

STUDENT PARENT HANDBOOK



Bayard Public Schools
2025-2026

Every Person, Every Day. It's a FACT!

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General Information

BAYARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS **Student-Parent Handbook** **2025-2026**

This student handbook is Board of Education policy, and in the event there are inconsistencies or conflicts with any other rules or regulations, the board policies and regulations as they appear in this handbook will regulate.

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this booklet is to help the parents and students of Bayard Public Schools to understand the philosophy, practices, policies, and regulations of the school. It is designed to help students choose courses and classes which will benefit them later for a life after graduation. If you have questions or concerns about these matters, or any other facet of your education, please contact an administrator at any time.

The experience of school is of critical importance. Not only do students learn the academic skills of reading, writing, calculating, thinking, and speaking; but they also learn who they are and how to deal with and relate to fellow students and adults. For these reasons, it is of paramount importance that the school environment be supportive of the students, offering encouragement, acceptance, and genuine concern for the individual student. The school, along with parents, family, and community must teach the students that all people have value and dignity. They must also strive to teach the values of honesty, respect for others, personal integrity, individual achievement, cooperation, self-discipline, a sense of humor, and good citizenship.

The classroom should be a very special environment. It must be stimulating and challenging, and at the same time, warm and supportive. Discipline should be present to enhance learning and engender proper academic and social development. It should not, however, be so rigid as to stifle individual creativity. It must foster self-worth and respect for the rights of other individuals and build a positive relationship between the student and the teacher. We believe in firm, fair, and consistent discipline that is built on sound educational principles. We also believe that all students are special and can succeed to the level of their abilities. There should be a real joy in learning, and students should be encouraged and rewarded for their many successes.

We hope that this school year will be exciting and rewarding, and we look forward to the opportunity of helping each student become the very best that they can become

VISION STATEMENT

Bayard Public Schools will effectively provide and adapt its programs to meet the needs of its students, today and in the future.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Bayard Public Schools is to partner with parents to provide a successful educational experience and diverse opportunities.

“A NATION AT RISK”

“When you work to your full capacity, you can hope to attain the knowledge and skills that will enable you to create your future and control your destiny. If you do not, you will have your future thrust on others. Take hold of your life, apply your gifts and talents, and work with dedication and self-discipline. Have high expectations for yourself and convert every challenge into an opportunity.”

WELCOME TO BAYARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

PRINCIPALS’ MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Students:

Welcome! We are looking ahead to an exciting year of learning and growing. Your cooperation and full participation will help us to reach that goal.

It is our greatest hope that everyone will get excited about learning and come to appreciate the endless possibilities of a trained mind. We can do it together – you, the student; your teachers; and myself, the principal; and your parents! All of us, working together in a positive manner can, and will, achieve another highly productive and successful school year.

Our focus this year will be on effective communication and to improve educational opportunities. Your focus for the future will hopefully be on learning; not just memorizing a head full of interesting facts, but learning how to be a self-directed learner – a life-long learner.

Your parents have given you the love and security to know that they dream big dreams for you. The staff is committed to supplying you abundant time, talent, and energy to underwrite your success. You, in turn, must supply the effort necessary to make the dreams a reality.

Don’t accept second best for yourself. Be everything you ever dreamed you could be. Be committed! Be determined!

Parents are encouraged to come to school or call the school if you have questions, suggestions, or comments.

Your Principals,
Mrs. Candace Ehler, Elementary Principal
Dr. Kelley Rice, Jr./Sr. High School Principal

Student Conduct

BAYARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

1. Bayard students respect the rights and property of others and are courteous and polite in action and language.
2. Bayard students display good sportsmanship in representing the school and community.
3. Bayard students strive for honesty and accept responsibility for both their successes and their failures.
4. Bayard students strive for high academic achievement in such a manner that it brings respect to themselves and the school.
5. Bayard students avoid alcohol and drugs.

MUTUAL RESPECT

The Bayard Public Schools expects every staff member and student to be treated with respect and dignity. A show of disrespect toward a staff member or insubordination on the part of the student will not be tolerated.

GUM, FOOD AND DRINKS

While gum is allowed in classrooms, it should be disposed of properly. Candy may be allowed on occasion when it is permitted by the teacher. Certain elementary grades and secondary courses, such as P.E., weights, band and choir may restrict the use of gum and candy for safety and equipment reasons. Snacks that follow the school's wellness policy may be permitted in the classroom. Large bags of food or candy, exceeding one to two servings, along with sugary drinks and energy drinks are a distraction from the educational environment for students and are not appropriate for the classroom setting.

ELEMENTARY MESSAGES

Students will be asked to carry messages, announcements, bulletins, newsletters, and calendars home to parents. Please be sure to look for and read messages.

We urge parents to make arrangements for after-school activities and relate pertinent information to students before they come to school. If it does become necessary to get in touch with your child, the secretary will deliver messages approximately five minutes before school is dismissed for the day.

ELEMENTARY PARTIES AND TREATS

Party invitations will NOT be distributed at school unless the entire class is included. When bringing treats, students must bring enough treats for all members of the classroom. The school cannot hand out or make invitations to private activities.

Classroom parties can contribute to the education of school children when they are part of a learning situation. Time will be provided during the school day for parties to observe Halloween, Christmas, and Valentine's Day. Parents are encouraged to help with these parties if asked by a classroom teacher. On special occasions, other parties may be held with administrative authorization.

ELEMENTARY/PETS

Pets can be a nuisance and a real problem on a school playground. A friendly pet often becomes vicious when excited by many children. Please see that dogs and other pets are kept home and not allowed to follow pupils to school.

Teachers may give special permission for pets to be brought to school for show and tell or as part of an activity. At this time, parents are asked to bring the pet(s) and stay long enough to take the pet(s) back home. Under NO circumstances is a potentially dangerous pet to be brought to school.

Student Expectations at Home Games

Bayard School students' conduct at home games reflects not only on you, but on your school, our school district, and community. Please show pride in our school, our school district, and community by showing your best behavior and sportsmanship. Students who choose to attend home games are choosing to attend to support and cheer on Bayard's teams. Students will be asked to leave if they are constantly out of their seats and/or not abiding by any of the below-mentioned expectations. This may also result in an Office Referral and subsequent loss of future BPS activity attendance.

- Students who receive an office referral during the week of a home game will not be able to attend the game or sit in the student section. They can attend and sit with their parent/guardian ONLY.
- Students will be required to sit for the entire game. During quarter/halftime breaks, you may get out of your seat and leave the stands to use the restroom and purchase something from the concession stand. You must then return directly to your seat.
- If you leave the game, you will not be allowed to return.
- At NO TIME are students to be on the court, in the halls, in classrooms, or on the field.
- Students will not sit on or lean over rails, ropes, or designated areas.
- Please keep the aisles clear at all times.
- Please stand, remove your hat, and be respectful during the playing of the Star Spangled Banner.
- If a student is asked to leave the game, they will not be permitted to sit in the student section for a selected number of home games (as determined by the administration) for the rest of the season. They will only be allowed to attend if they sit with their parent/guardian.
- ALL elementary students must be accompanied by, and sit with, a designated adult during home games.

DISCIPLINE

Good discipline begins in the home where a child learns from his/her parents at an early age to develop self-control. This will carry directly into his/her school behavior. Students are expected to conduct themselves in a manner which is in keeping with the activity in which they are involved, respect the rights of others, and obey safety rules and regulations.

When discipline is used, it will be of a positive nature and will be in the best interest of the student involved. Discipline is used to develop self-control, instill self-discipline, and to assist the student in developing a positive decision-making process.

Each teacher has a set of discipline steps, which he/she will follow. Teachers are to have control of their classrooms at all times and are encouraged to handle the day-to-day discipline problems. If there is a student that constantly hinders the educational process in the classroom for other students, that child will be sent to the principal's office for disciplinary action.

The teachers, paraprofessionals, custodians, and all other staff members have the responsibility and authority to insist upon good discipline in the classrooms, school building, on the school grounds, and at school activities. This discipline plan is not intended to be exclusive or all-inclusive. Modifications will be made if necessary. The administration reserves the right to respond to any inappropriate behavior with immediate suspension of the child, with the child being reinstated only through a parent, teacher, and principal meeting scheduled by the school.

SECONDARY DISCIPLINARY POINTS SYSTEM—100 point maximum

There are several categories of inappropriate student actions listed in the table below. The categories range from Category 0 offenses, which are minor offenses, those not typically associated with disrupting the learning process, to Category 8 offenses, which are criminal in nature and result in an automatic recommendation for expulsion. The following list is not meant to be totally inclusive. The principal will decide the appropriate placement for any inappropriate behavior not specifically addressed in the following table.

Category 0-Zero points (Discipline referrals to the office)

1. Teacher discipline for minor offenses. (Teachers may issue detentions for the first two offenses.)

1st offense- teacher/student private conference

2nd offense- Teacher will contact the parent or guardian

3rd offense- Referred to Principal (3-day class Suspension plus detention to make up time after school)

4th offense- Referred to Principal (Placed in appropriate category)

Category I—5 points

1. Public display of affection

2. Littering

3. Possession of cell phones, iPod, iPad, MP3, Headphones, etc. during the school day. Begin with the 2nd Offense, the electronic device is confiscated until the end of the day.

4. Other

1st offense— discussion with a principal

2nd offense— parent notified

3rd offense— 1-day in-school suspension

4th offense- 2-day in-school suspension

5th offense- 3-day in-school suspension

Category II—10 points

1. Skipping class*

2. Cheating

3. Disorderly conduct

4. Inappropriate dress

5. Inappropriate cafeteria behavior

6. Indecent material

7. Leaving school grounds without permission

8. Lying

9. Misuse of school materials and equipment

10. Disorderly conduct on the school bus

11. Failure to attend intervention/detention

12. Other

1st offense— Detention *1st offense skipping- 70% maximum credit and detention for each class skipped

2nd offense—1-day in-school suspension

3rd offense—2-day in-school suspension

4th offense—3-day in-school suspension

5th offense—5-day out-of-school suspension

Category III—15 points

1. Disruption of school/class

2. Disruption of assemblies or programs

3. Inappropriate behavioral gestures

4. Disruptive objects

5. Profanity/Vulgarity/Racial Slurs

6. Other

1st offense—parent notification and 1 day in-school suspension

2nd offense—2-day in-school suspension

3rd offense—3-day in-school suspension

4th offense—3-day out-of-school suspension

5th offense—5-day out-of-school suspension

Category IV—20 points

1. Careless driving/endangerment

2. False calls

3. Forgery of notes

4. Minor vandalism

5. Theft

6. Disrespect to staff

7. Other

1st offense— 2-day in-school suspension

2nd offense—2-day out-of-school suspension

3rd offense—3-day out-of-school suspension

4th offense—5-day out-of-school suspension

Category V—25 points

1. Gross misbehavior

2. Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying

3. Major theft

4. Verbal assault

5. Insubordination/Disobedience

6. Fighting – (City Police will be called)

7. Smoking/vaping possession or use of tobacco/nicotine on school grounds

8. Other

1st offense— 3-day in-school suspension

2nd offense--3-day out-of-school suspension

3rd offense— 5-day out-of-school suspension

4th offense - 10-day out-of-school suspension

Category VI—30 points

1. Indecent exposure
2. Intimate acts
3. Open/persistent defiance of authority
4. Vandalism
5. Threatening behavior: written, verbal, or physical to staff members
6. Sexual harassment-verbal
7. Impersonation of staff on a website.

1st offense - 5-day out-of-school suspension

2nd offense - 10-day out-of-school suspension

3rd offense - 20-day suspension - recommend expulsion

Category VII—50 points

1. Extortion
2. False fire alarm
3. Possession of a weapon other than a firearm (police will be called)
4. Physical assault
5. Other

1st offense— 5-day out-of-school suspension

2nd offense—10-day out-of-school suspension

3rd offense—recommended expulsion

Category VIII—100 points

1. Arson
2. Bomb threat
3. Physical assault on an employee
4. Possession and/or use of explosives
5. Use of any instrument as a weapon
6. Vandalism
7. Possession of a firearm
8. Alcohol/drug possession or use (police will be called)
9. Alcohol/drug selling
10. Physical sexual harassment
11. Other

1st offense—recommended expulsion

SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION

A. Development of Uniform Discipline System. It shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent to develop and maintain a system of uniform discipline. The discipline which may be imposed includes actions which are determined to be reasonably necessary to aid the student, to further school purposes, or to prevent interference with the educational process, such as (without limitation) counseling and warning students, parent contacts and parent conferences, rearrangement of

schedules, requirements that a student remain in school after regular hours to do additional work, restriction of extracurricular activity, or requirements that a student receive counseling upon written consent of the parent or guardian, or in-school suspension. The discipline may also include out-of-school suspension (short-term or long-term) and expulsion.

1. Short-Term Suspension: Students may be excluded by the Principal or the Principal's designee from school or any school function for a period of up to five school days (short-term suspension) on the following grounds:

- a. Conduct that constitutes grounds for expulsion, whether the conduct occurs on or off school grounds; or
- b. Other violations of rules and standards of behavior adopted by the Board of Education or the administrative or teaching staff of the school, which occur on or off school grounds, if such conduct interferes with school purposes or there is a nexus between such conduct and school.

The following process will apply to short-term suspensions:

- a. The Principal or the Principal's designee will make a reasonable investigation of the facts and circumstances. A short-term suspension will be made upon a determination that the suspension is necessary to help any student, to further school purposes, or to prevent an interference with school purposes.
- b. Prior to commencement of the short-term suspension, the student will be given oral or written notice of the charges against the student. The student will be advised of what the student is accused of having done, an explanation of the evidence the authorities have, and be afforded an opportunity to explain the student's version of the facts.
- c. Within 24 hours or such additional time as is reasonably necessary following the suspension, the Principal or administrator will send a written statement to the student and the student's parent or guardian describing the student's conduct, misconduct or violation of the rule or standard and the reasons for the action taken.
- d. An opportunity will be given to the student, and the student's parent or guardian, to have a conference with the Principal or administrator ordering the short-term suspension before or at the time the student returns to school. The Principal or administrator shall determine who in addition to the parent or guardian is to attend the conference.
- e. A student who on a short-term suspension shall not be permitted to be on school grounds without the express permission of the Principal.

2. Long-Term Suspension: A long-term suspension means an exclusion from school and any school functions for a period of more than five school days but less than twenty school days. A student who on a long-term suspension shall not be permitted to be on school grounds without the express permission of the Principal. A notice will be given to the student and the parents/guardian when the Principal recommends a long-term suspension. The notice will include a description of the procedures for long-term suspension; the procedures will be those set forth in the Student Discipline Act.

3. Expulsion:

- a. Meaning of Expulsion. Expulsion means exclusion from attendance in all schools, grounds and activities of or within the system for a period not to exceed the remainder of the semester in which it took effect unless the misconduct occurred (a) within ten school days prior to the end of the first semester, in which case the expulsion shall remain in effect through the second semester, or (b) within ten school days prior to the end of the second semester, in which case the expulsion shall remain in effect for summer school and the first semester of the following school year, or (c) unless the expulsion is for conduct specified in these rules or in law as permitting or requiring a longer removal, in which case the expulsion shall remain in effect for

the period specified therein. Such action may be modified or terminated by the school district at any time during the expulsion period. A student who has been expelled shall not be permitted to be on school grounds without the express permission of the Principal. A notice will be given to the student and the parent(s)/guardian(s) when the Principal recommends an expulsion. The notice will include a description of the procedures for expulsion; the procedures will be those set forth in the Student Discipline Act.

b. Suspensions Pending Hearing. When a notice of intent to discipline a student by long-term suspension, expulsion, or mandatory reassignment is filed with the superintendent, the student may be suspended by the principal until the date the long-term suspension, expulsion, or mandatory reassignment takes effect if no hearing is requested or, if a hearing is requested, the date the hearing examiner makes the report of his or her findings and a recommendation of the action to be taken to the superintendent, if the principal determines that the student must be suspended immediately to prevent or substantially reduce the risk of (a) interference with an educational function or school purpose or (b) a personal injury to the student himself or herself, other students, school employees, or school volunteers.

c. Summer Review. Any expulsion that will remain in effect during the first semester of the following school year will be automatically scheduled for review before the beginning of the school year in accordance with law.

d. Alternative Education: Students who are expelled may be provided an alternative education program that will enable the student to continue academic work for credit toward graduation. In the event an alternative education program is not provided, a conference will be held with the parent, student, the Principal or another school representative assigned by the Principal, and a representative of a community organization that assists young people or that is involved with juvenile justice to develop a plan for the student in accordance with law.

e. Suspension of Enforcement of an Expulsion: Enforcement of an expulsion action may be suspended (i.e., “stayed”) for a period of not more than one full semester in addition to the balance of the semester in which the expulsion takes effect. As a condition of such suspended action, the student and parents will be required to sign a discipline agreement.

f. Students Subject to Juvenile or Court Probation. Prior to the readmission to school of any student who is less than nineteen years of age and who is subject to the supervision of a juvenile probation officer or an adult probation officer pursuant to the order of the District Court, County Court, or Juvenile Court, who chooses to meet conditions of probation by attending school, and who has previously been expelled from school, the Principal or the Principal’s designee shall meet with the student’s probation officer and assist in developing conditions of probation that will provide specific guidelines for behavior and consequences for misbehavior at school (including conduct on school grounds and conduct during an educational function or event off school grounds) as well as educational objectives that must be achieved. If the guidelines, consequences, and objectives provided by the Principal or the Principal’s designee are agreed to by the probation officer and the student, and the court permits the student to return to school under the agreed to conditions, the student may be permitted to return to school. The student may with proper consent, upon such return, be evaluated by the school for possible disabilities and may be referred for evaluation for possible placement in a special education program. The student may be expelled or otherwise disciplined for subsequent conduct as provided in Board policy and state statute.

4. Other Forms of Student Discipline: Administrative and teaching personnel may also take actions regarding student behavior, other than removal of students from school, which are reasonably necessary to aid the student, further school purposes, or prevent interference with the educational process. Such actions may include, but are not be limited to, counseling of students, parent conferences, rearrangement of schedules, requirements that a student remain in school after regular hours to do additional work, restriction of extracurricular activity, or

requirements that a student receive counseling, psychological evaluation, or psychiatric evaluation upon the written consent of a parent or guardian to such counseling or evaluation. The actions may also include in-school suspensions. When in-school suspensions, after-school assignments, or other disciplinary measures are assigned, the student is responsible for complying with such disciplinary measures. A failure to serve such assigned discipline as directed will serve as grounds for further discipline, up to expulsion from school.

B. Student Conduct Expectations. Students are not to engage in conduct which causes or which creates a reasonable likelihood that it will cause a substantial disruption in or material interference with any school function, activity or purpose or interfere with the health, safety, well being or rights of other students, staff or visitors.

C. Grounds for Short-Term Suspension, Long-Term Suspension, Expulsion or Mandatory Reassignment. The following conduct has been determined by the Board of

Education to have the potential to seriously affect the health, safety or welfare of students, staff and other persons or to otherwise seriously interfere with the educational process. Such conduct constitutes grounds for long-term suspension, expulsion, or mandatory reassignment, and any other lesser forms of discipline. The conduct is subject to the consequence of long-term suspension, expulsion, or mandatory reassignment where it occurs on school grounds, in a vehicle owned, leased, or contracted by the school and being used for a school purpose or in a vehicle being driven for a school purpose by a school employee or an employee's designee, or at a school-sponsored activity or athletic event.

1. Willfully disobeying any reasonable written or oral request of a school staff member, or the voicing of disrespect to those in authority.
2. Use of violence, force, coercion, threat, intimidation, harassment, or similar conduct in a manner that constitutes a substantial interference with school purposes or making any communication that a reasonable recipient would interpret as a serious expression of intent to harm or cause injury to another.
3. Willfully causing or attempting to cause substantial damage to property, stealing or attempting to steal property of substantial value, repeated damage or theft involving property, or setting or attempting to set a fire of any magnitude.
4. Causing or attempting to cause personal injury to any person, including any school employee, school volunteer, or student. Personal injury caused by accident, self-defense, or other action undertaken on the reasonable belief that it was necessary to protect some other person shall not constitute a violation of this subdivision.
5. Threatening or intimidating any student for the purpose of or with the intent of obtaining money or anything of value from such student or making a threat which causes or may be expected to cause a disruption to school operations.
6. Knowingly possessing, handling, or transmitting any object or material that is ordinarily or generally considered a weapon or that has the appearance of a weapon or bringing or possessing any explosive device, including fireworks.
7. Engaging in selling, using, possessing or dispensing of alcohol, tobacco, narcotics, drugs, controlled substance, or an inhalant; being under the influence of any of the above; possession of drug paraphernalia, or the selling, using, possessing, or dispensing of an imitation controlled substance including tobacco as defined in section 28-401 of the Nebraska statutes, or material represented to be alcohol, narcotics, drugs, a controlled substance, tobacco or inhalant. Use of a controlled substance in the manner prescribed for the student by the student's physician is not a violation. The term "under the influence" has a less strict meaning than it does under criminal law; for school purposes, the term means any level of impairment and includes even the odor of alcohol or illegal substances on the breath or person of a student; also, it includes being impaired by reason of the abuse of any material used as a stimulant.

8. Public indecency or sexual conduct.
9. Sending, sharing, viewing, or possessing pictures, text messages, emails or other material of a sexual nature in electronic or any other form on a computer, cell phone or other electronic device or on paper or other digital or physical media format.
10. Engaging in bullying, which includes any ongoing pattern of physical, verbal, or electronic abuse on school grounds, in a vehicle owned, leased, or contracted by a school being used for a school purpose by a school employee or a school employee's designee, or at school-sponsored activities or school-sponsored athletic events.
11. Sexually assaulting or attempting to sexually assault any person. This conduct may result in an expulsion regardless of the time or location of the offense if a complaint alleging such conduct is filed in a court of competent jurisdiction.
12. Engaging in any activity forbidden by law which constitutes a danger to other students or interferes with school purposes. This conduct may result in an expulsion regardless of the time or location of the offense if the conduct creates or had the potential to create a substantial interference with school purposes, such as the use of the telephone or internet off-school grounds to threaten.
13. A repeated violation of any rules established by the school district or school officials if such violations constitute a substantial interference with school purposes.
14. Truancy or failure to attend assigned classes or assigned activities; or tardiness to school, assigned classes or assigned activities.
15. The use of language, written or oral, or conduct, including gestures, which is profane or abusive to students or staff members. Profane or abusive language or conduct includes, but is not limited to, that which is commonly understood and intended to be derogatory toward a group or individual based upon race, gender, disability, national origin, or religion.
16. Dressing or grooming in a manner which is dangerous to the student's health and safety or a danger to the health and safety of others or repeated violations of the student dress and grooming standards; dressing, grooming, or engaging in speech that is lewd or indecent, vulgar or plainly offensive; dressing, grooming, or engaging in speech that school officials reasonably conclude will materially and substantially disrupt the work and discipline of the school; dressing, grooming, or engaging in speech that a reasonable observer would interpret as advocating illegal drug use.
17. Willfully violating the behavioral expectations for riding school buses or vehicles.
18. A student who engages in the following conduct shall be expelled for the remainder of the school year in which it took effect if the misconduct occurs during the first semester, and if the expulsion for such conduct takes place during the second semester, the expulsion shall remain in effect for the first semester of the following school year, with the condition that such action may be modified or terminated by the school district during the expulsion period on such terms as the administration may establish:
 - a. The knowing and intentional use of force in causing or attempting to cause personal injury to a school employee, school volunteer, or student, except if caused by accident, self-defense, or on the reasonable belief that the force used was necessary to protect some other person and the extent of force used was reasonably believed to be necessary, or
 - b. The knowing and intentional possession, use, or transmission of a dangerous weapon other than a firearm.
19. Knowingly and intentionally possessing, using, or transmitting a firearm on school grounds, in a school-owned or utilized vehicle, or during an educational function or event off school grounds, or at a school-sponsored activity or athletic event. This conduct shall result in an expulsion for one calendar year. "Firearm" means a firearm as defined in 18 U.S.C. 921, as that statute existed on January 1, 1995. That statute includes the following statement: "The

term 'firearm' means (a) any weapon (including a starter gun) which will or is designed to or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive; (b) the frame or receiver of any such weapon; (c) any firearm muffler or firearm silencer; or (d) any destructive device." The Superintendent may modify such one year expulsion requirement on a case-by-case basis, provided that such modification is in writing.

Bringing a firearm or other dangerous weapon to school for any reason is discouraged; however, a student will not be subject to disciplinary action if the item is brought or possessed under the following conditions:

- a. Prior written permission to bring the firearm or other dangerous weapon to school is obtained from the student's teacher, building administrator and parent.
- b. The purpose of having the firearm or other dangerous weapon in school is for a legitimate educational function.
- c. A plan for its transportation into and from the school, its storage while in the school building and how it will be displayed must be developed with the prior written approval by the teacher and building administrator. Such plan shall require that such item will be in the possession of an adult staff member at all times except for such limited time as is necessary to fulfill the educational function.
- d. The firearm or other dangerous weapon shall be in an inoperable condition while it is on school grounds.

D. Additional Student Conduct Expectations and Grounds for Discipline. The following additional student conduct expectations are established. Failure to comply with such rules is grounds for disciplinary action. When such conduct occurs on school grounds, in a vehicle owned, leased, or contracted by a school being used for a school purpose or in a vehicle being driven for a school purpose by a school employee or by his or her designee, or at a school-sponsored activity or athletic event, the conduct is grounds for long-term suspension, expulsion or mandatory reassignment.

1. Student Appearance: Students are expected to dress in a way that is appropriate for the school setting. Students should not dress in a manner that is dangerous to the health and safety of anyone or interferes with the learning environment or teaching process in our school. Following is a list of examples of attire that will not be considered appropriate, such list is not exclusive and other forms of attire deemed inappropriate by the administration may be deemed inappropriate for the school setting:

- a. Clothing that shows an inappropriate amount of bare skin (including cleavage) or underwear (midribs, spaghetti straps, sagging pants) or clothing that is too tight, revealing or baggy, or tops and bottoms that do not overlap or any material that is sheer or lightweight enough to be seen through, or otherwise of an appropriate size and fit so as to be revealing or drag on the ground.
- b. Shorts, skirts, or shorts that do not reach mid-thigh or longer.
- c. Clothing or jewelry that advertises or promotes beer, alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs.
- d. Clothing or jewelry that could be used as a weapon (chains, spiked apparel) or that would encourage "horseplay" or that would damage property (e.g. cleats).
- e. Head wear such as bandannas, and scarves.
- f. Clothing or jewelry which exhibits nudity makes sexual references or carries lewd, indecent, or vulgar language.
- g. Clothing or jewelry that is gang related.
- h. Clothing or jewelry which interferes with the learning, health, or safety of other students.

Consideration will be made for students who wear special clothing as required by religious beliefs, disability, or to convey a particularized message protected by law. The final decision regarding attire and grooming will be made by the Principal or Superintendent. In the event a student is uncertain as to whether a particular item or method of grooming is consistent with the school's guidelines, the student should contact the Principal for approval, and may also review such additional posting of prohibited items or grooming which may be available in the Principal's office.

Coaches, sponsors or teachers may have additional requirements for students who are in special lab classes, students who are participants in performing groups or students who are representing the school as part of an extracurricular activity program.

On a first offense of the dress code, the student may call home for proper apparel. If clothes cannot be brought to school, the student will be assigned to in-school suspension for the remainder of the day. Students will not be allowed to leave campus to change clothes. Continual violations of the dress code will result in more stringent disciplinary actions, up to expulsion. Further, in the event the dress code violation is determined to also violate other student conduct rules (e.g., public indecency, insubordination, expression of profanity, and the like), a first offense of the dress code may result in more stringent discipline, up to expulsion.

2. Academic Integrity.

a. Policy Statement: Students are expected to abide by the standards of academic integrity established by their teachers and school administration. Standards of academic integrity are established in order for students to learn as much as possible from instruction, for students to be given grades which accurately reflect the student's level of learning and progress, to provide a level playing field for all students, and to develop appropriate values.

Bayard Public Schools acknowledges that artificial intelligence continues to emerge as a resource that may assist students with future technology and different wants of learning. However, artificial intelligence also poses a challenge to delineate the responsible use of artificial intelligence with student plagiarism. Please refer to School Board Policy #5114.A for further information.

Cheating and plagiarism violate the standards of academic integrity. Sanctions will be imposed against students who engage in such conduct.

b. Definitions: The following definitions provide a guide to the standards of academic integrity:

(1) "Cheating" means intentionally misrepresenting the source, nature, or other conditions of academic work so as to accrue undeserved credit, or to cooperate with someone else in such misrepresentation. Such misrepresentations may, but need not necessarily, involve the work of others.

Cheating includes, but is not limited to:

(a) Tests (includes tests, quizzes and other examinations or academic performances):

(1) Advance Information: Obtaining, reviewing or sharing copies of tests or information about a test before these are distributed for student use by the instructor. For example, a student engages in cheating if, after having taken a test, the student informs other students in a later section of the questions that appear on the test.

(2) Use of Unauthorized Materials: Using notes, textbooks, pre-programmed formulae in calculators, or other unauthorized material, devices or information while taking a test except as expressly permitted. For example, except for "open

book” tests, a student engages in cheating if the student looks at personal notes or the textbook during the test.

(3) Use of Other Student Answers: Copying or looking at another student’s answers or work, or sharing answers or work with another student, when taking a test, except as expressly permitted. For example, a student engages in cheating if the student looks at another student’s paper during a test. A student also engages in cheating if the student tells another student answers during a test or while exiting the testing room, or knowingly allows another student to look at the student’s answers on the test paper.

(4) Use of Other Student to Take Test. Having another person take one’s place for a test, or taking a test for another student, without the specific knowledge and permission of the instructor.

(5) Misrepresenting Need to Delay Test. Presenting false or incomplete information in order to postpone or avoid the taking of a test. For example, a student engages in cheating if the student misses class on the day of a test, claiming to be sick, when the student’s real reason for missing class was because the student was not prepared for the test.

(b) Papers (includes papers, essays, lab projects, and other similar academic work):

(1) Use of Another’s Paper: Copying another student’s paper, using a paper from an essay writing service, or allowing another student to copy a paper, without the specific knowledge and permission of the instructor.

(2) Re-use of One’s Own Papers: Using a substantial portion of a piece of work previously submitted for another course or program to meet the requirements of the present course or program without notifying the instructor to whom the work is presented.

(3) Assistance from Others: Having another person assist with the paper to such an extent that the work does not truly reflect the student’s work. For example, a student engages in cheating if the student has a draft essay reviewed by the student’s parent or sibling, and the essay is substantially re-written by the student’s parent or sibling. Assistance from home is encouraged, but the work must remain the student’s.

(4) Failure to Contribute to Group Projects. Accepting credit for a group project in which the student failed to contribute a fair share of the work.

(5) Misrepresenting Need to Delay Paper. Presenting false or incomplete information in order to postpone or avoid turning in a paper when due. For example, a student engages in cheating if the student misses class on the day a paper is due, claiming to be sick, when the student’s real reason for missing class was because the student had not finished the paper.

(c) Alteration of Assigned Grades. Any unauthorized alteration of assigned grades by a student in the teacher’s grade book or the school records is a serious form of cheating.

(2) “Plagiarism” means to take and present as one’s own a material portion of the ideas or words of another or to present as one’s own an idea or work derived from an existing source without full and proper credit to the source of the ideas, words, or works. Plagiarism includes, but is not limited to:

(a) Failure to Credit Sources: Copying work (words, sentences, and paragraphs or illustrations or models) directly from the work of another without proper credit. Academic work frequently involves use of outside sources. To avoid plagiarism, the student must either place the work in quotations or give a citation to the outside source.

(b) Falsely Presenting Work as One's Own: Presenting work prepared by another in final or draft form as one's own without citing the source, such as the use of purchased research papers or use of another student's paper.

(c) Impermissible Uses of Artificial Intelligence in School Assignments: Unless otherwise permitted by this Policy, students may not use artificial intelligence or related platforms to assist or complete any assignment, project, test, or other school-related task. The impermissible use of artificial intelligence may subject the student to discipline in accordance with the District's plagiarism policy and academic dishonesty rules.

(3) "Contributing" to academic integrity violations means to participate in or assist another in cheating or plagiarism. It includes but is not limited to allowing another student to look at your test answers, to copy your papers or lab projects, and to fail to report a known act of cheating or plagiarism to the instructor or administration.

c. Sanctions: The following sanctions will occur when a student engages in cheating, plagiarism, or contributing to an academic integrity offense:

(1) Academic Sanction. The instructor will refuse to accept the student's work in which the academic integrity offense took place, assign a grade of "F" or zero for the work, and require the student to complete a test or project in place of the work within such time and under such conditions as the instructor may determine appropriate. In the event the student completes the replacement test or project at a level meeting minimum performance standards, the instructor will assign a grade which the instructor determines to be appropriate for the work.

(2) Report to Parents and Administration. The instructor will notify the Principal of the offense and the instructor or Principal will notify the student's parents or guardian.

(3) Student Discipline Sanctions. Academic integrity offenses are a violation of school rules. The Principal may recommend sanctions in addition to those assigned by the instructor, up to and including suspension or expulsion. Such additional sanctions will be given strong consideration where a student has engaged in serious or repeated academic integrity offense or other rule violations, and where the academic sanction is otherwise not a sufficient remedy, such as for offenses involving altering assigned grades or contributing to academic integrity violations.

3. Electronic Devices

a. Philosophy and Purpose. The District strongly discourages students from bringing and/or using electronic devices at school. The use of electronic devices can be disruptive to the educational process and are items that are frequently lost or stolen. In order to maintain a secure and orderly learning environment, and to promote respect and courtesy regarding the use of electronic devices, the District hereby establishes the following rules and regulations governing student use of electronic devices, and procedures to address student misuse of electronic devices.

b. Definitions. "Electronic devices," include, but are not limited to, cell phones, portable game consoles, cameras, digital scanners, lap top computers, and other electronic or battery powered instruments which transmit voice, text, or data from one person to another.

c. Possession and Use of Electronic Devices.

(1) Students are not permitted to visibly possess or use any electronic devices during class time or during passing time except as otherwise provided by this policy. Cell phone usage is strictly prohibited during any class period; including voice usage, digital imaging, or text messaging.

(2) Students are permitted to possess and use electronic devices before school hours, at lunch time, and after school hours, provided that the student not commit any abusive use of the device (see paragraph (4)(a). Administrators have the discretion to prohibit student possession or use of electronic devices on school grounds during these times in

the event the administration determines such further restrictions are appropriate; an announcement will be given in the event of such a change in permitted use.

(3) Electronic devices may be used during class time when specifically approved by the teacher or a school administrator in conjunction with appropriate and authorized class or school activities or events (i.e., student use of a camera during a photography class; student use of a lap top computer for a class presentation).

(4) Students may use electronic devices during class time when authorized pursuant to an Individual Education Plan (IEP), a Section 504 Accommodation

Plan, or a Health Care Plan, or pursuant to a plan developed with the student's parent when the student has a compelling need to have the device (e.g., a student whose parent is in the hospital could be allowed limited use of the cell phone for family contacts, so the family can give the student updates on the parent's condition).

d. Violations

(1) Students shall not use electronic devices at any time or place for: (a) activities which disrupt the educational environment; (b) illegal activities in violation of state or federal laws or regulations; (c) unethical activities, such as cheating on assignments or tests; (d) immoral or pornographic activities; (e) activities in violation of Board or school policies and procedures relating to student conduct and harassment; or (f) activities which invade the privacy of others. Such student misuses will be dealt with as serious school violations, and immediate and appropriate disciplinary action will be imposed, including, but not limited to, suspension and expulsion from school.

(2) Electronic devices used in violation of this policy may be confiscated by school personnel and returned to the student or parent/guardian at an appropriate time. If an electronic device is confiscated, the electronic device shall be taken to the school's main office to be identified, placed in a secure area, and returned to the student and/or the student's parent/guardian in a consistent and orderly way.

(3) First Violation: Depending upon the nature of the violation and the imposition of other appropriate disciplinary action, consequences at a minimum may include a relinquishment of the electronic device to the school administration and a conference between the student and school principal or assistant principal. The electronic device shall remain in the possession of the school administration until such time as the student personally comes to the school's main office and retrieves the electronic device.

(4) Second Violation: Depending upon the nature of the violation and the imposition of other appropriate disciplinary action, consequences at a minimum may include a relinquishment of the electronic device to the school administration and a conference between the student and his/ her parent/guardian and the school principal or assistant principal. The electronic device shall remain in the possession of the school administration until such time as the student's parent/guardian personally comes to the school's main office and retrieves the electronic device.

(5) Third Violation: Depending upon the nature of the violation and the imposition of other appropriate disciplinary action, consequences at a minimum may include a relinquishment of the electronic device to the school administration, a conference between the student and his/her parent/guardian and the school principal or assistant principal, and suspension of the student from school. The electronic device shall remain in the possession of the school administration until such time as the student's parent/guardian personally comes to the school's main office and retrieves the electronic device.

(6) Subsequent Violations: Students who are repeat offenders of this policy shall be subject to the imposition of any appropriate disciplinary action, which may include suspension and expulsion from school.

e. Responsibility for Electronic Devices. Students or their parents/guardians are expected to claim a confiscated electronic device within ten (10) days of the date it was relinquished. The school shall not be responsible, financially or otherwise, for any unclaimed electronic devices. By bringing such devices to school, students and parents authorize the school to dispose of unclaimed devices at the end of each semester. The District is not responsible for the security and safekeeping of students' electronic devices and is not financially responsible for any damage, destruction, or loss of electronic devices.

E. Inappropriate Public Displays of Affection (IPDA): Students are not to engage in inappropriate public displays of affection on school property or at school activities. Such conduct includes kissing, touching, fondling or other displays of affection that would be reasonably considered to be embarrassing or a distraction to others.

Students will face the following consequences for IPDA:

1. 1st Offense: Student will be confronted and directed to cease.
2. 2nd Offense: Student will be confronted, directed to cease, and parents will be notified.
3. 3rd Offense: Student will be suspended from school for a minimum of 1 day, and parents and student will need to meet with Administrator(s) and/or counselor.

If this type of behavior continues, or if the IPDA is lewd or constitutes sexual conduct, the student could face long-term suspension or expulsion.

F. Specific Rule Items: The following conduct may result in disciplinary action which, in the repeated violations, may result in discipline up to expulsion:

1. Students in the hallway during class time must have a pass with them, and may not leave class without permission.
2. Sunflower seeds, etc. are not allowed in the school building or classrooms.
3. Lunches are to be eaten in the cafeteria unless special permission is granted.
4. Students are expected to bring all books and necessary materials to class. This includes study halls.
5. Assignments for all classes are due as assigned by the teacher.
6. Students are not to operate the mini-blinds or the windows.
7. Classes are ended by the teacher. Students are not to begin to pack up or leave the class until the dismissal bell has rung or the teacher has dismissed the class.
8. Students are to be in their seats and ready for class on the tardy bell.
9. Special classes such as Industrial Technology, Art, P.E., and computers courses will have other safety or clean-up rules that will be explained to you by that teacher which must be followed.
10. Students are not to bring "nuisance items" to school. A nuisance item is something that is not required for educational purposes and which would cause a distraction to the student or others.
11. Students are to stand back from the entry steps and doors in the mornings before school and at noon before the bell so that others may pass in and out of the entry doors.
12. Throwing snow is prohibited.
13. Students are not to be in the school facilities without supervision.
14. Lying or otherwise deceiving staff or administration.

G. Law Violations

1. Cases of law violations or suspected law violations by students will be reported to the police and to the student's parents or guardian as soon as possible.
2. When a principal or other school official releases a minor student to a peace officer (e.g., police officer, sheriff, and all other persons with similar authority to make arrests) for the purpose of removing the minor from the school premises, the principal or other school official shall take immediate steps to notify the parent, guardian, or responsible relative of the minor regarding the release of the minor to the officer and regarding the place to which the minor is

reportedly being taken, except when a minor has been taken into custody as a victim of suspected child abuse, in which case the principal or other school official shall provide the peace officer with the address and telephone number of the minor's parents or guardian.

3. In an effort to demonstrate that student behavior is always subject to possible legal sanctions regardless of where the behavior occurs it is the District's policy to notify the proper legal authorities when a student engages in any of the following behaviors on school grounds or at a school sponsored event:

- (a) Knowingly possessing illegal drugs or alcohol.
- (b) Aggravated or felonious assault.
- (c) Vandalism resulting in significant property damage.
- (d) Theft of school or personal property of a significant nature.
- (e) Automobile accident.
- (f) Any other behavior which significantly threatens the health or safety of students or other persons, and such other offenses which are required to be reported by law.

When appropriate, it shall be the responsibility of the referring administrator to contact the student's parent of the fact that the referral to legal authorities has been or will be made.

RESTRAINT (definition)

The act of controlling the actions of pupil(s) when such actions may inflict harm to others or to himself/herself. School personnel must feel free to use whatever reasonable means are appropriate at the moment, if it is necessary, to prevent a pupil from harming others or himself/herself.

VIDEO SURVEILLANCE

The Board of Education has authorized the use of video cameras on Bayard School District property to ensure the health, welfare and safety of all staff, students and visitors to District property; and to safeguard District facilities and equipment; and to further the educational process. Video cameras may be used in locations as deemed appropriate by the Superintendent.

Notice is hereby given that video surveillance may occur on District property. In the event a video surveillance recording captures a student or other building user violating school policies or rules or local, state or federal laws, the video surveillance recording may be used in appropriate disciplinary proceedings against the student or other building user and may also be provided to law enforcement agencies. Video surveillance will not be viewed by anyone except designated school personnel, law enforcement, insurance agencies, and attorneys. Teachers may videotape instruction and other classroom activities to make available to students who were absent or who would like to otherwise review such content.

DISCIPLINE AND SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

Students who have engaged in violations of school rules and behavioral expectations may be required by the principal to complete additional educational activities and/or training in order to have the opportunity to learn proper conduct prior to returning to regular classroom attendance. These assignments may include requiring students to complete Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Modules through the Odysseyware BASE program, Skills Streaming, or other programs as determined by the principal or his/her designee to be necessary for the development of the student. Failure to complete these assigned tasks will be considered to be a violation of a reasonable directive subject to additional discipline in accordance with this handbook and school policy.

Students who violate school rules regarding possession of illicit or prohibitive substances may, at the discretion of the principal, be required to complete additional educational activities to promote an understanding of healthy and safe behaviors prior to returning to regular classroom attendance. These assignments may include completion of an educational program to reduce the use of an illegal or addictive substance, consultation with the school nurse, or additional meetings between the student, the student's parents/guardians, and substance abuse professionals.

ALCOHOL TESTS

It is a violation of Board Policy and school rules for a student to use or be under the influence of alcohol while on school grounds, in a vehicle owned, leased, or contracted by a school being used for a school purpose or in a vehicle being driven for a school purpose by a school employee or by his or her designee, or at a school sponsored activity or athletic event.

The Superintendent of Schools or his or her designee may require students to consent and submit to a breath test to determine the presence of alcohol or similar alcohol sensor (a "Test") as a prerequisite for admittance to any voluntary school event or activity if the Superintendent determines that such practice is necessary for the safety of students at such event or will prevent interference with school purposes. If the Test reveals that a student is under the influence of alcohol or the student refuses to submit to the Test, then the student may be denied admittance to the event (in addition to being subject to further discipline as allowed by law, school rules, and Board Policy).

The Superintendent of Schools or his or her designee may require a student to submit to a Test at any time while on school grounds, in a vehicle owned leased, or contracted by a school being used for a school purpose or in a vehicle being driven for a school purpose by a school employee or by his or her designee, or at a school sponsored activity or athletic event if the Superintendent or his or her designee reasonably suspects that the student is under the influence of alcohol.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE AND EXCESSIVE ABSENTEEISM

Regular and punctual student attendance is required. The Board's policies require such attendance, the administration is responsible for developing further attendance rules and regulations, and students and parents are responsible for developing behaviors which will result in regular and punctual student attendance. Bayard Schools are required to maintain an accurate record of student attendance.

Compulsory Attendance: Except for those students exempted by law, this school district expects all children living within the boundaries of the school district and those currently enrolled in the school district and who are between the ages of seven and eighteen, to be in attendance every day that school is in session unless they have been excused by the school administration.

A. Attendance and Absences.

1. Absences from School - Definitions. An absence from school will be reported as: (a) Unverified, (b) Absent, (c) Verified, (d) Activity, (e) Exempt.

The following codes will be assigned to student absences for the following reasons:

Unverified (UNV): The student is absent and the school has not received any notification pertaining to the student's whereabouts from a parent/guardian.

Absent (A): A parent/guardian has called to let the school know their child will not be in school, but the absence does not qualify as an EXC, EXP, ACT as defined below.

Verified (VER): A parent/guardian has called to let the school know their child will not be in school due to illness, a medical appointment, or family trips in which the student accompanies the parent/guardian. Even though an absence is verified, it does count toward the total number of absences for purposes of credit loss and truancy reporting.

Exempted (EXP): A parent/guardian has called to let the school know their child will not be in school for a purpose deemed by the Principal as an extenuating circumstance. The student's absence will not count against them due to the extenuating circumstance. An Exempted absence may include absences for reasons such as the attendance at a funeral for a member of the immediate family (parents, siblings, and grandparents) counseling/therapy appointments, and court appearances that are required by a court order.

Activity (ACT): The student is absent from school due to participation in a school-sponsored event.

Only when specifically authorized by the principal for health or other reasons, students may be granted permission to attend class via electronic means. Student attendance will be marked the same regardless of virtual or in-person attendance.

The following attendance codes WILL contribute to the accumulated absences for the semester: UNV, VER A. After 9 absences, the student will lose credit for the class(es) in which they are not in attendance.

The following attendance codes WILL NOT contribute to the accumulated absences for the semester and will not count against credit loss: EXP, ACT.

Exempted Absences must be cleared through the Principal's office by the student's parent/guardian in advance whenever possible. An absence or tardy, even if verified by a parent/guardian, may not be exempted, except as described above. All absences, except for illness, death in the family or other absences where advance notice is not possible, require advance approval.

The Principal shall have the discretion to deny or approve the verified or exempt status of absences depending on circumstances such as the student's number of other absences, the student's academic status, the tests or other projects which may be missed, and in the case of a family trip, whether the trip could be taken during non-school time and the educational nature of the trip.

A student who engages in excessive absences may be considered truant as per state law Neb. Rev. Stat. 79-201. Truancy is a violation of school rules. The consequence of such action may require the student to make up the time missed through Academic Intervention. Students who leave the school premises without permission during the school day will be considered truant.

2. Absence Procedure.

Make-up work may be assigned for each day missed regardless of the type of absence, school activity or otherwise. If make-up work is not completed, students will receive no credit for the work required. The time each student is allowed will be determined by the teacher, with two days per each excused absence the general rule. The student has the responsibility to contact teachers, initially, regarding make-up assignments.

B. Mandatory Ages of Attendance. The mandatory ages of attendances for truancy purposes are age 6 (as of January 1 of the then-current school year) to age 18. Attendance is also not mandatory for a child who has reached the age of 6 years of age prior January 1 of the then-current school year, but will not reach age 7 prior to January 1 of such school year, if the child's parent or guardian has signed and filed with the school district in which the child resides an affidavit stating either: (1) that the child is participating in an education program that the parent or guardian believes will prepare the child to enter grade one for the following school year; or (2) that the parent or guardian intends for the child to participate in a school which has elected or will elect pursuant to law not to meet accreditation or approval requirements, and the parent or guardian intends to provide the Commissioner of Education with a statement pursuant to section 79-1601(3) on or before the child's seventh birthday.

Attendance is also not mandatory for a child who: (1) has obtained a high school diploma by meeting statutory graduation requirements; (2) has completed the program of instruction offered by a school which elects pursuant to law not to meet accreditation or approval requirements; or (3) has reached the age of 18 years, and such child's parent or guardian has signed a notarized release discontinuing the enrollment of the child on a form provided by the school.

C. Early Withdrawal for Students Enrolled in Accredited or Approved Schools. A person who has legal or actual charge or control of a child who is at least 16 but less than 18 years of age may withdraw such child from school before graduation and be exempt from the mandatory attendance requirements if an exit interview is conducted and a withdrawal form is signed.

Exit Interview. The process is initiated by a person who has legal or actual charge or control of the child submitting a withdrawal form. The form is to be as prescribed by the Commissioner of Education. Upon submission of the form, the Superintendent or Superintendent's designee shall set a time and place for an exit interview if the child is enrolled in Bayard Public Schools or resides in Bayard Public Schools and is enrolled in a private, denominational, or parochial school.

The exit interview shall be personally attended by:

- The child, unless the withdrawal is being requested due to an illness of the child making attendance at the exit interview impossible or impracticable;
- the person who has legal or actual charge or control of the child who requested the exit interview;
- the Superintendent or Superintendent's designee;
- the child's principal or the principal's designee if the child at the time of the exit interview is enrolled in a school operated by the school district; and
- any other person requested by any of the required parties who agrees to attend the exit interview and is available at the time designated for the exit interview which may include, for example, other school personnel or the child's principal if the child is enrolled in a private school.

At the exit interview, the person making the written request must present evidence that (a) the person has legal or actual charge or control of the child and (b) the child would be withdrawing due to either:

- financial hardships requiring the child to be employed to support the child's family or one or more dependents of the child, or
- an illness of the child making attendance impossible or impracticable.

The Superintendent or Superintendent's designee shall identify all known alternative educational opportunities, including vocational courses of study, that are available to the child in the school district

and how withdrawing from school is likely to reduce potential future earnings for the child and increase the likelihood of the child being unemployed in the future. Any other relevant information may be presented and discussed by any of the parties in attendance.

At the conclusion of the exit interview, the person making the written request may sign a withdrawal form provided by the school district agreeing to the withdrawal of the child OR may rescind the written request for the withdrawal.

Withdrawal Form. Any withdrawal form signed by the person making the written request shall be valid only if:

- the child also signs the form, unless the withdrawal is being requested due to an illness of the child making attendance at the exit interview impossible or impracticable, and
- the Superintendent or Superintendent's designee signs the form acknowledging that the interview was held, the required information was provided and discussed at the interview, and, in the opinion of the Superintendent or Superintendent's designee, the person making the written request does in fact have legal or actual charge or control of the child and the child is experiencing either (i) financial hardship, or (ii) an illness making attendance impossible or impracticable.

Early Withdrawal for Students Enrolled in an Exempt School (Home Schools). A person who has legal or actual charge or control of a child who is at least 16 but less than 18 years of age may withdraw such child from school before graduation and be exempt from the mandatory attendance requirements if such child has been enrolled in a school that elects not to meet the accreditation or approval requirements by filing with the State Department of Education a signed notarized release on a form prescribed by the Commissioner of Education.

D. Reporting and Responding to Truant Behavior. Any administrator, teacher, or member of the board of education who knows of any failure on the part of any child of mandatory school attendance age to attend school regularly without lawful reason, shall within three days report such violation to the superintendent. The superintendent shall immediately cause an investigation into any such report to be made. The superintendent shall also investigate any case when of his or her personal knowledge, or by report or complaint from any resident of the district, the superintendent believes that any child is unlawfully absent from school. The school shall render all services in its power to compel such child to attend some public, private, denominational, or parochial school, which the person having control of the child shall designate, in an attempt to address the problem of excessive absenteeism. Such services shall include, as appropriate, the services listed under the "Excessive Absenteeism" and "Reporting Excessive Absenteeism" policies.

E. Excessive Absenteeism. Students who accumulate five (5) absences in a quarter shall be deemed to have "excessive absences." Such absences shall be determined on a per day basis for elementary students and on a per class basis for secondary students. When a student has excessive absences, the following procedures shall be implemented:

After 5 absences – A 5 day absence letter and a call from the principal

10 absences – A 10 day absence letter and a call to meet with the principal.

15 absences – A 15 day absence letter, a call to meet with the principal, and possible notification to county attorney.

20 absences- A 20 day Absence letter and notify the county attorney.

F. Reporting Excessive Absenteeism to the County Attorney.

- a. Twenty Absences. If a student accumulates more than twenty (20) absences per year and all of the absences are due to documented illness that makes attendance impossible or

impracticable or are otherwise excused by school authorities, the attendance officer may report such information to the county attorney of the county in which the person having control of the student resides.

b. Twenty Absences. If a student accumulates more than twenty (20) absences per year, the attendance officer shall file a report with the county attorney of the county in which the person having control of the student resides. The report shall be made on a form which includes the following two statements, one of which must be designated by the school representative signing the report: (a) The school representative requests additional time to work with the student prior to intervention by the county attorney; and (b) the school representative believes that the school has used all reasonable efforts to resolve the student's excessive absenteeism without success and recommends county attorney intervention. If further action is necessary to address the child's attendance, the initial meeting between the parent or guardian of the child, the school, and the county attorney or his or her designee shall be at a location determined by the school.

c. Other. A report to the county attorney may also be made when a student otherwise accrues excessive absences as herein defined.

G. Reporting to the Commissioner. The Superintendent or designee shall report on a monthly basis to the Commissioner of Education as directed by the Commissioner regarding the number of and reason for any long-term suspension, expulsion, or excessive absenteeism of a student; referral of a student to the office of the county attorney for excessive absenteeism; or contacting of law enforcement officials (other than law enforcement officials employed by or contracted with by the District as school resource officers) by the District relative to a student enrolled in the District.

ELEMENTARY - ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

Please make every effort to have your student arrive at school no earlier than **7:55 A.M.**, unless previous arrangements have been made with the principal's office. Students must leave the building when dismissed in the afternoon, unless they are given permission to remain and are supervised by a staff member. Students will be asked to leave the school grounds after school is dismissed, unless arrangements have been made previously with the parent(s) or guardian(s). The playground is not supervised before **7:45A.M.** or after 3:30 P.M.

ELEMENTARY ABSENTEES AND TARDIES

Bayard Elementary Start and End Times:

Begin: 8:00 am

Dismiss: 3:25 pm

Students should plan to report to school between 7:55 A.M. and 8:00 A.M. so they will not be counted tardy. Tardiness is reported from 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. and from when class starts after lunch to 2:00 P.M. A student leaving school after 10:00 A.M. or after 2:00 P.M. will not be counted absent for that half day respectively. Otherwise, the student is determined to be present.

Students are expected to be in class on time. Tardies will be monitored by individual teaching staff and the principal's office. Each teacher will post rules and consequences regarding tardies in their individual classrooms. Failure to meet school/teachers' rules and expectations regarding tardiness during the year will result in disciplinary action.

Elementary students will not be dismissed from the regular school day to attend junior high or high school events unless a parent or other authorized adult personally checks the student out of school.

JUNIOR HIGH/HIGH SCHOOL ABSENTEES AND TARDIES

Bayard Jr./Sr. High School Regular Schedule Start and End Times:

Begin: 8:00 am

Dismiss: 3:31 pm

Students are expected to be in class on time and in attendance every class period (See SCHOOL BUILDING HOURS AND BELL SCHEDULE for start and end times for each period). Other than emergencies, students will not be allowed in the halls and must have a hall pass.

Unexcused tardies will be monitored by individual teaching staff and the principal's office. Each teacher will post rules and punishment regarding tardies in their individual classrooms.

I. Failure to meet school/teachers' rules and expectations regarding tardiness during the semester will result in disciplinary action.

II. If a student's absence is unexcused, the student may receive zeros for any class work missed during the absence, and may be required to make-up work and the time missed

III. Accumulation of three absences in a semester, which are not verified by the student's parents with a phone call, note or doctor's slip shall be considered truant and may result in disciplinary action. Continued unverified absences will result in additional disciplinary action and reported as excessive absenteeism.

All students grades 7-12 will be allowed up to nine (9) excused absences per semester. After the 9th absence, credit will be deducted as follows:

0-9 days absent 0 credit deducted per course

10-14 absences 1 credit deducted per course

15-19 absences 2 credits deducted per course

20-24 absences 3 credits deducted per course

25-29 absences 4 credits deducted per course

30+ absences 5 credits deducted per course

To receive full credit for a class in which a student has been absent in excess of nine periods, the student will be given the opportunity to make up the time missed. Teachers will provide make-up (or extra credit work) to be done during the make-up period. The student will be supervised during the make-up time by the school principal or by an assigned detention teacher. The student must serve the same number of make-up minutes (per missed class) as the class was originally scheduled to meet, in order to receive full credit for making up a period. Scheduling of the make-up time will be done by the school principal. The make-up time may be scheduled before school, after school, or on weekends, but it must be served within 30 days of the completion of the semester as the absent day it is being served to make up. Absences for school-sponsored activities are not to be included in the nine-day absence policy.

Students who lose credit will be given the opportunity for credit recovery during summer school.

The administration reserves the right to subtract from the number of absences those occasions which a student is hospitalized, prescribed bed rest by a physician, or gone due to a family emergency. (Family emergencies may include but not limited to accidents funerals, etc.) The school administration will require written documentation from a hospital or a physician for absences due to prescribed bed

rest. It is important to note that while absences impacting credit loss are semester based (start over each semester), absences counting toward truancy accrue throughout the entire school year.

TRUANCY

Truant students will make up twice the time missed from school for the first offense, and their parents will be contacted. For the second offense, the parents will be called in to work out an appropriate agreement. Students truant more than three times while in junior and senior high school will be suspended from school until such time as the problem has been resolved to the satisfaction of the parents and administration.

ELEMENTARY CLOSED CAMPUS / RELEASE OF A STUDENT DURING THE DAY

Students will not be permitted to leave school grounds during the school day without permission from the office and accompanied by a designated adult.

In recognition of the responsibility of the district to parents for health, welfare, and safety of students, the school will not release a student during the school day except to a student's lawful custodian as defined by law and whose identification is verified to the satisfaction of the administration. The name, address, and telephone number of the lawful custodian shall be entered on the permanent record of the student. If a lawful custodian wishes to have a stranger pick up their child during the school day, permission must be given to the school prior to the child being released.

If, in the granting of a release of a student, a change in the record of the student's lawful custodian(s) becomes apparent and is verified to the satisfaction of the administration, such change shall immediately be entered on the student's permanent record.

JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL CLOSED CAMPUS / RELEASE OF A STUDENT DURING THE DAY

Students who must leave school for any reason must check out of the office before leaving. Students leaving must be cleared in advance by a note or phone call from the student's parent or guardian. In the event that school personnel are unable to contact a parent or guardian the school principal or superintendent will make an in loco parentis decision about whether or not a student will be permitted to leave school. Students will be dismissed from the classroom once the parent has signed the child out in the office.

Bayard Junior/Senior High School will have closed campus for grades seven, eight, and nine. If necessary, special arrangements to leave campus can be made with the principal. Parents may not excuse their student from closed campus for more than one day at a time. If students must be excused for extended periods, parents need to request a meeting with the principal. Students tardy three times will face disciplinary action up to and including loss of open campus privileges.

ELEMENTARY CELLULAR PHONES

For the safety of students and to eliminate disruptions in the learning environment, all students in grades K-6 who bring cell phones to school are to place them in a box with their classroom teacher immediately when they enter the classroom during regular school hours. Students will pick up their phones on the way out the door at the conclusion of each school day or when they are leaving for the day.

The box of cell phones will be kept in a safe place to eliminate theft problems. If a student does not place his/her cell phone in the box, and it is seen or heard during regular school hours, the phone will be confiscated by the teacher or principal, and it will be kept according to the violations listed in the Rules and Regulations section of the student handbook. There will be no exceptions or excuses. If a student has an emergency, they will be allowed to use a phone. If you need to contact your student, please call the elementary office, and a message will be given to the student. No one will ever turn your student's cell phone on unless he/she is present.

The administration shall promulgate rules to enforce this policy at the building level.

JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH STUDENTS CELLULAR PHONE AND ELECTRONIC DEVICE USE

Students may be in possession of a cellular telephone subject to the terms of Board Policy #5133 and the administrative rules of the District. Use of the device shall be limited to the period before classes begin in the morning, during the student's lunch period and after the student's last class in the afternoon. Such devices shall not be used during instructional time, which includes all class time, unless there is a bona fide health or safety emergency.

Visible possession of all cell phones is prohibited in any area where there is an expectation of privacy.

Students violating this policy may be subject to disciplinary action; i.e., detention, suspension and/or expulsion.

The administration shall promulgate rules to enforce the policy at the building level.

Bayard Jr./Sr. High School students need to be responsible users of technology. The school firmly believes in protecting instructional time in classrooms; therefore, electronic devices should not be seen, heard, or used during the time allotted for each of the instructional periods throughout the day. This applies to anywhere on campus, including hallways, restrooms, main office, media center, etc. during any scheduled instructional period (including TAPs).

Students are permitted to use electronic devices before and after school, during their scheduled lunch, and during passing periods. Because school issued devices are available to all students, other personal electronic devices and cell phones are not to be used during instructional periods and study halls. Student use of personal devices can diminish the available internet bandwidth and diminishes the quality of the educational environment for other students and staff.

To maintain the expected learning environment in the classroom, students who violate the electronic device policy will be subject to disciplinary actions. Once a referral has been sent to the office, the following consequences can be utilized to solve the problem:

1st Offense- Electronic device will be confiscated until the end of the school day.

2nd Offense- Electronic device will be confiscated until a parent/guardian picks up the device

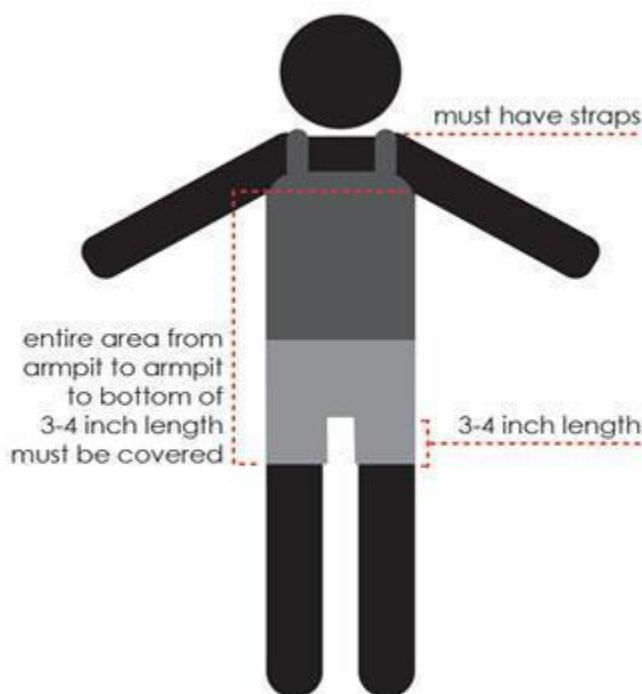
3rd Offense- Student will serve detention, plus the electronic device will be confiscated until a parent/guardian picks up the device

4th Offense - Student will serve detention, plus the electronic device will be confiscated until a parent/guardian picks up the device, and the student must turn the device in at the start of the school day for a specific amount of time determined by the administration.

As part of being a responsible user of technology, students are directed to not use their electronic devices to bully, intimidate, or harass. Violators will be subject to disciplinary actions from the administration.

STUDENT DRESS CODE

Bayard Public Schools respects students' rights to express themselves in the way they dress. All students who attend Bayard Public Schools are also expected to respect the school community by dressing appropriately for a K-12 educational environment. Student attire should facilitate participation in learning as well as the health and safety of students and the adults that supervise them. This policy is intended to provide guidance for students, staff, and parents.



Minimum Requirements:

1. Clothing must cover areas from one armpit across to the other armpit, down to approximately 3 to 4 inches in length on the upper thighs (see images below). Tops must have shoulder straps. Rips or tears in clothing should be lower than the 3 to 4 inches in length.
2. Shoes must be worn at all times and should be safe for the school environment (pajamas, bedroom shoes or slippers shall not be worn, except for school activities approved by the principal).
3. See-through or mesh garments must not be worn without appropriate coverage underneath that meet the minimum requirements of the dress code.
4. Headgear including hats, hoodies, and caps are not allowed unless permitted for religious, medical, or other reason by school administration.
5. Specialized courses may require specialized attire, such as sports uniforms or safety gear.

Additional Requirements:

1. Clothing may not depict, imply, advertise, or advocate illegal, violent, or lewd conduct, weapons, or the use of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana or other controlled substances.
2. Clothing may not depict or imply pornography, nudity, or sexual acts.
3. Clothing may not display or imply vulgar, discriminatory, or obscene language or images.
4. Clothing may not state, imply, or depict hate speech/imagery targeting groups based on race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, religious affiliation, or any other protected classification.
5. Sunglasses may not be worn inside the building.
6. Clothing and accessories that endanger student or staff safety may not be worn.
7. Apparel, jewelry, accessories, tattoos, or manner of grooming that, by virtue of its color, arrangement, trademark or any other attribute, denotes membership in a gang that advocates illegal or disruptive behavior is prohibited.

Teachers will send students to the office, or notify the office if a student's clothing or dress is questionable.

The administration reserves the right to determine what constitutes appropriate dress.

Students who do not adhere to these guidelines will not be allowed to attend class. Parents will be called if appropriate clothing is not available or the student refuses dress-code appropriate clothing.

STUDENT GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

The grievance procedure for students is published in the district student handbook and publications that reach all students including those in special education. The procedure, along with explanations, due process, and directions are available for inspection in the following offices: Superintendent of Schools and building principals. Inquiries can also be directed to the Director of Region VII Office for Civil Rights, 10220 North Executive Hills Boulevard, 8th Floor, Kansas City, Missouri 64153 or call (816) 891-8026.

It is the policy of this district that all grievances be resolved quickly and at the lowest step possible.

EXPLANATIONS

1. Grievance

A grievance is a difference of opinion raised by a student or a group of students involving: 1) the meaning, interpretation, or application of established policies; 2) difference of treatment; or 3) application of the legal requirements of civil rights legislation.

2. Grievant

Any student or group of students submitting a grievance in their own behalf.

3. Days

Days when school is in session.

DUE PROCESS

1. Right to Representation

A grievant(s) may choose to be represented by an attorney or other persons of their own choosing, such as a relative or advocate. Issues of ordinary school operation should, however, be resolved as informally as possible.

2. Right to Present Witnesses and Evidence

Grievant(s) shall be allowed to present the grievance with relevant evidence and pertinent witnesses. Both parties shall have the opportunity for hearing and questioning witnesses.

3. Time Limits

All participants shall adhere to the time limits prescribed for each level. Failure by the administration at any step of the procedure to communicate the decision on the grievance within the specified time limit shall permit the grievant(s) to proceed to the next step. Failure on the part of the grievant(s) to appeal the decision to the next step within the specified time limits shall be deemed to be an acceptance of the decision rendered at that step.

4. Right to Information

Unless state laws and right-to-privacy laws are violated, all relevant records with names and identifying information must be made available to the grievant(s) for use as evidence in the grievance issue.

5. Privacy

During the grievance procedure, except at Step IV, the grievant(s) shall have the right to designate whether the procedure and meetings will be confidential, including names and related information.

6. Reprisals-Retaliation

Participants in a grievance submitted in this district shall not be subjected to reprisals, retaliation, or different treatment because of such participation. Participation shall not be recorded in the student file(s) or used to affect equal opportunity for access and equity in educational programs and services.

DIRECTIONS:

Each step of authority shall acknowledge in writing the date of receipt of the written grievance with the statement that the issue will be considered promptly.

By Step III the grievance must be submitted in writing, dated, and signed with the name of the attendance center and the grade level of the grievant(s). The issue should be described as specifically and completely as possible. The name of anyone who will represent the grievant(s) should be included. A statement of possible relief necessary to resolve the issue should be offered.

If the issue is of the type that would require a decision from higher authority, the facts surrounding the grievance should be compiled in writing and submitted to the proper level of authority, operating through appropriate channels. All levels of authority shall give immediate attention to the grievance issue, being aware of the specified timelines. Copies of the written answers to the grievant(s) shall be submitted to the superintendent and/or building principal. This response shall contain a summary of the evidence determined; the conclusion(s) reached, with reasons, and shall be delivered to each grievant(s). If hand delivery with receipt cannot be made, registered mail will be used.

HAZING

Hazing by classes, clubs, athletic teams or other student organizations are prohibited. No student, teacher, administrator or other school district employee, contractor or volunteer shall plan, direct, encourage, aid or engage in hazing. No student, teacher, administrator or other school district employee, contractor or volunteer shall permit, condone or tolerate hazing. Apparent permission or consent by a person being hazed does not lessen the prohibitions contained in this policy. A person who engages in an act that violates school policy or law in order to be initiated into or affiliated with a student organization shall be subject to discipline for that act. This policy applies to hazing behavior that occurs on or off school property, during and after school hours and covers periods when school is not in session. The school district will act to investigate and/or report to law enforcement all complaints of hazing and will discipline or take appropriate action against any student, teacher, administrator or other school district employee, contractor or volunteer who is found to have violated this policy.

For purposes of this section, hazing means any activity by which a person intentionally or recklessly endangers the physical or mental health or safety of an individual for the purpose of initiation into, admission into, affiliation with, or continued membership with any organization.

Such hazing activity includes whipping, beating, branding, an act of sexual penetration, an exposure of the genitals of the body done with intent to affront or alarm any person, a lewd fondling or caressing of the body of another person, forced and prolonged calisthenics, prolonged exposure to the elements, forced consumption of any food, liquor, beverage, drug, or harmful substance not generally intended for human consumption, prolonged sleep deprivation, or any brutal treatment or the performance of any unlawful act which endangers the physical or mental health or safety of any person.

Policies and Procedures

NONDISCRIMINATION IN EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

It is the policy of the Bayard Public Schools not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, creed, age, marital status, sex, or disability in its educational programs, activities, or employment policies, as required by Titles VI and VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, Title IX of the 1972 Education Amendments, the Section 504 Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Nebraska Equal Educational Opportunity Act. Any person who believes she or he has been discriminated against, denied a benefit, or been excluded from participation in any district education program or activity on the basis of sex, race, or handicap, in violation of this policy, may grieve such matters using the adopted grievance procedures of this district. Such procedures shall provide for prompt and equitable resolution of complaints alleging acts of discrimination. Inquiries regarding compliance with Title IX, Section 504, Title VI of the Nebraska Equal Opportunity in Education Act may be directed to the High School Principal, Bayard High School, (308) 586-1700, or in the case of Title IX and Section 504 Rehabilitation Act, to the Director of the Region VII Office for Civil Rights, 10220 North Executive Hills Boulevard, 8th Floor, Kansas City, Missouri 64153, or call (816) 891-8026.

POLICY ENFORCEMENT:

To ensure compliance with this policy, the superintendent shall:

I. Designate a member of the administrative staff:

- A. To coordinate efforts of the district to comply with this policy;
- B. To develop and ensure maintenance of a filing system to keep records required under this policy;
- C. To investigate any complaints of violations of this policy;
- D. To administer the grievance procedure established in this policy;
- E. To develop affirmative action programs, as appropriate;

II. Provide for the publication of this policy on an ongoing basis to students, parents, employees, prospective employees, and district employee unions or organizations, with such publication including the name, office address, and telephone number of the compliance administrator designated, pursuant to this policy in paragraph C., 1. above.

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE:

Any student or employee of this district who believes he or she has been discriminated against, denied a benefit, or excluded from participation, in any district education program or activity, on the basis of sex, in violation of this policy, may file a written complaint with the compliance administrator designated in Paragraph C, 1, of this policy, above. The compliance administrator shall cause a review of the written complaint to be conducted and a written response mailed to the complainant within ten (10) working days after receipt of the written complaint. A copy of the written complaint and the compliance administrator's response shall be provided each member of the Board of Education. If the complainant is not satisfied with such response, he or she may submit a written appeal to the Board of Education, indicating with particularity the nature of disagreement with the response and his or her underlying disagreement. The Board of Education shall consider the appeal at its next regularly scheduled board meeting, following receipt of the response.

The Board of Education shall permit the complainant to address the board in public or closed session, as appropriate and lawful, concerning his or her complaint and shall provide the complainant with its written decision on the matter as expeditiously as possible following completion of the hearing.

The designated administrator for Title IX is: Dr. Kelley Rice, 726 4th Avenue, Box 607, Bayard, Nebraska 69334. 308-586-1700. A complete copy of Title IX and Assurance of Compliance under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 was posted for the students' use on Nov. 3, 1972.

ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Accident insurance covering students, while they are at or traveling to or from school or participating in school activities is offered for a nominal cost at the beginning of the school year. Membership is optional. Information pertaining to this policy is made available to all students at the beginning of the school year.

CAFETERIA RULES AND LUNCH ACCOUNT PROCEDURES

Bayard Public Schools participates in the National School Lunch Program and meets eligibility guidelines. A supervised lunchroom is maintained for students who eat hot or cold meals at school. One carton of milk is included with each meal, or juice will be substituted in place of the milk for those children who bring a note from a physician. An additional carton of milk may be purchased if desired. Water is provided in the lunchroom. Students who bring lunches from home may buy milk. Pop or other drinks that do not meet healthy foods guidelines will not be allowed in the lunchroom while meals are being served.

In compliance with Federal regulations to serve lunches free of charge or at reduced price to all children who are determined to be in need of them, we encourage all families to apply for free or reduced meals (breakfast and lunch). An application form for free or reduced price meals will be sent to each household at the beginning of each school year. Application forms may also be picked up in the principals' offices at any time during the school year. The income scale prepared by the Office of Economic Opportunity shall be used as the guideline for determining if a family shall be eligible. Criteria used for consideration will include economic need as reflected by family income, including welfare payments, family size, and other family needs. This information will be kept confidential. All children will be provided meals if they wish to participate and have funds available to purchase a meal each day. Collections of payment shall be handled by school office personnel. All appeals from decision by the determination officer shall be reviewed by the Superintendent of Schools. Free and reduced meal numbers not only help you, but are beneficial to the school.

Bayard Public Schools has a computerized meal program, and the account balances and bookkeeping aspects of the program are beneficial to everyone concerned. Each student's account will show a running balance. It is the policy of the Bayard Public Schools that if a family has insufficient funds in the student's lunch account, the student will not be allowed to charge a meal from the school until the student's account has a positive balance. Notice will be given to students when they have a low balance. The program is designed that meals be paid for in advance so that situations like this do not occur. It is not the desire of the school district to keep any child from a meal, nonetheless, it is the responsibility of the parent to provide the financial means for their children.

Refunds will be issued to graduating seniors with no siblings enrolled at Bayard Public Schools and families ceasing enrollment in the school district. Funds remaining in family accounts at the end of the year will be carried over to the following term. We offer a breakfast program to Bayard students starting at 7:45 A.M. in the Jr/Sr High School and 8:00 A.M. at the Elementary School. We encourage all students to eat breakfast.

LUNCH PROGRAM NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT:

This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly.

In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.

To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call toll free (866) 632-9992 (voice). Individuals who are hearing impaired or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339 or (800) 845-6136 (Spanish). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS/TELEPHONE

It is very important that every student maintain an up-to-date address and telephone number record at the school office. Notify the school immediately if you have a change of address or telephone number during the school year.

UNENROLLMENT FROM DISTRICT

If a student leaves school during the year, he must obtain a check-out form from the principal and get the signatures of his teachers and coaches or sponsors that he has had during the year.

OPTION STUDENTS

The Bayard Public schools will accept students who elect to attend Bayard Schools under the guidelines of the State of Nebraska School Option Program.

STUDENT GUESTS

Personal guests of students (other than parents or guardians) are not allowed in school during school hours. This will help prevent unnecessary disruptions in the school day. In the very rare case that a guest must be in the building, special arrangements must be made through the principal.

LOST AND FOUND PROCEDURE

The purpose of this section is to provide procedures for handling lost and found articles.

In order to help the school return lost items to students, coats, backpacks, and other personal items should be labeled with the student or staff member's name. All items presumed to be lost or misplaced by students, staff members, and visitors will be placed in the Bayard Public Schools Lost and Found. Items that remain unclaimed will be sold, donated, or discarded at the discretion of the principal in each building.

Items will be sold, donated, or discarded on a timetable set by the administration. Notice will be provided via the Remind system at least two weeks prior to items being removed from the lost and found. All items that remain unclaimed after two weeks will be donated to local charities, sold as a fundraiser for the TigerCARE program or school programs, or discarded. The school assumes no responsibility for lost or misplaced items.

STUDENT VALUABLES

Students, not the school, are responsible for their personal property. Students are cautioned not to bring large amounts of money or items of value to school. If it is necessary to bring valuable items or more money than is needed to pay for lunch, leave the money or valuables with a staff member in the school office for temporary and safekeeping. Bayard Schools is not responsible for students' property that is subject to loss, theft, or damage.

JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH VALUABLES, SAFETY HOOKS, BACKPACKS, AND LOCKERS

Students are directed to not bring valuables to school.

Safety hooks are installed outside of each classroom. Students are expected to carry their backpack from class to class utilizing the hooks while inside the classroom. (Backpacks are not to be taken into classrooms.)

Gym lockers are available upon request if the student does not participate in athletics or PE. Lockers are provided for all students of Bayard Jr. /Sr. High School to store their personal belongings. They are issued at the beginning of the school year. Students are not to change lockers after assignments have been made in the fall, unless the office has been notified, and approval given.

Do not leave valuables such as calculators, money, or personal irreplaceable property in your backpacks or lockers. The school cannot be responsible for theft or damage to such possessions. Students are directed to keep lockers locked. Upon request, the school may check-out a lock to students for this purpose.

PERMANENT RECORD FOLDER

A record folder is kept in the principal's office for every student who is a student at Bayard Public Schools. Information recorded includes attendance, classes taken, grades, and test scores. This information is frequently used when answering inquiries from parents, other educational institutions, and prospective employers. Students and parents may request principals or counselors to show them this information.

SCHOOL PROPERTY USE

The property furnished for use by the pupils, including books, desks, furniture, equipment of all kinds, and buildings, shall be used and handled with reasonable care. Any pupil(s) who intentionally, willfully, or maliciously lose, damage, deface or destroy property of the school shall pay the cost of replacement or repair of such property. All teachers and employees shall at once report any such loss, damage, destruction, or defacement of school property to the principal and/or the superintendent, who shall investigate the matter and require payment if necessary.

STUDENT DIRECTORY INFORMATION

Student directory information is designed to be used internally within the school district. Directory information shall be defined in the annual notice. It may include the student's name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, major field of student, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, student created work (including writing, video production, artwork, industrial technology creations and others), dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, the most recent previous educational agency or institution attended by the student, photograph and other likeness, and other similar information.

Prior to developing a student directory or to giving general information to the public, parents will be given notice annually of the intent to develop a directory or to give out general information and have the opportunity to deny the inclusion of their child's information in the directory or in the general information about the students.

Please notify the principal's office in writing if you do not want your child's information included in the directory.

ELEMENTARY TELEPHONE MESSAGES

The school telephone is a business phone and is not to be used by student(s) except in special cases. Students must receive permission from their teacher to use the phone. Students are not allowed to use the phone to make personal arrangements such as requesting permission to go to another student's home after school.

In order to keep classroom interruptions at a minimum, we are requesting that parents phone the school and leave messages for their children unless it is an emergency. If it is an emergency, we will get the student out of class.

A teacher will not be called out of the classroom during school hours except in emergency situations. A message will be placed in the teacher's mailbox to return the call at a time when he or she is free.

JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH TELEPHONE MESSAGES

The school telephone is a business phone and is not to be used by student(s) except in special cases. In order to keep classroom interruptions at a minimum, we are requesting that parents do not phone the school to leave messages for their children unless it is an emergency. If it is an emergency, we will try our best to deliver the message. Nonemergency messages will be kept in the office, and students will be notified at an appropriate time. It is the students' responsibility to report for messages when notified.

Please refrain from calling your child's cell phone during school hours. If there is an emergency and you need to get in touch with your child, please call the office. Students are instructed to refrain from using their phones during class time to avoid disruptions to the learning process. Regardless of the

source of any cellphone-related disruptions, classroom and schoolwide cellphone policies and consequences will apply. Students will not be excused from consequences for violations of cellphone policies on the basis of parents/guardians/etc. initiating classroom disruptions.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR MOBILE DEVICE PROGRAM

Bayard Public Schools is proud to offer our Bayard High School students mobile devices for use at school and at home. The 1:1 Mobile Device Program, which provides mobile computing and wireless technology to all **Bayard High School students**, has been designed to enhance the delivery and individualization of instruction.

The following information is provided to help everyone understand the expectations and the responsibility of care and use related to receiving a mobile device.

- Students will receive instruction from school district staff on the proper use of the mobile device.
- Students in grades 7-12 will be able to take the mobile device home during the school year if the student and parent/guardian signs the Student Acceptable Use of Technology, and Mobile Device Consent sheets. Students in grades K-6 will be able to take the mobile device home during the school year in the event of a school closure if the student and parent/guardian signs the Student Acceptable Use of Technology, and Mobile Device Consent sheets.
- Students are expected to treat the mobile device as a valuable piece of equipment.
- Students must take all precautions to prevent theft; for example, do not leave the mobile device unattended or in the passenger area of a car.
- Students must take precautions to prevent damage to the mobile device; for example, do not leave the mobile device where there is danger of coming in contact with moisture or excessive heat. This would include protecting the machine from inclement weather.
- The district will provide educational apps.
- Students are to use the mobile device to access only socially and educationally appropriate materials and websites.
- Students must not use the mobile device to purchase goods and services via the Internet while on school grounds or at school functions. (Parents/Guardians/Students are charged with full responsibilities for any financial obligations incurred from the inappropriate use of the mobile device.)
- Students are to use the mobile device in accordance with the Bayard Public Schools Student Internet and Computer Access Policies Regulations and to maintain the mobile device in accordance with the procedures and information provided.
- Mobile devices and mobile device accessories are the property of Bayard Public Schools and must be returned at the end of the academic year, upon withdrawal from Bayard Public Schools, or at the request of a teacher or administrator. Willful failure to return the mobile device in accordance with the stated conditions will result in criminal prosecution.
- Since the mobile devices are the property of Bayard Public Schools, officials of the school have the right to review all material stored on or accessed by any mobile device.
- School officials may revoke a student's mobile device use privileges for misuse or violation of policies.

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Section 1: Mobile Device Specifications

Mobile device devices issued will be of specifications determined by the school district.

Section 2: Receiving Your Mobile Device

Mobile devices will be distributed according by a process determined by the school district. Students must attend and parents are encouraged to attend a yearly Information Session. Before receiving the mobile device, students and parents must sign and return these forms/agreements:

1. The Bayard Public Schools Technology/Internet Acceptable Use Agreement (which is a part of the Parent/Student Handbook.)
2. The Mobile Device Consent Form

Section 3: Taking Care of Your Mobile Device and Mobile Device Accessories

Students are responsible for the general care of the mobile device and accessories they have been issued by the school. If the mobile device is lost or damaged, school office personnel must be informed at the earliest opportunity during normal school hours. Bayard Public Schools is the sole agent authorized to undertake repair or replacement of the device. At the time of notification, the school will repair or provide a suitable replacement device to the student.

General Precautions

The mobile device is school property. All users will follow these expectations and the Student Internet and Computer Access Policy for technology.

- Only use a clean, soft cloth to clean the screen, no cleansers of any type. **Do not use Clorox wipes or similar products.**
- Cords and cables must be inserted carefully into the mobile device to prevent damage.
- Mobile device and its case (if applicable) must remain free of any writing, drawing, stickers, or labels that are not the property of the Bayard Public School District.
- No stickers may be put on school issued mobile devices.
- Mobile devices must never be left unsupervised.
- Students are responsible for keeping their mobile device's battery charged for school each day.

Carrying Mobile Devices

The protective cases provided with the mobile devices have padding to protect the mobile device from normal treatment and provide a suitable means for carrying the device within the school. The guidelines below should be followed:

- Mobile devices must always be within a school issued or school approved protective case if one is provided.
- Carrying cases (i.e. backpacks) can hold other objects (such as folders and workbooks), but these must be kept to a minimum to avoid placing too much pressure and weight on the mobile device screen.

Screen Care

The mobile device screens can be damaged if subjected to rough treatment. The screens are particularly sensitive to damage from excessive pressure on the screen.

- Do not lean on the top of the mobile device when it is closed.
- Do not place anything near the mobile device that could put pressure on the screen.
- Do not place anything in the carrying case (if provided) that will press against the cover.
- Clean the screen with a soft, dry microfiber cloth or antistatic cloth. Use of harsh chemicals WILL damage the screen. **Do not use Clorox wipes or similar products.**
- Do not “bump” the mobile device against lockers, walls, car doors, floors, etc. as it could break the screen.

Section 4: Using Your Mobile Device at School

Mobile devices are intended for use at school each day. Students are responsible for bringing their charged mobile device to all classes. Only charge your mobile device with the provided charger.

Mobile device cameras are not to be used without permission from school officials.

Mobile Devices Undergoing Repair

Loaner mobile devices may be issued to students when they leave their mobile devices for repair at the designated school office. This will be at the discretion of the principal.

At the discretion of the principal, students may be expected to return the loaner mobile device by the end of the school day to their respective school location. Students are subject to consequences for failure to return a loaner mobile device to the office.

Screensavers and Backgrounds

Only school appropriate backgrounds and screensavers may be used on the mobile devices.

Examples of inappropriate backgrounds include the presence of weapons related materials, pornographic materials, inappropriate language, alcohol, drug, gang related symbols, etc... These types of pictures on the mobile device or within its files will result in disciplinary action, and where appropriate, referral to law enforcement.

Passwords on screen savers are to be used. The mobile device is the property of the school district. Therefore, school staff members have the right to check any material stored on a student's mobile device, including the screensaver at any time.

Sound

Students are encouraged to have personal ear buds to listen to audio. Sound must be muted unless permission is obtained from the teacher for instructional purposes.

Printing

No printing is allowed on school issued mobile devices without authorization from school staff.

Section 5: Managing Your Files and Saving Your Work

It is the student's responsibility to ensure that work is not lost due to technical failure or accidental deletion. Mobile device malfunctions are not an acceptable excuse for not submitting work. Students are encouraged to complete assignments well in advance of due dates. If technological issues impede student completion of work students have the option to complete assignments on paper under the same due dates.

Section 6: Mobile Device Apps

The apps originally installed by Bayard Public Schools must remain on the mobile device in usable condition and be easily accessible at all times.

Security

Student mobile devices will be filtered through the district's Internet content filter at school. Parents/Guardians are responsible for mobile device security after school hours.

Inspection

Students may be selected at random to provide their school issued mobile device for inspection without notice by Administration and/or their designee.

Section 7: Protecting and Storing Your Mobile Device

Mobile Device Identification

Student mobile devices will be labeled in the manner specified by the school. Under no circumstances are students to modify, remove, or destroy these labels.

If you find an unattended mobile device please turn it to the designated school office.

Password Protection

Students are required to set a pass code on their mobile device to protect student information. Tampering with machine security measures is forbidden. Violations of this requirement will result in disciplinary action. If tampering results in the inability of the district to access the mobile device, the student/family will pay the full cost of device replacement.

Section 8: Acceptable Use Guidelines

Students are responsible for their ethical, socially appropriate and educational use of the technology resources of the Bayard Public Schools. Under no circumstances should the mobile device be opened or mobile device turned on while in the locker room or restroom areas.

Access to the Bayard Public Schools technology resources is a privilege and not a right. Each employee, student, and/or parent will be required to follow the Bayard Public Schools Student Internet and Computer Access Policy.

Transmission of any material that is in violation of any law is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to the following: confidential information, copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, and mobile device viruses.

Any attempt to alter data, the configuration of a mobile device, or the files of another user, without the consent of the building principal or his/her designee(s), will be considered an act of vandalism and subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the district Student Internet and Computer Access Policies. Students who violate this may also be referred to law enforcement for criminal prosecution as appropriate.

Integrity and Civility

In addition to any standard or rules established by the schools, the following behaviors are specifically prohibited as they violate the standard of integrity and civility.

- Cheating
- Plagiarizing
- Falsifying Information
- Violating Copyright Law
- "Hacking" or Gaining unauthorized access to any network or mobile device

Permissible Uses of Artificial Intelligence in School Assignments

Students may use artificial intelligence or related platforms when any of the following occurs:

1. The student receives advance permission from the teacher for the given assignment or project; or
2. The teacher's classroom rules or expectations established artificial intelligence as a permissible resource for students to access.

Any student with questions about the use of artificial intelligence should contact their teacher in advance of using artificial intelligence to assist with any assignment. It is the responsibility of each student to understand the permissible use (if any) of artificial intelligence in a given class or a particular assignment. Students must be fully forthright and honest about their use of artificial intelligence to assist with any school assignment.

Impermissible Uses of Artificial Intelligence in School Assignments

Unless otherwise permitted by this Policy, students may not use artificial intelligence or related platforms to assist or complete any assignment, project, test, or other school-related task. The impermissible use of artificial intelligence may subject the student to discipline in accordance with the District's plagiarism policy and academic dishonesty rules.

Email

The only email account that students are allowed to access while using a school issued mobile device is that student's Bayard Public Schools Google account (bayardtigers.org). Please note that emails sent via the Google server and accessed on school issued devices are not private and may be reviewed at any time and without notice.

Students are prohibited from using their bayardtigers.org email address to create accounts for any application or website not approved by the technology coordinator or administration.

The following rules will apply when using an email account:

- Always use appropriate language.
- Do not transmit language/material that is profane, sexual, obscene, abusive, or offensive to others.
- Do not send mass emails, chain letters, or spam. Students should maintain high integrity with regard to email content.
- No private chatting during class without permission.

Section 9: Precautions and Consequences

Under no circumstances should mobile devices or other technology equipment be left in unsupervised areas. Unsupervised areas include, but are not limited to: the school grounds and campus, computer labs, break areas, unlocked classrooms or lockers, bathrooms, buses and hallways. Any mobile device left in these areas is in danger of being stolen.

* Lockers are to be locked when storing any technology equipment. This includes, but is not limited to: power cords and mobile device.

* Unsupervised mobile devices will be confiscated by staff and taken to the administrative office. Each student is responsible for his or her mobile device once it has been issued.

Cost to Student

Noncompliance with the policies of the Bayard Public Schools Student/Parent Handbook or school district policies will result in loss of privileges, disciplinary action, and/or criminal prosecution as deemed appropriate.

For devices which need professional repair or replacement, a \$200 deductible per incident will be charged. In the case of theft or accidental breakage in the course of normal, educational use, the administration of Bayard Public Schools may elect to waive the deductible for the first incident. ALL further such incidents within a given school year and summer will require that the parent or student pay the full cost of repair or replacement. Take home privileges are only allowed for students with no outstanding fees or deductible charges.

Electronic mail, network usage, and all files stored on a school issued mobile device is not to be considered confidential and may be monitored at any time by designated Bayard Public Schools staff. The district will refer student misconduct to law enforcement and will cooperate fully with local, state, or federal officials in any criminal investigation, particularly those concerning or relating to violations of computer crime laws.

Mobile Device Use

The consequences for students who abuse their mobile device privileges are as follows:

Mobile Device Suspensions Violation

- A. Unattended mobile device
- B. Inappropriate/unauthorized apps or device usage
- C. Inappropriate Music (Administrative Discretion)
- D. Inappropriate Voice Recording
- E. Abuse of mobile device and Accessories
- F. Inappropriate Pictures
- G. Inappropriate Internet Site

The administration retains the right to suspend the student or suspend student's mobile device access if the offense warrants or for any offense not listed on this sheet. This includes suspending the mobile device for the remainder of the semester or school year. Suspension days are school days. All Student Handbook procedures will apply.

The Bayard School District is not liable for and disclaims any liability arising from any injury or damage caused by or stemming from unauthorized access to the network or inappropriate use of authorized access to the network.

A student and the student's parents or guardians, by submitting the Mobile Device Agreement Form with their respective signatures in order to gain access to the mobile device network, agree to release the School District from any liability for physical or emotional harm or damage resulting to the student that is caused by or related to the inappropriate use of the mobile device network.

Acceptable Use

Students may use the Internet to conduct research assigned by teachers. Students may use the Internet to conduct research for classroom projects. Students may use the Internet to gain access to information about current events. Students may use the Internet to conduct research for school related activities. Students may use the Internet for appropriate educational purposes.

Policy Reference: Policy No. 5114 – Network Acceptable Use and Internet Safety Policy
Policy No. 5110 – Student Fees, Fines and Charges

STUDENT ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Minimum Age:

A child shall be eligible for admission into kindergarten at the beginning of the school year if the child is five years of age or will be five years of age on or before July 31 of the calendar year in which the school year for which the child is seeking admission begins. The School Board may admit a child who will reach the age of five years on or after August 1 and on or before October 15 of such school year if the parent or guardian requests such entrance and provides an affidavit stating that (i) the child attended kindergarten in another jurisdiction in the current school year; (ii) the family anticipates a relocation to another jurisdiction that would allow admission within the current year; or (iii) the child has demonstrated through a recognized assessment procedure approved by the School Board that the child is capable of carrying the work of kindergarten.

Early Admission to Kindergarten:

The following assessment procedure for determining if a child is capable of carrying the work of kindergarten is approved and shall be made available to interested persons:

The kindergarten early entrance assessment procedures are designed to identify and place in kindergarten those children who:

- a. will turn 5 years of age between August 1 and October 15;
- b. are deemed by parents or guardians as being intellectually advanced and likely to benefit from advanced grade placement; and
- c. are selected on the basis of testing by professionals trained to administer the assessments that will produce evidence of strength determined by:
 1. achieving a score at the 25th percentile or greater on a composite of all subtests of the Pre-Kindergarten Screen (PKS). Skills assessed by the PKS-Pre-Kindergarten Screen include fine- and gross-motor development, understanding of verbal directions, visual perception and discrimination, rudimentary letter and number identification, and impulse control; or
 2. achieving a total of standard scores equal to or greater than 500 on the Young Children's Achievement Test (YCAT). This test assesses General Information, Reading, Writing, Mathematics, and Spoken Language.

The assessment(s) may be administered by the School District's professional staff, or the parents or guardians may, at their own expense, have one of the required assessments completed by reputable professionals and submit the results of such assessments to the School District.

Parents will be notified in writing of the results of the Early Kindergarten Entrance assessment procedures and the determination of the School District in a timely fashion; not to exceed three weeks after the assessments are completed.

Families who seek early admission of their child into kindergarten must obtain an Early Entrance to Kindergarten Packet from the School District Administrative Office. The Early Entrance to Kindergarten Packet must be completed and returned to the School District Administrative Office no later than June 1st of the spring before fall enrollment to allow summer assessment to be completed. The Superintendent may grant an extension of this deadline at his or her discretion.

Admission to First Grade:

A child may be eligible to enter first grade, even if the child has not attended kindergarten, if the child is six years of age or will be six years of age on or before October 15 of the current school year, and school officials determine that first grade is the appropriate placement for the child.

Graduates:

A student who has received a high school diploma or received a General Equivalency Diploma shall not be eligible for admission or continued enrollment at Bayard Public Schools.

Age 21:

A student shall not be admitted or continued in enrollment after the end of the school year in which the student reaches the age of 21. The school year for this purpose ends at the last day of instruction for graduating seniors.

Birth Certificate, Physical, Visual Evaluation and Immunization:

The parents or legal guardian shall furnish:

- (1) A certified copy of the student's birth certificate issued by the state in which the child was born, upon admission of a child for the first time, shall be provided within 30 days of enrollment. Other reliable proof of the child's identity and age, accompanied by an affidavit explaining the inability to produce a copy of the birth certificate, may be used in lieu of a birth certificate. An affidavit is defined as a notarized statement by an individual who can verify the reason a copy of the birth certificate cannot be produced. (Failure to provide the birth certificate does not result in non-enrollment or disenrollment, but does result in a referral to local law enforcement for investigation).
- (2) Evidence of a physical examination by a physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner, within six months prior to the entrance of the child into the beginner grade and the seventh grade or, in the case of a transfer from out of state, to any other grade, unless the parent or legal guardian submits a written statement objecting to a physical examination.
- (3) Evidence of a visual evaluation by a physician, a physician assistant, an advanced practice registered nurse, or an optometrist, within six months prior to the entrance of the child into the beginner grade or, in the case of a transfer from out of state, to any other grade, unless the parent or legal guardian submits a written statement objecting to a visual evaluation. The visual evaluation is to consist of testing for amblyopia, strabismus, and internal and external eye health, with testing sufficient to determine visual acuity.
- (4) Evidence of protection against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio, measles, mumps, and rubella, Hepatitis B, Varicella (chicken pox), and other diseases as required by applicable law, by immunization, prior to enrollment, unless the parent or legal guardian submits a written statement that establishes that an exception to the immunization requirements are met.
- (5) Every student entering the seventh grade shall have a booster immunization containing diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and an acellular pertussis vaccine which meets the standards approved by the United States Public Health Service for such biological products, as such standards existed on January 1, 2009.

The Superintendent or Superintendent's designee shall notify the parent or guardian in writing of the foregoing requirements and of the right to submit affidavits or statements to object to the requirements, as applicable. The Superintendent or Superintendent's designee shall also provide a telephone number or other contact information to assist the parent or guardian in receiving information regarding free or reduced-cost visual evaluations for low-income families who qualify.

A student who fails to meet the foregoing requirements shall not be permitted to enroll or to enter school, or if provisionally enrolled or enrolled without compliance, shall not

be permitted to continue in school until evidence of compliance or an exemption from compliance is given.

Enrollment of Expelled Students

If a student has been expelled from any public school district in any state or from a private, denominational, or parochial school in any state, and the student has not completed the terms or time period of the expulsion, the student shall not be permitted to enroll in this school district until the expulsion period from such other school has expired, unless the School Board of this school district in its sole and absolute discretion upon a proper application approves by a majority vote the enrollment of such student prior to expiration of the expulsion period. As a condition of enrollment, the School Board may require attendance in an alternative school, class or educational program pursuant to Nebraska law until the terms or time period of the original underlying expulsion are completed. A student expelled from a private, denominational, or parochial school or from any public school in another state, will not be prohibited from enrolling in the public school district in which the student resides or in which the student has been accepted pursuant to the enrollment option program for any period of time beyond the time limits placed on expulsion, pursuant to the Student Discipline Act, or for any expulsion for an offense for which expulsion is not authorized for a public school student under such Act. For purposes of this policy, the term expulsion or expelled includes any removal from any school for a period in excess of twenty (20) school days.

ABSENCE VERIFICATION

Anytime a student is absent from school, they must have their parent or guardian call or send an excuse note to the Principal's office, stating why they were absent either the day(s) the absence occurs or upon returning to school, or it will be counted as unexcused or a skip. The school will contact parents as soon as possible when an unverified absence has been reported. Students with unexcused or skip absences will be disciplined according to the Student Handbook (see ABSENTEES AND TARDIES).

PERMIT TO RE-ENTER

Any student who is absent for five consecutive school days due to either illness or contagious disease, may be required to have a permit to re-enter school, signed by a physician.

CHILD FIND PROGRAMS

Child find is a community-wide effort to provide opportunities for children with disabilities. Parents, educators and members of the medical community take part in the program to locate children who may have a disability.

Parents/Community members who contact Child Find may have concerns about the child's development in the areas of:

- Hearing
- Vision
- Speech/language skills
- Motor skills
- Thinking skills
- Emotional/social skills

Child Find provides developmental screening and, when appropriate, a comprehensive, multi-disciplinary evaluation for children from birth to kindergarten age.

If you live within the Bayard School District and have, or know of a child who may have a disability, contact the Bayard School Office (308-586-1425) from 9 am to 3 pm or write to:

Special Education Department
PO Box 607
Bayard, NE 69334

Links to: Developmental Milestones: <http://www.answers4families.org/developmentstages/>

STUDENT FEES

The Board of Education adopts the following student fees policy in accordance with the Nebraska Public Elementary and Secondary Student Fee Authorization Act. The District's general policy is to provide for free instruction in accordance with the Nebraska State Constitution. The District also provides activities, programs and services that extend beyond the minimum level of constitutionally required free instruction. Under the Public Elementary and Secondary Student Fee Authorization Act, the District is permitted to charge students fees for these activities or to require students to provide specialized equipment and attire for certain purposes. This policy is subject to further interpretation or guidance by administrative or Board regulations. Students are encouraged to contact their building administration, their teachers or their coaches and sponsors for further specifics.

A. Definitions.

1. "Students" shall mean students, their parents, guardians or other legal representatives.
2. "Extracurricular activities" shall mean student activities or organizations that (1) are supervised or administered by the District; (2) do not count toward graduation or advancement between grades; and (3) are not otherwise required by the District.
3. "Post-secondary education costs" shall mean tuition and other fees associated with obtaining credit from a post-secondary educational institution.

B. Listing of Fees Charged by this District.

1. *Guidelines for Clothing Required for Specified Courses and Activities.*

Students are responsible for complying with the District's grooming and attire guidelines. They are also responsible for furnishing all clothing required for any special programs, courses or activities in which they participate. The teacher, coach or sponsor of the activity will provide students with written guidelines that will detail any special clothing requirements and explain why the special clothing is required for the specific program, course or activity.

2. *Safety Equipment and Attire.*

The District will provide students with all safety equipment and attire that is required by law. Building administrators will assure that (a) such equipment is available in the appropriate classes and areas of the school buildings, (b) teachers are directed to instruct students in the use of such devices, and (c) students use the devices as required. Students are responsible for using the devices safely and as instructed.

3. *Personal or Consumable Items.*

Teachers may not require students to supply various personal or consumable items for use in courses. However, they may state that students are asked but not required to bring certain items for use in school. The school must supply any items required for course work but not brought by students. The district may set reasonable general guidelines on the use of consumables to avoid abuse and unnecessary waste of district resources. The district may require students to provide such personal and consumable items for extracurricular activities such as reeds for musical instruments, protective mouthpieces, and blank tapes for audio or video recording.

4. *Materials Required for Course Projects.*

Students in some courses produce a project that becomes their property at the end of the course. In those circumstances, students must either furnish or pay for the reasonable cost of

any materials required for the course project; otherwise the project remains in the ownership of the school district. A \$25 fee will be applied for any student enrolled in one shop class (i.e. Woods or Ag). If a student is enrolled in 2 shop classes, they will be assessed a \$35 fee.

5. Extracurricular Activities.

The District may charge students a fee to participate in extracurricular activities to cover the District's reasonable costs in offering such activities. The District may require students to furnish specialized equipment and clothing that is required for participation in extracurricular activities, or may charge a reasonable fee for the use of District owned equipment or attire. The coach or sponsor will provide students with written guidelines detailing the fees charged, the equipment and/or clothing required, or the usage fee charged. The guidelines will explain the reasons that fees, equipment and/or clothing are required for the activity.

6. Post-secondary Education Costs.

Some students enroll in post-secondary courses while still enrolled in the District's high school. As a general rule, students must pay all costs associated with such post-secondary courses. However, for a course in which students receive both high school and post-secondary education credit or a course being taken as part of an approved accelerated or differentiated curriculum program, the District shall offer the course without charge for tuition, transportation, books or other fees, except tuition and other fees associated with obtaining credits from a post-secondary educational institution.

7. Transportation Costs.

The District will charge students reasonable fees for transportation services provided by the District to the extent permitted by federal and state statutes and regulations.

8. Copies of Student Files or Reports.

The District will charge a fee for making copies of a student's files or records for the parents or guardians of such students. The Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee shall establish a schedule of student record fees. Parents of students have the right to inspect and review the student's files or records without the payment of a fee, and no fee shall be charged to search for or retrieve any student's files or records.

9. Participation in Before-and-After-School or Pre-kindergarten Services.

The District will charge reasonable fees for participation in before-and-after-school or pre-kindergarten services offered by the District pursuant to statute.

10. Participation in Summer School or Night School.

The District will charge reasonable fees for participation in summer school or night school, and may charge reasonable fees for correspondence courses.

11. Charges for Food Consumed by Students.

The District will charge for items that students purchase from the District's breakfast and lunch programs. The fees charges for these items will be set according to applicable federal and state statutes and regulations. The District will charge students for the cost of food, beverages, and the like that students purchase from a school store, a vending machine, a booster club or from similar sources. Students may be required to bring money or food for field trip lunches and similar activities.

C. Waiver Policy.

Students who qualify for free or reduced-price lunches under United States Department of Agriculture child nutrition programs shall be provided a fee waiver or be provided the necessary materials or equipment without charge for (1) participation in extracurricular activities and (2) the use of a musical instrument in optional music courses that are not extracurricular activities. Actual participation in the free or reduced-price lunch program is not required to qualify for the waiver provided in this section. The District is not obligated to provide any particular type or quality of equipment or other materials to eligible students.

D. Distribution of Policy.

This policy will be published in the Student Handbook or its equivalent that will be provided to students at no cost.

STUDENT FEE WAIVER PROCEDURES

The Board recognizes that while certain fees, specialized equipment, specialized attire, or project materials are appropriate and authorized, some students and their families are not financially able to afford them. The school district will grant waivers upon request to the students of families eligible for free or reduced priced meals under the federal Child Nutrition Program.

Waivers must be requested prior to the waiver deadlines as listed below. Waivers will not be approved retroactively for fees previously paid or specialized items, attire or project materials purchased by students. Only those fees and items eligible for waivers as required by state statute shall be waived.

The following deadlines will apply to requests for waivers:

1. Extracurricular Activity Participating Fees – The end of the first week of practice for a particular sport or activity.
2. Extracurricular Activity Specialized Equipment and Attire – The end of the first week of practice for a particular sport or activity.

Parents or students eligible for waivers shall make an application on the form provided by the school district at the end of this handbook. Applications may be made at any time but must be renewed annually. Denial of a waiver may be appealed to the superintendent, but eligibility is strictly dependent upon meeting financial guidelines established by the Child Nutrition program.

The school district will treat the application and waiver process, as any other student record and student confidentiality and access provisions will be followed.

The school district will annually notify parents and students of the waiver. The student fee policy and guidelines will be published annually in the Student Handbook.

STUDENT FEE ASSESSMENTS

The following fees, charges or fines will be assessed during the school year for students involved in the activities described.

Students may apply for waivers of some fees under district waiver guidelines. The student fee policy and guidelines will be published annually in the Student Handbook.

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>COST</u>
Lunch	Price established for the year.
Band Uniform Cleaning Fees	\$10.00
FFA	As set by the organization.
Cheerleading Clinic	As set by sponsoring group.
Miscellaneous Fees:	
Lost textbooks and library books.	Cost to replace.
Damaged textbooks and library books.	Cost to repair or replace.
Lost school or athletic equipment.	Cost to replace.
Broken or destroyed school or athletic equipment.	Cost to repair or replace.

STATE AND FEDERAL PROGRAMS

NOTICE TO PARENTS OF RIGHTS AFFORDED BY SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973

The following is a description of the rights granted by federal law to qualifying students with disabilities. The intent of the law is to keep you fully informed concerning the decisions about your child and to inform you of your rights if you disagree with any of these decisions. You have the right to:

1. Have your child take part in, and receive benefits from, public education programs without discrimination because of his/her disability.
2. Have the school district advise you of your rights under federal law.
3. Receive notice with respect to identification, evaluation or placement of your child.
4. Have your child receive a free appropriate public education.
5. Have your child receive services and be educated in facilities which are comparable to those provided to every student.
6. Have evaluation, educational and placement decisions made based on a variety of information sources and by persons who know the student and who are knowledgeable about the evaluation data and placement options.
7. Have transportation provided to and from an alternative placement setting (if the setting is a program not operated by the district) at no greater cost to you than would be incurred if the student were placed in a program operated by the district.
8. Have your child be given an equal opportunity to participate in nonacademic and extracurricular activities offered by the district.
9. Examine all relevant records relating to decisions regarding your child's identification, evaluation and placement.
10. Request mediation or an impartial due process hearing related to decisions or actions regarding your child's identification, evaluation, educational program or placement. (You and your child may take part in the hearing. Hearing requests are to be made to the Superintendent).
11. File a local grievance.

NOTICE CONCERNING DIRECTORY INFORMATION

The district may disclose directory information. The types of personally identifiable information that the district has designated as directory information are as follows: student's name, address, telephone listing, electronic mail address, photograph, date of and place of birth, major fields of study, dates of attendance, grade level, enrollment status (e.g., undergraduate or graduate, full-time or part-time), participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, degrees, honors and awards received, and most recent previous educational agency or institution attended. A parent or eligible student has the right to refuse to let the district designate any or all of those types of information about the student as directory information. The period of time within which a parent or eligible student has to notify the district in writing that he or she does not want any or all of those types of information about the student designated as directory information are as follows: two weeks from the time this information is first received. The district may disclose information about former students without meeting the conditions in this section.

ADDITIONAL NOTICE CONCERNING DIRECTORY INFORMATION

The district's policy is for education records to be kept confidential except as permitted by the FERPA law, and the district does not approve any practice which involves an unauthorized disclosure of education records. In some courses student work may be displayed or made available to others. Also, some teachers may have persons other than the teacher or school staff, such as volunteers or fellow students, assist with the task of grading student work and returning graded work to students. The district does not either approve or disapprove such teaching practices, and designates such student work as directory information and as non-education records. Each parent and eligible student shall be presumed to have accepted this designation in the absence of the parent or eligible student giving notification to the district in writing in the manner set forth above pertaining to the designation of directory information. Consent will be presumed to have been given in the absence of such a notification from the parent or eligible student.

NOTIFICATION OF RIGHTS UNDER FERPA

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students over 18 years of age ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records. They are:

1. The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day the district receives a request for access. Parents or eligible students should submit to the school principal (or appropriate school official) a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The principal will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.
2. The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate or misleading. Parents or eligible students may ask the school district to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate or misleading. They should write the school principal, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate or misleading. If the district decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the district will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.
3. The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. One exception which permits disclosure without consent is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the district as an administrator, supervisor, instructor or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the school board; a person or company with whom the District has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant or therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility and effectively provide the function or service for which they are responsible.

Contractors, consultants and volunteers are permitted to have access to education records where they are performing a function or service that would otherwise be done by a school employee. Their access is limited to education records in which they have a legitimate educational interest; which means records needed to effectively provide the function or service for which they are responsible.

The District forwards education records (may include academic, health and discipline records) to schools that have requested the records and in which the student seeks or intends to enroll, or where

the student has already enrolled so long as the disclosure is for purposes related to the student's enrollment or transfer.

4. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the district to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the office that administers FERPA is:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20202-4605

UNIVERSAL SCREENING

Students in grades 7-12 will complete the BASEline Screener to measure four areas that affect educational success. Once completed, personalized modules will be assigned as part of the leadership curriculum.

The survey will be administered in the Fall. If you do not want your child to participate, you must submit it in writing to the counselor by September 15th.

HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Students defined in state law as homeless children shall be admitted without payment of tuition. Transportation for homeless students who enroll in the district shall be furnished by the district under the same guidelines applying to other students or if such transportation is necessary for compliance with federal law. Each homeless child shall be provided services for which the child is eligible comparable to services provided to other students in the school selected regardless of residency. Homeless children shall be provided access to education and other services that such children need to ensure that they have an opportunity to meet the same student performance standards to which all students are held.

If a homeless child registered to attend school in the district is receiving family reconciliation services pursuant to state law, the district will work in cooperation with any county or department of social services in the district to jointly develop an educational program for the child.

NOTICE CONCERNING DESIGNATION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT UNIT

The District designates the Bayard Police Department as the District's "law enforcement unit" for purposes of (1) enforcing any and all federal, state or local law, (2) maintaining the physical security and safety of the schools in the District, and (3) maintaining safe and drug free schools.

NOTIFICATION OF RIGHTS UNDER THE PROTECTION OF PUPIL RIGHTS AMENDMENT (PPRA)

PPRA affords parents certain rights regarding our conduct of surveys, collection and use of information for marketing purposes, and certain physical exams. These include the right to:

- Consent before students are required to submit to a survey that concerns one or more of the following protected areas ("protected information survey") if the survey is funded in whole or in part by a program of the U.S. Department of Education (ED)-

1. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or student's parents;

2. Mental or psychological problems of the student or student's family;
 3. Sex behavior or attitudes;
 4. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating or demeaning behavior;
 5. Critical appraisals of others with whom respondents have close family relationships;
 6. Legally recognized privileged relationships, such as with lawyers, doctors, or ministers;
 7. Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or parents;
 8. Income, other than as required by law to determine program eligibility.
- Receive notice and an opportunity to opt a student out of-
 1. Any other protected information survey, regardless of funding;
 2. Any non-emergency, invasive physical exam or screening required as a condition of attendance, administered by the school or its agent, and not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of a student, except for hearing, vision, or scoliosis screenings, or any physical exam or screening permitted or required under State law;
 3. Activities involving collection, disclosure, or use of personal information obtained from students for marketing or to sell or otherwise distribute the information to others.
 - Inspect, upon request and before administration or use-
 1. protected information surveys of students;
 2. Instruments used to collect personal information from students for any of the above marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes;
 3. Instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum.

These rights transfer to from the parents to a student who is 18 years old or an emancipated minor under State law.

Bayard Public Schools has developed policies, in consultation with parents, regarding these rights, as well as arrangements to protect student privacy in the administration of protected information surveys and the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information for marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes. Bayard Public Schools will directly notify parents of these policies at least annually at the start of each school year and after any substantive changes. Bayard Public Schools will also directly notify, such as through U.S. Mail or automated voice messaging, parents of students who are scheduled to participate in the specific activities or surveys noted below and will provide an opportunity for the parent to opt his or her child out of participation of the specific activity or survey. Bayard Public Schools will make this notification to parents at the beginning of the school year if the District has identified the specific or approximate dates of the activities or surveys at that time. For surveys and activities scheduled after the school year starts, parents will be provided reasonable notification of the planned activities and surveys listed below and be provided an opportunity to opt their child out of such activities and surveys. Parents will also be provided an opportunity to review any pertinent surveys. Following is a list of the specific activities and surveys covered under this requirement;

- Collection, disclosure, or use of personal information for marketing, sales, or other distribution.
- Administration of any protected information survey not funded in whole or in part by ED.
- Any non-emergency, invasive physical examination or screening as described above.

Parents who believe their rights have been violated may file a complaint with:

Family Policy Compliance Office
 U.S. Department of Education
 4009 Maryland Avenue, SW
 Washington, D.C. 20202-5920

NOTICE CONCERNING DISCLOSURE OF STUDENT

RECRUITING INFORMATION

The Federal Law Act of 2001 requires Bayard Public Schools to provide military recruiters and institutions of higher education access to secondary school students' names, addresses, and telephone listings. Parents and secondary students have the right to request that Bayard Public Schools not provide this information (i.e., not provide the student's name, address, and telephone listing) to military recruiters or institutions of higher education, without their prior written parental consent. Bayard Public Schools will comply with any such request.

Academic and Course Information

SCHOOL BUILDING HOURS AND BELL SCHEDULE

Unless special activities or an early morning class make it necessary, students should not be in the Secondary building before 7:30 A.M, or the Elementary building before 7:45 A.M. Students entering the building prior to 7:40 A.M. for a special meeting are to remain in their meeting room until 7:40 A.M. Students who are not involved in special activities, Academic Intervention, or meeting with a staff member are directed to leave the buildings no later than 3:35. Students may work in classrooms or the library as long as supervision is present. Practices, rehearsals, or meetings in school buildings WITHOUT A SPONSOR BEING PRESENT, are not permitted.

Bayard Jr./Sr. High School Bell Schedule

Zero Hour: 7:11 – 7:57
1st period: 8:00 – 8:48
2nd period: 8:51 – 9:37
3rd period: 9:40 – 10:26
4th period: 10:29 – 11:15
5th period: 11:18 – 12:34
Lunch A: 11:15 – 11:45
5th A: 11:48 – 12:34
5th B: 11:18–12:04
Lunch B: 12:04 – 12:34
6th period: 12:37 – 1:23
7th period: 1:26 – 2:12
8th period – Leadership Development: 2:15 – 2:42
9th period: 2:45 – 3:31

Bayard Elementary School Schedule

Begin: 8:00 am
Dismiss: 3:25 pm

GRADES AND REPORT CARDS

Report cards will be provided at the end of each quarter. The grading system used is as follows:

Kindergarten S – Strong Progress
 N – Normal Progress
 I – Improving
 U – Unsatisfactory

Grades 1–12	94% - 100% = A
	86% - 93% = B
	78% - 85% = C
	70% - 77% = D
	Below 70% = F

Parents may ask for a progress report on their child at anytime. No pupil may be penalized for discipline by or through his/her grades. Parents are encouraged to utilize the school district's InfiniteCampus student information system to keep track of student grades. For help with setting up an account, parents can contact the school's technology teacher for account access and help.

GRADING PRACTICES TO SUPPORT LEARNING

Teachers are expected to utilize the following grading practices to support student learning.

- 60/40 weighted grades: Assessment (60%)/Daily work(40%)
- Minimum Daily Grades: Teachers will plan and assess an average of 3 grades per week, approximately 25 grades per quarter.
- Minimum Number of Assessments: 3 assessments per quarter.
- Performance Classes: Students are unable to improve unless they participate so these classes may utilize participation grades. Alternatives/additional opportunities to make-up missed performances will be provided to ensure students have the opportunity to demonstrate their learning.
- Management of Late Work (if excused absences, students will continue to get 2 days for every day absent before this management procedure takes effect):
 - Assignments are due on the date assigned by the teacher. A 5% deduction will be taken off each school day until the assignment is turned in.
 - On school day 6 the highest grade possible is 70% of the earned score.
- All work is due on the last day of the quarter unless arrangements have been made ahead of time. Incompletes may be granted at the discretion of the principal. the principal.
 - Students will be encouraged to utilize planners or Google calendar to practice organizational/planning skills.
- Redo Policy:
 - Daily work and tests redone will be accepted at a 5% deduction for each redo completed.
 - Tests can only be retaken if the student has completed all daily work for that chapter. Redos will follow late work policy.
 - Students may use a peer tutor but the student and teacher must have a conversation/check-in to make sure concepts were learned.
 - InfiniteCampus is configured to send an automatic email/text contact each week if student averages fall below 75% as an automated academic contact to parents.

GRADES FOR DISTANCE LEARNING AND DUAL CREDIT COURSES

For grading and transcript recording purposes, the grades of students who take distance learning courses and dual credit courses, the grading scale of the originating institution will be considered, and grades will be adjusted to reflect Bayard High School's grading scale.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

A commencement service will be held for each graduating class of seniors. All graduating seniors are expected to attend graduation exercises in cap and gown, unless excused by the superintendent. The top 10% of the graduating class will be publicly honored at the graduating exercises. Commencement services will be held in the auditorium. No senior will be allowed to take part in graduation exercises if they have not met all the requirements of graduation.

Bayard High School will use the cum laude system to recognize academic excellence at graduation with the following GPA standards for levels of achievement and recognition after 8 successful semesters of high school attendance:

97% and above = Summa Cum Laude

95-96% = Magna Cum Laude

93-94% = Cum Laude

Bayard Public Schools recognizes academic excellence by honoring the top 10% of the graduating class. Eligible students may receive the following distinctions: *Cum Laude*, *Magna Cum Laude*, and *Summa Cum Laude*, based on their final cumulative GPA.

EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

Graduation Requirements for Bayard High School are the successful completion of 260 semester hours.

The total number of credits must include at least the number of semester hours listed in the following areas:

English – 40 semester hours

Mathematics – 30 semester hours

Science – 30 semester hours

Social Science – 30 semester hours

Physical Education – 10 credit hours

Personal Finance - 5 credit hours

Computer Science - 5 credit hours

Community Service – 8 hours Sophomore Year, 8 hours Junior Year, and 8 hours Senior Year

Complete the FAFSA or the Opt-out form - Senior Year

Preferred Sequence of Core and Technical Classes for Graduation Progress:

Freshman Year

English I

Math I

Physical Science

Sophomore Year

English II

Math II

Biology

World Geography/World History
PE/Health

World History/World Geography
Computer Science
Speech
8 hours Community Service

Junior Year

English III
American History
Math III
Science III
Personal Finance
8 hours Community Service

Senior Year

English (see course catalog for options)
American Government
8 hours Community Service

A student who has earned all required credits may graduate early. Students who graduate early may choose to have their diplomas awarded at the time of completion or the student may participate in the spring commencement activities.

JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH FINAL TEST EXPLANATION

Semester tests may be given. To prepare students for the expectations of college, semester exams can be comprehensive or be in the form of a project or paper that demonstrates the semester's learning.

HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC LETTER

Bayard High School will award Academic Letters. Students who earn this award will be recognized at the beginning of each year at the high school student meeting.

Qualifications:

1. Students must have a Grade Point Average of 94% or higher for the previous school term.
2. Students must have zero unverified absences, no more than eight verified absences, and less than 8 tardies for the previous school term.
3. The student must not receive any semester grade lower than an 86%.
4. The student must be enrolled in at least five courses, four of those courses from the core areas of Math, Science, Social Studies, and English.
5. The students must not be sent to the office for a major infraction at anytime during the school term.
6. The student must be enrolled at Bayard High School for at least 90 days of the previous year.
7. The student must achieve and maintain this standard for two consecutive semesters of the same school year. (Fall Semester and Spring Semester)

JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH AWARDS ASSEMBLY

During the last weeks of school, an awards assembly is held to recognize students who have made outstanding contributions to the school.

Citizenship awards are given to one boy and one girl in each class. These students are chosen by a vote from the faculty members.

Scholastic recognition is given to the top two students in each class. This is determined by their grade point average. To be eligible, the student must have been in the Bayard Junior/Senior High School system the entire year.

Perhaps the most important features of the awards assembly are handing down the traditions of Bayard High School by members of the Senior Class to members of the Junior Class.

The Book of Knowledge, which is held by the graduating senior who received it before, is passed down to the junior who ranks highest in his/her class in scholastic ability.

The graduating Senior Class president hands down the honor yoke to the newly elected senior class president.

The graduating Senior Class selects by nomination from the Junior Class, six candidates: three for the school spirit award and three for the athletic letter. These nominations are approved by the administration and returned to the seniors for the final vote. The winners will receive these traditions, which they will pass on, the following year, in like manner.

The Hall of Fame is composed of graduating students, who, through their years of high school, have contributed the most to their school in the line of scholarship, activities, citizenship, and the general welfare of the student body. Four boys and four girls are nominated by the seniors and placed on the ballot in the general election, in which all high school classes vote. The names of the two boys and two girls who receive the most votes are then placed in the Hall of Fame.

CONFERENCES

Individual conferences with parents will be requested by the teacher whenever necessary. Parents are encouraged to arrange for conferences with teachers whenever a problem appears or whenever a problem seems about to develop.

Regularly scheduled parent-teacher conferences will be held during the first and third nine-week periods. Additional conferences can be held at any time with the teacher and/or administration.

COPYRIGHT

It is the school's policy to follow the federal copyright law. Students are reminded that, when using school equipment and when completing course work, they also must follow the federal copyright laws. The federal copyright law governs the reproduction of works of authorship. Copyrighted works are protected regardless of the medium in which they are created or reproduced; thus, copyright extends to digital works and works transformed into a digital format. Copyrighted works are not limited to those that bear a copyright notice.

ELEMENTARY HOMEWORK CLUB

To assist students, teachers, and parents when a student is at academic risk, we are implementing an after school Homework Club where students will be able to receive assistance. Students attending the after school Homework Club will have access to support, encouragement, structure, and resources to complete their assigned learning tasks.

Homework Club will take place every week from Monday thru Thursday when school is in session for the full day. It will begin immediately following dismissal time at 3:25 until 4:15. At that time, please be sure that you have made arrangements for your child to get home safely. Any student is welcome to attend Homework Club and is encouraged to come in for extra help if needed. However, if you child

has either a missing assignment or an incomplete assignment twice in one week, they will be required to come to Homework Club.

We hope that you will see Homework Club as a benefit for your child, as it is our goal to provide the best possible learning opportunities for all of our students.

JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH HONOR ROLL

An honor roll will be figured and published for the Junior High and High School after each of the four nine-week grading periods and each of the two semester grading periods. All full-credit courses are used in this computation. Nine-week grades will be used for the quarter honor roll and semester grades will be used for the semester honor roll. Honor Roll shall consist of a Principal's List: 4.0 (95+), High Honor Roll: 3.5 (90-94.9), and Honor Roll: 3.0 (85-89.9).

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY LIBRARIES

The elementary and secondary school libraries are open on a regularly scheduled basis and are supervised by the librarian. Library classes are held for grades K-6 and for special classes in the secondary school for the purpose of library instruction as well as for the enjoyment of the materials and books.

Students are allowed to use the libraries during library hours with the permission of their classroom teacher. They may use the libraries to read, check out books, return books, use audio-visual materials, do reference work, and work on special projects. Each student may check out books for a period of one week. There is no fine for overdue books, but lost or damaged books must be paid for.

The library collections are constantly updated and expanded. Books are chosen for either their educational or recreational value. A variety of audio-visual materials is available through the libraries for teacher use in the classroom.

ELEMENTARY PHYSICAL EDUCATION

The school does not expect all students to wear the same PE uniform. Regular school clothes will be worn by elementary students, and time does not allow for students to shower. However, **YOU MUST WEAR A PAIR OF TENNIS SHOES AT LEAST DURING PE TIME.** Because of safety factors, staff members discourage students from wearing only stockings as footwear. Boots and hard-soled shoes will not be allowed on either wooden gym floor. If a student continually forgets to have a pair of tennis shoes, other arrangements will have to be made.

The staff at Bayard Elementary School believes that physical education is an important part of the educational experience. The development and maintenance of a healthy body is essential for physical well-being and good mental health. We also believe that attitude development is an important part of education. We attempt to create an atmosphere for the development of leadership, sportsmanship, and congeniality through our physical education program.

If your physician prohibits participation in physical education, please have the doctor send a statement to the classroom teacher and the PE teacher. If a student does not participate in physical education class, then the student will not be able to participate during recess.

ELEMENTARY RESPONSE to INTERVENTION

The goal of Response to Intervention (RtI) is to ensure all students are successful. RtI is a model that enables all educators to put in place practices and procedures to improve achievement. The problem-solving process inherent to the RtI initiative involves identifying and defining the issue, creating an intervention that is based on what each child needs, implementing the intervention, collecting data to monitor progress and making adjustments to the intervention based on the data. RtI becomes a model for intervening early on behalf of any child who is having difficulty. RtI is focused primarily on effective instruction to enhance student growth and is intended to help as many students as possible meet proficiency standards.

STUDY SKILLS

Specific skills and techniques can make learning easier and more enjoyable. The following are student guidelines for achieving good study habits:

1. Come to class prepared with all necessary materials.
2. Be an ACTIVE PARTICIPANT in class. Listen well and take part in class.
3. Ask questions to clarify problems.
4. Plan your day and schedule time for homework.
5. Use what is learned and apply it to new situations.
6. Strive to do the very best work possible. Just 'getting by' is not a worthwhile goal.

TEACHER SCHEDULE

Teachers are responsible for providing basic knowledge, direction, and motivation. With this properly accomplished, the student's degree of success is an individual matter. Sometimes it is difficult for an instructor to spend the necessary class time to resolve an individual student academic problem. Students are encouraged to make arrangements with their teachers for conference and special help during a teacher's planning period or before or after school. A teacher's daily schedule will be posted in the classroom. Consult these schedules and feel free to ask the teachers for time to discuss any problems you might have pertaining to classes.

HIGH SCHOOL TESTING PROGRAM

Pursuant to Nebraska Department of Education requirements, all juniors will take the ACT at the school on the dates set by NDE. The ACT is also available for all students to take on national test dates. Students may also take the SAT. College admissions officials and scholarship program sponsors use the test scores, your school record, and other criteria to assess your ability to do college work to assist in placement in an appropriate program of study on campus. To decide if you should take one or more of these tests, you must know the test requirements of the college and scholarship programs in which you are interested. The Counselor or District Assessment Contact will help you find this information, or you may write directly to the colleges or scholarship program sponsors.

These tests can be taken in grades 9 through 12 and students are encouraged to take the tests more than once. Full information about these tests, including fees and location of test centers, can be obtained from the Counselor or District Assessment Contact. Students who qualify for free lunches may apply for a waiver of the testing fee for the ACT college entrance examination if they choose to take the ACT in addition to the free ACT given to all juniors. Contact the Counselor or District Assessment Contact for testing dates and registration forms.

ELEMENTARY TITLE I SCHOOLWIDE PROGRAM

Title I Schoolwide Programs enable schools to provide opportunities for children served to meet challenging content and performance standards developed for children by:

1. High standards for all children
2. Enriched and accelerated educational programs
3. Effective instructional strategies and challenging academic content
4. Quality professional development
5. Coordinating services with other educational services
6. Quality parent and community involvement
7. Distribution of resources
8. Improving accountability
9. Greater decision-making and flexibility

ALTERNATE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

When authorized by the Principal for health or other reasons, students may be granted permission to attend class via electronic means.

Virtual Attendance Expectations

Expectations for students:

1. Students will log in at the expected time. Should students be unable to do so, they will contact their teacher via Remind or email as soon as they are able and check Google Classroom for any missed assignments.
2. Students will be dressed appropriately, sit up during the lesson and participate in class discussions via audio, video and/or chat.
3. Students will complete all assignments in a timely manner and seek help by emailing their teacher or attending scheduled office hours.
4. Students will make certain their Remind accounts are active and that they are receiving notifications either through the app, text messages and/or emails.
5. Students will check their email twice daily.
6. Students will contact the designated technology representative if they are having issues with their devices either through Remind or through email.

Expectations for parents/guardians:

1. Parents/guardians will verify their students are participating in our alternate learning environment by observing the above rules daily.
2. Parents/guardians will make certain their Remind accounts are active and that they are receiving notifications either through the app, text messages and/or emails.
3. Parents/guardians will check their Remind and/or emails daily and check for updates from teachers and administrators.

Expectations for teachers:

1. Teachers will post all assignments and activities on Google Classroom in a timely manner.
2. Teachers will post lessons on Google Classroom when new content is taught. This may include videos, weblinks, slideshows or other types of documents to ensure access to the information.
3. Teachers will contact parents/guardians and students when a student's grade falls below passing.

4. Teachers will log into their Zoom sessions at the appointed times, including office hours. If a teacher is unable to do so, they will contact their class via Remind and add an announcement in Google Classroom as soon as they are able.

ACADEMIC INTERVENTION/ACADEMIC DETENTION

Academic Intervention is established with the purpose of facilitating opportunities for the professional teachers of the district to help their students succeed in each content area. In the event that a student is failing any course, the expectation is for the teacher of the course to work with the student and parent to schedule academic intervention to stay and work on their assignments with direct instruction from the classroom teacher. Academic Intervention will be available every regular school day from 3:30-4:30.

Teachers who have students failing any courses along with other staff members who assign Academic Intervention are expected to provide instruction and supervision to the student until 4:30 pm (4:00 for those teachers who have coaching assignments the same day). In the event the student has successfully completed the work before 4:30 and the student's course average grade is at least a 70%, the teacher may dismiss the student early. Teachers are expected to utilize academic intervention to assist students seeking to improve their learning and grades in accordance with the grading procedures of the school district.

The school administration may assign students to attend the academic intervention program. Additionally, teachers may issue academic detention during the academic intervention period to students to provide for support and supplemental instructional time as needed to help students learn material and complete assigned learning tasks.

Students will be assigned to the academic intervention program on a mandatory basis when the following factors place them at academic risk:

- A current failing grade in any class.
- Missing/Late assignments.
- Risk of course failure.

Students attending the academic intervention program are supervised by both certificated and non-certificated staff members. Students attending the academic intervention program have access to support, encouragement, structure, and resources to complete their assigned learning tasks.

When students are assigned to participate in the academic intervention program, failure to attend will be considered truancy. Students who are assigned to the academic intervention program are directed to avoid scheduling medical and other appointments for times when academic intervention is in session. In instances when no alternative scheduling options exists, the school administration reserves the right to grant a make-up attendance time to be decided by the assigning administrator.

Although attendance is mandatory when assigned, the academic intervention program is open to all students in grades 7-12 who need additional work time, support, or access to learning technology.

Student failures are often (but not always) the result of not turning work in or late work. One of the best ways that parents/guardians can help students be successful is by providing time and structure at home for students to complete all of their assignments. Parents can monitor their students' grades, assignments, and attendance via the Infinite Campus online student information system.

Teachers who have students meeting the qualifications for participation in the academic intervention period are required to provide supervision and instructional support to these students for the entire duration of the academic intervention period. When circumstances arise where teachers are assigned to other duties during the academic intervention period the teachers involved are to work with the principal to ensure that students are supervised and have the opportunity to receive academic support. It is the responsibility of the classroom teacher to communicate with students, parents, and the principal when students have missing or late assignments or are otherwise at risk of course failure.

JUNIOR HIGH REQUIREMENTS - SUMMER SCHOOL

Junior high students (7-8) must pass a minimum of six (6) academic subjects (English, Math, Science, Social Studies, Reading) for the year (three per semester) to be considered for advancement. Social promotion may be considered after a conference with the principal, parents, and the student. These students will be placed on probationary status for one full semester. Failure to maintain passing grades during the probationary period may result in a change of enrollment, back to the previous grade, for the remainder of the school year. If summer school is offered, junior high students could be required to attend if grades indicate a need for remediation.

HIGH SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS – SUMMER CREDIT RECOVERY

High school students will be required to attend summer school in order to recover credits for failed courses and/or excessive absences at the discretion of the principal. Typically the students are required to retake the class during the next available semester with the teacher before Credit recovery is considered. Credit recovery will be based on (at or near) perfect attendance and completion of all assignments and assessments with at least 70% proficiency. The student will be completing coursework from Odysseyware Online or Edgenuity. There may be additional coursework as assigned by the regular education teacher that, if assigned, will need to be completed at 70% proficiency as well. Poor attendance and behavior will result in immediate removal from the summer credit recovery opportunity and students may be required to retake the class the following year.

SUGGESTED PERSONAL OR CONSUMABLE ITEMS

Teachers may suggest students to supply various personal or consumable items for use in school. The following list provides an example of the types of items that may be considered personal or consumable. Teachers shall furnish the principal with a list of all items suggested prior to the beginning of the school year. This will allow students and parents time to purchase them.

Pencils
Colored Pencils
Pens
Paper
Graph Paper
Tablets
Notebooks
Organizers
Planners
Make-up kits for Drama
Protective Mouthpiece for Sports
Erasers

Markers (no neon or glitter)
Highlighters
Activity Calendars
Compass
Protractor
Calculator
White Out
Reeds for Musical Instruments

Scissors
Glue Stick
Ear buds

Elmer's Glue (other types may create usage difficulties)

WESTERN NEBRASKA DISTANCE LEARNING CONSORTIUM CLASSROOM DISCIPLINE PROCEDURE

The Western Nebraska Distance Learning Consortium two-way interactive television classes are provided to enhance and enrich the curriculum. Behavioral and academic expectations of students in WNDLC classes are high.

These high expectations are mandatory as we attempt to use a unique technology to meet the appropriate educational needs of students. The participating schools have adopted the following rules and discipline procedures.

Classroom Rules:

1. I will not disrupt teaching or learning in WNDLC classrooms; insubordination of any kind will not be tolerated.
2. I will not use language or gestures generally agreed upon as suggestive, derogatory or abusive in nature.
3. I can be recorded (video or audio) at any time without specific pre-warning.
4. I will position myself in the classroom to be in camera view at all times.
5. I will not manipulate equipment in the classroom without express direction from facilitator or instructor.
6. I will conform to any additional rules as specified orally or in writing by the instructor or the facilitator.
7. I understand that the host schools' sexual harassment policy will take precedence over all complaints and incidents of sexual harassment.
8. I will not cheat.

I understand that if I am found to be in violation of any of the above policies, I will be subject to disciplinary action.

It should be understood that the principal at the school in which the student attends reserves the right to remove students in their school for any action that they deem inappropriate.

Transportation

Inasmuch as Nebraska school laws do not specifically state the policies under which the school board is obligated to provide transportation, the following policy will prevail but may be changed at any time as a result of Board Action:

- I. The area to be excluded from bus transportation is inside the Bayard City limits.
- II. In establishing bus routes the following factors will be considered:
 - A. Routes will be laid out on hard-surfaced roads wherever and whenever possible.
 - B. The bus will not enter a private drive for the purpose of picking up a student unless for safety reasons it becomes necessary.
 - C. No backing of a school bus onto a highway or public road will be permitted. In all cases where it is not possible to have a satisfactory turn-around, bus service will not be provided.
 - D. Students will be let out or picked up at a point near their home. This point will be determined by the superintendent, taking the above factors into consideration.

III. Bus transportation will be provided for field trips which are considered to be a part of the regular educational program of the school.

IV. Except when rented, no person will be carried as a passenger on a school bus who is not a regularly attending student of this school district or an employee or an adult acting as an authorized sponsor of this district.

BUS RULES

The safety of our children is of prime importance. All students living outside the city limits of Bayard are eligible to ride the bus. Bus rules concerning regular bus routes or activity trips are as follows:

I. Previous to Loading (on the road and at school)

- A. Be on time at the designated school bus stop to keep the bus on schedule.
- B. Stay off the road at all times while waiting for the bus. Bus passengers must conduct themselves in a safe manner while waiting.
- C. Do not move toward the bus at loading zones until the buses have been brought to a complete stop.
- D. After the bus comes to complete stop, take your seat without delay.

II. While on the Bus:

- A. Students will sit where assigned by the driver or the activity sponsor.
- B. Keep hands and head inside the bus at all times after entering the bus.
- C. Windows will be kept closed - heat and ventilation will be controlled by the driver.
- D. No gum, food, or drink will be allowed on route buses without the bus driver's permission.
- E. Assist in keeping the bus safe and sanitary at all times.
- F. Remember that loud talking and laughing or unnecessary confusion diverts the attention of the bus driver.
- G. Treat bus equipment as you would valuable furniture in your own home. Damage to seats, etc., must be paid for by the offender.
- H. Never tamper with the bus or any of its equipment.
- I. Leave no books, lunches, or other articles on the bus.
- J. Keep books, packages, coats, and all other objects out of the aisles.
- K. Remain in the bus in case of a road emergency, unless directed by the driver to do otherwise.
- L. Keep ABSOLUTELY QUIET when approaching a railroad crossing.
- M. Do not throw anything out of the bus windows.
- N. Remain in seats while bus is in motion (NO STANDING).
- O. Be courteous to fellow pupils, the bus driver, and the driver's assistants.
- P. Parents will be notified if there is misconduct on the bus. The bus rider may be denied the privilege of riding.
- Q. While on the bus, you are in the driver's charge, and you must obey him/her promptly and cheerfully; as well as, any student assistant that is officially designated.
- R. Inform the driver, if possible, when a rider will be absent.
- S. All school rules, regulations, and policies apply to all students while riding school buses.

III. After Leaving the Bus

- A. Cross the road, when necessary, after getting off the bus (at least 12 feet in front of the bus) but only after looking to be sure that no traffic is approaching from either direction.
- B. Help look after the safety and comfort of small children.
- C. Be alert to the danger signal from the driver.
- D. Do not get off the bus at places other than the regular bus stop, unless proper authorization has been given in advance by parent and school officials.

IV. Extra-Curricular Trips

The bus rules and regulations would apply to any trip under school sponsorship. Pupils shall respect the wishes of a competent chaperone appointed by the school.

V. Unsatisfactory Bus Conduct

Bus drivers will report unacceptable bus conduct to the supervisor of transportation or the principal for students who fail to abide by the rules and regulations concerning bus transportation. Unacceptable bus conduct may result in the loss of bus riding privileges. Additionally, the student may face detention, suspension or expulsion in accordance with established policies, for flagrant violation of school bus rider conduct regulations or conduct detrimental to the safe operation of the bus.

RIDING THE BUS IS A PRIVILEGE.

JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH PUPIL DRIVING, PARKING, AND TRAFFIC RULES

Pupils driving cars to school are to park in the designated student parking area in an orderly fashion. The student parking area has open parking. Slots are available on a first come – first serve basis. Students are required to park only where there is a guardrail present. Students that park where there is no guardrail may be disciplined by the office and the police.

General driving of automobiles by students, except during their lunch period, is prohibited. It shall be the responsibility of all faculty and school employees to report any violation of traffic laws or any improper conduct of student drivers to the principal (with a signed complaint from the school employee) who will (a.) require the student to check in his/her keys at the principal's office from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. for one (1) week or (b.) file a civil legal action to be brought against the student.

VEHICLE PARKING RULES

1. Faculty parking in front of the main building and to the north end of the lot across from the main building is not to be used by students.
2. To facilitate identification, automobiles are to be parked front end in first; only one stall per car.
3. All students must be licensed and covered by insurance. The school is not responsible for the automobile or its contents.
4. Parking regulations are strictly enforced. It is considered a privilege to park on school grounds. Students will be expected to follow general traffic regulations. Suspension of driving privileges, towing of vehicles, and/or suspension from school may occur when violations of these regulations occur.

TRAFFIC RULES

1. No vehicle may be operated on the parking lot at a speed greater than that which is reasonable.
2. No vehicle may be operated on the parking lot in a negligent, reckless, or willfully reckless manner.
3. No person shall ride on the top, hood, or fenders of a vehicle. It is unlawful for the vehicle operator to allow such vehicle operation.
4. Drivers must not back up, unless it can be done in a safe manner.
5. Drivers must stop following an accident, and report it to the police.

CONTINUED PARKING/TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS WILL RESULT IN THE FOLLOWING DISCIPLINE

1. 1st offense: The student will receive detention and parents will be notified.
2. 2nd offense or more: The student will face further disciplinary action and parents as well as the police will be notified.

3. Students choosing to violate the stated regulations will be dealt with by the school and/or the Bayard Police. The privilege to use the B.H.S. parking lot could be taken away.

VEHICLES ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

Pupils driving cars to school are required to park them in the designated area upon arrival at school. The school assumes no liability for pupils driving motor vehicles. It shall be the responsibility of all faculty and school employees to report any violation of traffic laws or any improper conduct of student drivers to the principal.

The Board adopts the following rules regarding parking and driving on School District property.

Parking

1. The Superintendent may designate certain areas of the parking lots as staff only parking. Any areas designated as staff only parking may not be used by students or visitors.
2. Only one vehicle may be parked in a parking stall. Vehicles must be parked in a stall front-end first.
3. Administration may request that any vehicle parked in violation of this policy be towed at the vehicle owner's expense.
4. Students shall have no expectation of privacy regarding vehicles they bring on to School District property. School personnel may search the contents of any vehicle driven or parked on School District property by a student.

Driving/Vehicles

1. All vehicles on School District property must be licensed, registered, and insured according to law. The Administration may report to law enforcement any vehicle suspected to be unlicensed, unregistered or uninsured according to law.
2. Anyone operating a vehicle on School District property must hold the requisite license to operate such vehicle and be covered by insurance as required by law. The Administration may report to law enforcement any suspected violations.
3. No ATVs, UTVs, golf carts, dirt bikes, or similar vehicles may be operated on School District property, unless they meet all of the requirements in item 1 above except by school employees in the course of their employment or as specifically authorized in advance by the Superintendent.
4. Operating a vehicle beyond the established parking lots and driveways of the school is prohibited.
5. Operating a vehicle in an unsafe or reckless manner is prohibited.
6. Anyone operating a vehicle on School District property shall follow all general traffic and driving laws and regulations.
7. Vehicles driven or parked on School District property shall not display images or messages that contain profanity, that are sexual in nature, or that are obscene, vulgar, or offensive. This shall include, but not be limited to decals, bumper stickers, flags, accessories, and license plates.

Any student, staff member, or patron who repeatedly violates this policy may lose his or her right to drive and/or park on School District property. Any student or staff member who violates this policy may be disciplined at the discretion of the Superintendent.

Health and Safety

SEVERE WEATHER/SCHOOL CLOSING

The importance of notifying parents and students when school will be delayed in opening, not opened at all, or be dismissed early is of prime concern. We will be using an automated messaging system which will allow the school to contact each family with regard to school closing and other notifications. This system is designed to contact the phone number or numbers listed in your student's file. If you do not wish to be a part of the automated system, please notify the school and your name will be removed from the system.

The school will continue to use local radio stations KMOR, KNEB, KOLT, and KDUH TV to inform parents and students of closing due to inclement weather. The school will make every effort to make this information available as soon as possible.

CIVIL DEFENSE AND TORNADO DRILLS

Civil defense and tornado alert drills are conducted periodically to practice indoor survival procedures. Teachers will advise their classes concerning the area to which they will proceed.

The student should:

1. Walk quickly; do not run.
2. Remain alert for additional or changed instructions from a faculty member.
3. Proceed to the far end of an assembly area, so that entrances will not be blocked. In the event of a tornado ALERT, faculty and students will be notified and directions given for evacuating the most dangerous portions of the building. Escape plans are to move the entire student body into safe areas.

FIRE DRILLS

Fire drills are held at regular intervals throughout the school year. Directions posted in each room should be followed carefully. Every person in the building must leave promptly and quietly at the sound of the fire alarm.

The student should:

1. Walk quickly; do not run.
2. Walk in single file with classmates unless directed to do otherwise.
3. Not wait in line to use a specified exit if another is free.
4. Move away from the exit after leaving the building to make room for those following.
5. Return to the building when safe re-entry is announced.

Each class has special instructions to follow during a fire drill. Listen carefully to your teacher for additional directions. Students not in a supervised class area are to exit via the nearest door and join the rest of the student body. Doors to all rooms are to be left closed. Do not crowd or talk, and remain alert for additional directions. Do not attempt to take books or wraps with you. However, girls should take their purses. Once outside, remain out of the fire lanes and stay out of the path of any vehicles. You will be instructed when to re-enter the building.

HEALTH SERVICES

A registered nurse is on duty or on call during school hours. The nurse's office is located at the elementary building. If a student is ill, a student will need to either secure a pass from his or her teacher and report directly to the nurse's office or the office staff will contact the nurse.

If a student is seriously ill, the student should remain at home for proper treatment and care. The following list of communicable diseases should serve as a guideline to parents with regard to the

amount of time a student should be kept out of school with a communicable disease:

- A. Measles – one week and until symptom free
- B. Three day measles (German measles) – until rash is gone
- C. Mumps – one week and until swelling is gone on both sides
- D. Chicken pox – one week after onset of rash and when all lesions are crusted and not weeping
- E. Strep throat – may return to school 24 hours after being on antibiotic and without fever
- F. Ringworm or impetigo – must remain out of school until under treatment.
- G. Conjunctivitis (Pink eye) – may return to school 24 hours after treatment with prescribed eye drops.
- H. COVID-19 – may return to school under the direction of current Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and/or Panhandle Public Health Department (PPHD) guidelines.
- I. RSV – until fever free and/or coughing has subsided.
- J. Temperature – Any student with a temperature of 100 degrees or greater should remain home from school. Temperature must be normal 24 hours before returning to school without fever reducing medications, such as acetaminophen (Tylenol), Motrin, or Ibuprofen.

*This is not a complete list of communicable diseases and infections. The nurse will contact PPHD for recommendations and guidelines if there is a question about a student on his or her illness or presenting symptoms.

The school nurse will send students home if they are found to have a fever of 100 degrees or greater or if students have a contagious communicable disease i.e., pink eye, strep throat, chicken pox, suspicious rash, or vomiting. Students are also sent home when they have lice in their hair.

An ill or injured student may not leave school until permission of the parent, or person designated by the parent, has been received. Ill or injured students are not to leave the building without the knowledge of the nurse and without signing out properly in either the elementary or junior/senior high office.

A health record is on file for each student. Parents/guardians are required to keep this record up-to-date for their child by reporting to the nurse of any medical diagnosis, allergies, immunizations/booster shots, eye prescription changes, or any pertinent health information that should be recorded.

Medications

Students are not allowed to take any sort of medication during school hours that have not been cleared by the nurse. School hours are considered from “bell to bell.” If a student takes a medication without permission, he or she may have consequences at the discretion of the appropriate principal. If a student needs to take a prescription medication during school hours, it is the student’s responsibility to report to the nurse’s office for medication administration unless otherwise specified. A medication administration form must be completed by a parent or guardian prior to taking a medication during school. If a student needs to take an over the counter medication during school hours, they must see the nurse at the elementary building or go to the junior/senior school office for assistance.

Nebraska State Law prevents over the counter and prescription medications being sent to school with students. Do not send medication(s) to school with the student or student sibling. The medication must be brought to the school by the parent(s)/guardian(s) or other specified designee and given to a

certified medication Bayard Public School Staff member. Designated Bayard Public Schools personnel have been trained to accept student medications. These staff members are: principals, school secretaries, and school nurses. The medication must be given directly to Bayard Public School staff members and a verified count of the medication amount will be conducted together with the staff member and parent(s)/guardian(s) or other specified designee. All medications must be sent in their original container. Prescription medications must be sent in a prescription container with the proper prescription label secured to the container. Failing to do so will result in no medication administration. It is the sole responsibility of the parent(s)/guardian(s) to ensure that the student has their medication during school in its proper container.

If there is a medication change during school, documentation from a licensed healthcare professional must be provided with the medication change. If documentation is not provided, Bayard Public School Staff will not administer the medication to the student and must be done so by a parent or guardian until such documentation is obtained.

Medications cannot be altered by Bayard Public School Staff in any way. For example, if a student is to take a $\frac{1}{2}$ a tablet of a medication, the medication must be halved prior to dropping off the medication at school.

Prescription medications must have a prescription label with the designated student's name, medication name, medication dosage, and directions for use. The prescription medication label must match what the licensed healthcare provider prescribes for administration. For example: if a student is to take 2 tablets of a medication but the prescription label states 1 tablet, documentation must be provided or the medication will not be administered.

Over the Counter Medications

Over the counter medications are offered in the nurse's office as well as the High School office. Over the counter medications that are supplied by Bayard Public Schools are: Acetaminophen (Tylenol), Ibuprofen, Calcium Carbonate (Tum's), and Cough Drops. An over the counter permission form must be signed by a parent/guardian and will be kept on file until the student graduates or transfers. If a permission form is not filled out, a parent/guardian will be called each time for consent of administration of medication. If any revision(s) occur in the over the counter permission form, a written statement must be submitted to the school nurse.

Over the counter medication dosage will be based on the medication recommendations (age and/or weight). Medications will only be administered at the discretion of the nurse or authorized personnel.

Immunizations

In the state of Nebraska, children **can't attend classes** in public or private school until the school has written proof of their immunization status.

NEBRASKA STATE LAW requires students to be immunization against the following diseases:

- Diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis
- Polio

- Measles, mumps, and rubella
- Hepatitis B
- Varicella (chicken pox)

Student Age and Required Vaccines:

- Students entering school (Kindergarten or first time enrolled)
 - 3 doses of DTap, DTP, DT, or Td vaccine, one on or after the 4th birthday
 - 3 doses of Polio vaccine
 - 3 doses of pediatric Hepatitis B vaccine or 2 doses of adolescent vaccine if student is 11-15 years of age
 - 2 doses of MMR or MMRV vaccine, given on or after 12 months of age and separated by at least one month.
 - 2 doses of Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine, or MMRV given on or after 12 months of age. Written documentation (including year) of Varicella disease from parent, guardian, or health care provider will be accepted. If the child has had varicella disease, they do not need any varicella shots.
- Students entering 7th grade
 - Must be current with above vaccinations AND receive 1 dose of Tdap (contain Pertussis booster)
- Students who are an out-of-state transfer at any grade level
 - Must be immunized appropriately according to the grade entered.

Any student who does not comply with one of the following will not be permitted to attend school until he or she is compliant:

1. Proof of up-to-date immunizations,
2. Have an upcoming scheduled appointment date to receive required immunization, or
3. Have a signed medical or religious waiver

Physicals and Eye Exams

Physical exams are required by Nebraska State law for any student to participate in any sport; any student entering Kindergarten or is a first time enrolled student; 7th grade student; or are an out-of-state transfer student. Eye exams are required by Nebraska State law for any student entering Kindergarten or are a first time enrolled student and any out-of-state transfer student. Eye exams must be completed by a certified ophthalmologist.

School Health/Speech Screenings

School health screenings will be conducted for all elementary students as well as 7th and 10th grade students. Depending on grade level, screening includes a student's: height, weight, vision, dental, and hearing. Kindergarten students will also participate in a Speech screening. Findings are recorded in the student's permanent record file. Screening does not replace a regular examination completed by a licensed healthcare professional. Parents/guardians will receive a notice of any unusual symptoms found and are urged to seek further medical help when necessary. If a parent/guardian wishes to refuse school health screening, a parent/guardian must submit written statement(s) from a qualified examiner that the child has received the minimum required screening within the past six months or the child will be screened at school.

Physical Education

Participation in the regular activities of the physical education program is expected from all students. Students who are temporarily (1 or 2 days) unable to participate in physical education must bring a written excuse from a parent or legal guardian. A longer absence from physical education requires a written excuse from a licensed healthcare provider. Any student who is absent for five consecutive days due to either illness or contagious disease, may be required to have a note to re enter school, signed by a physician. All excuses should include:

1. Reason for absence.
2. Length of time to be absent from physical education.
3. Activity modifications during treatment or upon return to class.

Junior/High School

All excuses must be in the principal's office before first-hour class. Students who must remain out of physical activities for more than two weeks may be withdrawn from the physical education class for the balance of the semester. The student's counselor and the nurse will review each situation before a determination is made.

Elementary

We are frequently asked to allow students to remain inside during recess. Recess times are scheduled both to allow students time to relax and to provide preparation time for teachers. For the aforementioned reasons, we are asking all students to participate in recess unless a note has been sent from home asking that the child not participate in recess activities.

CONCUSSION: RETURN TO LEARN PROTOCOL

A concussion must be diagnosed by a licensed healthcare professional. Students may be sent home if there is a concern for a concussion. If a student is diagnosed with a concussion, the student will need to complete the return to learn and return to play protocol. The return to learn and return to play are both informal or formal accommodations, modifications of curriculum, and monitoring by medical or academic staff until the student is fully recovered. Bayard Public Schools has a specific concussion protocol that will be followed as well as any licensed healthcare professional recommendations and guidelines.

If a student is suspected of sustaining a concussion away from school, the student and his/her parent/guardian will need to notify the school so that the school nurse and activities director can ensure the concussion protocol is implemented and followed.

INITIATIONS

There shall be no initiation of any student(s) for any reason at Bayard Public Schools.

DATING VIOLENCE PREVENTION

The board prohibits behavior that has a negative impact on student health, wealth, safety, and the school's learning environment. Incidents of dating violence will not be tolerated on school grounds, in district vehicles, or at school sponsored activities.

Dating violence is defined as a pattern of behavior where one person uses threats of, or actually uses, physical, sexual, verbal, or emotional abuse to control his or her dating partner. Dating partner means any person regardless of gender, involved in an intimate relationship with another person primarily characterized by the expectation of affectionate involvement whether casual, serious or long-term.

The district will provide appropriate training to staff and incorporate within its educational program age-appropriate dating violence education that shall include, but not be limited to, defining dating violence, recognizing dating violence warning signs, and identifying characteristics of healthy dating relationships.

SAFESCHOOLS DISTRICT TIP REPORTING SERVICE

Safety is one of our district's top priorities, that's why we're now using SafeSchools Alert, a tip reporting system that allows students, staff, and parents to submit safety concerns to our administration five different ways:

1. App: Search for "SafeSchools Alert" in the App Store to download for free
2. Phone: 308.562.2024
3. Text: Text your tip to 308.562.2024
4. Email: 1767@alert1.us
5. Web: <http://1767.alert1.us>

Easily report tips on bullying, harassment, drugs, vandalism or any safety issue you're concerned about. Tips may be submitted anonymously too. Thanks in advance for helping to make our school community a safer place to work and learn! We appreciate your support.

DISPENSING PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION

To help insure the health and safety of children, school employees are not permitted to dispense prescription medications to students without full compliance with Board Policy which is as follows:

1. The parent or guardian of the student shall provide prior written authorization on the proper school form, to dispense prescription medication(s).
2. The parent or guardian of the student shall agree in writing to provide the prescription medication(s) to be dispensed in a prescription container with the child guard cap. The container shall have a glued label from the pharmacy which shall contain the child's name, physician's name, and directions for dispensing the medication.
3. The parent or guardian of the student shall agree in writing to consult the family physician as to any side effects of the medication being dispensed and to advise the school employee of the possible side effects and procedures to be followed should side effects occur.
4. Written authorization is limited to the medication(s) identified in writing on the form provided for that purpose. Should additional medication(s) be prescribed, additional written authorization will be required.
5. Written authorization shall be limited to the school year identified on the form provided.
6. The parent or guardian of the student shall notify the school in writing of the termination of the authorization to dispense the medication(s).
7. Modification of the dispensing instructions shall be communicated to the school employee by providing a new prescription container with a child-guard cap with glued label from the pharmacy, including student's name, physician's name, and instructions for dispensing.
8. The school employee cannot honor verbal instructions from the parent, or guardian, or student to modify or alter the directions for dispensing medication(s) as specified on the prescription container.
9. Employees of the school shall not be required to dispense prescription medication(s).
10. Prescription medication and any medical equipment needed to dispense medications delivered to school employees shall be identified and shall be kept locked in a cabinet or in a manner that will restrict access to only authorized employees.

NETWORK ACCEPTABLE USE AND INTERNET SAFETY POLICY

Bayard Public Schools recognizes the value of computer and other electronic resources to improve student learning and enhance the administration and operation of its schools.

To this end, the Bayard Public Schools encourages the responsible use of computers; computer networks (including the Internet), and other electronic resources in support of the mission and goals of the Bayard Public Schools.

It is the policy of Bayard Public Schools to: (a) prevent user access over its computer network to, or transmission of, inappropriate material via the Internet, electronic mail, or other forms of direct electronic communications; (b) prevent unauthorized access and other unlawful online activity; (c) prevent unauthorized online disclosure, use, or dissemination of personal identification information of minors; and (d) comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA).

It is the policy of the Bayard Public Schools to maintain an environment that promotes ethical and responsible conduct in all online network activities by staff and students. It shall be a violation of this policy for any employee, student, or other individual to engage in any activity that does not conform to the established purpose and general rules and policies of the network. Within this general policy, Bayard Public Schools recognizes its legal and ethical obligation to protect the well-being of students in its charge.

The following uses of school-provided electronic resources, including Internet and email, are not permitted:

- a. to access, upload, download, or distribute pornographic, obscene, or sexually explicit material;
- b. to transmit obscene, abusive, sexually explicit, or threatening language;
- c. to violate any local, state, or federal statute;
- d. to vandalize, damage, or disable the property of another individual or organization;
- e. to access another individual's materials, information, or files without permission;
- f. to violate copyright or otherwise use the intellectual property of another individual or organization without permission; and
- g. to distribute or forward "chain letters" via email.

Any violation of District policy and rules may result in loss of District-provided access to the Internet. Additional disciplinary action may be determined in keeping with existing procedures and practices regarding inappropriate language or behavior. When and where applicable, law enforcement agencies may be involved.

Students may...

- Design and post web pages and other material from school resources.
- Use direct communications such as email, online chat, or instant messaging with a teacher's permission.
- Use the resources for any educational purpose.

Consequences for Violation: Violations of these rules may result in disciplinary action, including the loss of a student's privileges to use the school's information technology resources.

Supervision and Monitoring: School and network administrators and their authorized employees monitor the use of information technology resources to help ensure that uses are secure and in conformity with this policy. Administrators reserve the right to examine, use, and disclose any data found on the school's information networks in order to further the health, safety, discipline, or security

of any student or other person, or to protect property. They may also use this information in disciplinary actions, and will furnish evidence of crime to law enforcement.

Enforcement of Policy:

- To the extent practical, technology protection measures (or “Internet filters”) shall be used to block or filter Internet, or other forms of electronic communications, access to inappropriate information.
- Specifically, as required by the Children’s Internet Protection Act, blocking shall be applied to visual depictions of material deemed obscene or child pornography, or to any material deemed harmful to minors.
- Subject to staff supervision, technology protection measures may be disabled for adults or, in the case of minors, minimized only for bona fide research or other lawful purposes.
- A Bayard Public Schools staff member may override the technology protection measure that blocks or filters Internet access for a student to access a site with legitimate educational value that is wrongly blocked by the technology protection measure that blocks or filters Internet access.
- Bayard Public Schools staff will monitor students’ use of the Internet by either direct supervision or by monitoring Internet use history to ensure enforcement of policy.

Inappropriate Network Usage: To the extent practical, steps shall be taken to promote the safety and security of users of Bayard Public Schools’ online computer network when using electronic mail, chat rooms, instant messaging, and other forms of direct electronic communications.

Specifically, as required by the Children’s Internet Protection Act, prevention of inappropriate network usage includes: (a) unauthorized access, including so-called “hacking,” and other unlawful activities; and (b) unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors.

Education, Supervision and Monitoring: It shall be the responsibility of all members of Bayard Public Schools staff to educate, supervise and monitor appropriate usage of the online computer network and access to the Internet in accordance with this policy, the Children’s Internet Protection Act, the Neighborhood Children’s Internet Protection Act, and the Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act.

Bayard Public Schools will educate all students about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms and cyberbullying awareness and response. The plan shall be for all students to be provided education on these subjects. The Superintendent or the Superintendent’s designee shall be responsible for identifying educational materials, lessons, and/or programs suitable for the age and maturity level of the students and for ensuring the delivery of such materials, lessons, and/or programs to students.

Disclaimers:

- Bayard Public Schools and its individual schools, administrators, faculty, and staff thereof, make no warranties of any kind for the service provided and will not be held responsible for any damage suffered by users. This includes the loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, and intrusion by computer virus, or service interruption.
- Use of any information obtained via network access is at the risk of the user, and Bayard Public Schools specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of the information obtained.

- Bayard Public Schools cannot guarantee complete protection from inappropriate material. Furthermore, it is impossible for the district or content filter to reflect each individual or family's opinions of what constitutes "inappropriate material." If a student mistakenly accesses inappropriate information, he/she should immediately notify a district staff member.
- Bayard Public Schools is not liable for an individual's inappropriate use of district's electronic communications systems or violations of copyright restrictions or other laws, or other costs incurred by users through use of Bayard Public Schools' electronic communication systems.
- The district will cooperate fully with local, state, or federal officials in any investigation concerning or relating to misuse of the district's electronic communication systems.

CIPA Definition of Terms:

Minor: The term "minor" means any individual who has not attained the age of 17 years.

Technology Protection Measure: The term "technology protection measure" means a specific technology that blocks or filters Internet access to visual depictions that are:

1. Obscene, as that term is defined in section 1460 of title 18, United States Code;
2. Child Pornography, as that term is defined in section 2256 of title 18, United States Code; or
3. Harmful to minors.

Harmful to Minors: The term "harmful to minors" means any picture, image, graphic image file, or other visual depiction that:

1. Taken as a whole and with respect to minors, appeals to a prurient interest in nudity, sex, or excretion;
2. Depicts, describes, or represents, in a patently offensive way with respect to what is suitable for minors, an actual or simulated sexual act or sexual contact, actual or simulated normal or perverted sexual acts, or a lewd exhibition of the genitals; and
3. Taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value as to minors.

Sexual Act; Sexual Contact: The terms "sexual act" and "sexual contact" have the meanings given such terms in section 2246 of title 18, United States Code.

SEARCH AND SEIZURE

To maintain order and discipline in the school and to protect the safety and welfare of students and personnel, school authorities may search a student, or student lockers, under the circumstances outlined in SEARCHES-PERSONAL and may seize illegal, unauthorized, or contraband materials discovered in the search.

A student's failure to permit searches and seizures as provided in this policy will be considered grounds for disciplinary action.

DRUG DETECTION DOGS

As part of the district's effort to keep the schools safe and free from illegal drugs, the school principal may authorize the use of law enforcement drug detection dogs to search school hallways, lockers and cars parked in the school parking lot under the following guidelines.

1. The dogs will be brought into the schools both during and after school hours. The school Principal shall determine when the drug detection dogs will be used. The dogs may perform searches at random times throughout the school year.
2. The dogs will search hallways, lockers and cars parked in the school parking lot only. Students will not be searched by drug detection dogs. While a sniff search is taking place during the regular school day, students will remain in their respective classrooms.

3. If the drug detection dog identifies personal effects (e.g., purse, book bag, etc.), locker, or car, then school officials and law enforcement personnel will search the area and conduct an investigation. Parents/guardians will be notified if illegal drugs or contraband are discovered in a students' bags, locker or car. School penalties for possession of an illegal substance are governed by the school discipline code and may range from suspension to expulsion.
4. If an illegal drug is found, law enforcement will conduct a criminal investigation. If, during this investigation, probable cause exists to warrant an arrest, an arrest will be made.
5. If a student refuses to unlock a vehicle identified by a drug detection dog, the student will be subject to school sanctions for refusing to submit to a search. Law enforcement personnel will take appropriate action based on departmental policies.
6. Drug detection dog searches in the Bayard Public Schools may involve the Bayard Police Department, Morrill County Sheriff and/or the Nebraska State Patrol.

JUNIOR HIGH/HIGH SCHOOL SEARCHES - AUTOMOBILE

Students are permitted to park on school premises as a matter of privilege, not of right. The school retains authority to conduct routine patrols of the student parking lots. The interior of student's automobile on the school premises may be searched if the school authority has reasonable suspicion to believe that illegal, unauthorized or contraband items are contained inside.

ELEMENTARY SEARCHES – DESK

Student desks are school property and remain at all times under the control of the school. Periodic general inspections of desks may be conducted by school authorities for any reason, at any time, without notice, without student consent, and without a search warrant.

JUNIOR HIGH/HIGH SCHOOL SEARCHES - LOCKER

Student lockers are school property and remain at all times under the control of the school; however, students are expected to assume full responsibility for the security of their lockers. Periodic general inspections of lockers may be conducted by school authorities for any reason, at any time, without notice, without student consent, and without a search warrant.

SEARCHES - PERSONAL

A student's person and/or personal effects (e.g., purse, book bag, etc.) may be searched whenever a school authority has reasonable suspicion to believe that the student is in possession of illegal or unauthorized materials. If a pat-down search of a student's person is conducted, it will be conducted in private by a school official of the same sex and with an adult witness present.

SEIZURE OF ILLEGAL MATERIALS

If a properly conducted search yields illegal or contraband materials, such findings shall be turned over to the proper legal authorities for ultimate disposition.

SEXUAL/ETHNIC HARASSMENT POLICY

The Bayard Public School's Board of Education strongly endorses, and will comply with the provisions of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1972, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and the Nebraska Equal Opportunity and Education Act. Therefore, it is the policy of the Bayard Public Schools to prohibit any and all discrimination based on race, color, sex, or national origin.

Regarding school district employees, unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature shall constitute “Quid Pro Quo” sexual harassment when:

- I. Submission to sexual conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of an individual’s employment.
- II. Submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as the basis for employment decisions affecting that individual.
- III. Such conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual’s work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working environment.

It is also prohibited for any school district employee or student to verbalize on school district property any racial, ethnic, or gender-harassing jokes or stories, or to bring or store on school property any sexual, racial, or ethnic epitaphs or jokes. School district employees and students are also prohibited from defacing any school district property with any racial, ethnic, or sexual epitaphs or jokes.

If an individual’s conduct, epitaphs, or jokes are so excessive, severe, or pervasive so as to create a threatening or uncomfortable working environment, and it adversely affects the ability of another employee to accomplish their work, that employee(s) shall have created and can be responsible for creating a “Hostile Environment” when:

- I. The individual harassed belongs to a protected class;
- II. The individual was subjected to unwelcome sexual/ethnic harassment;
- III. The harassment was based upon sex, race, or national origin; or
- IV. The harassment affected a term, condition, or privilege of employment.

Regarding students, unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual/ethnic nature shall constitute sexual/ethnic harassment when:

- I. Submission of such conduct is made either explicitly or implied a term or condition of an individual’s enrollment, participation, or affiliation with a course, activity, or other school-sanctioned program.
- II. Submission to or rejection of such conduct by individuals is used as a basis for any decision that may affect the educational standing of that individual.
- III. Such conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonable interference with an individual’s educational performance or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment.

RESPONSIBILITY

All Bayard Public School employees and students shall have the responsibility of keeping school administrators informed, through the most confidential and direct means possible, of any alleged acts and/or complaints of sexual/ethnic harassment. It is the responsibility of each school district administrator, principal, department head, and supervisor to provide a working and academic environment free of sexual/ethnic harassment or sexual/ethnic intimidation. The school district will take prompt action to investigate an act upon all reported instances of alleged sexual/ethnic harassment.

All complaints and allegations of either sexual or ethnic harassment will be thoroughly investigated by a member of the Bayard Public Schools administrative team. That team shall consist of: Administrators: Principals and Assistant Principals, and the Superintendent. The Bayard Public Schools will utilize a three-phase process to investigate all allegations of sexual or ethnic harassment:

PHASE I: COMPLAINT

Any individual who believes that he or she has been either sexually or ethnically harassed, or any individual having knowledge of any incident of alleged sexual or ethnic harassment (hereinafter referred to as “complainant”), should notify a member of the administrative team. Such notification

shall be by the most direct means possible and will be considered confidential. The complaint should be made as soon as possible after the alleged incident.

The administrative team member who receives a report of alleged sexual/ethnic harassment shall notify the Superintendent, unless the superintendent is alleged to be the school district employee engaged in sexual/ethnic harassment. If the complaint is made against the superintendent, the information is to be brought to the attention of the President of the Board of Education. He/she shall, in turn, contact the school district's attorney to conduct an investigation of the allegation.

If the complaint is made by a student, his or her parent(s) or legal guardian(s) shall be notified immediately in writing, by certified mail, by the individual assigned to conduct the investigation. If the person accused of sexual/ethnic harassment is a student, that student's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) will be notified both telephonically and in writing, by certified mail, of the alleged complaint, and they shall be present when the accused student is interviewed.

PHASE II: INVESTIGATION

Every effort shall be made to maintain full confidentiality throughout the entire investigation. The investigation phase will be directed towards securing signed statements about the complaint itself. Minimally, it shall include the name(s) of the complainant(s) and person(s) accused of sexual/racial harassment; the date(s), time(s), locations(s), description of the incident(s), witness(s), and the respective signed statement(s).

Additionally, signed statement(s) by the person(s) accused of sexual/ethnic harassment shall be obtained where possible. The person(s) accused of sexual/ethnic harassment will be advised of due process rights at the time of being informed of the allegation. The intent of this phase is to investigate all of the facts and to corroborate evidence either for or against the complainant.

PHASE III: ACTION TAKEN

In determining whether conduct constitutes sexual/ethnic harassment, the individual conducting the investigation will examine the record as a whole and the totality of the circumstances, such as the nature of the alleged sexual advancements and the context in which the alleged incident occurred. The determination will be on a case-by-case basis. The individual conducting the investigation will review all information with the superintendent. The superintendent may take whatever disciplinary action is deemed appropriate. In any case where the disciplinary action of a school employee or student is subject to the due process procedures set forth in law, they will be followed as required.

If the Superintendent is the alleged individual, the school district's attorney will provide the evidence to the Board of Education, and they will determine the action to be taken.

The Superintendent will inform all parties of any disciplinary action taken by the Superintendent. The record of the investigation will be kept in a confidential file. If the complaint involves the Superintendent, the file will be kept in the office of the school attorney. A simple statement indicating that a complaint has been filed and the action taken, if any, will be placed in the individual's personnel/student file. However, where the complaint is found to be without merit, the complaint will be placed in a separate sexual/ethnic harassment file, which shall be confidential and not placed in the individual's personnel/student file. If deemed necessary, the academic or employment situation of the complainant may be changed to provide for a non-intimidating or non-hostile atmosphere. These changes may occur but are not limited to: a transfer of work situations, change of instructor, and, if pertinent, waiver of academic requirements. Decisions concerning such action must consider that the

complainant is not to be inadvertently or otherwise punished because he or she has allegedly been sexually/ethnically harassed.

Any employee who is found to have engaged in sexual/ethnic harassment of a subordinate, co-worker, or student will be subject to disciplinary sanctions, which may include, but are not limited to: written reprimand, probation, demotion, transfer, required professional counseling, or termination of employment. Where required by law, any disciplinary action taken shall be subject to the due process procedures set forth in Sections 79-12,107 to 79-12,121, as amended.

A student, who is found to have engaged in sexual/ethnic harassment against either an employee or another student, will be subject to disciplinary sanctions which may include, but are not limited to: written reprimand, disciplinary probation, suspension, and/or expulsion. Where required by law, any disciplinary action taken shall be subject to the due process procedures set forth in the Student Suspension or Expulsion Act, Sections 79-4,170 to 79-4,205, as amended.

If the complainant or accused is not satisfied with final action taken by the Superintendent, he/she may request that the Board of Education review the decision and action taken by placing it on the regular Board of Education meeting agenda as a personnel/student matter. Such a request will be held in executive Session unless the accused individual chooses otherwise. The decision by the Board of Education will be the final administrative act. Likewise, any person accused of sexual/ethnic harassment may appeal the Superintendent's disciplinary action taken by filing a grievance through the established grievance procedures of the Bayard Public Schools as specified in Board Policy.

RECORDING OF OTHERS

To ensure the privacy and confidentiality of student information, only persons authorized by the Superintendent, a Principal, or the Activities Director (each an "Administrator") may record the sound or image of any person on school grounds during regular school time or at school activities which are not open to the general public (to include without limitation practices, during transportation to and from school activities, and during locker room or other preparation times before and after activities). An Administrator may authorize sound or image recording to be used in the media and on social media for the purpose of promoting student performances and educational activities and furthering classroom or educational purposes. Nothing in the provision shall prohibit the recording of an Individualized Education Program meeting if the recording is necessary to ensure that the parent understands the IEP or the IEP process or to implement other parental rights guaranteed by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

TOBACCO, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, DRUGS AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

Any Bayard School student engaging in the selling, using, smoking, possessing or dispensing of alcoholic beverages, tobacco, narcotics, drugs, drug paraphernalia, controlled substances, inhalants or being under the influence of any of the above; will be subject to the following disciplinary actions, providing the incident has been reported in one of the following ways:

1. ADMISSION by the participant involved.
2. WRITTEN STATEMENT of the violation from a certified staff member or coach.
3. WRITTEN STATEMENT of the violation from a parent/guardian of the participant.
4. CHARGED WITH OR CITED by law enforcement personnel or accepting a diversion program in lieu of charges being filed.

Note: The term “under the influence” for school purposes has a less strict meaning than it does under criminal law. For school purposes, the term means any level of impairment and includes even the odor of alcohol on the breath or person of a student. Also, it includes being impaired by reason of the abuse of any material used as a stimulant. In addition, “possession” of alcohol or drugs will be considered to have occurred for purposes of school rules if the student is in such close proximity to alcohol or drug (for example, a student being in a car where alcohol is in the back seat and no adults are present in the car) or to others who are consuming alcohol or drugs (for example, being at a student party at which other students are drinking) that school officials may reasonably determine that the student was in “possession” of the items as well).

Students shall not possess cigarettes, vapor products, alternative nicotine products, lighters, cigarette packages, or chewing tobacco. These items will be confiscated and disciplinary action may result. Definition of smoking: smoking consists of being seen holding a lit or unlit cigarette, vapor, or alternative nicotine product or being seen throwing a cigarette or vapor or alternative nicotine product away or being seen with smoke coming out of the nose or mouth or admitting to having smoked on the school campus.

The following disciplinary actions for violations occurring while not on school property are based on self-reporting. The student must self-report any violations/possible violations within a 48-hour period from the time of violation to the administration, athletic director, or coach. If a student fails to self-report such violation and it is later learned that the violation took place, the discipline for the action will be doubled.

Violations occurring while not on school property – Violations not occurring on school property will result in the following discipline. The student shall not be allowed to participate in, but must still practice for the activity with the team or group, and shall not attend any school sponsored activity for fourteen (14) calendar days from the date of written notification and must complete a minimum of eight (8) hours of professional alcohol and or drug education and counseling. (The education course and or counseling will be the parents’ or student’s expense).

The eight (8) hours of professional education/counseling must be completed before the student can again begin participation in the activities program. Suspensions for violations occurring during the summer shall commence with the beginning of the next school year.

Violations occurring while on school property - Violations occurring on school property or while attending or participating in school related activities will result in the student being suspended or expelled from school. After the suspension, the student shall not be allowed to participate in, but must still practice for the activity with the team or group, and shall not attend any school sponsored activity for fourteen (14) calendar days from the date of written notification and must complete a minimum of eight (8) hours of professional alcohol and or drug education and counseling. (The education course and or counseling will be the parents’ or student’s expense.) The eight (8) hours of professional education/counseling must be completed before the student can again begin participation in the activities program.

If the disciplinary actions from any violation of this policy are not completed during the current school term, the following will apply: The number of days that remain to complete the suspension from activities will be completed during the next school term. The 8 hours of professional alcohol and or drug education must also be completed before the student can begin participation in the activities program the following year. Forfeiture of the right to hold honorary positions will not be carried forward to the next school term. In the case of violations occurring on school property, days suspended from school will not carry forward to the next school year.

A second violation of these rules and regulations during any one year period, whether occurring on or off school property, will result in the student being ineligible to compete in or participate in or attend any extracurricular activity for 12 months and is in effect beginning with the date of the first violation. These consequences will carry over from one school year to the next.

Any student who is suspended under this policy will forfeit their right to hold any of the following honorary positions during the year in which the suspension occurred. This includes: homecoming king or queen, winter royalty king or queen, prom king or queen, Citizenship Award, Book of Knowledge, Class Yoke, School Spirit Award, Athletic Letter Award, current standing in the National Honor Society, prom server, class officer, student council officer, and nomination for any post season athletic awards including all conference, all district, all regional, and all state.

Any transfer student, who is under suspension at their previous school for alcohol and/or drug policy violations, may be required to complete their period of suspension prior to becoming eligible at Bayard Public Schools at the discretion of the superintendent.

Notice of the suspension hereunder shall be given to the student and the student's parents and the student and his or her parent shall have an opportunity to present his or her version, however, the suspension shall take effect upon the delivery of the notice of suspension to the student.

This policy is in effect 12 months of the year, including both the school term and the summer months. The 12 months is in effect beginning with the date of the first violation. These consequences will carry over from one school year to the next.

Activities

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

The class and/or activity sponsors shall be responsible for the approval or disapproval and scheduling of the social activities of classes and organizations within the scope of the regulations, with the final decision resting with the administration.

School activities shall close at 12:00 midnight. Exception to these times will be by administrators' discretion.

No school activities or practices will be permitted after 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. All students will leave school grounds prior to 6:00 p.m.

The school day for Junior High students participating in a sport (during that sport season) will end after 7th period. Students participating in a sport are required to attend the full duration of practice with their team. Junior High students not participating in a sport are required to attend homeroom and then physical education class. When students are not participating in a sport (such as the times of the school year that fall between sport seasons) they are required to attend homeroom and then physical education class.

ELEMENTARY STUDENT COUNCIL

The Bayard Elementary Student Council is a representative body with the purpose of fostering pride at Bayard Elementary School, developing and practicing leadership skills, building skills in responsible decision making, and planning and supporting service to the school and community. Students who will be enrolled in grades 3-6 in the fall must complete an application each year if they are interested in becoming a student council member. The application consists of parental consent, teacher verification, and student questions. Members of each respective class will vote on the applicants for that class once the sponsors have reviewed the applications. The student council will consist of four third graders, four fourth graders, four fifth graders, and four sixth graders. In the case of a tie vote, more students may be represented on the council. Officers are elected from the Student Council.

REGULATIONS FOR PROVIDING REQUIRED SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT OR ATTIRE IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The following extracurricular activities require specialized equipment or specialized attire to be provided by participating students. Students qualifying for free or reduced price meals are eligible to apply for waivers under school policy.

ACTIVITY- DESCRIPTION

All Classes	No class dues will be assessed. All class money for class activities will be earned through fundraising activities. If you want to take part in the class activities you must work the fund raising projects.
Band	Instruments; meals during competition; band uniform cleaning fee; registrations fees (All-State, High Plains, etc.).
Choir	Registration fees (All-State, High Plains, etc.); meals at contests; folder for music (2-pocket); choir trip.
Elementary Music	Miscellaneous costumes and props for Elementary shows.
21 st Century	Performance outfit (girls – dresses, briefs, shoes and nylons. Boys – shirt, pants, vest, black socks and shoes); white shirts for caroling; meals on competition days; miscellaneous costumes and props for annual show; 21 st trip.
JR. High Swing Choir	T-shirt; meals for competitions.
FFA	Meals for trips, FFA jackets.
Library	LOST library material – pay the replacement cost of the item. If item is found, money is refunded.
DAMAGED	library material – if material is severely damaged, there will be a replacement cost charge.
REPAIR	of textbooks will be charged by the instructor.
National Honor Society	Each member is required to collect 5 pledges or donations for the bowl-a-thon fundraiser. Each member pays for the games they bowl (2-3 games).
One-Act Plays	Costumes.
Quiz Bowl	Meals at competition.
Senior Class	Class t-shirt; donating items for concessions, prom, etc.; flower for graduation if class funds are not available.
Speech	Meals at competition.
Cheerleading	Cheerleading uniform – cheerleader will conduct fundraisers to help with the cost of uniform. You must help with these activities in order to be a cheerleader.
Football	Football shoes.
Golf (Boys/Girls)	Golf clubs, bag, tees, balls.
Track (Boys/Girls)	Track shoes (running spikes, field event shoes, jumping event shoes, etc.); t-shirts/sweatshirts; gloves and cap; and meals on competition days.
Volleyball	Meals on competition days and black spandex shorts.
Wrestling	Shoes.

X-Country T-shirt (optional), jacket (optional), shoes- spikes (optional), socks, running tights, one size fits all gloves, head bands (ear covers) and meals on competition days.

JR High Football Football shoes (optional) may wear tennis shoes.

JR High Track (Boys/Girls) Track shoes and meals on competition days.

JR High Volleyball Shoes and black shorts.

This list is not all inclusive. Activities and items may be added during the year.

JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC INSURANCE

All pupils participating in interschool athletics (including practice) shall have athletic insurance. They may purchase school-sponsored insurance or sign a verification form, informing the school district that they have their own insurance carrier or a signed waiver from the parents relieving the school of all responsibility

HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Digital Media	Football	Quiz Bowl
Boys Basketball	Girls Basketball	One-Act Plays
Boys Golf	Girls Golf	D.I.
Boys Track	Girls Track	Speech
Boys Cross Country	Girls Softball	FFA
Boys Wrestling	Girls Wrestling	Cheerleading
HOSA	Girls Cross Country	Skills USA
eSports	Educators Rising	

JUNIOR HIGH ACTIVITIES

Boys Basketball	Football	Cross Country
Boys Track	Girls Basketball	Volleyball
Wrestling	Girls Track	D.I.
Quiz Bowl	Girls Wrestling	FFA

HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC

Concert Band	Pep Band
Marching Band	Mixed Choir
21st Century Singers	

JUNIOR HIGH MUSIC

Concert Band	Swing Choir
Marching Band	JR. High Mixed Choir

APPEARANCES OF SCHOOL GROUPS

The following general policies should govern all appearances of school groups:

- I. The amount of time taken from regular school duties should be kept to a minimum in every case. Directors and school administrators will be expected to deny requests for the services of the groups whenever such services will result in interference with normal school duties to any major extent.

II. The amount of time and effort required to prepare for the event should be taken into consideration. Appearances of the groups which require extensive extra practices or which consume undue amounts of the group's normal practice time are to be avoided.

With these two general policies in mind, the following procedures are recommended:

I. School groups shall appear in normal school activities (athletic contests, assemblies, school programs, etc.) at the discretion of the group directors and the school administrator.

II. School groups shall participate in civic occasions of a community-wide significance (such as Chamber of Commerce functions involving all merchants, county fairs, benefit events of community-wide importance, etc.) at the discretion of the group director and the school administrator. Fees received from any of these appearances shall be applied to the group's travel fund.

III. School groups may participate in all conference and state-sponsored activities. Additional contests must have administrative permission.

IV. School bands may participate in all conference and state-sponsored activities. Additional contests must have administrative permission.

V. Long trips out of state must be specifically approved by the Board of Education after a complete plan for such trip is presented by the group director. Only in rare and unusual circumstances should such a trip even be considered.

VI. School groups may not participate in events sponsored by individual merchants or small groups of merchants not under Chamber of Commerce sponsorships; in political rallies, parades, or meetings; or in events sponsored by private clubs, organizations, or societies without approval of the administration.

VII. Requests for use of the school groups should be submitted to the group director who will consult with his school administrator in deciding whether to accept the invitation.

VIII. The public school has neither legal nor moral hold on a student's time during holiday vacation periods; therefore, acceptance of requests for services of school bands will depend on voluntary agreement by participants to appear in such an event. After ascertaining the number of students available, the director must decide if the number is sufficient for the group to make a creditable showing.

IX. The above policies also apply to the following groups and their sponsors:

FFA

Chorus

Jr. High music

Elementary Music

All school clubs and organizations

X. All athletics are governed by the rules and regulations as set forth by the Nebraska State Activity Association. These rules and regulations cover such items as number of contests, dates of practice, travel, etc.

XI. The administration has the right to deviate from any of the above standards with Board approval.

FUNDRAISERS AND ACTIVITIES ACCOUNTS

In order to ensure that the resources of the community are not strained as a result of multiple fundraisers occurring at simultaneously, all student organization fundraisers (other than the concession stand) must be approved by the organization's sponsor, the activities director, building principal, bookkeeper, and superintendent. When an organization wishes to engage in a fundraising activity the sponsor will need to complete a Fundraiser Request Sheet and submit the form to the activities Director. Fundraising activities should not begin until the request has been approved by the superintendent.

Funds earned in the name of a school organization belong to the organization rather than to the individual student. When students engage in fundraising as a member of a school organization (such as activities, groups, teams, or clubs) the proceeds from the fundraising shall remain with the organization regardless of the continued participation status of the student in such organization. If organizations are disbanded all funds remaining with the organization will be transferred to the activity travel account.

Senior class funds remaining after graduation expenses are paid may be designated for a specific school project or activity by a majority vote of the senior class. If no project or activity is designated prior to graduation the remaining funds will be transferred to the secondary school account in the activities fund.

JUNIOR HIGH/HIGH SCHOOL ORGANIZATIONS

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA (FFA)

A voluntary organization for any student enrolled in any of the agriculture classes.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

The National Honor Society of Secondary Schools was founded by the National Association of Secondary School Principals in 1921. The founders of this movement originally established the society to stimulate the scholarship, leadership, service, and character of the students in the secondary schools of the United States to a higher plain. In 1929 there were 834 chapters. By 1963 the number was well above 10,000. Our chapter is one of the oldest in the State of Nebraska, being Chapter 755. The students are chosen from a list of all pupils maintaining a "B" or higher average for their years of high school. Choices are made by a faculty committee.

STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council is a representative body with the purpose of promoting the interests of the student body, providing a forum for student expression, and increasing the understanding and cooperation between students, faculty, and administrators. Students wanting to be on student council apply as 7th graders; three students will be selected by the student council sponsors. The student council representatives serve until they graduate, leave the district, or are removed by the sponsors for non participation. If a vacancy occurs, applications will again be taken and a replacement selected. Officers are elected from the representatives. Funds raised from vending machines are donated to improvements of the school and facility as decided upon by the Council.

Extracurricular Overnight Trip Rules for Students

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The sponsor shall function as the designated administrator for the activity when an administrator is not present. Any violation of the rules may result in penalties provided under the student handbook, sponsoring organization rules, and/or the student being returned to the Bayard Public Schools or the nearest transportation terminal at the parent's expense.

1. All Bayard Public Schools rules apply as well established rules of the organization involved in the trip.
2. Use or possession of tobacco, alcohol or any illegal drugs will result in notification of proper authorities and possible immediate return of the student to the school at the parent's expense.

If illegal activity results in detention by authorities, parents shall have the responsibility for all intervention and counsel.

3. Curfew will be established nightly and adhered to strictly by all students. The external doors may be taped following a bed check.
4. Students must stay in assigned rooms. No sexual or other inappropriate activity is permitted on overnight trips. Student couples are not permitted to be alone in rooms together without a chaperone. Only participating Bayard Public Schools students are allowed in Bayard Public School rooms. Students must notify sponsor/chaperone of their whereabouts at all times if they are in a location other than their assigned room.
5. No phone calls are allowed between rooms after curfew. No long-distance calls are to be made from hotel rooms unless approved in advance by the sponsor. Room phones should be turned off during the stay.
6. No pay-per-view is allowed unless approved in advance by the sponsor.
7. Malicious or willful damage/theft of property by a student shall result in the student being returned to the school. Parents and students assume full financial responsibility for damages, transportation and other associated costs.
8. Luggage and personal items are subject to search at any time if school officials and/or chaperones have reasonable suspicion that the luggage or personal items contain contraband.
9. Violations of the school rules on overnight trips shall be reported the school administration.

Network Acceptable Use and Internet Safety Policy

Bayard Public Schools recognizes the value of computer and other electric resources to improve student learning and enhance the administration and operation of its schools. To this end, the Bayard Public Schools encourages the responsible use of computers; computer networks (including the Internet), and other electronic resources in support of the mission and goals of the Bayard Public Schools.

It is the policy of Bayard Public Schools to: (a) prevent user access over its computer network to, or transmission of, inappropriate material via the Internet, electronic mail, or other forms of direct electronic communications; (b) prevent unauthorized access and other unlawful online activity; (c) prevent unauthorized online disclosure, use, or dissemination of personal identification information of minors; and (d) comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA).

It is the policy of the Bayard Public Schools to maintain an environment that promotes ethical and responsible conduct in all online network activities by staff and students. It shall be a violation of this policy for any employee, student, or other individual to engage in any activity that does not conform to the established purpose and general rules and policies of the network. Within this general policy, Bayard Public Schools recognizes its legal and ethical obligation to protect the well-being of students in its charge.

The following uses of school-provided electronic resources, including Internet and e-mail, are not permitted:

- a. to access, upload, download, or distribute pornographic, obscene, or sexually explicit material;
- b. to transmit obscene, abusive, sexually explicit, or threatening language;
- c. to violate any local, state, or federal statute;
- d. to vandalize, damage, or disable the property of another individual or organization;
- e. to access another individual's materials, information, or files without permission;
- f. to violate copyright or otherwise use the intellectual property of another individual or organization without permission; and

- g. to distribute or forward "chain letters" via email.

Any violation of District policy and rules may result in loss of District-provided access to the Internet. Additional disciplinary action may be determined in keeping with existing procedures and practices regarding inappropriate language or behavior. When and where applicable, law enforcement agencies may be involved.

Students may...

- Design and post web pages and other material from school resources.
- Use direct communications such as e-mail, online chat, or instant messaging with a teacher's permission.
- Use the resources for any educational purpose.

Consequences for Violation: Violations of these rules may result in disciplinary action, including the loss of a student's privileges to use the school's information technology resources.

Supervision and Monitoring: School and network administrators and their authorized employees monitor the use of information technology resources to help ensure that uses are secure and in conformity with this policy. Administrators reserve the right to examine, use, and disclose any data found on the school's information networks in order to further the health, safety, discipline, or security of any student or other person, or to protect property. They may also use this information in disciplinary actions, and will furnish evidence of crime to law enforcement.

Enforcement of Policy:

- To the extent practical, technology protection measures (or "Internet filters") shall be used to block or filter Internet, or other forms of electronic communications, access to inappropriate information.
- Specifically, as required by the Children's Internet Protection Act, blocking shall be applied to visual depictions of material deemed obscene or child pornography, or to any material deemed harmful to minors.
- Subject to staff supervision, technology protection measures may be disabled for adults or, in the case of minors, minimized only for bona fide research or other lawful purposes.
- A Bayard Public Schools staff member may override the technology protection measure that blocks or filters Internet access for a student to access a site with legitimate educational value that is wrongly blocked by the technology protection measure that blocks or filters Internet access.
- Bayard Public Schools staff will monitor students' use of the Internet by either direct supervision or by monitoring Internet use history to ensure enforcement of policy.

COPPA Notification Statement

Dear parents/legal guardians of school-aged children under the age of 13,

Our district utilizes several computer software applications and web-based services, operated not by this district, but by third parties. These include Teach TCI, Imagine Learning, Amplify Science, Google Apps for Education, Clever, Remind, IXL, Pearson, Khan Academy and similar educational programs. A list of the possible sites and programs used in our classrooms with the privacy policy for each can be found on our district website's District Information Technology page. Web-based educational programs and services may be added during the upcoming academic year as needed. In order for our students to use these programs and services, certain personal identifying information - generally the student's name and school email address - must be provided to the website operator. By law, the operator may only use this information for educational purposes. Under federal law entitled the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA), these websites must provide parental notification and obtain parental consent before collecting personal information from children under the age of 13. The law permits districts/schools such as ours to consent to the collection of personal information on behalf of all its students, thereby eliminating the need for individual parental consent given directly to the website operator.

For more information on COPPA, please visit <http://www.ftc.gov/privacy/coppafaqs.shtm>.

Inappropriate Network Usage: To the extent practical, steps shall be taken to promote the safety and security of users of Bayard Public Schools online computer network when using electronic mail, chat rooms, instant messaging, and other forms of direct electronic communications.

Specifically, as required by the Children's Internet Protection Act, prevention of inappropriate network usage includes: (a) unauthorized access, including so-called "hacking," and other unlawful activities; and (b) unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors.

Education, Supervision and Monitoring: It shall be the responsibility of all members of Bayard Public Schools staff to educate, supervise and monitor appropriate usage of the online computer network and access to the Internet in accordance with this policy, the Children's Internet Protection Act, the Neighborhood Children's Internet Protection Act, and the Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act. Bayard Public Schools will educate all students about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms and cyberbullying awareness and response. The plan shall be for all students to be provided education on these subjects. The Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee shall be responsible for identifying educational materials, lessons, and/or programs suitable for the age and maturity level of the students and for ensuring the delivery of such materials, lessons, and/or programs to students.

Disclaimers:

- Bayard Public Schools and its individual schools, administrators, faculty, and staff thereof, make no warranties of any kind for the service provided and will not be held responsible for any damage suffered by users. This includes the loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, and intrusion by computer virus, or service interruption.
- Use of any information obtained via network access is at the risk of the user, and Bayard Public Schools specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of the information obtained.
- Bayard Public Schools cannot guarantee complete protection from inappropriate material. Furthermore, it is impossible for the district or content filter to reflect each individual or family's opinions of what constitutes "inappropriate material." If a student mistakenly accesses inappropriate information, he/she should immediately notify a district staff member.
- Bayard Public Schools is not liable for an individual's inappropriate use of district's electronic communications systems or violations of copyright restrictions or other laws, or other costs incurred by users through use of Bayard Public Schools' electronic communication systems.
- The district will cooperate fully with local, state, or federal officials in any investigation concerning or relating to misuse of the district's electronic communication systems.

CIPA Definition of Terms:

Minor: The term "minor" means any individual who has not attained the age of 17 years.

Technology Protection Measure: The term "technology protection measure" means a specific technology that blocks or filters Internet access to visual depictions that are:

1. Obscene, as that term is defined in section 1460 of title 18, United States Code;
2. Child Pornography, as that term is defined in section 2256 of title 18, United States Code; or
3. Harmful to minors.

Harmful to Minors: The term "harmful to minors" means any picture, image, graphic image file, or other visual depiction that:

1. Taken as a whole and with respect to minors, appeals to a prurient interest in nudity, sex, or excretion;
2. Depicts, describes, or represents, in a patently offensive way with respect to what is suitable for minors, an actual or simulated sexual act or sexual contact, actual or simulated normal or perverted sexual acts, or a lewd exhibition of the genitals; and

3. Taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value as to minors.

Sexual Act; Sexual Contact: The terms "sexual act" and "sexual contact" have the meanings given such terms in section 2246 of title 18, United States Code.

BAYARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS CORE COVENANTS

FOCUSED ON THE STUDENT

- Positive Interactions and Relationships
- Focus on Student Potential
- Diverse Opportunities
- Unconditional Acceptance

ATTITUDE OF EXCELLENCE

- Act with Integrity
- Expect to Be Great
- Accept Daily Challenges and Setbacks
- Think "Big Picture"

COMMUNITY

- Support Each Other
- Set Aside Self for Benefit of the Group
- Respect Everyone
- Be a Wing, Not a Weight

TIGER WAY!

Every Person, Every Day. It's a FACT!

HISTORY

ACADEMIC SEAL



At the center of the seal is an image of Chimney Rock. This historic landmark was used by the first Americans and, later, by the pioneers as a guide on their epic journeys. Chimney Rock continues to inspire countless travelers and residents alike. Chimney Rock enhances our sense of place and instills pride, as the landmark prominently stands above the fertile North Platte River Valley.

The phrase, Every Person, Every Day, which is derived from the Core Covenants of Bayard Public Schools, reminds us of the dignity and value of every member of our school community. Every person

matters for the future of our school and community, and every day is an opportunity to make a contribution to our greater well-being.

Surrounding the central ring are academic pillars and six icons describing our enduring strengths, values, and aspirations.

Academics: At the top of the seal is a Book of Knowledge, symbolizing academics as our highest institutional value and first priority.

Athletics and Arts: Flanking the Book of Knowledge on the left is the school's Tiger mascot, representing athletics and the fiercely competitive nature of our student-athletes. Flanking the Book of Knowledge on the right is an artists' palette and musical notes, representing the arts and the creative talents of our student performers. Athletics and arts support and enhance the academic and personal development of our students.

Community: The efforts of the school are supported by the entire community. Regular interactions between the faculty, staff, students, parents, and patrons are essential to a vibrant community and a strong school.

Opportunity: Two keys and a lock represent the importance of opportunity. Education provides a key to unlocking many opportunities for our students. Equally important, providing our students with many opportunities is key to their development.

Agriculture: Our community and economy are supported by an agricultural base. The plow symbolizes agriculture and the strong agrarian work ethic of our community and our students

A BRIEF HISTORY OF BAYARD SCHOOLS

The first school session was held in a room above a store building in about 1885, with Miss Oattie Wisner as teacher. Later, a one room school house, a Soddy, was built where the Western Sugar factory now stands in Bayard. Between 1890 and 1900 the school was closed due to an epidemic of smallpox, measles, and whooping cough.

Bayard's next school building, the "pink" school house, was a two-story structure, built in 1900. At the time there were eight grades, with two instructors. About five years later the ninth and tenth grades were added, and a third teacher was hired. In 1917 the building which was known as North Ward was constructed to house the high school. Our former high school was first used in 1921. This school building cost our school district \$275,000. It housed the grades nine through twelve. At this time the North Ward building was occupied by the junior high school, and the "pink" school house held the elementary school.

In 1949 the school district voted bonds for \$135,000 to build a new gymnasium and vocational agricultural building. Our auditorium was facilitated with new seats and a new stage front. This renovation also included the transformation of the swimming pool into a girls' dressing room.

The science laboratory and home economics room were completely remodeled and equipped with modern facilities in the year 1955. In 1956 a new library and garage were added to our school building. 1961 ushered in its full share of progressive changes. After District 58 consolidated with the Bayard City School, a bus service and cafeteria were installed in our system. For the academically inclined, 1961 witnessed the conversion of an old third-story school classroom into a modernized, well-equipped math room. The old woodworking shop was expanded, rearranged, and equipped with many new tools. In 1987 new locker rooms and a concession area were constructed between the

gym and the junior/senior high building. This addition provided over 5,000 square feet of much needed space for the junior and senior high students. This project cost \$246,000.

In 1991, a new junior/senior high school was completed at a cost of \$2,989,356.50 and concurrently consists of 51,000 square feet of space. This very modern building was designed to meet the educational needs of the Bayard community well into the 21st century.

In November, 2008, the Bayard School District approved a \$3,500,000 (\$500,000 being a gift) construction project which included 7,200 additional square feet of classrooms and 5,000 square feet of remodeling at the elementary school; and 23,000 additional square feet including a gymnasium and locker rooms at the high school. The elementary project was completed the beginning of the 2009/2010 school year, while the High School was completed during the summer of 2010. Both projects have proven to be great assets to the students and faculty of Bayard Schools and the Bayard community.

There are approximately 400 students, PK-12, attending Bayard Public School.

PRIDE AND CARE OF BAYARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Bayard Schools are some of the finest facilities in the region for which the community and each student can rightfully be proud. Careful use of the building and grounds is essential to maintaining their beauty and effectiveness. Please remember that everyone pays taxes to support and maintain our schools. Refrain from doing anything to increase maintenance expenses, and discourage others who would vandalize or knowingly damage your school.

If you cause any damage to the building (broken windows, etc.) please report it promptly so that it may be repaired. Breaking of equipment or damage to the building will result in a parent conference and/or payment for damages. Where the minor does not make restitution, the parents or legal guardian shall be held liable. Willful damage or destruction of school property will result in school discipline and/or referral to law enforcement agencies.