsin, GES has incorporated PBIS into its student discipline procedures. PBIS is a student behavior management system that focuses on reinforcing appropriate student conduct. Under the GES PBIS plan, teachers model and reinforce appropriate student behavior, and students are expected to follow the Viking Values-The GES staff and administration hope that by reinforcing the principles of PBIS, students can enjoy a safe and productive learning environment.

DISCIPLINE LEVELS:

When incidents occur outside of the classroom or when corrective actions taken by the classroom teacher have failed, or when the rule infraction is of a serious nature, the incident shall be referred to the administration for investigation and action. The severity of the consequences applied by the administrative team depends on two factors:

1. The seriousness of the offense
2. The previous disciplinary record of the student

In an effort to take both factors into account, a progression of consequences (Discipline Levels) has been adopted. A student who is referred for violating a rule within this code will receive at least the consequences that correspond to the entry-level for that offense. Student actions may violate several infraction categories, and students may receive a more strict consequence depending on the seriousness of the infraction.

All parents and guardians will be contacted via phone, e-mail, or in-person, regarding discipline issues or consequences.

DUE PROCESS:

Any student accused of an action and facing a consequence shall:

- Be advised of the reason for the disciplinary action.
- Have the right to explain his/her actions or his/her side of the allegations.
- Have his/her parent(s) or guardian notified if less than eighteen and/or living at home.
- Have a right to a hearing before the district administrator and/or board with the student's parent(s), legal counsel, or guardian present if desired.

SECTION ELEVEN

Cafeteria

HOT LUNCH:

Students are allowed to bring a cold lunch from home, however it must meet the wellness guidelines stated above. The lunch cannot contain candy nor can it contain soda (pop). Students may also purchase breakfast and/or lunch from the cafeteria. Families should ensure student lunch accounts are financially current which can be accessed through Skyward. Any families needing financial assistance should reach out to the District Office.

LUNCH GUIDELINES:

- Students should act in an orderly manner to be served.
- Students are expected to pick up after themselves so that the commons area remains neat for the next people using it.
- Students are expected to maintain appropriate lunchtime decorum. Throwing food or inappropriate behavior will result in serving a detention or school rule violation citation.
- Students should place waste in the appropriate garbage/recycling receptacles when throwing things away.
- Students may not leave the school during lunch
- Students are expected to utilize lunch periods in an honest and respectful way

ALLERGY AWARE DISTRICT - CAFETERIA

Gibraltar Area Schools is an Allergy Aware District.

Food allergies present a clear and present danger to students due to direct environmental impacts that can be mitigated. To that end, all school classrooms will maintain the following allergy aware practices in the cafeteria:

- An allergen free table(s) will be available in the lunchroom.
- School provided meals will be peanut and tree-nut free (parents/guardians of students with peanut or tree-nut allergies will be made aware if this changes due to food supply issues).
- Students will be informed that they cannot share food items in the Student Handbook.
- K-5 teachers will provide an opportunity for students to wash their hands following eating, 6-12 students will be given an opportunity wash their hands following eating.
- Written notification by the child's physician of a documented allergy, explanation of why the allergy restricts the child's diet, major life activity affected by the allergy, the food(s) to be omitted from the child's diet, and the food or choice of foods that must be substituted is required for individual school meal program menu modifications to be made.

Please also see Section 2: School Operations, Section 8: Student Behavior Expectations, and District Policy 5335.01 for more information.