

## **FORWARD**

The Northeast Junior High Faculty and Administration extend to you a hearty welcome to membership in this student body.

To new students, this handbook will be a guide which will enable you to become quickly adjusted to our school. Returning students will also profit by reading the material contained here in order to better understand the rules and regulations of our school.

## **NORTHEAST USD 246 MISSION STATEMENT**

Northeast Unified School District will educate students to be positive, responsible, inquisitive, determined and goal-oriented.

Students will learn to communicate, to read, to solve problems, and to appreciate art, science and world culture in order to be productive in society.

### **Junior High School Mission Statement**

Our goal is to provide a respectful learning environment that prepares our students for the future.

#### **Exit Outcomes**

Upon completion of the eighth grade students will:

1. Have essential educational skills for a lifetime of learning.
2. Learn to work cooperatively and independently.
3. Experience a sense of self-discipline and responsibility.
4. Strive to develop physical and emotional well-being.

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**(Title IX Coordinator and Section 504 Coordinator).**

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## **1000 - ADMISSION OF PUPILS**

Any pupil entering a Kansas school for the first time is required by state law to present certification that he/she has received or is in the process of receiving immunization against polio, mumps, diphtheria, rubella (German measles), measles (rubella), tetanus, and whooping cough. These immunizations shall be in accordance with the immunization schedules of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

## **1100 - First Day of School**

Buses will run Thursday, August 12, 2010. Thursday will be a full day of school. A school lunch will be served.

## **1200 - Assignment of Students to Classes**

Junior high students will have individualized schedules. Junior high students will be enrolled in classes with every effort made to keep classes balanced.

Junior high students have a limited time to add or drop an elective class (Band, Physical Fitness, or Vocal). For a schedule change in the fall semester, the request must be made within the first five days of the fall semester. For a schedule change in the spring semester, the request must be made by the last day of the fall semester.

All requests for schedule changes must be in writing and signed by the parent/guardian.

## **1300 - School Fees**

Grade Six through Grade Eight. . . . . \$20.00

## **1400 - Student Arrival and Dismissal Times**

Junior High students will go to breakfast from 7:25 to 8:00 AM. Students may arrive at 7:25 AM. They should report to the Junior High Commons area as supervision will be provided.

School is dismissed at 3:15.

Project Care is in session 3:15 to 5:30.

## ATTENDANCE

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## **2000 - COMPULSORY SCHOOL LAW**

K.S.A. 1982 Supplement--72-1111. Compulsory school attendance. Every parent, guardian, or other person in the State of Kansas, having control over or charge of any child who has reached the age of seven (7) years and is under the age of eighteen (18) years, shall require such child to attend continuously each school year (1) a public school for the duration of the school term provided for in K.S.A. 1979 Supp. 72-1106, as amended; or (2) a private, denominational or parochial school taught by a competent instructor for a period of time which is substantially equivalent to the period of time public school is maintained in the school district in which the private, denominational or parochial school is located.

Truancy is defined for this policy the same as in K.S.A. 72-1113 as amended and which follows:

1. "Whenever a child is required by law to attend school and such child is not enrolled in a public or non-public school, such child is a truant"; 2. "Whenever a child is required by law to attend school and such child is inexcusably absent therefrom on either three (3) consecutive days or five (5) or more days in any semester, such child is truant." A child is inexcusably absent from school if the child is absent therefrom all or a significant part of a day without a valid excuse acceptable to the school employee(s) designated by the Board of Education to have responsibility for the school attendance of such a child.

For purposes of this policy, "a significant part of a school day" means "one-half (1/2) or more of the scheduled school day." One half (1/2) of a school day is three clock hours.

For purposes of this policy an "excusable absence" occurs when a pupil misses a significant part of a scheduled school day because of illness, appointments for health care, injury which prevents his attendance, attendance at another educational activity or on a trip approved by the school principal, or other absence the reason for which is acceptable to the principal. "Inexcusable absences" occur when there is no attempt to justify an absence, the reason given is not acceptable to the principal and/or the principal has reason to believe that the excuse offered may not be substantially correct and true.

## **2100 - ABSENCES**

In general, it is the policy of the school to excuse pupils from school for worthwhile reasons and upon the written request of parents. The Principal will determine the importance of the request and shall ultimately decide upon the merits of each case. If absence from school seriously retards the pupil's progress and interferes with his/her school work, then conferences with parents will be held to inform them of these effects on the child's school progress.

Whenever a student is absent from school due to a doctor's appointment, a note from the doctor's office must be brought to the office upon the student returning to school. If a note is not turned into the office within 3 days of the absence, the absence will not be excused.

A student will be counted absent from school if he/she is not present for the regular class schedule, except when on activities sponsored by the school. An excused absence may be allowed for other activities if requested by parents and approved by the Principal.

It is the student's responsibility to make up any work missed due to an excused absence.

A certificate for perfect attendance is given at the end of the year to those with no absences.

## **2200 - TARDIES**

Students are expected to arrive at school on time. School opens at 7:30. Breakfast is served from 7:40 to 8:00. School begins at 8:05 for junior high students.

Arrivals after the bell rings will be counted tardy. **Students with excessive tardies can be considered truant.**

A student's late arrival at school before 10:00 will be counted as a tardy. Students arriving after 10:00 will be counted as half day (morning) absent.

Student's must report to the office if they are late/tardy to school in order to obtain an admit slip to attend class.

Doctor and dental appointments, funerals, and school activities are considered excusable tardies. Prior notification would be appreciated.

Tardies (being late to school) will be counted towards truancy. Tardies (being late to classes after 1<sup>st</sup> period) will result in detentions. A student can have a total of four (4) tardies to class per semester before they will be assigned a detention of two hours: at the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) tardy to class a two hour detention will be assigned. Any additional tardies will result in a two hour detention for each tardy. Tardies will be defined according to each teacher's individual classroom rules. Staff members will inform a student when they are tardy and a record will be kept of each student's tardies.

## **2300 - SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

Students who plan to attend a school function are required to be in school the day of and the day after that function unless approval is granted from the Principal.

## **GRADING SYSTEM**

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## **4000 - GRADING SYSTEM**

- A. Our grades are indicated by A, B, C, D, and F.
- B. An A is 90-100; a B is 80-89; a C is 70-79; a D is 60-69; and a F is anything below 60.
- C. Our grades rate A as superior, B as excellent, C as average, D as below average, and F as failure.
- D. For junior high, declaring rank in class will be computed on semester grades only using an four point scale: A – 4 to F -- 0.

## **4100 - GRADE REPORTS**

Grade reports will be mailed home at the end of each nine weeks period, usually on Friday following the end of the nine weeks.

Your child's legal name will be on the grade card issued by Northeast.

## **4200 - ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS**

Students excelling academically shall be appropriately recognized for their performance at the building level. Building principals shall plan for appropriate recognition of academic excellence through the provision of awards and programs that recognized the achievements of high performing students and students showing significant improvement in academic skills.

A scholarship letter "N" will be given for making all six honor rolls in one school year in Junior High.

Students in grades 7-8 who average a GPA of 3.5 on a 4 point scale or higher shall be acknowledged as follows: Students who qualify will receive an academic medal.

## **4300 - PROGRESS REPORTS**

Progress reports will be mailed home usually after the fifth week of the nine weeks grading period.

We encourage parents to contact the school anytime there is a question or concern about their child's progress.

- A. The district will provide parents and students online access to a tool called Power School. This web-based information tool will allow parents and students with appropriate privacy safeguards, to check on the student's grades anytime over the internet.
- B. These reports to parents are supplemented in several other ways and by several other means – parent/teacher conferences, telephone calls, letters or informal notes, or by means of forms prepared for this purpose. Unsatisfactory work is reported as the need arises, without waiting for the end of the nine-week reporting period.

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## **5000 - FIRE DRILL**

At different times during the school year, the fire alarm is sounded. Each classroom has instructions concerning what to do in case of fire. When the alarm is heard, students are to walk out quickly and orderly.

## **5100 - TORNADO DRILL**

A tornado drill will be held three times a year. Instructions will be given by the Principal/Teacher as to the type of alarm system that will be used and the designated areas of safety (as recommended by the Office of Civil Defense).

## **5200 - DRIVING MOTOR VEHICLES/RIDING BICYCLES**

No student of junior high age will be permitted to drive a motor vehicle to school for regular classes.

Students will be permitted to ride bicycles to school for regular classes. Scooters and skate boards will not be permitted.

## **5300 - BUS RIDER RULES**

During the course of regular student transportation in school district vehicles the Board of Education views this service as a privilege extended to students conforming to district rules of conduct.

### **Previous to loading (on the road and at school):**

1. Be on time at the designated school bus stops - keep the bus on schedule.
2. Stay off the road at all times while waiting for the bus. Bus riders conduct themselves in a safe manner while waiting.
3. Wait until the bus comes to a complete stop before attempting to board.
4. Be careful in approaching bus stops.
5. Bus riders are not permitted to move toward the bus at the school loading zone until the buses have been brought to a complete stop.

### **While on the bus**

1. Keep hands and head inside the bus at all times after entering and until leaving the bus.
2. Assist in keeping the bus safe and sanitary at all times.
3. Remember that loud talking and laughing or unnecessary confusion diverts the driver's attention and may result in a serious accident.
4. Treat bus equipment as you would valuable furniture in your own home. Damage to seats, etc., must be paid for by the offender.
5. Bus riders should never tamper with the bus or any of its equipment.
6. Leave no books, lunches or other articles on the bus.
7. Keep books, packages, coats and all other objects out of the aisles.

8. Help look after the safety and comfort of small children.
9. Do not throw anything out of the bus windows.
10. Bus riders are not permitted to leave their seats while the bus is in motion.
11. Horseplay is not permitted around or on the school bus.
12. Bus riders are to sit in their seats and face the front of the bus while the bus is in motion.
13. Bus riders are expected to be courteous to fellow pupils, the bus driver, and the patrol officers or driver's assistants.
14. Absolute quiet when approaching a railroad crossing stop.
15. In case of a road emergency, children are to remain in the bus.

### **After leaving the bus**

1. Cross the road, when necessary, after getting off the bus(at least ten feet in front of the bus) but only after looking to be sure that no traffic is approaching from either direction.
2. Help look after the safety and comfort of small children.
3. Be alert to the danger signal from the driver.
4. The driver will not discharge riders at places other than the regular bus stops at the home or school unless by proper authorization from the parent or school officials.

### **Extra-Curricular Trips**

1. The above rules and regulations will apply to any trip under school sponsorship.
2. Pupils shall respect the wishes of a competent chaperone appointed by the school.

**NO EATING OR DRINKING OR CHEWING OF GUM ON THE BUS AND NO TOBACCO PRODUCTS OR MEDICATION NOT PRESCRIBED BY A PHYSICIAN.**

### **5400 - BUS DISCIPLINE PROCEDURES**

Bus drivers are encouraged to maintain discipline and assure that the students adhere to these rules in the course of their duties. Verbal warnings to students are appropriate when the driver believes they will be effective in correcting misbehavior.

If the bus driver is not successful in correcting misbehavior through verbal prompts and warnings, the driver should contact the rider's parent(s) to seek assistance in correcting the inappropriate behavior.

At such time that a bus driver believes the infraction is serious in nature or continual warnings to a student are ineffective to bring about compliance, the driver will file the appropriate written notice with the building principal. The appropriate building administrator will take the following disciplinary actions:

1. Upon receipt of the 1<sup>st</sup> written report within a semester from a bus driver concerning a student, that student will lose transportation

services for 3 days.

2. Upon receipt of the 2<sup>nd</sup> written report with in a semester from a bus driver concerning a student, that student will lose transportation services for 5 days.
3. Upon receipt of the 3<sup>rd</sup> written report within a semester from a bus driver concerning a student, the student will lose transportation services for the balance of the semester.

Should the driver file a report concerning an incident, and that incident occurs en-route to school, that will necessitate loss of transportation services, the parent will be contacted by the Principal. The parent must provide to have their child picked up from school that evening, as the child will be immediately denied transportation services.

Should an incident occur en-route to the student's residence that will necessitate the loss of transportation services, transportation privileges will be extended through the next morning of the next school day, until a written report is filed with the building principal. At that time, the parent will be contacted advising them they must provide to have their child picked up from school that evening, as the child will be immediately denied services.

Should a student's parents be unable to be contacted, and no parent designated emergency contact person is available, or the parents are unable to provide transportation, the student will be provided bus transportation to his/her residence that evening.

The building principal, if student behavior is serious enough to warrant, may bypass any of the above steps and adjust, restrict, or suspend a student's bus riding privileges for an indefinite time after conferring with the parents.

### **5500 - RIDING THE SCHOOL BUS**

Special permission must be received from the Principal before anyone other than the regular riders shall be allowed to ride the respective buses.

Bus students must have a note if they are not going to ride the bus home from school.

Only 1 bus rider guest per family on the bus, due to overcrowding the buses.

### **5600 - ILLNESS AND MEDICAL EMERGENCIES**

In the case of any serious injury or illness, the parent or guardian will be notified as soon as possible.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment procedures are followed in cases of illness and medical emergencies.

Emergency information is to be completed on school records for every student, with at least two emergency backup telephone numbers included.

At the time of an emergency, the school has the responsibility for:

- A. initiating the immediate care of the student
- B. notifying the parent or guardian, or if the parent or guardian cannot be reached follow the directions given on the student's records
- C. In some cases, getting the student under professional care with or without the family's permission

### **5610 - ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION**

The district will comply with the current status and regulations as defined by the Legislature, Kansas State Department of Education and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment

To comply with the Nurse Practice Act (K.S.A. Chapter 65, Article 11, Chapter 231, Laws of Kansas 1968 and K.S.A. 1979 Supp. 65-1113 and 65-1124) the following policy is in effect:

- A. When at all possible, medications should be given at home rather than during school attendance hours.
- B. Prescribed medications must be accompanied by a note from the physician and in the original container the medicine came in. We need a note from the parent giving us permission to give the medication at school. This should include date, name of medication, reason for medication, time of day it is to be given, and anticipated number of days to be provided. There is an available form.
- C. Any over-the-counter medications may be given at school only if needed in order for the student to remain in attendance. This can be determined by conference between parents and school nurse. A parental permission form must accompany the medication, to include date, name of medication, reason for medication, time of day it is to be given, and anticipated number of days to be provided.
- D. Medication may be given by delegated school personnel under the supervision of the school nurse. In accordance with Kansas Department of Health and Environment guidelines, the school will allow self-administration of medication to children and youth, provided the proper authorization is on file with the school.

Please contact the school nurse if you have questions concerning administration of medication in school.

### **5620 - HEAD LICE**

Schools bring large number of children into daily contact with each other, therefore, they serve as a focal point for the transmission of head lice.

When an infested student is discovered in the classroom the following procedure will be followed:

- A. If the student(s) are bus riders, they will not be permitted to ride the bus until cleared by the school nurse.
- B. When the child returns to school he/she will be checked prior to re-admission.
- C. No child will be readmitted to school unless all nits have been removed.

- D. After three consecutive cases of head lice, the student must have a statement from the Health Department to return to school. If the patient fails to eliminate the head lice problem, then SRS will be notified.
- E. A child with head lice will be excused from school for a 24 hour period. After that time the child must be treated and returned to school to be cleared by the school nurse. After 24 hours if the student is not brought back or is not cleared by the school nurse, the absences will be unexcused.

Please check your child(ren) weekly for head lice. Doing so will help any severe outbreak from occurring.

### **5630 - INTERROGATION AND INVESTIGATIONS CONDUCTED IN SCHOOL**

It shall be the policy of the district that a reasonable cooperative effort be maintained between the school administration and law enforcement agencies. Law enforcement officials may be summoned in order to conduct an investigation of alleged criminal conduct on the school premises or during a school-sponsored activity. They may also be summoned for the purpose of maintaining or restoring order when the presence of such officers is necessary to prevent injury to persons or property. Administrators have the responsibility and the authority to determine when the presence and assistance of law enforcement officers is necessary within their respective jurisdictions. The district's administrators shall at all times act in a manner which protects the rights of students and parents and shall cooperate with law enforcement officials.

School staff members shall be reminded annually of the contents of this policy and rules.

A student who has attained the age of 18 enjoys the responsibility of speaking for himself/herself without the agreement of parent, guardian or representative as to his/her submitting to questioning.

#### **Initiated by School Administrators and Conducted by Administrators**

Building principals shall have the authority and duty to conduct investigations and to question students pertaining to infractions of school rules, whether or not the alleged conduct is a violation of criminal law. Any investigation shall be conducted in a manner which minimizes interference with regular education or school activities.

#### **Initiated by School Administrators and Conducted by Law Enforcement Officers**

The building principal shall determine when the necessity exists for law enforcement officers to be notified to conduct an investigation of alleged criminal behavior.

The building principal may request the law enforcement officers conduct an investigation and question students who are potential witnesses of such alleged criminal behavior during school hours. A reasonable attempt shall be made to contact the student's parents, guardian or representative prior to questioning by law enforcement officers. Reasonable requests of the parents, guardian or representative shall be observed. Such notifications or attempted notifications to parents, guardian or representative shall be documented by the administrator involved. In the absence of a student's parents, guardian or representative during any questions of such students, the principal or certified school staff person shall be present.

If the investigation has centered on any particular student suspected of any alleged criminal activity, the procedure for taking students into custody shall not interfere with reasonable law enforcement procedures.

### **Initiated and Conducted by Law Enforcement Officers**

Only in demonstrated emergency situations shall law enforcement officers be voluntarily permitted to conduct such an investigation during school hours.

The building principal shall require proper identification of law enforcement officials and the probable cause for the interrogation or investigation of a student. If the principal is not satisfied with either the identification or the probable cause, he/she shall not grant the request of such persons and shall attempt to so notify the superintendent and the officer's superior, documenting such action.

The law enforcement officers shall be required to obtain prior approval of the principal before beginning such an interrogation or investigation on school premises. The administrator shall document the circumstances as soon as practicable.

### **Interrogation of Student During Investigation of Violations of School Rules**

In instances where school rules have allegedly been violated, the principal may notify the suspected rule violator(s). When suspension may be a consideration, the suspect student shall be advised orally or in writing of the nature of the alleged offense and of the evidence.

Probable witnesses should be told the nature of the alleged misconduct and the reason for believe that they were witnesses. The principal may have another adult present during questioning of students.

### **Violations of Criminal Law**

During an investigation of violation of school rules, the principal shall attempt to ascertain whether there is sufficient justification to believe that a criminal offense was committed that warrants notification to law enforcement officials.

Information of criminal conduct not related to the schools shall be turned over to law enforcement officials, without additional investigation by school officials. School officials shall request that law enforcement officers advise a student of his/her rights.

### **Taking a Student Into Custody**

Following either interrogation or investigation, students shall not be released to law enforcement authorities voluntarily by school officials unless the student has been placed under arrest.

When students are removed from school for any reason by law enforcement authorities, every reasonable effort will be made to notify the student's parents, guardian or representative immediately. Such effort shall be documented.

The building principal shall make reasonable efforts to persuade law enforcement officers not to make arrests or to take students into custody on school premises.

When an emergency exists, the principal may summon law enforcement officials to the school to take a student into custody.

When a student has been taken into custody or arrested on school premises without prior notification to the building principal, the school staff present shall require the law enforcement officers to notify the principal of the circumstances as quickly as possible.

### **Disturbance of School Environment**

Law enforcement officers may be requested to assist in controlling disturbances of the school environment.

### **5700 - HUMAN SEXUALITY/AIDS**

In accordance with Kansas law, the Board of Education of Northeast U.S.D. 246 has adopted a policy and curriculum for the teaching of Human Sexuality and Aids. Copies of this policy are mailed to the parents/guardians of those students involved prior to the beginning of teaching of the unit.

### **5800 - HALLWAY TRAFFIC**

Students should make an effort to be quiet in the halls. Conduct yourself in the halls in a way which will be a credit to yourself and your school. Keep to the right side of the hall at all times. Do not run in the hallway at any time.

### **5900 - GROUND RULES**

Students are requested not to arrive at school prior to 7:25 a.m.

Buses will unload students upon arriving at the school.

Do not leave grounds without teacher's permission. Report to the teacher upon returning.

## **DISCIPLINE**

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## **6000 - DISCIPLINE**

Since the primary purpose of the school and faculty is to teach young people; and since the primary purpose of the student being in school is to learn, it is necessary that good order or discipline be established. The establishing of good discipline is no problem in a school where the students act in a manner acceptable to our society. Students are expected to cooperate fully with faculty and administration in creating a situation that will lead to the most effective learning. For the most part, a very small group of individuals create disturbance. It is these people who make it necessary to have rules and regulations concerning behavior. It is the hope of the faculty and administration that you are not one of these persons. Good order in the school that can be attained by cooperation rather than compulsion is the most desirable and of the greatest benefit to all concerned. Nevertheless, students should be aware that both the administration and faculty may require good order by compulsion or suspension.

In order to provide a quality, safe learning environment, students should not bring items (such as toys, dolls, stuffed animals, jewelry, trading cards, and other play items) that cause a disruption to the learning process.

### **Discrimination, Insult, Intimidation and Harassment**

#### **Zero Tolerance!**

It is the policy of Northeast USD 246 to maintain a learning and working environment that is free from discrimination, insult, intimidation or harassment due to race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin or disability. Any incident of discrimination, insult, intimidation or harassment (**Bullying**) in any form shall promptly be reported to an employee's/ students immediate supervisor, the building principal or the district compliance coordinator (Mike Philpot, Superintendent, 1001 E South Street, Arma, KS 66712 (620) 347-4116) for investigation and corrective action by the building or district compliance officer. The school district will act to investigate all complaints, either formal or informal, verbal or written of discrimination, insult, intimidation and harassment and to discipline whom ever commits acts of discrimination, insult, intimidation or harassment. Any school district action taken pursuant to this policy will be consistent with the requirements of applicable collective bargaining agreements, Kansas statutes and school district policies. The school district will take such disciplinary action it deems necessary and appropriate, and such action may include a written warning, suspension, expulsion, etc.

#### **Expectations of Student Behavior:**

Junior High is a change for students because they want to experience some form of independence in their lives, but it is important that students remember they must obey the directions of school personnel. We expect all students to follow the rules of the school, just like adults have rules to follow, whether they be at work or rules of society.

All students, while in attendance at school, or at a school event are expected to conduct themselves as ladies and gentlemen and to bring credit to our school. Students should always remember the reason for being at school is to build themselves into productive members of society. We should always learn from our mistakes. When poor choices are made, it is important that the student understand and learn from that mistake. The student should learn from his/her mistake or poor choices by accepting appropriate and logical consequences. **It is very important for parents to support the discipline decision made by teachers and**

**administrators at the school. Contradictory messages to our students undermine classroom discipline.**

A partial list of consequences that may be applied if a student chooses to use poor judgment in their behaviors is as follows:

**Loss of privileges**

Students have a number of privileges while at school. Any of these may be revoked for disciplinary purposes. Some examples include:

- Not eating lunch with your peers
- Using a locker
- Participation in or attendance at school activities
- Use of school equipment

**Detention After School**

An extra study period will be held starting at 3:20 PM. If assigned a detention, the student will bring class work to the detention room and work on it. There may be special behavior modification assignments given. All students will report to the principal's office before the end of the school day; from there they will be escorted to the detention room. Students serving detention will serve a 2-hour detention. Parents will be notified prior to the student serving their detention, which will be served the following week. Detention is part of the school day; therefore missing detention would count against the student as missed day/hours of school.

In the system we are using, a parent will be notified by the teacher when a student is given a demerit or detention. Classroom discipline will be handled by the individual teacher. A demerit system will keep track of each student's behavior at Northeast Junior High. A list of violations is listed below:

**Class I Violations – each is 1 demerit – accumulation of 5 demerits will result in a 2-hour detention.**

- Homework not turned in on time
- Improper clothing by school standards as set by school board/principal (3<sup>rd</sup> warning will result in 5 demerits)
- Inappropriate use of school equipment (including band instruments)Lunchroom behavior deemed inappropriate
- No AR book for AR time
- Continually talking when asked not to

**Class II Violation – each is 5 demerits and a 2-hour detention**

- Being sent from the classroom for being disruptive (as determined by the teacher and principal.)
- Willful disobedience
- Rough-housing(pushing, shoving, unmannerly behavior)
- Profanity/Unacceptable language
- Name calling, derogatory remarks
- Passive resistance (failure to comply with adult directions)
- Defacing/damaging others school or personal property
- Throwing objects (not meant to be thrown)

Intimidation by word or deed Computer misuse or online bullying (see discrimination, Insult, Intimidation and Harassment policy)  
Cheating as determined by the teacher/staff

**Class III Violations – each is 10 demerits and two 2-hour detentions**

Habitual disruptive classroom behavior  
Fighting with malicious intent  
Violent acts (throwing objects, etc.)  
Open defiance and/or insubordination (willful, wanton, disrespect of a school employee)  
Vandalism  
Theft/possession of stolen property  
Sexual harassment (voiced, pictures, e-mail, physical touch)  
Battery (offensive touching)  
Leaving school grounds without permission

**Violations of district drug, weapon or indecent exposure policies will be handled according to those policy guidelines that require out of school suspension or expulsion.**

**Consequences of Demerit System**

Five demerits	one 2-hour detention
Ten demerits	two 2-hour detentions
Fifteen demerits	two 2-hour detentions and SNIGS(student not in good standing)

Demerits accumulate through the school year and may place the student not in good standing.

**A student not in good standing may not participate in extracurricular activities, field trips, school-related activities, or parties.**

Demerit recovery system:

A student not in good standing (due to the accumulation of 15 or more demerits) may submit a request form to the principal to work off demerits and to regain status as a student in good standing. Examples of working off demerits are: community for school, school projects, etc. Generally 1 hour of community service will “work off” one demerit.

The principal reserves the right to adjust the consequences for special circumstances.

\*The principal will turn over to law enforcement, infractions that are violations of law.

**6100 - The WIN (Work in Now) Project**

The goal of the WIN project is to decrease the number of missing or incomplete assignments for our students. When a student fails to submit an assignment due at class time they will be assigned to WIN until the assignment is completed satisfactorily. If a student is absent from school the day the assignment is due, it will be due the next school day at that particular class. A student will be given WIN if he/she fails to complete an assignment when due at class time. The teacher will notify the office by e-mail and that particular student will need to stay after school and will call home to inform their parent/guardian that they will be staying after school. The student will stay in WIN until the assignment is satisfactorily completed, and then will be free to leave. Students with permission from their parents may walk home. **If a student has been reported to have a WIN on the 6<sup>th</sup> time, they will be required to stay in the WIN program for two (2) hours and do the assignment or homework.** Teachers will withhold the assignment from the student and they may then pick up the assignment from the WIN supervisor.

Assignments will be done on paper designated for use in WIN. This will restart at the beginning of each semester.

### **6200 – Demerit System**

A point or demerit system is in effect in our school. This system discourages habitual disruption of the learning environment by setting a limit on student behavior. When a student reaches fifteen (15) demerits he/she becomes a Student Not in Good Standing (SNIGS). A student can gain status as a student in good standing by doing community service. Community service cannot be done for a relative, parents, or parents business. A student may only redeem himself one time, after that they remain a SNIGS for the rest of the year. When a student reaches 10 demerits for the year, a warning letter will be sent to the parents notifying them of the students standing. If a student reaches 15 demerits for the year, the principal will suspend the student for a short term. When a student reaches 25 demerits, the parents will be contacted and a mandatory conference will be held. A contract will be signed by both the student and parents to set the conditions of the student behavior plan. Demerits are awarded based on the severity of the incident, according to our demerit system/detention policy, or at the discretion of the administration.

### **6300 - IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSION**

An in-school suspension may be used as a means to allow a student to maintain his/her school work while on suspension. It is the intention of the in-school suspension to restrict the activity of a student from the general student body. It is hoped the in-school suspension will be used for most major school violations, taking away the attitude that a suspension is a vacation. The Principal has the prerogative of changing an in-school suspension to an out-of-school suspension should circumstances change.

A student in in-school suspension will be isolated from all other students during the school day and will not be allowed to participate in activities outside of school hours or attend and/or participate in activities or assemblies during school hours.

A student will be provided with all subject assignments and work may be made up during all in-school suspensions. A student in in-school suspension will be considered present for attendance purposes and must be supervised by certificated personnel at all times.

### **6400 - OUT-OF-SCHOOL SUSPENSION**

Any student may be sent home for misbehavior of sufficient reason by the Principal. Suspension will be for such time as the Principal or Superintendent determines necessary for proper adjustment. A conference between the pupil, his/her parents and school officials may be necessary so that a proper understanding is reached concerning the pupil's continued attendance, subject to K.S.A. 72-8901 thru 72-8906 as amended by the 2000 Kansas Legislature.

For out-of-school suspension, homework will be available to the student by the end of the first full day of suspension. It is the parent's responsibility to obtain the homework from the office. Homework not turned in to the appropriate teachers upon returning to school shall be recorded as zero credit.

## **6500 - TOBACCO PRODUCTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

KSA 72-53, 107 prohibits the use of tobacco products in any school buildings and states that no board of education of any school district shall allow any person to use tobacco products in any school building. Furthermore, the Northeast U.S.D. 246 Board of Education prohibits the use of tobacco products in all district owned buildings and vehicles.

## **6510 - DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY**

The Board of Education and educators of Northeast U.S.D.246 recognize the illegal use of drugs and alcohol as being detrimental to the positive development of the students. The school's primary role in this area is to educate students concerning the hazards of drug and alcohol use.

All Northeast U.S.D. 246 personnel and students have the responsibility to report to the Principal observed use or knowledge of any chemical substance. These chemical substances include any narcotic drug, alcohol, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana, solvent, or narcotic device, unapproved Rx drugs.

Students shall not unlawfully manufacture, distribute, possess, use, or be under the influence of any chemical substance:

- A. on or adjacent to the school grounds or school property;
- B. off the school grounds at a school activity; or
- C. upon arrival at school or a school function.

(1) First offense - With the first violation of this policy, the student will be suspended from school for 5 days and can be subject to long term suspension or an expulsion hearing. The expulsion hearing will include a discussion of a recommendation that the student receive an evaluation and any necessary counseling from a professional chemical dependency counselor prior to re-admittance to school on a probationary status. If at anytime a student fails to make satisfactory progress in a program, the expulsion will be re-imposed.

(2) Second Offense – A student who violates the terms of the policy for the second time shall be expelled from school for the remainder of the school year and will not be allowed to participate in or attend any school activities during the expulsion.

Students who are suspended or expelled under the terms of this policy will be afforded the due process rights contained in board policies and Kansas statutes, K.S.A. 72-8901, et seq. Nothing in this policy is intended to diminish the ability of the district to take other disciplinary action against the student in accordance with other policies governing student discipline. In the event a student agrees to enter into and complete a drug education or rehabilitation program, the cost of such program will be borne by the student and his or her parents. Drug and alcohol counseling and rehabilitation programs are available for students of the district. A list of available programs along with names and addresses of contact persons for the program is on file with the board clerk.

A copy of this policy and available counseling and rehabilitation programs will be provided to all students and the parents of all students. Parents of all students will be notified that compliance with this policy is mandatory.

## **6520 - WEAPONS/EXPLOSIVES**

A student shall not knowingly possess, handle or transmit any object that can reasonably be considered a weapon on the school grounds or off the school grounds at a school activity, function, or event.

If you have knowledge of weapons violations and wish to remain anonymous, you may report it by calling the Kansas School Safety Hotline at 1-877-626-8203.

## **6600 - DRESS AND APPEARANCE**

Dress, personal appearance and hygiene are necessary for an orderly education atmosphere. Students are expected to be well groomed and neatly dressed at all times. The following guidelines will be used.

1. Shoes with leather, rubber or foam soles will be worn at all times. House slippers are not considered shoes.
2. No hats or headbands during normal school hours. No “do rags” at anytime.
3. Appropriate outer attire will be worn to school. Tops should be modest and extend beyond the waistband. Pants should be modest and torn garments that draw attention to the body should not be worn. The principal shall make the final decision about appropriate dress. The Board of Education supports the principal’s as final judges about the interpretation of appropriate and modest dress.
4. No item of clothing can have drug/alcohol symbols, words, or pictures. No sexually suggestive wording, pictures, or symbols will be allowed.
5. Body piercing, other than earrings, must be discreet.
6. Pajamas or pajama pants will not be considered appropriate for school.
7. Sagging clothes.
8. Unnatural hair coloring, which is distracting or interfering with the school day (green, blue, red, fuchsia, etc.) is not allowable.
9. Student may wear shorts of appropriate length as determined by building principal.
10. No dangling chains.

If not corrected, students who violate the policy will be confined to the office until parents can pick them up or until the student receives permission to leave. Students absent because of dress code violations will be counted unexcused.

The Board reserves the right to make additions to the dress code if the students abuse the freedom granted by the above code.

## **6700 – ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

Unauthorized use of pagers, cell phones, radios, CD players, etc. are not allowed in the classroom during the normal school hours.

**Students are permitted to have cell phones and MP3 players on school property. There are certain restrictions that all students must adhere to. The cell phones must remain off and out of sight before entering the school building.** Cell phones, blackberry's, CD players and all electronic devices are **not permitted during lunch time, or any time during the regular school day.** If a cell phone “goes off” during a class/hall, or a student is texting/calling during school hours this will result in a violation. Taking pictures by means of a camera phone or other cellular device is prohibited at all times during school hours, this also applies to any trips (sports, band, etc.) A picture taken in an area where one can expect privacy (locker rooms, rest rooms, and other locations requiring privacy) will result in a short term suspension. Misuse of cell phones by students at school to harass other students/staff are subject to search and inspection by school district administrators. Cell phones are subject to inspection by administrators at any time.

Any violation of this policy is subject to the following consequences.

**1<sup>st</sup> violation** – Cell phone/MP3 player confiscated, and returned to the parent (parent must pick it up).

**2<sup>nd</sup> violation** – Cell phone/MP3 player confiscated and a 2 hour detention assigned, parents notified, parent must pick up device.

**3<sup>rd</sup> violation** – Cell phone/MP3 player confiscated, parent notified, and student will be suspended for a short term.

## **6800 – BULLYING POLICY**

Any incident of insult, intimidation, or harassment (Bullying) in any form shall promptly be reported to an employee's/students immediate supervisor, the building principal or the district compliance coordinator (Superintendent of Schools, 1001 E. South Street, Arma, KS 66712, 620-347-4116) for investigation and corrective action by the building or district compliance officer. The school district will act to investigate all complaints, either formal or informal, verbal or written of insult, intimidation, and harassment and to discipline whomever commits acts of discrimination, insult, intimidation, or harassment. Any school district action taken pursuant to this policy will be consistent with the requirements of applicable collective bargaining agreements, Kansas statutes and school district policies. The school district will take such disciplinary action it deems necessary and appropriate, and such action may include a written warning, suspension, expulsion, etc.

### **6810 - Time Frame/Procedures for Discrimination and Sexual Harassment Complaints**

It is the policy of Northeast USD #246 to maintain a learning and working environment that is free from any form of discrimination and harassment.

Definitions:

Sexual harassment may include, but not be limited to:

- A. Sexually oriented communication, including sexually oriented verbal “kidding” or harassment or abuse;
- B. Subtle pressure or requests for sexual activity;
- C. Persistent unwelcome attempts to change a professional relationship into a personal, social-sexual relationship;
- D. Creating a hostile school environment, including the use of innuendoes or overt or implied threats;
- E. Unnecessary touching of an individual, e.g., patting, pinching, hugging, repeated brushing against another person’s body;
- F. Requesting or demanding sexual favors accompanied by an implied or overt promise of preferential treatment with regard to a student’s grades or status in any activity; or
- G. Sexual assault or battery as defined by current law.

Discrimination/Sexual Harassment Complaints will be reported to the Superintendent of Schools at 1001 East South St., Arma, KS., 66712, telephone 620-347-4116. The District has assigned the Superintendent to coordinate compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 and the ADA Amendments Act of 2008.

All complaints should be made in writing to the Superintendent within 180 days of the alleged incident.

If the Superintendent is named as the alleged perpetrator, the complaint should be given to the Clerk of the Board. The Board of Education will then name an impartial hearing officer, who will investigate the complaint using the time frames described below. The impartial hearing officer will give the parties to the complaint the opportunity to present witnesses and other evidence and will notify both parties in writing of the findings/outcome of the investigation.

Within ten working days upon receiving a written complaint, the Superintendent shall meet with the complainant and any witnesses to hear more completely the allegations.

Within ten working days after meeting with the complainant, the Superintendent shall meet with the alleged perpetrator (s) and any witnesses to hear more completely, responses and testimony regarding the complaint.

Within ten working days after meeting with the alleged perpetrator (s), the Superintendent will notify in writing both parties of the findings/outcome of the investigation.

Should the complaint be sustained, the District will take steps to correct any discrimination and prevent future acts of discrimination. Steps could include awareness training, for staff/students, staff termination and student suspension.

No person will be subject to disciplinary procedures for filing any complaint.

### **6820 - INDECENT EXPOSURE POLICY**

Any student or students or any school personnel who are found guilty of indecent exposure on the school grounds, at any attendance facility, on any school vehicle, or at any school-sponsored activity in the presence of any other person will be suspended for five days from school and will be subject to expulsion from school and/or released from employment.

## **6900 - DEMONSTRATIONS**

Any student who shall take part or participate in any fashion in any demonstration not authorized by the Superintendent of Schools during school hours or on school premises shall be subject to suspension from classes. The suspension from classes for such action shall be for a period of not less than three days or more than five days on any occurrence. The student shall be reinstated only upon the request of his/her parents, who shall appear with the student before the Superintendent of Schools in order that the parents can be given the full details concerning the suspension.

Reoccurrences of violations concerning demonstrations shall be considered a basis for pupil expulsion; such action shall be taken by the Superintendent after the matter has been reviewed by the Board of Education acting as a committee of the whole. Suspension subject to K.S.A. 72-8901 and 72-8906 as amended by the 1982 Kansas Legislature.

## **6910 TERRORISTIC THREATS POLICY**

### **Philosophy**

It is the School Districts aim and desire to provide for its students and staff a safe and secure environment, with reasonable efficiency, and with due respect for privacy when warranted, in which the students can mature into persons of strong character and integrity.

### **Terroristic Threats**

A Terroristic Threat directed to any student, teacher, administrator, other staff member, or any facility of the School District property or in connection with school sponsored field trip or activity, will not be tolerated.

The phrase "Terroristic Threat" shall include any conduct involving verbal assault or the use of language which threatens or implies direct bodily harm, injury, or death or damage to property, or any indirect comment which implies that such harm or damage may or will occur, and includes the possession of any concealed weapon or the brandishing of any weapon or any instrument that could be used to inflict such harm or damage, specifically including but not limited to any rifle, shot gun, pistol, billy club, bat, knife or blade (but shall not include a standard type of pocket knife with a blade of less than two and one-half inches (2.5") in length.

### **Reports to Authorities**

Any employee of the School District who observes, hears, or learn of any Terroristic Threat promptly shall report the incident to the building principal. The principal promptly shall report the incident to the Superintendent of Schools.

Upon receipt of a Terroristic Threat, the Superintendent shall direct and oversee a preliminary internal investigation of the incident and the context in which it occurred. If such preliminary investigation substantiates the existence of a Terroristic Threat, the Superintendent promptly shall report the incident to the appropriate authorities for investigation.

Discipline for violation of this policy against Terroristic Threats shall be administered by the administration of the School District fairly, objectively, and impartially, with due consideration of the age and level of maturity of the student involved.

When the Terroristic Threat is made or involves a student in the elementary grade but does not involve the possession or use of a weapon, the Principal shall (I) hold a conference with the

students in order to make the incident a learning opportunity for the student; and (II) shall hold a conference with the parents or guardians to discuss the severity of the conduct and concerns about the incident.

When the Terroristic Threat is made by or involves a student in the junior high or high school, and the Principal determines as a result of the preliminary investigation that the Terroristic Threat involves only a comment made in jest, the Principal shall (I) place the student on in-school suspension for one (1) to three (3) days, and shall hold a conference with the parents or guardians prior to allowing the students to return to classes.

When the Terroristic Threat is made by or involves a student in the junior high or high school, and the Principal determines as a result of the preliminary investigation that the Terroristic Threat involves more than a comment obviously made in jest but does not involve the possession or use of a weapon the Principal shall suspend the student for three (3) to (5) days, shall provide to the students and his or her parents or guardian written notice of the grounds for suspension, and shall afford the students an opportunity for hearing in accordance with applicable law. The student and his or her parents or guardian shall be required to attend a conference with the Principal and agree to such terms of supervision as may be imposed by the Principal prior to the student being allowed to return to classes.

Any time the Terroristic Threat involves the possession or use of a weapon, the Principal shall suspend the student for five (5) to ten (10) days, shall schedule a formal hearing to determine whether or not the student shall be suspended for an extended term or expelled from school in accordance with applicable law, and shall provide the student and his or her parents or guardian with written notice of the formal hearing and the grounds for the suspension or expulsion.

## **ACTIVITIES and ORGANIZATIONS**

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## **7000 - ATHLETICS**

All students who plan to participate in any sport must have a physical examination prior to the first day of practice. The school provides supplemental insurance for all students.

## **7100 - FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL, TRACK, AND VOLLEYBALL**

Seventh and eighth grade boys may go out for football, basketball, and track.

Seventh and eighth grade girls may go out for volleyball, basketball, and track.

## **7200 - FIELD TRIP PERMITS**

Any student participating in a school activity, involving a trip away from school on foot or in a vehicle, must have a trip permit form signed by a parent or guardian on file at school. Field trip forms will be provided at enrollment.

## **7300 - PARTIES AND REFRESHMENTS**

Class time is not to be used for parties or refreshments unless approved by the Administration.

## **7400 - CHRISTMAS AND VALENTINE EXCHANGE**

Exchange of names for Christmas and Valentine gifts is optional.

Price of gifts is decided upon in each room with the approval of the Principal.

## **7500 - ELECTION OF CHEERLEADERS AND MAJORETTES**

Elections of cheerleaders and majorette will follow pep club and band guidelines.

## **7600 - EQUAL ACCESS POLICY**

A student or a group of students who wish to conduct a meeting on school premises before or after the instructional day shall file an application for permission for the meeting with the Principal of the school building at which the meeting is to be held. The application shall state:

1. The name and address of the student or students and an affirmation by the person preparing the application that the student(s) has/have voluntarily initiated the meeting.
2. A description of the type of meeting, statement of purpose, estimate of expected attendance, and a copy of any material used to advertise the meeting.
3. If a non-school attendee is to be in attendance, his/her name and address must be furnished and the organization with whom he/she is affiliated, if any. If the meeting is

- a religious one, the non-school attendee shall furnish an affirmation that he/she is not directing, conducting, controlling, or regularly attending the activity.
4. The name and address of the faculty monitor and affirmation that the faculty member is not directing, conducting, or controlling the meeting.

The principal shall approve the meeting if the application is filled out and if he determines that:

1. The meeting is voluntarily and student-initiated.
2. There is no sponsorship of the meeting by the school, the government or its agents or employees.
3. The meeting will not materially and substantially interfere with the orderly conduct of the school's educational activities.
4. Employees of the district are present at religious meetings in a non-participatory capacity.
5. Non-school persons are not directing, controlling or regularly attending the activity.
6. There is no school influence on the form or content of any prayer or religious activity during a meeting for those purposes.
7. No person will be required to participate in prayer or other religious activity during the meeting or activity.
8. No funds will be expended by the school for any such meeting beyond the incidental cost associated with providing meeting space.
9. No employee will be compelled to attend a meeting if the contents of the speech at the meeting is contrary to his/her beliefs.
10. All forms are completed and submitted one week (7 days) prior to the meeting time.
11. A copy of the application is filed in the Superintendent's office.

## SUPPORT SERVICES

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## **8000 - LIBRARY RULES**

1. One of the Library Media Center's (LMC) primary purposes is to provide students with a quiet, pleasant environment to pursue information searches, study, read quietly, browse for books, and use computers. Therefore, it is important that we talk only when it is necessary; and that we use soft voices. Students who do not comply with this, will be asked to leave the LMC.
2. Any LMC materials taken from the LMC must be checked out. Materials taken without being checked out will be considered stolen.
3. Materials will be returned when due.
4. Students with overdue or lost materials will return the materials or pay the replacement cost before they will be allowed to check out other materials. An exception will be made during SSR class only, but the material must be returned daily after the class is over.
5. One student to a computer unless the students bring a written memo from a teacher or a member of the LMC staff gives special permission.
6. Students with research and/or word processing for class assignments will be given priority should there be a conflict over use of computers.
7. So that all students may have equal access to the LMC, students are limited to 15 minutes in the LMC each day unless doing research for class assignments, word processing for class assignments or taking Accelerated Reading tests.
8. Computer chairs are to be kept by the computer to which they belong.
9. Students are to take pride in keeping the book and magazine shelves in correct order so that materials can be easily found.
10. If a student needs a back issue of a magazine, he/she is to notify a member of the library staff. If all members of the staff are busy, please put your name on the printout and leave it on the checkout desk.

## **8100 – Technology Use Terms and Conditions**

Access to a variety of technology is available to Northeast students and staff. Our goal in providing this access is to promote educational excellence in the district by facilitating resources, sharing innovations and communications.

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that use of technology is consistent with our stated mission, goals and objectives. Such technology includes but is not limited to multimedia tools, computer network, and online access. The smooth operation of technology relies upon the proper conduct of the students and staff. The following policies are provided so that students and staff are aware of their responsibilities. If users violate any of these guidelines, they will face either restricted use, or be denied access.

## **GUIDELINES**

### **TECHNOLOGY:**

1. All copyright laws must be obeyed. Users will respect the legal protection provided by copyright license to programs, books, data, article, photography, artwork, etc. No plagiarism is allowed.
2. The school assumes no responsibility or liability for any phone charges, line costs or usage fees, nor for any damages users may suffer.
3. Users are subject to all State and federal laws.
4. Physical or electronic tampering with technology is not permitted.

### **COMPUTER NETWORK/INTERNET:**

1. Users are responsible for good behavior on the school computer networks.
2. Users are expected to abide by generally accepted rules of network etiquette and conduct themselves in a responsible, ethical, and polite manner while online.
3. Users are not permitted to use the system for commercial purposes, political lobbying, or product advertising.
4. Users are not permitted to transmit, receive, submit, or publish any viruses or defamatory, inaccurate, abusive, profane, sexually oriented, threatening, offensive, or illegal material. If you happen by accident/mistake, etc. to get into an inappropriate area, let your teacher and Building Technology Coordinator know immediately.
5. Security is a high priority, and one should not attempt to assume computer identity of another person. DO NOT use another's password or give your password to another. Attempts to logon as someone else will result in immediate loss of privileges. If you discover a security problem, notify the Building Technology Coordinator. Do not demonstrate the problem to another student.
6. The Building Technology Coordinator and the Network and System Administrator reserve the right to review files and messages.

7. Student use of chat rooms, streaming media (videos and audio), social networking websites such as my-space, and on-line games are prohibited. Teachers may obtain authorization from the principal for use of these sites as part of their curriculum.
8. Food or drink are not allowed near any computer.
9. Students have a menu of programs appropriate for their class work. Under no circumstances should students attempt to access programs not on their menu of compromise the computer network.
10. Students are not to attempt to access another person's work. They may not copy from, alter, or even just "peek" at another person's file(s).
11. Students may not use the computer lab(s) unless a teacher or paraprofessional is presents.
12. Personal (non-school owned) computers are not allowed access to the school network/Internet without permission from the Building Technology Coordinator.

## **CONSEQUENCES**

Access to technology is a privilege, not a right and as such, entails, responsibility. Inappropriate use will result in suspension or cancellation of privileges. The principal will deem what is inappropriate school use.

Depending on the severity of failing to obey these policies, the following disciplinary actions can result:

1. Loss of privileges for a period of two weeks to the remainder of the school year.
2. Having lost privileges, a student who is enrolled in a class that requires technology use will have to make arrangements with their teacher to fulfill their class obligations.

## **8300 - TEXTBOOKS**

Textbooks are furnished without cost to all students. These books are checked out at the beginning of school and checked back at the close of the school year. Students are held responsible to return such books in as good shape as they were received, allowing for a reasonable amount of wear due to use. These books are issued by each teacher to his/her class. If books are lost or mutilated, the student must pay a prorated cost for the book.

### **8310 - LOST AND FOUND**

All articles found in corridors, halls or on the school grounds should be promptly turned in to the Principal's office. One may get his/her property upon identification if he/she will call at the Principal's office.

### **8400 – Lockers**

Lockers are assigned from the Principal's office. According to law, the administration has the right to check lockers at any time.

### **8500 – Telephones**

The school district telephone system is primarily intended for use by the staff. Student use of the district telephone system will be limited. Teachers, administrative staff and building secretaries may use their discretion in allowing students to use the phone system for legitimate educational purposes.

### **8600 - HOT LUNCH PROGRAM**

School lunch records are kept on computer. Students may pay in advance as much as desired.

Students can not have a negative balance of more than \$10. When the balance reaches this negative amount they will be served an alternate lunch till the balance is paid.

Lunches for Grades 6-8 will cost \$9.50 per week (\$1.90 per day).

We will have a closed noon hour.

No food can leave the cafeteria.

### **8610 - BREAKFAST PROGRAM**

Breakfast records are kept on computer. Students may pay in advance as much as desired. The cost of breakfast is \$5.00 (\$1.00 a day) for a week for grade 6-8.

### **8620 - MILK PROGRAM**

Children can purchase extra milk for lunch from Ala Carte. Ala Carte milk will cost \$.35 per ½ pint on a cash basis only.

Bottled water can be purchased between 8 AM and 1 PM for classroom use. Price of bottled water is \$1.00 on a cash basis only.

### **8700 - CAFETERIA RULES**

1. Students are to come in an orderly and quiet fashion.
2. Students with sack lunches are to go immediately to their table and sit

at the end the table.

3. Students going through the serving line are to take all the food they want to eat and be seated. Students will not be allowed to return to the serving line for more food. Students will be allowed to return to the serving line for more condiments after everyone has been served.
4. Some food items on the serving line are limited - Please observe the rules and take only the amount that is allowed.
5. Do not share food taken from the main line or Ala Carte line.
6. When going to a seat go as far as possible, do not leave empty spaces.
7. Please keep your feet on the floor, not on the seats.
8. If you drop utensils, please pick them up but do not use them. Please ask the lunchroom aide if you may have clean utensils.
9. Please clean up the area where you are seated.
10. Do not hold up serving line to wait on friends, you will be asked to move on and be seated.
11. Parents are always welcome. Please follow your child's rules, they will tell you.

\*See Section 6000 Discipline.

### **8800 - COUNSELOR**

The school counselor assists students with academic, social, and developmental guidance to help all students work to their potential and achieve success. The counselor believes all students are unique individuals worthy of giving and receiving respect, and should be given the opportunity to learn to their best ability. Referrals are done by school staff, students, and parents. Parent involvement is encouraged. Parents are invited to contact the counselor with any concerns and/or requests for assistance regarding their child.

### **8900 - SCHOOL NURSE**

The school nurse provides for wellness screening and interventions to help students to be as healthy as possible. Screenings include: vision, hearing, scoliosis, head lice, and infectious disease, growth and development, and immunization compliance. Prevention education is included. Parents are encouraged to contact the school nurse with any questions or concerns they may have.

## COMMUNITY RELATIONS

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## **9000 - VISITORS**

Parents of students are welcome at the school at any time. A permit and name tag must be obtained from the office of the Principal when entering the school. For a conference with a teacher, a parent should plan to come to the school immediately after classes are concluded or during a teacher's planning period. This can be arranged by calling the counselor at 347-8461 for an appointment.

Visitors will not be allowed to visit any classrooms during the school day because of the disruption to the learning environment.

Once school begins, all doors are locked except the doors under the canopy.

## **9100 - GIFTS**

Pupils are discouraged from giving of gifts either collectively or individually to teachers; and teachers, likewise, are to be discouraged from receiving such gifts.

## **9200 - INVITATIONS TO PRIVATE PARTIES**

Invitations to parties will not be handed out at school unless they go through the office and everyone in the class receives an invitation.

## **9300 - RULES FOR GYM USE**

1. Do not use street shoes on the gym floor.
2. Do not take food or drink in the gym.
3. Non-school groups need to:
  - A. Get permission from the principal or superintendent to use the gym.
  - B. Have someone be responsible for the building and that person should be school personnel.

## **9400 - GRIEVANCES**

Grievances and complaints which may be filed by the public against any employee of the school system shall be submitted in writing to the building Principal and every effort will be made to settle the grievance or complaint at this level. If it cannot be done, it shall then be submitted by the Principal to the Superintendent of Schools, who shall submit the same to the Board of Education, together with his comments and recommendations concerning such complaint or grievance.

Appeals to the Board of Education on grievances or complaints received from the public shall, in all instances, be filed with the Superintendent of Schools; however, the party filing the same may mail copies directly to the members of the Board of Education. No appeals or grievances or complaints shall be discussed by or with the Board members except at a duly convened meeting of the Board of Education, which shall act upon such matters as a committee of the whole.

## **9500 - PARENT-TEACHER ORGANIZATION**

The Northeast Elementary and Junior High Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) was initiated during the 1982-1983 school year. Its objective is to promote communications among teachers, parents and students and to provide help whenever and wherever needed. Various activities will be scheduled during the school year and money-raising projects will be planned. All parents of elementary and junior high students are invited and encouraged to participate in the PTO.

## **9600 – NORTHEAST JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL BYLAWS**

The name shall be the Northeast Elementary School Site Council.

### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Northeast Elementary School Site Council shall be to:

1. Provide advice and counsel to the school in evaluating state, school district and school site performance goals and objectives
2. Help determine methods which should be employed by the school to meet the goals and objectives.
3. Provide ongoing support for the students and staff of the school.

### **REPRESENTATION AND MEMBERSHIP**

The School Site Council is required by Kansas law to have the following groups represented:

1. The principal
2. Teachers
3. Other school personnel
4. Parents of pupils attending the school
5. Other community groups
6. Students

The School Board required that a parent from each community (Arcadia, Arma, Franklin, and Mulberry) be a member of the site council. Community and business leaders should also be representative of the district's demographics. The Board further requires that under-represented populations (parents of students with disabilities, parents of children at-risk and students themselves) be represented on the site council.

At least fifty-one percent of site council membership must be made up of parents, students, business and community leaders who are not or have not been employed by the district, or have immediate relatives who are employees.

### **SELECTION PROCEDURES**

Initially council members shall be identified by the building administrator, who shall recommend their appointment to the superintendent and board of education. The board shall approve all appointments.

## **TERMS OF SERVICE**

All appointed members of the council shall serve three-year terms. The length of terms will be staggered. No limit shall be set on the number of terms a member may serve.

Membership on the council shall terminate when a member:

1. No longer has a child enrolled in the school or no longer lives in the school attendance area (parent position only).
2. No longer holds a teaching position at the school (teaching position only).
3. No longer holds the principal's position at the school (principal position only).
4. Has missed three consecutive scheduled meetings without proper notice to the chair.
5. Submits a letter of resignation to the chair.

If a vacancy exists, the chair (or principal) shall recommend an appropriate representative to the board. If approved, the person shall finish the remainder of the term. If the recommendation is not approved by the board, the board may direct the superintendent, the council chair or a building principal to present another recommendation.

A copy of the site council positions, approved membership and terms of service shall be submitted to the School Board annually in September with the site council's August minutes.

## **OFFICERS**

The officers of the Northeast Elementary School Site Council shall consist of a chair, vice chair, and secretary. The officers shall be elected annually by the council membership in the first meeting of each academic year.

At no time shall these positions be held exclusively by all educators or parents.

## **DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

The chair shall preside at all meetings and have general supervision of the council's activities. The chair shall work with the principal in planning and directing the council's activities.

The chair, in consultation with the principal, shall prepare an agenda for all council meetings and arrange for the agenda to be delivered to each member at least five days before each meeting. The vice chair shall exercise all functions in the absence of the chair and assist the chair as needed.

The secretary is responsible for:

1. Keeping an account of the proceedings and transactions of all council meetings.
2. Providing a copy of the minutes to the council members and the clerk of the board within 7 days of each meeting.
3. Preparing any official correspondence the chair may request.
4. Maintaining a council file in the school's administrative offices containing copies of all minutes, council correspondence, and the annual school report and the current council guideline.
5. Maintaining a list of council members with current contact information, including e-mail addresses.

## **MEETINGS**

The council shall meet at least six times per school year (preferably once each month during the school year) in the Northeast Elementary School on the dates established at the first meeting of each school year. Special meetings may be called by the chair or vice chair as long as all council members are notified of the meeting at least two days in advance and notice of the meeting is given to those who have requested notice of council meetings.

The first council meeting of the academic year shall be called in August.

Six council members shall constitute a quorum. (A quorum must be present to conduct business.)

All council meetings are open to the public, and members of the public shall be encouraged to attend. Persons desiring to speak at a council meeting may request to be put on the agenda no later than six days before the meeting date.

## **REPORTS**

The council shall report to the board at least six times a year. Reports (meeting minutes are acceptable) shall be written and filed with the clerk of the board. The board may invite some or all of the members to discuss the reports. After the board accepts each report, copies shall be shared with the principal and staff.

The council shall report to the Kansas State Board of Education if required.

## **LEGAL DUTIES**

Site councils shall not have any of the powers and duties reserved by law or regulation to the school board.

Site councils shall comply with all applicable conditions of the Kansas Open Meetings Act and the Kansas Open Records Act.

## **TRAINING**

An orientation session that includes information about council roles, responsibilities and functions, as well as information on school and local policies and procedures, shall be held annually for all council members. Council members should attend training workshops sponsored by the district and, if the board approves, are encouraged to attend training sessions sponsored by other agencies. Training expenses may be paid by the board.

## **AMENDMENTS**

These guidelines shall be reviewed annually; any recommended changes approved at a council meeting shall be forwarded to the superintendent. The superintendent shall consult with the board president on when to place the recommended changes on a regular board meeting agenda. If the recommended changes are approved by the board, they shall become effective immediately and shall be filed with the clerk.

## **9700 - FAMILY RIGHTS AND PRIVACY**

The Board of Education of Northeast Unified School District 246 has adopted the following policy relating to the Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974. The board designates the building principals as the custodians of student records and has charged them with the duty of complying with all parts of the act.

- A. The student records that are of concern are those records that become a part of a student's cumulative records, which would be compiled from teachers' grades and comments made for future educational reference, and the record that would be kept on permanent file at a school or might be transferred if a student would change schools for attendance purposes.
  
- B. Individuals who may have access to student records without consent of parent or eligible student are:
  - 1. School officials, including teachers, within the educational institution.
  
  - 2. Officials of other schools or school systems where students are seeking enrollment. Parents should be notified of transfer and may receive a copy if desired, and have an opportunity for a hearing to challenge content.
  
  - 3. Authorized representative of:
    - a. Controller General of United States
    - b. Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare
    - c. Administrative head of education agency
    - d. State educational authorities
    - e. In connection with student's application for financial aid
    - f. Organizations conducting studies for education agency for the purpose of developing, validating, or administering tests or programs
    - g. Accrediting organizations
    - h. Parents of students over 18, if parents claim student as dependent for income tax purposes
    - i. In an emergency, to appropriate persons, if knowledge of the information is necessary to protect health or safety of the student or other persons
  
- C. Schools may make directory information available without parental or student consent. Directory information shall be such general information as is used in programs for athletics or other award programs and information in the school annual. The parents should be notified in a general announcement about the use of this type of information. The release of this general type of information shall be released until such time a parent or an eligible student registers a complaint, and it will not be released on that particular student without prior consent.

D. Rights of parents under the act:

1. Parents use here includes natural parents, adoptive parents or legal guardians of the student.
2. The parent has the right to inspect and review educational records of their child within 45 days of requesting date.
3. The parent has a right to have a copy of student records, with the cost of reproduction being paid by the parent.
4. The parent has the right to a hearing to challenge the content of their child's educational record, to insure that the records are not inaccurate, misleading, inappropriate, or in violation of the privacy of the student. The parent may request that information be inserted which would explain the content of the record.
5. The parent has the right to have the student's educational record explained and interpreted.
6. The parent has the right to give prior consent before the institution can release the student's educational record. The written consent must include the following:
  - a. Specific record to be released
  - b. Reason for release
  - c. Name of the party or agency to whom the record will be released.
  - d. Notification to parent that they may receive a copy of record being released, if a copy is desired.
7. The parent should be notified of transfer of student records and the right to challenge the content of the record to be transferred.
8. The parent has the right to notification of receipt of subpoena of student records prior to institution compliance with subpoena.
9. The parent has the right to notification of a request of judicial order by the custodian or educational record to the court.

E. Rights afforded students under the act:

1. The student is any person who is attending or has attended the educational institution, and with respect to whom that institution maintains educational records or personally identifiable information.

2. The student acquires all rights afforded parents when he/she attains the age of eighteen years.
3. The student has the right to have his/her physical or mental record reviewed by a physician or appropriate professional of the student's choice.
4. If the student's legal guardian is an institution, a party independent of the institution shall be appointed pursuant to state and local law to give a written parental consent required by the Act.

F. Duties of the educational institution

1. The educational institution is any public or private agency or institution which is a recipient of funds under any federal program for which the U. S. Commissioner of Education has administrative responsibility.
2. The institution shall provide notice, at least annually, to the parent of eligible students of the rights afforded them by the Act. This shall be done in the student handbook that is edited and published at the beginning of each year. It shall provide all pertinent information as is required by the Act.

The school will maintain a record of the request and legitimate interest of requesting party in obtaining the educational record. The school should include information to the receiving party about not releasing the information to a third party without written consent.

3. The school shall provide the parent or eligible student with a hearing when requested by them to challenge the content of the student's educational record. The following steps should be taken in setting up and conducting and hearing:
  - a. Hearing will be conducted in reasonable length of time after it is requested.
  - b. The hearing should be conducted and the decision rendered by an official who does not have a direct interest in the hearing outcome
  - c. The parent or eligible student should be allowed to present relevant evidence
  - d. The decision be rendered in writing and within a reasonable time after the hearing concludes
4. Northeast U.S.D. 246 will not be responsible for notifying the parent or student each time school records are sent to another educational institution.

## **9800 - SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES**

Unified School District #246 strives to provide for the educational needs of all students. Among these are instructional and support services for exceptional students, including handicapped and gifted.

These services are provided to our students through membership in the Southeast Kansas Interlocal #637. Through membership in the cooperative we join twelve other districts in providing an appropriate education to all our exceptional children and youth.

Acquisition of these services through an inter-local is necessary due to reasons of small incidence of exceptional children, economy in providing the services and the ability to serve the varying needs of these children.

For information regarding these programs, services, and procedures for referral for comprehensive evaluation for the exception child, please call the USD 246 Board of Education Office or the Director of the Southeast Kansas Interlocal, 400 N. Pine, Pittsburg, Kansas 66762, phone 620-235-3180.

# **9900 - NORTHEAST JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY AND STAFF**

**Dale May, Principal**

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Judy Bache ..... Elementary and Junior High P. E., Health  
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Dennis Davied ..... Science  
Scott Fields ..... Health/PE 6, 7, 8, Fitness, Athletics  
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Wendy Neet ..... Grammar, Reading, Speech, Reading Academy  
Heather Peak ..... Science 6, Reading 6, Social Studies 6, Athletics  
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.....Vocal 6, 7, 8  
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## **SUPPORT SERVICES**

Norma Hiatt ..... Guidance Counselor & School Nurse  
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## **OTHER SUPPORT STAFF**

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Diane Cameron ..... Director of Technology  
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Allen Gesslein ..... Bus Driver  
Wilma Gesslein ..... Bus Driver  
Carl Goodwin ..... Transportation Director  
Dawnas Gorentz ..... Cook  
DeAnne Harryman ..... Bus Driver  
Dennis Hensley ..... Custodian/Bus Driver  
Roger Horn ..... Bus Driver  
Jon Jones ..... Bus Driver  
Mary Jones ..... Library Aide  
Cindy Keith ..... Sp. Ed. Aide  
Hugh Lenne ..... Custodian  
Dianna Morrison ..... Bus Driver  
Marilyn Neil ..... Food Service Director  
Michelle Robinson ..... Elementary Secretary  
Jeff Sigmon ..... Bus Driver  
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Brad Swezey ..... Maintenance  
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Marie Williford ..... Teacher Aide, Project Care Manager  
Carolyn Wood ..... Head Cook