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IRAN ECONOMIC SANCTIONS ACT COMPLIANCE

Reference:

M.C.L. 329.311 – 329.316

The Academy will not enter into or renew a contract with any Iran linked business while Iran is a State sponsor of terror as defined under Section 2 of the Divestment From Terror Act, 2008 PA 234, MCL 129.292. To this end, and in accordance with the Iran Economic Sanctions Act of Michigan, the Academy shall require a person that submits a bid on a request for proposal with the Academy to certify that it is not an Iran linked business.

If the Academy determines, using credible information available to the public, that a person has submitted a false certification, the Academy shall provide the person with written notice of its determination and of the intent not to enter into or renew a contract with the person. The notice shall include information on how to contest the determination and specify that the person may become eligible for a future contract with the Academy if the person ceases the activities that cause it to be an Iran linked business. The person shall have ninety (90) days following receipt of the notice to respond in writing and to demonstrate that the determination of false certification was made in error. If a person does not make that demonstration within ninety (90) days after receipt of the notice, the Academy may terminate any existing contract and shall report the name of the person to the attorney general together with information supporting the determination.

"Person" means any of the following:

- A. An individual, corporation, company, limited liability company, business association, partnership, society, trust, or any other nongovernmental entity, organization, or group.
- B. Any governmental entity or instrumentality of a government, including a multilateral development institution, as defined in section 1701(c)(3) of the international financial institutional act, 22 U.S.C. 262r(c)(3).
- C. Any successor, subunit, parent company, or subsidiary of, or company under common ownership or control with, any entity described in subparagraph A. or B.

"Iran Linked Business" means either of the following:

- A. A person engaging in investment activities in the energy sector of Iran, including a person that provides oil or liquefied natural gas tankers or products used to construct or maintain pipelines used to transport oil or liquefied natural gas for the energy sector of Iran.
- B. A financial institution that extends credit to another person, if that person will use the credit to engage in investment activities in the energy sector of Iran.

"Iran" means any agency or instrumentality of Iran.

"Energy Sector of Iran" means activities to develop petroleum or natural gas resources or nuclear power in Iran.

"Investment" means one (1) or more of the following:

- A. A commitment or contribution of funds or property.
- B. A loan or other extension of credit.
- C. The entry into or renewal of a contract for goods or services.

"Investment activity" means one (1) or more of the following:

- A. A person who has an investment of \$20,000,000.00 or more in the energy sector of Iran.
- B. A financial institution that extends \$20,000,000.00 or more in credit to another person, for forty-five (45) days or more, if that person will use the credit for investment in the energy sector of Iran.

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CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECK

Reference:

M.C.L. 380.1230 et. seq., 380.1535, 380.1535a, 380.1809, 28.722

Before the Academy or its Private Contractor as defined below hires any employee (full or part-time) or allows any individual under contract to continuously and regularly work in the schools, a criminal history records check shall be conducted in accordance with State law.

"Under contract" shall apply to individuals, as well as owners and employees of entities, who contract directly with the Academy or with a third-party vendor, management company, or similar contracting entity, to provide food, custodial, transportation, counseling or administrative services on more than an intermittent or sporadic basis. It shall also apply to individuals or entities providing instructional services to students or related auxiliary services to special education students.

Prior to allowing an individual, who is subject to the criminal history record check requirement, to work in the Academy, the Academy shall submit a fingerprint-based check on the individual, using Michigan State Police (MSP) Form RI-030 (7/2012), regardless of whether the individual will work directly for the Academy or be contracted through a third-party vendor, management company or similar contracting entity ("Private Contractors"). Except as provided below, the report from the MSP must be received, reviewed and approved by the Academy prior the individual commencing work.

Such Private Contractors cannot receive or retain criminal history record information ("CHRI").¹ Where the Academy will contract with a Private Contractor for the services of an individual, the Academy will notify the Private Contractor(s), after review of the MSP report, whether the individual has been approved to work within the Academy. The Academy may not give any details, including the fact that a criminal history check was run. Notice for approval to work in the Academy should use the Affidavit of Assignment or similar "red light/green light" procedure.

Should it be necessary to employ a person or contract for a person to maintain continuity of the program prior to receipt of the criminal history report, the School Leader may contract on a provisional basis until the report is received. Any such provisional hire requires that:

- A. the record check has been requested;
- B. the applicant has signed a disclosure of all convictions and acknowledges that employment may be terminated if there are discrepancies; and
- C. the hiring occurs during the school year or not more than thirty (30) days before the beginning of the school year.

For substitute teachers or substitute bus drivers currently working in another district, public school academy or non-public school in the State, the School Leader may use a report received from the State Police by such school to confirm the individual has no criminal history. Absent such confirmation, a criminal history record check shall be performed.

Individuals working in multiple districts or Academies may authorize the release of a prior criminal history records check with another district or Academy in lieu of an additional check for either direct employment or working regularly and consistently under contract in the schools.

Individuals who previously received a statutorily required criminal background check and who have been continuously employed by a school district, intermediate school district, public school academy or non-public school within the State, with no separation, may have their previous record check sent to the Academy in lieu of submitting to a new criminal background check. If this method is used, the School Leader must confirm that the record belongs to that individual and whether there have been any additional convictions by processing the individual's name, sex and date of birth through the Internet Criminal History Access Tool (ICHAT).

"No separation," for purposes of the preceding paragraph, means a lay-off or leave of absence of less than twelve (12) months with the same employer; or the employee transfers without a break in service to another school district, intermediate school district, public school academy or non-public school within the State.

All criminal history record check reports received from the State Police or produced by the State Police and received by the Academy from another proper source will be maintained in the individual's personnel record.

When the Academy receives a report that shows an individual has been convicted of a listed offense under state statutes or any felony, the School Leader shall take steps to verify that information using public records, in accordance with the procedures provided by the State Department of Education.

Verified convictions may result in termination of employment or rejection of an application. The Academy will not hire or continue to employ any individual, either directly or as a contracted employee to work regularly and continuously in the schools, who has been convicted of a "listed" offense as defined in M.C.L. 28.722. The Academy will not hire or continue to employ any individual, either directly or as a contracted employee to work regularly and continuously in the schools, who has been convicted of any felony unless both the School Leader and the Board provide written approval.

The Academy must report as directed by and to the State Department of Education the verified information regarding conviction for any listed offense or conviction for any felony and the action taken by the Academy with regard to such conviction. Such report shall be filed within sixty (60) days or receipt of the original report of the conviction.

The School Leader shall establish the necessary procedures for obtaining from the Criminal Records Division of the State Police any criminal history on the applicant maintained by the State Police. In addition, they shall request the State Police to obtain a criminal history records check from the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

An applicant must provide, at the Academy's expense, a set of fingerprints, prepared by an entity approved by the Michigan State Police, upon receiving an offer of employment, or as required by State law for continued employment.

Confidentiality

All information and records obtained from such criminal background inquiries and disclosures are to be considered confidential and shall not be released or disseminated to those who have not been given access to the CHRI by the School Leader or the Board. Records involving misdemeanor convictions for sexual or physical abuse or any felony are not subject to these restrictions. Violation of confidentiality is considered a misdemeanor punishable by a fine up to \$10,000.

Any notification received from the Michigan Department of Education or Michigan State Police regarding Academy employees with criminal convictions shall be exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) for the first fifteen (15) days until the accuracy of the information can be verified. Thereafter, only information about felony convictions or misdemeanor convictions involving physical or sexual abuse may be disclosed in reference to a FOIA request.

Criminal history reports may be released with the written authorization of the individual.

Records may also be released, in accordance with statute, upon the request of a school district, intermediate school district, public school academy or non-public school when the individual is an applicant for employment at such school and there has been no separation from service, as defined in this policy and by statute.

Implementation with the Educational Service Provider

The State Police require, with the limited exception set forth in footnote 1, that the School Leader, if he/she meets the criteria of footnote 1, shall be empowered to administer this policy as the Designee of the Academy Board.

¹ Individuals who submit and receive such criminal history record checks on behalf of the Academy must be direct employees of the Academy or, if such access is approved by the Board, ESP personnel who are provided view only access by the Local Agency Security Officer. Notwithstanding this, Information Technology contractors and vendors may be granted access to CHRI subject to successful completion of a national fingerprint-based criminal history record check as detailed in Policy 8321

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WEAPONS

The Board prohibits any person who is under contract from possessing, storing, making, or using a weapon in any setting that is under the control and supervision of the Academy for the purpose of school activities approved and authorized by the Academy including, but not limited to, property leased, owned, or contracted for by the Academy, an Academy-sponsored event, including athletic events, or in an Academy vehicle.

"Under contract" shall apply to individuals, as well as owners and employees of entities, who contract directly with the Academy or with a third-party vendor, Educational Service Provider, or similar contracting entity, to provide staffing, educational, food, custodial, transportation, counseling or administrative services to the Academy. It shall also apply to individuals or entities providing instructional services to students or related auxiliary services to special education students.

The term "weapon" means any object which, in the manner in which it used, is intended to be used, or is represented, is capable of inflicting serious bodily harm or property damage, as well as endangering the health and safety of persons. Weapons include, but are not limited firearms, guns of any type including spring, air and gas-powered guns (whether loaded or unloaded) that will expel a BB, pellet, or paint balls, knives, razors, clubs, electric weapons, metallic knuckles, martial arts weapon, ammunition, and explosives or any other weapon described in 18 U.S.C. 921.

The Educational Service Provider shall refer an individual who violates this policy to law enforcement officials. The Academy may also take other action against the individual and/or his/her employer, including, but not limited to, requiring that the individual not be allowed to provide services to the Academy in the future and/or terminating any contractual relationship with the individual and/or the employer.

Individuals under contract shall immediately report knowledge of dangerous weapons and/or threats of violence by students, staff members, or other individuals to the Educational Service Provider.

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ACADEMY CALENDAR

Reference:

MCL 380.1284, 1284(a), 1284(b), 1175, 388.1701
AC Rule R340.10 et. seq.
Pupil Accounting Manual 2019-2020, Michigan Department of Education

The Board of Directors, shall ensure that its school calendar complies with the common calendar adopted by the Wayne RESA Intermediate School District (ISD), unless the Academy is statutorily exempt from this requirement or receives a waiver from the Superintendent of Public Instruction in compliance with State law. The common calendar will identify the specific dates for each school year when the Academy will not be in session for at least a winter holiday break, and a spring break for at least the next five (5) school years, and may further describe them more generally for subsequent school years as long as the dates can be readily determined. This calendar shall be posted on the Academy's web site and distributed to the Academy's constituents. The calendar shall provide for the instructional program of the academies, for orderly educational planning, and for the efficient operation of the Academy.

The Board shall determine annually the total number of days the Academy will be in session for instructional purposes. To avoid withholding of State school aid payments, the number of days and hours will be in accordance with Michigan law. The Board shall ensure the Academy is not in session for students before Labor Day, unless the Academy is statutorily exempt from this requirement or receives a waiver from the Superintendent of Public Instruction in compliance with State law.

If the Academy receives services from the Intermediate School District and is located within the ISD, the board shall ensure that the Academy calendar complies with the common school calendar adopted by the ISD. The Educational Service Provider is authorized to work with the ISD on the development of a common calendar for all of the public schools in the Intermediate School District.

A school session shall not be held on the following public holidays in Michigan Public Schools: January 1 (New Year's Day); the last Monday of May (Memorial or Decoration Day); July 4th, Independence Day; the first Monday in September (Labor Day); the fourth Thursday of November (Thanksgiving Day); and December 25 (Christmas Day).

If any of these days falls on Sunday, the Monday following shall be a public holiday in the public schools.

The Academy shall provide at least 1,098 hours during 180 days of pupil instruction per school year, unless it obtains a waiver from this requirement.

No more than six (6) days of student instruction lost due to conditions not within the control of the Academy such as severe storms, fires, epidemics, and health conditions can be counted as a part of the required minimum hours of instruction. With the approval of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, not more than three (3) additional days or the equivalent number of additional hours for which instruction is not provided due to unusual and extenuating occurrences resulting from conditions not within the control of academy authorities (such as those conditions described above) shall be counted. Hours lost due to strikes by academy staff or to teacher conferences, unless approved as qualifying professional development in accordance with State law, shall not be counted as hours of instruction.

The Educational Service Provider shall certify to the Department of Education by no later than August 1st of each year, the number of hours of student instruction during the previous school year.

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SCHOOL DAY

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MCL 380.1284

The Board of Directors authorizes the school day to be arranged and scheduled by the Educational Service Provider. It is to offer the maximum education for the time spent within the limitations of school facilities and the laws and regulations of the State.

The Educational Service Provider may close the school, delay the opening of school, or dismiss school early when such alteration in the regular session is required for the protection of the health and safety of students and staff members. The Educational Service Provider shall prepare rules for the proper and timely notification of concerned persons and parents in the event of any emergency closing of the Academy.

The Educational Service Provider shall have the authority to determine which school-related activities may be conducted if the Academy is closed for a period of time. The Educational Service Provider shall prepare appropriate guidelines for communication to students, parents, and others regarding the scheduling and conduct of such activities.

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CONTINUITY OF ORGANIZATIONAL OPERATIONS PLAN

The Continuity of Organizational Operations Plan (COOP) provides the Academy with the capability of conducting its essential operations under all threats and conditions with or without warning. Having a plan to recover from any type of disaster regardless of the severity and consequences of the emergency is critical to recovery of operations and minimizing the impact on the Academy's teaching and learning, personnel, facilities, technology, transportation, food service, and other functional resources.

Scope of the Continuity Plan

The primary objective of the COOP is to restore the Academy's critical operational functions and the learning environment as quickly as possible after a crisis or threat event occurs. A COOP contains critical and sensitive information that is confidential and exempt from public disclosure.

Planning for the continuity of operations of a school system in the aftermath of a disaster is a complex task. The current threat environment and recent emergencies, including acts of nature, accidents, technological emergencies, cyberattacks, and terrorist attacks and threats, have increased the need for viable continuity capabilities and plans that enable the Academy to resume and continue the essential functions in an all-hazards environment across a full spectrum of emergencies. Such conditions have increased the importance of having continuity plans in place that provide stability of essential functions across the various levels of public government and private enterprises.

The planning and development of continuity of an organizational operations plan, as well as the ongoing review, testing, and revision of such a plan, is important for the overall Academy.

The Academy-wide plan describes how the Academy will respond as a total organization to a given emergency and describes the centralized resources and how they will be organized to implement command and control necessary to function during the life cycle of the event. Individual school and departmental plans contain the details related to the continuity plan for those specific sites and functional areas to prepare for an event, communicate throughout the duration of an event, assess the impact of an event on essential functions in the unit, respond to the event, and detail what will be done to recover from the event.

Preparation for, response to, and recovery from a disaster affecting administrative, educational, and support functions of the Academy's operations requires the cooperative efforts of external organizations, in partnership with the functional areas supporting the business of the Academy. This includes local government agencies, law enforcement, emergency management, medical services, and vendors necessary to Academy operations. The COOP outlines and coordinates all efforts by the Academy in cooperation with other local and State agencies and businesses to restore the essential functions of the Academy post-disaster.

The Educational Service Provider shall develop and recommend the COOP for Board of Directors review and approval; however, the COOP shall be considered a confidential document not subject to release under State public records laws and accordingly no copies shall be provided for public review during the adoption process.

The Educational Service Provider shall conduct an annual review of the COOP.

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INFORMATION SECURITY

The Academy collects, classifies, and retains data/information from and about students, staff, vendors/contractors, and other individuals, about programs and initiatives undertaken by the school system, and about and related to the business of the Academy. This data/information may be in hard copy or digital format, and may be stored in the Academy or offsite with a third party provider.

Data/information collected by the Academy shall be classified as Confidential, Controlled, or Published. Data/information will be considered Controlled until identified otherwise.

Protecting Academy Information & Technology Resources (as defined in Bylaw 0100) is of paramount importance. Information security requires everyone's active participation to keep the Academy's data/information secure. This includes Board of Directors members, staff members/employees, students, parents, contractors/vendors, and visitors who use Academy Information & Technology Resources (as defined in Bylaw 0100).

Individuals who are granted access to data/information collected and retained by the Academy must follow established procedures so that the data/information is protected and preserved. Board members, administrators, and all Academy staff members, as well as contractors, vendors, and their employees, granted access to data/information retained by the Academy are required to certify annually that they shall comply with the established information security protocols pertaining to Academy data/information. Further, all individuals granted access to Confidential Data/Information retained by the Academy must certify annually that they will comply with the information security protocols pertaining to Confidential Data/Information. Completing the appropriate section of the Staff Technology Acceptable Use and Safety form (Form 7540.04F1) shall provide this certification.

All Board members, staff members/employees, students, contractors/vendors, and visitors who have access to Board-owned or managed data/information must maintain the security of that data/information and the Academy Information & Technology Resources on which it is stored.

If an individual has any questions concerning whether this Policy and/or its related administrative guidelines apply to them, or how they apply to them, the individual should contact the Academy's Technology Director or Information Technology Department/Office.

The Educational Service Provider shall develop administrative guidelines that set forth the internal controls necessary to provide for the collection, classification, retention, access, and security of Academy Data/Information.

Further, the Educational Service Provider is charged with developing procedures that can be implemented in the event of an unauthorized release or breach of data/information. These procedures shall comply with the Academy's legal requirements if such a breach of personally-identifiable information occurs.

The Educational Service Provider shall require staff members to participate in training related to the internal controls applicable to the data/information that they collect and have access to and for which they are responsible for the security protocols.

Third Party contractors/vendors who require access to Confidential Data/Information collected and retained by the Academy will be informed of relevant Board policies that govern access to and use of Academy Information & Technology Resources, including the duty to safeguard the confidentiality of such data/information.

Failure to adhere to this Policy and its related administrative guidelines may put data/information collected and retained by the Academy at risk. Staff members who violate this policy and/or its related administrative guidelines may be disciplined, up to and including termination of employment, and/or referral to law enforcement. Students who violate this Policy and/or its related administrative guidelines will be disciplined, up to and including expulsion and/or referral to law enforcement. Contractors/vendors who violate this Policy and/or its related administrative guidelines may face termination of their business relationships with and/or legal action by the Academy. Parents and visitors who violate this Policy and/or AGs may be denied access to the Academy's Information & Technology Resources.

The Educational Service Provider shall conduct a periodic assessment of risk related to the access to and security of the data/information collected and retained by the Academy.

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PUBLIC RECORDS

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MCL 15.231 et seq.

MCL 445.81 et seq.

Michigan Federation of Teachers v. University of Michigan, 481 Mich. 657 (2008)

The Board of Directors recognizes its responsibility to maintain the public records of this Academy and to make such records available to residents of Michigan for inspection and reproduction.

The public records of this Academy include any writing or other means of recording or retaining meaningful content prepared, owned, used, in the possession of, or retained by the Academy, its Board, officers, or employees, subject to certain exemptions according to the Michigan Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). The Academy shall not disclose the confidential address of a student or of an employee who has provided proper notice of a participation card issued by the department of the attorney general under the Address Confidentiality Program Act.

Any person may make a written request for any public records of the Academy. The person may inspect, copy, or receive copies of the public record requested. The Academy shall respond to such requests within five (5) working days after receipt unless otherwise agreed to in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

An individual may purchase copies of the Academy's public records upon payment of a fee. No original public record may be removed from the office in which it is maintained except by a Board officer or employee in the course of the performance of his/her duties. Neither the Board nor its employees shall permit the release of the social security number of an employee, student, or other individual except as authorized by law (see Policy 8350 and AG 8350).

The Board chooses not to provide for enhanced access to any of its public records.

The Board has determined that personal and confidential information provided to and retained by the Academy on parents, students, staff and others will be considered exempt from disclosure pursuant to a Freedom of Information Act request, unless advised specifically by the Academy's legal counsel that the particular information must be released. Such personal and confidential information shall include home addresses, telephone numbers, e-mail addresses or website pages (e.g. Facebook), except as they are specifically related to the operation of the academy, or specifically authorized for release by the individual, or the parent/guardian if the individual is a minor.

Nothing in this policy shall be construed as preventing a Board member from inspecting in the performance of his/her official duties any record of this Academy, except student records and certain portions of personnel records.

The School Leader is authorized to dispose of correspondence on a daily basis including those transmitted by means of voice mail or E-mail, providing the message does not alter existing Academy records.

The School Leader is responsible for transmission of data contained in the single record student data base established by the Michigan Department of Education. Such transmission shall be in accordance with procedures established by Wayne RESA and the Center for Educational Performance and Information (CEPI).

The School Leader shall establish administrative guidelines to ensure proper compliance with the intent of this policy and the Freedom of Information Act.

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INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

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Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 34, 37(f)

The Board of Directors recognizes its responsibility, in certain circumstances, to maintain information created, maintained or otherwise stored by the Academy outside the "Records Retention Schedule". In such situations, the Board expects the Educational Service Provider to a "Litigation Hold" procedure will be used to identify and preserve information relevant to a specific matter. The Educational Service Provider shall notify the Academy Board and its counsel of any "Litigation Hold". "Information" includes both paper documents and electronically stored information ("ESI"). When implementing the "Litigation Hold," the Academy will identify individuals in possession or custody of paper documents, ESI and electronic media containing ESI, and inform them of their obligation to preserve the documents and ESI outside the "Records Retention Schedule". The Academy will also identify third parties with custody or control over paper documents, ESI, or electronic media storing ESI and request them to preserve that information. All information falling within a "Litigation Hold" which is under the control of the Academy must be preserved in a readily accessible form and cannot be disposed of under the "Records Retention and Disposal" requirements. Failure to comply with a Litigation Hold notice may result in discipline, up to and including possible termination.

Instances where the Board must maintain information outside the "Records Retention Schedule" include:

- A. when the Board has specific information and/or written notice from a parent/guardian, student, or another person representing the parent/guardian or student of an intent to file an appeal of student discipline to State court;
- B. when the Board has specific information and/or written notice that litigation is imminent even though the litigation has not yet been filed in Federal or State court;
- C. when the Board is served with litigation, including, but not limited to, notice of a lawsuit in Federal or State court, or notice of a student disciplinary appeal to State court;
- D. when the Board receives specific information and/or written notification from an employee, labor union, or other person of an intent to file a claim against the Board, its members, Educational Service Provider employees or agents at an administrative agency such as the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Michigan Employment Relations Commission, U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights, Michigan Department of Education Office for Special Education, State Personnel Board of Review, or a Civil Service Commission regarding a claim against the Board, its members, Educational Service Provider employees or agents;
- E. when the Board receives specific information and/or written notification from an administrative agency such as the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Michigan Employment Relations Commission, U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights, Michigan Department of Education Office for Special Education, State Personnel Board of Review, or a Civil Service Commission regarding a claim filed against the Board, its members, Educational Service Provider employees or agents;
- F. when the Board receives written notification from a third party requesting that the Board maintain information that could be at issue in litigation or potential litigation involving that third party;

- G. when the Educational Service Provider recommends the termination of an employee to the Board pursuant to a labor contract;
- H. when the Board explores, contemplates or initiates litigation

Definitions

"Documents" includes, but is not limited to, writings, drawings, graphs, charts, photographs, blueprints, sound/audio recordings, images, video recordings, and other data or data compilations stored in any medium from which information can be obtained or translated if necessary.

"ESI" means any type of information that is created, used, and stored in digital form and accessible by digital means. It includes all data, digital documents or files, or other information contained on any media type (e.g., tape, hard disk drive, cloud storage, or some yet-to-be created storage technology). Specifically, it includes, but is not limited to, writings, drawings, graphs, charts, photographs, blueprints, sound/audio recordings, images, video recordings, and other data or data compilations stored in any electronic media from which information can be obtained or translated if necessary. Examples include: e-mails and their attachments, text and instant messages, communications conducted in ephemeral messaging applications or in workplace collaboration tools, word processing documents, spreadsheets, digital photographs/pictures, videos, application programs and data files, data/information stored in databases, data files, metadata, system files, electronic calendar appointments, scheduling program files, digital scans (including TIFF files), PDF files, MPG files, JPG files, GIF files, network share files, internal websites, external websites, newsgroups, directories, security and access information, legacy data, audio recordings, voicemails, phone/call logs, faxes, internet/browser histories, caches, cookies, or logs of activity on computer systems (whether internal to the Academy or external) that may have been used to process or store electronic data. ESI also includes data/information from cloud applications (e.g., educational or operational services/apps), electronic records of online activity (e.g., social media postings), and data generated or stored by devices connected to the Internet of Things (IoT).

"Electronic media" includes, but is not limited to, computer hard drives (including portable hard disk drives "HDD's"), floppy drives, disaster recovery media, and storage media (including DVD's, CD's, floppy discs, Zip discs/drives, Jazz discs/drives, USB memory drives, jump disc/drives, flash discs/drives, keychain discs/drives, thumb discs/drives, smart cards, microfilm, backup tapes, cassette tapes, cartridges, etc.), accessed, used and/or stored on/in/through the following locations: networks and servers, whether internal or external (including the cloud); laptop and desktop work computers; home and personal computers; other computer systems; databases; backup computers or servers, whether internal or external (including cloud storage); archives; mobile devices (e.g., mobile/cellular phones and tablet computers, personal digital assistants ("PDAs" - including Palm, Blackberry), etc.); pagers; firewalls; audit trails and logs, printers; copiers; scanners; digital cameras; photographic devices; and video cameras and devices. Electronic media also includes social media websites (e.g., Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn) and any item containing or maintaining ESI that is obtained by the Academy for Board member or employee usage or that an employee uses for such purpose (even if privately owned by the Board member or employee) from the date this policy was first adopted into the future.

Initiation and Removal of a "Litigation Hold"

The Board or the Educational Service Provider may initiate a "Litigation Hold" under this policy. If the Educational Service Provider initiates a "Litigation Hold," the Educational Service Provider or Board's legal counsel will notify the Board of the reason the Litigation Hold was instituted and its scope. When implementing a Litigation Hold, the Board or Educational Service Provider may utilize an Electronically Stored Information Team ("ESI Team"). The Board's legal counsel shall be involved in the implementation of the "Litigation Hold Procedure" outlined in AG 8315.

A "Litigation Hold" shall remain in place until removed/withdrawn by the Board after being so advised by the Educational Service Provider. A "Litigation Hold" may be removed when the litigation or administrative agency matter has been resolved or can no longer be initiated. Any information maintained under this policy shall fall back under the "Records Retention Schedule" once the "Litigation Hold" is removed/withdrawn.

The Educational Service Provider shall develop Administrative Procedures outlining the procedures to be followed by Board members and employees when initiating and implementing a "Litigation Hold." This policy and its related Administrative Procedures shall be posted and distributed in the manner described in AG 8315.

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PERSONNEL FILES

The Educational Service Provider, as the employer of record for all staff, shall be responsible for establishing and maintaining appropriate personnel files.

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION SECURITY (NON-CRIMINAL JUSTICE AGENCY)

Reference:

Criminal Justice Information Services - Security Policy (Version 5.6, 2017),
 U.S. Dept. of Justice and Federal Bureau of Investigation
 Noncriminal Justice Agency Compliance Audit Review, Michigan State Police, Criminal Justice Information, Center, Audit and Training Section
 Conducting Criminal Background Checks, Michigan State Police, Criminal Justice Information Center

The Academy is required by State law to obtain both a State and a Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) criminal history record information (CHRI) background check report for all employees of the Academy and contractors, vendors and their employees who work on a regular and continuous basis in the Academy. The Academy shall comply with all rules established by the Michigan State Police (MSP) and the FBI while processing, storing, and sharing CHRI.

Incident Handling and Responses

The Academy shall establish operational incident handling procedures for instances of an information security breach. Information security incidents are major incidents that significantly endanger the security or integrity of CHRI. The Academy will identify responsibilities for information security incidents and include how and who to report such incidents to. The Academy will ensure appropriate security incident capabilities exist and should incorporate the lessons learned from ongoing incident handling activities. The Academy will ensure procedures exist and are implemented for a follow-up action of a security breach and for the collection of evidence in cases of legal action. All individuals with direct or indirect access to CHRI shall be trained on how to handle an information security incident, and such training will be included within the provided awareness and training. Information system security incidents shall be tracked using Form CJIS-016 and documented on an ongoing basis. Incident-related information may be obtained from audit monitoring, network monitoring, physical access monitoring, and user/administrator reports. The LASO shall maintain completed security incident reporting forms for three (3) years or until legal action (if warranted) is complete, whichever timeframe is greater. The Academy shall implement steps for incident handling capabilities, for both digital and physical CHRI media. Incident response testing will be conducted annually using the following tests: tabletop or walk-through exercises, simulations, or other agency-appropriate tests. At a minimum, the following will be implemented:

	Physical - Hard Copy CHRI	Digital - Digitally Saved CHRI
1. Preparation	The CHRI container will be locked at all times in the business office where it is stored. The office must be locked when the office staff is not present.	Firewalls, virus protection, and/or malware/spyware protection shall be implemented and maintained to prevent unauthorized access or intrusion of the information systems.
2. Detection	Unauthorized activities or physical intrusions to the building shall be monitored by building alarm or video surveillance. Doors must be locked and checked at night.	Electronic intrusions shall be monitored and detected by the firewalls, virus protection, and/or malware/spyware protection software.

3. Analysis	The LASO will work with police authorities to determine how the incident occurred and what data was affected.	The LASO shall work with the IT department to determine what systems or data were compromised and affected.
4. Containment	The LASO shall lock uncompromised CHRI information in a secure container, or transport CHRI to a secure area.	The IT department shall stop the spread of any intrusion of the information systems and prevent further damage.
5. Eradication	The LASO shall work with law enforcement to remove any threats and compromised CHRI data.	The IT department shall remove the intrusion of the information systems before restoring the system. All steps necessary to prevent recurrence shall be taken before restoring the system.
6. Recovery	The Police shall handle and/or oversee the recovery of stolen CHRI media. The LASO may contact MSP for assistance in re-fingerprinting if necessary.	The IT department shall restore the agency information system and media to a safe environment.

When an incident involving the security of CHRI or systems with access to CHRI is discovered, the following procedures shall be followed:

A. All personnel are required to report suspected incidents to the LASO immediately, but not to exceed one (1) hour after discovery. Personnel who become aware of an incident or believe an incident has occurred should report to the following individuals, in order:

1. LASO
2. Educational Service Provider

B. The breach shall be assessed (including determination of whether notification to individuals is needed, assessment of the extent of the harm, and identification of applicable privacy requirements) and steps taken to correct the situation:

1. access shall be stopped for any unauthorized user;
2. media shall be secured;
3. systems shall be shut down as necessary to avoid further exposure to unauthorized access or dissemination of CHRI;
4. such steps are deemed necessary by the LASO or authorized personnel involved in assessing the incident.

C. All necessary information regarding the security breach and Academy responses shall be recorded, analyzed, and preserved, including who was involved in taking incident response measures.

D. The LASO shall be responsible for filing the incident report with the MSP using the CJIS-016. Completed CJIS-016 forms shall be retained on an ongoing basis to meet policy requirements for tracking.

The LASO shall monitor MSP information/guidance on incident reports and train authorized users with access to CHRI on detection and response to security incidents.

E. Mobile Device - Incident Handling and Response

1. The LASO shall be notified immediately.
2. The breach shall be assessed and steps taken to correct the situations:
 - a. access shall be stopped immediately, and remotely if necessary, for any authorized user;

- b. media shall be secured and steps taken to identify how the incident occurred and what systems or data were compromised or affected;
- c. systems shall be shut down as necessary to avoid further exposure to unauthorized access or dissemination of CJI;
- d. such other steps as are deemed necessary by the LASO or authorized personnel involved in assessing the incident.

3. All necessary information regarding the security breach and Academy responses shall be recorded, analyzed, and preserved, including who was involved in taking incident response measures.

4. Steps shall be taken to restore the device and media to a safe environment.

5. The LASO shall be responsible for filing the incident report with the MSP using form CJIS-016. A copy of the completed form shall be retained and produced to MSP upon request.

When a device is lost the Academy shall document and indicate how long the device has been lost. Special reporting procedures for mobile devices shall apply in any of the following situations:

- a. for a lost device, report if the owner:
 1. believed the device was locked;
 2. believed the device was unlocked;
 3. could not validate the device's locked state;
- b. for a total loss of a device, report if:
 1. CHRI was stored on the device;
 2. the device was locked or unlocked;
 3. capable of remote tracking or wiping of device;
- c. report any compromise of a device when the intrusion occurs while still in the owner's possession;
- d. report any compromise outside of the United States.

Collection of Evidence

Where an information security incident involves legal action against the Academy or an individual (either civil or criminal), evidence shall be collected, retained, and presented in accordance with the rules of evidence of the relevant jurisdiction(s). For criminal matters, the local law enforcement agency shall be contacted for evidence collection. For civil matters, designated legal counsel will be contacted for evidence collection.

¹ Applicable to Academies that maintain CHRI within a digital system of records, such as a digital database, filing system, record keeping software, spreadsheets, etc. Not applicable if CHRI kept solely via e-mail and/or paper copies.

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RECEIPT OF LEGAL DOCUMENTS

Service of Process on the Board of Directors

In suits against the Board, only the Board President accepts service on behalf of the Board.

Service of Legal Documents on Educational Service Provider Employees

Educational Service Provider employees may be served with legal documents (1) requesting not only public records (such as employees' personnel files), but also student education records and other documents and electronically stored information maintained by the Academy, or (2) directing them to testify at a deposition or hearing concerning issues that fall within the employees' employment responsibilities.

An employee served with legal documents in his/her official capacity as a Educational Service Provider employee shall immediately provide copies of those legal documents to his/her Principal or site administrator.

The Principal or site administrator shall immediately furnish copies to the Educational Service Provider attorney, and shall follow his/her directives.

Generally, confidential personnel records, student records, or personal observations or opinions about student behavior/academic performance do not have to be disclosed. The law makes an exception for a subpoena or court order.

Board policy requires the Principal or a site administrator to release only the documents specifically identified in the subpoena or order. In circumstances where, in responding to a subpoena or order, information is developed or summarized from the student's education records, a copy of that information and a statement of the purpose for which it was prepared shall be filed in the student's cumulative folder.

If doing so is in the best interest, the Principal or site administrator or Educational Service Provider attorney shall accompany the employee to the deposition or hearing.

Actions Against the Board

In actions against the Board, it is not unusual for Educational Service Provider employees to be served with subpoenas and/or called as witnesses. The Educational Service Provider's legal counsel and the Educational Service Provider will assist Educational Service Provider employees in these matters.

Independent Legal Counsel

This policy does not prohibit Educational Service Provider employees from consulting with their own independent legal counsel, but they are prohibited from discussing or releasing student personally identifiable information to a third party except as expressly authorized by Board Policy (Policy 8330).

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STUDENT RECORDS

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MCL 380.1135
Letter, April 6, 2004 Jeremy Hughes, Deputy Supt. Department of Education
34 CFR Part 99, 2002
Section 444 of subpart of part C of the General Education Provisions Act
Title IV of Public Law 90-247
20 USC, Section 1232f through 1232i (FERPA)
20 USC 1400 et seq., Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act
20 USC 7165(b)
26 USC 152
20 USC 7908

In order to provide appropriate educational services and programming, the Board of Directors must collect, retain, and use information about individual students. Simultaneously, the Board recognizes the need to safeguard student's privacy and restrict access to student's personally identifiable information.

If the parent or legal guardian of a student provides the Academy with notice that s/he/they have received a participation card issued by the attorney general under the address confidentiality program act, the Academy shall not disclose the confidential address of the student, regardless of any other provision of this policy. The Educational Service Provider, or his or her designee, shall develop a process to ensure that a student's participation in the address confidentiality program act is appropriately noted to avoid disclosure of this information to any person or entity.

Student "personally identifiable information" ("PII") includes, but is not limited to: the student's name; the name of the student's parent or other family members; the address of the student or student's family; a personal identifier, such as the student's social security number, student number, or biometric record; other indirect identifiers, such as the student's date of birth, place of birth, and mother's maiden name; other information that, alone or in combination, is linked or linkable to a specific student that would allow a reasonable person in the school community, who does not have personal knowledge of the relevant circumstances, to identify the student with reasonable certainty; or other information requested by a person who the Academy reasonably believes knows the identity of the student to whom the education record relate.

The Board hereby authorizes collection of the following student records, in addition to the membership record required by law:

- A. observations and ratings of individual students by professional staff members acting within their sphere of competency
- B. samples of student work
- C. information obtained from professionally acceptable standard instruments of measurement such as:

1. interest inventories and aptitude tests
2. vocational preference inventories
3. achievement tests
4. standardized intelligence tests

D. authenticated information provided by a parent or eligible student concerning achievements and other school activities which the parent or student wants to make a part of the record

E. verified reports of serious or recurrent behavior patterns

F. rank in class and academic honors earned

G. psychological tests

H. attendance records

I. health records

J. custodial arrangements

In all cases, permitted, narrative information in student records shall be objectively-based on the personal observation or knowledge of the originator.

Student records shall be available only to students and their parents, eligible students, and designated Academy officials who have a legitimate educational interest in the information, or to other individuals or organizations as permitted by law. The term "parents" includes legal guardians or other persons standing in loco parentis (such as a grandparent or stepparent with whom the child lives, or a person who is legally responsible for the welfare of the child). The term "eligible student" refers to a student who is eighteen (18) years of age or older or a student of any age who is enrolled in a postsecondary institution.

In situations in which a student has both a custodial and a noncustodial parent, both shall have access to the student's educational records unless stipulated otherwise by court order. In the case of eligible students, parents will be allowed access to the records without the student's consent, provided the student is considered a dependent under section 152 of the Internal Revenue Code.

An Academy official is a person employed by the Educational Service Provider as an administrator, supervisor, teacher/instructor (including substitutes), or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); and a person serving on the Board. The Board further designates the following individuals as entities as "school officials" for the purpose of FERPA:

- A. persons or companies with whom the Board has contracted to perform a specific task (such as an attorney, auditor, insurance representative, or medical consultant);
- B. contractors, consultants, volunteers or other parties to whom the Board has outsourced a service or function otherwise performed by the Board employees (e.g. a therapist, authorized information technology (IT) staff, and approved online Educational Service Providers).

The above-identified outside parties must (a) perform institutional services or functions for which the Board would otherwise use its employees, (b) be under the direct control of the Board with respect to the use and maintenance of education records, and (c) be subject to the requirements of 34 CFR 99.33(a) governing the use and re-disclosure of PII from education records.

Finally, a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his/her tasks (including volunteers) is also considered an "Academy official" for purposes of FERPA provided s/he meets the above-referenced criteria applicable to other outside parties.

"Legitimate educational interest" shall be defined as a "direct or delegated responsibility for helping the student achieve one (1) or more of the educational goals of the Academy" or if the record is necessary in order for the Academy official to perform an administrative, supervisory or instructional task or to perform a service or benefit for the student or the

student's family. The Board directs that reasonable and appropriate methods (including but not limited to physical and/or technological access controls) are utilized to control access to student records and to make certain that Academy officials obtain access to only those education records in which they have legitimate educational interest.

The Board authorizes the administration to:

- A. forward student records, including any suspension and expulsion action against the student, on request to a school or school district in which a student of this Academy seeks or intends to enroll upon condition that the student's parents be notified of the transfer, receive a copy of the record if desired, and have an opportunity for a hearing to challenge the content of the record;
- B. forward student records, including disciplinary records with respect to suspensions and expulsions, upon request to a public school or school Board in which a student in foster care is enrolled. Such records shall be transferred within one (1) school day of the enrolling school's request;
- C. provide "personally-identifiable" information to appropriate parties, including parents of an eligible student, whose knowledge of the information is necessary to protect the health or safety of the student or other individuals, if there is an articulable and significant threat to the health or safety of a student or other individuals, considering the totality of the circumstances;
- D. report a crime committed by a child with or without a disability to appropriate authorities and, with respect to reporting a crime committed by a student with a disability, to transmit copies of the student's special education records and disciplinary records including any suspension and expulsion action against the student to the authorities and Academy officials for their consideration;
- E. release de-identified records and information in accordance with Federal regulations;
- F. disclose personally identifiable information from education records, without consent, to organizations conducting studies "for, or on behalf of" the Academy for purposes of developing, validating or administering predictive tests, administering student aid programs, or improving instructions;

Information disclosed under this exception must be protected so that students and parents cannot be personally identified by anyone other than representative of the organization conducting the study, and must be destroyed when no longer needed for the study. In order to release information under this provision, the Academy will enter into a written agreement with the recipient organization that specifies the purpose of the study. (See Form 8330 F14.) Further, the following personally identifiable information will not be disclosed to any entity: a student or his/her family member's social security number(s); religion; political party affiliation; voting history; or biometric information.

This written agreement must include:

1. specification of the purpose, scope, duration of the study, and the information to be disclosed;
2. a statement requiring the organization to use the personally identifiable information only to meet the purpose of the study;
3. a statement requiring the organization to prohibit personal identification of parents and students by anyone other than a representative of the organization;
4. a requirement that the organization destroy all personally identifiable information when it is no longer needed for the study, along with a specific time period in which the information must be destroyed.

While the disclosure of personally identifiable information (other than social security numbers, religion, political party affiliation, voting record, or biometric information) is allowed under this exception, it is recommended that de-identifiable information be used whenever possible. This reduces the risk of unauthorized disclosure.

- G. disclose personally identifiable information from education records without consent, to authorized representatives of the Comptroller General, the Attorney General, and the Secretary of Education, as well as state and local educational authorities. The disclosed records must be used to audit or evaluate a federal or state supported education program, or to enforce or comply with Federal requirements related to those education programs. A written agreement between the parties is required under this exception. (See Form 8330 F16)

- H. request each person or party requesting access to a student's record to abide by the Federal regulations concerning the disclosure of information.

The Board will comply with a legitimate request for access to a student's records within a reasonable period of time but not more than forty-five (45) days after receiving the request or within such shorter period as may be applicable to students with disabilities. Upon the request of the viewer, a record shall be reproduced, unless said record is copyrighted, and the viewer may be charged a fee equivalent to the cost of handling and reproduction. Based upon reasonable requests, viewers of education records will receive explanation and interpretation of the records.

The Board shall maintain a record of those persons to whom information about a student has been disclosed. Such disclosure records will indicate the student, person viewing the record, information disclosed, date of disclosure, and date parental/eligible student consent was obtained (if required).

Upon written request by a student's parent or legal guardian, the Academy shall disclose to the parent or legal guardian any personally identifiable information concerning the student that is collected or created by the Academy as part of the student's education records.

If the Academy provides any personally identifiable information concerning the student that is collected or created by the Academy as part of the student's education records to any person, agency, or organization, then the Academy shall disclose to the student's parent or legal guardian upon his or her written request:

- A. The specific information that was disclosed.
- B. The name and contact information of each person, agency, or organization to which the information has been disclosed.
- C. The legitimate reason that the person, agency, or organization had in obtaining the information.

This information shall be provided without charge within 30 days after the Academy receives the written request and without charge to the parent or legal guardian.

The Academy is not required to disclose to the parent or legal guardian, even upon written request, any personally identifiable information concerning the student that is collected or created by the Academy as part of the student's education records and is provided to any person, agency, or organization in any of the following situations:

- A. Provision of such information to the Michigan Department of Education or CEPI.
- B. Provision of such information to the student's parent or legal guardian.
- C. Provision of such information to its authorizing body or to an educational management organization with which it has a management agreement.
- D. Provision of such information to or from its intermediate school board or to another intermediate school board providing services to the Academy or its students pursuant to a written agreement.
- E. Provision of such information to a person, agency, or organization with written consent from the student's parent or legal guardian or, if the student is at least age 18, the student.
- F. Provision of such information to a person, agency, or organization seeking or receiving records in accordance with an order, subpoena, or ex parte order issued by a court of competent jurisdiction.
- G. Provision of such information as necessary for standardized testing that measures the student's academic progress and achievement.
- H. Provision of such information that is covered by the opt-out form described above, unless the student's parent or legal guardian or, if the student is at least age 18 or is an emancipated minor, the student has signed and submitted the opt-out form referenced below.

Only "directory information" regarding a student shall be released to any person or party, other than the student or his/her parent, without the written consent of the parent; or, if the student is an eligible student, the written consent of the student, except those persons or parties stipulated by the Board policy and Administrative Procedures and/or those specified in the law.

The Board shall exempt from disclosure directory information, as requested for the purpose of surveys, marketing, or solicitation, unless the Board determines that the use is consistent with the educational mission of the Board and beneficial to the affected students. The Board may take steps to ensure that directory information disclosed shall not be used, rented, or sold for the purpose of surveys, marking, or solicitations. Before disclosing the directory information, the Board may require the requester to execute an affidavit stating that directory information provided shall not be used, rented, or sold for the purpose of surveys, marketing, or solicitation.

Directory Information

Each year the Educational Service Provider shall provide public notice to students and their parents of the Academy's intent to make available, upon request, certain information known as "directory information." The Board designates as student "directory information":

- A. a student's name;
- B. telephone number;
- C. school photographs or videos of students participating in school activities, events or programs.

The Educational Service Provider will also develop a list of uses for which the Academy commonly would disclose a student's directory information and develop an opt-out form that lists all of the uses or instances and allows a parent or legal guardian to elect not to have his or her child's directory information disclosed for 1 or more of these uses.

Each student's parent or legal guardian will be provided with the opt-out form within the first 30 days of the school year. The form shall also be provided to a parent or legal guardian at other times upon request.

If an opt-out form is signed and submitted to the Academy by a student's parent or legal guardian, the Academy shall not include the student's directory information in any of the uses that have been opted out of in the opt-out form. A student who is at least age 18 or is an emancipated minor may act on his or her own behalf with respect to the opt-out form.

Parents and eligible students may also refuse to allow the Academy to disclose any or all of such "directory information" upon written notification to the Academy within five (5) days after receipt of the Academy's public notice.

Armed Forces Recruiting

The Board shall provide United States Armed Forces recruiters with at least the same access to the high school campus and to student directory information (names, addresses, Academy-assigned email addresses (if available) (except for students participating in the address confidentiality program act), and telephone listings of secondary students) as is provided to other entities offering educational or employment opportunities to those students. "Armed forces of the United States" means the armed forces of the United States and their reserve components and the United States Coast Guard.

If a student or the parent or legal guardian of a student submits a signed, written request to the Board that indicates that the student or the parent or legal guardian does not want the student's directory information to be accessible to official recruiting representatives, then the officials of the school shall not allow that access to the student's directory information. The Board shall ensure that students and parents and guardians are notified of the provisions of the opportunity to deny release of directory information.

Public notice shall be given regarding the right to refuse disclosure of any or all "directory information" including to the armed forces of the United States and the service academies of the armed forces of the United States.

A fee, not to exceed the actual costs incurred by the high school, for copying and mailing student directory information under this section, may be charged an official recruiting representative.

Directory information received under armed services authorization request shall be used only to provide information to students concerning educational and career opportunities available in the armed forces of the United States or the service academies of the armed forces of the United States. An official recruiting representative who receives student directory information under this section shall not release that information to a person who is not involved in recruiting students for the armed forces of the United States or the service academies of the armed forces of the United States.

Annually, the Board will notify male students age eighteen (18) or older that they are required to register for the selective service.

Requests to the Academy Records Officer shall be presented on a standardized form developed by the armed forces of the United States requesting access to a high school campus and a time for the access. Requests should bear the signature of the ranking recruiting officer of the armed service making the request.

Whenever consent of the parent(s)/eligible student is required for the inspection and/or release of a student's education records or for the release of "directory information", either parent may provide such consent unless stipulated otherwise by court order. If the student is under the guardianship of an institution, the School Leader shall appoint a person who has no conflicting interest to provide such written consent.

The Board may disclose "directory information" on former students without student or parental consent, unless the parent or eligible student previously submitted a request that such information not be disclosed without their prior written consent.

The Academy shall not sell or otherwise provide to a for-profit business entity any personally identifiable information that is part of a student's education records. This does not apply to any of the following situations:

- A. Providing the information to an educational management organization with which the Academy has a management agreement.
- B. Providing the information as necessary for standardized testing that measures the student's academic progress and achievement.
- C. Providing the information as necessary to a person that is providing educational or educational support services to the student under a contract with the Academy.

The parent of a student or an eligible student has the right to inspect upon request any instrument used in the collection of personal information before the instrument is administered or distributed to a student. Personal information for this section is defined as individually identifiable information including a student or parent's first and last name, a home or other physical address (including street name and the name of the city or town, unless a parent is prohibited from doing so due to a student's participation in the address confidentiality program act), a telephone number, or a Social Security identification number. In order to review the instrument, the parent or eligible students, must submit a written request to the building principal at least five (5) work days before the scheduled date of the activity. The instrument will be provided to the parent within two (2) business days of the principal receiving the request.

The Educational Service Provider shall directly notify the parent(s) of a student and eligible students, at least annually at the beginning of the school year, of the specific or approximate dates during the school year when such activities are scheduled or expected to be scheduled.

This section does not apply to the collection, disclosure or use of personal information collected from students from the exclusive purpose of developing, evaluating, or providing educational products or service for, or to, students or educational institutions, such as the following:

- A. college or other postsecondary education recruitment, or military recruitment;
- B. book clubs, magazines, and programs providing access to low-cost literary products;
- C. curriculum and instructional materials used by elementary and secondary schools;
- D. tests and assessments used by elementary and secondary schools to provide cognitive, evaluative, diagnostic, clinical, aptitude, or achievement information about students (or to generate other statistically useful data for the purpose of securing such tests and assessments) and the subsequent analysis and public release of the aggregate data from such tests and assessments;
- E. the sale by students of products or services to raise funds for school-related or education-related activities; and
- F. student recognition programs.

The Board may establish online access for the parents or the eligible student to the student's confidential academic and attendance record. To authorize such access, the parents or the eligible student must sign a release (see Form 8330 F10). This release shall remind the parents or eligible student that the account and confidential information about the student is only as secure as they keep their account information. Neither the Educational Service Provider nor its employees will be held responsible for any breach of this policy by the parent/eligible student or any unauthorized party.

The Educational Service Provider shall prepare Administrative Procedures to ensure that students and parents are adequately informed each year regarding their rights to:

- A. inspect and review the student's education records;
- B. request amendments if the record is inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's rights;
- C. consent to disclosures of personally-identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to unauthorized disclosures allowed by the law;
- D. challenge the Board's noncompliance with a parent's request to amend the records through a hearing;
- E. file a complaint with the United States Department of Education;
- F. obtain a copy of the Board's policy and Administrative Procedures on student records;

The Educational Service Provider shall also develop procedural guidelines for:

- A. the proper storage and retention of records including a list of the type and location of records;
- B. informing employees of the Federal and State laws concerning student records.

The Board authorizes the use of the microfilm process or electromagnetic processes of reproduction for the recording, filing, maintaining, and preserving of records.

No liability shall attach to any member, officer, or Educational Service Provider employees of this Academy specifically as a consequence of permitting access or furnishing student records in accordance with this policy and regulations.

Any entity receiving personally identifiable information pursuant to a study, audit, evaluation or enforcement/compliance activity must comply with all FERPA regulations. Further, such an entity must enter into a written contract with the Board of Directors delineating its responsibilities in safeguarding the disclosed information. Specifically, the entity must demonstrate the existence of a sound data security plan or data stewardship program, and must also provide assurances that the personally identifiable information will not be re-disclosed without prior authorization from the Board. Further, the entity conducting the study, audit, evaluation or enforcement/compliance activity is required to destroy the disclosed information once it is no longer needed or when the timeframe for the activity has ended, as specified in its written agreement with the Board of Directors. See Form 8330 F14 and Form 8330 F16 for additional contract requirements.

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Section	8000 BP - Operations
Title	LETTERS OF REFERENCE
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LETTERS OF REFERENCE

Reference:

MCL 423.452, 380.1230(b)

Section 8546 of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

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However, if an administrator decides to prepare such a letter, the Board expects that administrator to provide specific and truthful comments concerning the employee's actual performance, which can be substantiated by the individual's personnel file. The letter must be reviewed by the Educational Service Provider before it may be released.

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All Academy employees, including but not limited to an administrator who prepares a letter of reference or provides an employment reference pursuant to this policy, are prohibited from assisting an Academy employee, contractor or agent in obtaining a new job if s/he knows or has reasonable cause to believe that such Academy employee, contractor or agent engaged in sexual misconduct regarding a minor or student in violation of State or Federal law. "Assisting" does not include the routine transmission of administrative and personnel files. The only exceptions permitted are those authorized by the Every Student Succeeds Act, such as where the matter has been investigated by law enforcement and the matter was officially closed due to lack of probable cause or where the individual was acquitted or otherwise exonerated of the alleged misconduct.

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Book	Board Policies
Section	8000 BP - Operations
Title	CONFIDENTIALITY
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CONFIDENTIALITY

Reference:

Freedom of Information Act 1976, paragraph 15.243 et seq.
MCL 445.83, 445.84

Neither the Educational Service Provider nor any of its employees shall divulge confidential information contained in the records and files of this Board, except to employees who may need such information in connection with their duties and to parties authorized in accordance with proper procedures.

When the Academy, in trust from public agency, receives information identified to be confidential or exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, Common Law, Privilege Case Law, or Federal Law, the Board will maintain the confidentiality of said information to the maximum extent permitted by the law.

The Educational Service Provider shall not permit the release of the social security number of an employee, student, or other individual, except as authorized by law (see AG 8350). Access to documents containing social security numbers shall be restricted to those employees who have a need to know that information or a need to access those documents. When documents containing social security numbers are no longer needed, they shall be shredded by an employee who has authorized access to such records.

Freedom of Information Act requests shall only be responded to in accordance with the Academy's Policy.

If the Educational Service Provider is approached to provide information inappropriately, the Educational Service Provider shall refuse to release the requested information and shall refer the requestor to the Academy's legal counsel.

To prohibit the unauthorized disclosure of information identified as confidential by a sending public agency, the Board may seek to obtain court protection by denying requests for release of such information (absent subpoena or court order) or by pursuing motions to quash or protective orders to prohibit unauthorized disclosure.

When possible, the Educational Service Provider will attempt to notify the sending public agency about the request for release of such information prior to complying with the request.

The Board shall hold the Educational Service Provider accountable for any inappropriate release of information or for any uses of confidential information for personal reasons.

Any person who intentionally violate this policy are subject to discipline up to, and including, discharge.

The Educational Service Provider shall assure that employees receive a copy of, and have readily available access to, this policy and its Administrative Procedures.

Book	Board Policies
Section	8000 BP - Operations
Title	BREACH OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION
Code	8351 BP
Status	Active
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BREACH OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Reference:

MCL 445.61 et. seq.

It is the policy of the Board of Directors that when unauthorized access or acquisition of data occurs, which would compromise the confidentiality or security of personal information maintained by the Academy, the Academy will take appropriate action to assess the risk and notify the affected individuals.

A "breach" means the unauthorized access and acquisition of data that compromises the security or confidentiality of personal information maintained by the Academy. Unauthorized access may be considered incidental access by an employee or other individual if the access meets all of the following:

- A. The individual acted in good faith in accessing the data;
- B. The access was related to the activities of the agency or person;
- C. The individual did not misuse any personal information or disclose any personal information to an unauthorized person.

Personal information for purposes of this policy means the person's last name with either the first name or initial when linked to one of more of the following:

- A. Social security number
- B. Driver's license
- C. Demand deposit or other financial account numbers (including credit/debit card numbers, when combined with access code, security code or password which would allow access to the financial accounts)

Upon determining that a breach has occurred, the individual shall notify the Educational Service Provider in writing. The Educational Service Provider shall promptly determine and implement the steps necessary to correct the unauthorized access and notify those individuals whose personal information may have been compromised.

Individuals who intentionally violate this policy shall be reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency and may be subject to criminal penalties.

Book	Board Policies
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Title	ANIMALS ON ACADEMY PROPERTY
Code	8390 BP
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ANIMALS ON ACADEMY PROPERTY

Reference:

28 C.F.R. 35.104, 36.104
Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (Section 504)
The Americans with Disabilities Act, as amended (ADA)
The Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEIA)

Introduction

The Board of Directors recognizes that there are many occasions when animals are present on Academy property and many reasons for those animals' presence. Animals are commonly utilized by teachers during classroom presentations and are often housed in classrooms and other locations on campus. Additionally, employees, students, parents, vendors, and other members of the public may be accompanied at the Academy by a service or therapy animal in accordance with Federal and State law and this policy.

This policy applies to all animals on Academy property, including service animals.

Definitions

- A. "Animal": Includes any living creature that is not a human being.
- B. "Service animal": Pursuant to 28 C.F.R. Section 36.104, "means any dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability. Other species of animals, whether wild or domestic, trained or untrained, are not service animals for the purposes of this definition. The work or tasks performed by a service animal must be directly related to the individual's disability. Examples of work or tasks include, but are not limited to, assisting individuals who are blind or have low vision with navigation and other tasks, alerting individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing to the presence of people or sounds, providing non-violent protection or rescue work, pulling a wheelchair, assisting an individual during a seizure, alerting individuals to the presence of allergens, retrieving items such as medicine or the telephone, providing physical support and assistance with balance and stability to individuals with mobility disabilities, and helping persons with psychiatric and neurological disabilities by preventing or interrupting impulsive or destructive behaviors. The crime deterrent effects of an animal's presence and the provision of emotional support, well-being, comfort, or companionship do not constitute work or tasks for the purposes of this definition."

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) also defines a miniature horse as an animal that can serve as a service animal, so long as the miniature horse has been individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of the individual with a disability. To better determine whether the Board must allow for the use of a miniature horse or make modifications to buildings, the Board should refer to Section 35.136 (c) through (i) of the ADA.

- C. "Emotional Support Animal": Emotional support animals provide comfort to individuals but are not trained to perform a specific job or tasks. This definition does not include psychiatric service animals who are properly trained

and certified as a "service animal". See 28 C.F.R 36.104.

D. "Therapy Dog": Therapy dogs are dogs who go with their owners to volunteer in settings such as schools, hospitals, and nursing homes for the purpose of providing affection and comfort to aid in a particular purpose, such as healing or learning. A therapy dog in an academy setting serves the function of assisting students in the learning process while providing comfort and affection to specific students or to a group of students. Therapy dogs are not service dogs and do not have the same special access as service dogs (source: American Kennel Club/AKC).

Vaccination, Licensing and/or Veterinary Requirements

Animals housed on or brought on to Academy property for any school purpose, such as to conduct random searches for illegal substances or to support classroom activities, or brought on to Academy property on a regular basis for any purpose, including service animals, must meet every veterinary requirement set forth in State law and County regulation/ordinance, including but not limited to rabies vaccination or other inoculations required to be properly licensed.

Service Animals for Students

A service animal is permitted to accompany a student with a disability to whom the animal is assigned anywhere on the Academy campus where students are permitted to be.

A service animal is the personal property of the student and/or parents. The Board does not assume responsibility for training, daily care, or healthcare, or supervision, of service animals. The Board does not assume responsibility for personal injury or property damage arising out of or relating to the presence or use of service animals on Academy property or at Academy-sponsored events.

A service animal that meets the definitions set forth in the ADA and this policy shall be under the control of the student with a disability, or a separate handler if the student is unable to control the animal. A service animal shall have a harness, leash, or other tether, unless either the student with a disability is unable because of a disability to use a harness, leash, or other tether or the use of a harness, leash, or other tether would interfere with the service animal's safe, effective performance of work or tasks, in which case the service animal must be otherwise under the student's control (e.g., voice control, signals, or other effective means) or under the control of a handler other than the student.

If the student with a disability is unable to control the service animal and another person serves as the animal's handler, that individual shall be treated as a volunteer and, as such, will be subject to Policy 9710.

Removing and/or Excluding a Student's Service Animal

If a service animal demonstrates that it is not under the control of the student or its handler, the School Leader is responsible for documenting such behavior and for determining if and when the service animal is to be removed and/or excluded from the Academy.

Similarly, in instances when the service animal demonstrates that it is not housebroken, the Principal shall document such behavior and determine whether the service animal is to be removed and/or excluded from Academy property.

The Educational Service Provider shall be notified when a service animal is removed and/or excluded and, immediately subsequent to such notification, document the reasons for the removal and/or exclusion.

The Educational Service Provider's decision to remove and/or exclude a service animal from Academy property may be appealed in accordance with the complaint procedure set forth in Policy 2260 – Nondiscrimination and Access to Equal Educational Opportunity.

The procedures set forth in Policy 2260 – Nondiscrimination and Access to Equal Educational Opportunity do not interfere with the rights of a student and their parents or an eligible student to pursue a complaint with the United States Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights or the Department of Justice.

Service Animals for Staff Members

In accordance with Board policies, the Educational Service Provider provides qualified individuals with disabilities with reasonable accommodation(s). A staff member with a disability may request authorization to use a service animal while on duty as such an accommodation. The request will be handled in accordance with the ADA-mandated interactive process.

Service Animals for Parents, Vendors, Visitors, and Others

Individuals with disabilities who are accompanied by their service animals are permitted access to all areas of the Academy's facilities where members of the public, as participants in services, programs or activities, as vendors, or as invitees, are permitted to go. Individuals who will access any area of the Academy's facilities with their service animals should notify the **Educational Service Provider** that their service animal will accompany them during their visit.

An individual with a disability who attends an Academy event will be permitted to be accompanied by their service animal in accordance with Policy 9160 - Public Attendance at Academy Events.

Non-Service Animals in Academies and Elsewhere on Academy Property

Animals permitted in the Academy and elsewhere on Academy property shall be limited to those necessary to support specific curriculum-related projects.

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Title	ACADEMY SAFETY INFORMATION
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ACADEMY SAFETY INFORMATION

Reference:

Title IX, Section 9532 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended
MCL 380.1241, 380.1308, 380.1308a, 380.1310a, 752.913, 771.2a

The Board of Directors is committed to promoting a safe academy environment. The Board believes crime and violence at the Academy are potential, multifaceted problems that need to be addressed by utilizing the best resources and coordinated efforts of Academy personnel, law enforcement agencies, and families. The Board further believes the Academy and local law enforcement officials must work together to provide for the safety and welfare of students while at the academy, at an academy-sponsored activity or while en route to or from the academy or an academy-sponsored activity. The Board also believes the first step in addressing academy crime and violence is to assess the extent and nature of the problem(s) or threat, and then plan and implement strategies that promote safety and minimize the likelihood of crime and violence at the Academy.

Federal law establishes a "Student Safety Zone" that extends 1,000 feet from the boundary of any academy property in relation to weapons and drugs. Individuals are prohibited from possessing or using weapons or drugs at any time on academy property, within the Student Safety Zone, or at any academy-related event.

The Academy will work with local officials in arranging signage defining the 1,000-foot boundary.

The Educational Service Provider shall ensure continued implementation and compliance with the Academy's obligations under the Statewide School Safety Information Policy and related law. The Educational Service Provider may convene meetings to make modifications as deemed necessary and proper to address issues that are unique to the Academy; discuss additional training that might be needed; and discuss any other such related matters as may be deemed to be necessary by the participants. Participants in this meeting shall include the Educational Service Provider, members of the Board of Directors, the County Prosecutor or their designee, and representatives from the local law enforcement agency.

The Educational Service Provider shall make a report to the Board about all such reviews and recommend the approval and adoption of any proposed revisions or additions to local policy. The Board encourages regular meetings, preferably annually, among the above-listed constituents to review the effectiveness and to review the procedures developed within local policy.

Academy Contact Person

Furthermore, in accordance with state law, the Board hereby designates the Educational Service Provider as the Academy contact person who shall receive information from law enforcement officials, prosecutors, and the court officials, including receipt of information provided from the Michigan State Police relating to the student safety act hotline ("OK2Say"). The current contact information for the Superintendent shall be provided to the Michigan State Police in the manner and frequency required by law.

The Academy contact person shall notify the School Leader of the academy of attendance of a student about whom information is received from law enforcement officials, prosecutors, or court officials within twenty-four (24) hours of the receipt of that information. The School Leader shall, in turn, notify the building staff members, who the School Leader

determines have a need to know the information that has been received, within twenty-four (24) hours of receipt of that information.

The Educational Service Provider shall notify the appropriate law enforcement officials when an eligible student commits any offense listed as a reportable incident in the *School Safety Information Policy* and related law and shall report all information that is required to be reported to State or local law enforcement agencies and prosecutors.

Reporting such information is subject to 20 USC 1232g, commonly referred to as the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974.

If a student is involved in an incident that is reported to law enforcement officials pursuant to the Academy's local school safety information policy, then, upon request by academy officials, the student's parent or legal guardian shall execute any waivers or consents necessary to allow academy officials access to academy, court, or other pertinent records of the student concerning the incident and action taken as a result of the incident.

The Academy designates the Educational Service Provider as a liaison to work with the school safety commission created under the comprehensive school safety and the office of school safety, including work on identifying model practices for determining school safety issues.

Required Reporting

The Educational Service Provider shall submit a report at least annually to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, in the form prescribed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, stating the number of students expelled from the Academy during the preceding school year and the reason for the expulsion.

The Educational Service Provider shall post a report, on the Academy website at least annually in the form prescribed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, stating the incidents of crime occurring at the Academy. At least once annually, a copy of the most recent report of incidents of crime, disaggregated by academy building, shall be made available to the parent or legal guardian of each student enrolled in the Academy. This report will minimally include crimes involving any of the following:

- A. physical violence;
- B. gang-related acts;
- C. illegal possession of a controlled substance, controlled substance analogue or other intoxicant;
- D. trespassing;
- E. property crimes, including, but not limited to, theft and vandalism, as well as an estimate of the cost to the Academy that results from the property crime.

The Educational Service Provider shall collect weekly and keep current the information required for the report on incidents of crime, and must provide that information, within seven (7) days, upon request.

Each Academy building shall collect and keep current on a weekly basis the information required from the report of incidents of crime, and must provide that information, within seven (7) days, upon request.

Additionally, the Academy shall report all incidents of and attempted commissions of the crimes listed above to the Michigan State Police, in the form and manner prescribed by the Michigan State Police, within twenty-four (24) hours after the incident occurs.

Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN)

The Board authorizes the Educational Service Provider to request vehicle registration information for suspicious vehicles within 1,000 feet of academy property through the Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN).

Threat Assessment

The primary purpose of a threat assessment is to minimize the risk of targeted violence at the academy. This policy is designed to be consistent with the process for identifying, assessing, and managing students who may pose a threat as set forth in the joint U.S. Secret Service and Department of Homeland Security publication, *Enhancing School Safety Using a*

Threat Assessment Model: An Operational Guide for Preventing Targeted School Violence. The goal of the threat assessment process is to take appropriate preventive or corrective measures to maintain a safe school environment, protect and support potential victims, and provide assistance, as appropriate, to the student being assessed.

The threat assessment process is centered upon an analysis of the facts and evidence of behavior in a given situation. The appraisal of risk in a threat assessment focuses on actions, communications, and specific circumstances that might suggest that an individual intends to cause physical harm and is engaged in planning or preparing for that event.

The Board of Directors authorizes the Educational Service Provider to create building-level, trained threat assessment teams. Each Team shall be headed by the School Leader and include Educational Service Provider personnel as designated by the Educational Service Provider. At the discretion of the Educational Service Provider, a threat assessment team may serve more than one (1) academy when logistics and staff assignments make it feasible.

The Team will meet on a regular basis and when the School Leader learns a student has made a threat of violence or engages in concerning communications or behaviors that suggest the likelihood of a threatening situation.

The Team is empowered to gather information, evaluate facts, and make a determination as to whether a given student poses a threat of violence to a target. If an inquiry indicates that there is a risk of violence in a specific situation, the Team may collaborate with others to develop and implement a written plan to manage or reduce the threat posed by the student in that situation.

The Board authorizes the Educational Service Provider to create guidelines for the purpose of:

- A. identifying team participants by position and role;
- B. requiring team participants to undergo appropriate training;
- C. defining the nature and extent of behavior or communication that would trigger a threat assessment and/or action pursuant to a threat assessment;
- D. defining what types of information may be gathered during the assessment;
- E. stating when and how parents/guardians of the student making the threat shall be notified and involved;
- F. designating the individuals (by position) who would be responsible for gathering and investigating information;
- G. identifying the steps and procedures to be followed from initiation to conclusion of the threat assessment inquiry or investigation.

Educational Service Provider employees, volunteers, and other academy community members, including students and parents, shall immediately report to the Educational Service Provider any expression of intent to harm another person or other statements or behaviors that suggest a student may intend to commit an act of violence.

Nothing in this policy overrides or replaces an individual's responsibility to contact 911 in an emergency.

Regardless of threat assessment activities or protocols, disciplinary action and referral to law enforcement shall occur as required by State law and Board policy.

Threat assessment team members shall maintain student confidentiality at all times as required by Board Policy 8330 – Student Records, and State and Federal law.

Persistently Dangerous Schools

The Board recognizes that State and Federal law requires that the Academy report annually incidents which meet the statutory definition of violent criminal offenses that occur in the Academy, on academy grounds, on an academy conveyance, or at an academy-sponsored activity. It is further understood that the State Department of Education will then use this data to determine whether or not an academy is considered "persistently dangerous," as defined by State policy.

Pursuant to the Board's stated intent to provide a safe academy environment, Academy administrators are expected to respond appropriately to any and all violations of the Student Code of Conduct, especially those of a serious, violent nature. In any year where the number of reportable incidents of violent criminal offenses in the Academy exceed the threshold number established in State policy, the Educational Service Provider shall discuss this at the annual meeting for the purpose of reviewing the Academy Safety Plan so that a plan of corrective action can be developed and implemented in an effort to reduce the number of these incidents in the subsequent year.

The Educational Service Provider shall make a report to the Board about this plan of corrective action and shall recommend approval and adoption of it.

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Title	FIRE SAFETY AND FIRE DEPARTMENT NOTIFICATION
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FIRE SAFETY AND FIRE DEPARTMENT NOTIFICATION

Reference:

Michigan R 29.1908(3); R 29.2009(3)

The Educational Service Provider, shall develop written procedures that provide for all of the following:

- A. The designation of a staff member on each shift to be responsible for notifying the local fire department in the event of a fire;
- B. The availability at all times of a non-pay telephone for designated employees to notify the local fire department;
- C. The conspicuous posting of the telephone number of the local fire department near the telephone;
- D. A requirement that notification of the fire department is incorporated into all fire drills.

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Title	EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN
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EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN

References:

M.C.L.380.1308a

By no later than January 1, 2020, each Academy shall 1) develop an emergency operations plan or 2) adapt its statewide academy information policy (referred to as the "Plan" throughout the remainder of this Policy) to comply with the requirements of this Policy. This action shall be taken with input from the public. Academy building means any building intended to be used to provide instruction to students and any recreational or athletic structure or field intended to be used by students.

Beginning in the 2019-2020 school year, and at least biennially thereafter, the Academy shall conduct a review of its Plan, including a review of the vulnerability assessment, with at least one law enforcement agency that has jurisdiction over the Academy.

The Plan must include guidelines and procedures that address all of the following:

- A. academy violence and attacks
- B. threats of academy violence and attacks
- C. bomb threats
- D. fire
- E. weather-related emergencies
- F. intruders
- G. parent and pupil reunification
- H. threats to an academy-sponsored activity or event whether or not it is held on academy premises
- I. a plan to train teachers on mental health and pupil and teacher safety
- J. a plan to improve academy building security
- K. an active violence protocol
- L. continuity of operations after an incident
- M. a vulnerability assessment

The Academy shall notify the Michigan Department of Education not later than thirty (30) days after it adopts its Plan and after each biennial review in the form and manner prescribed by the Department.

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Book	Board Policies
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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES

The Board of Directors recognizes its responsibility relative to student, staff, and visitor health and safety and to the need for the development of a comprehensive program designed to provide a healthy, safe, and secure environment on school property and at school-sponsored activities. To achieve this, the Board intends for the Academy to take advantage of the most current, proven technologies in the fields of health, safety, and environmental sciences.

Student, Employee, and Visitor Health and Safety

The Educational Service Provider shall develop and implement a positive, proactive environmental health and safety program that integrates responsibilities within the Academy and promotes and incorporates the following:

- A. Procedures that describe a hazard identification and abatement program requiring the following: periodic inspection of school facilities; the implementation of immediate and programmed corrective actions, when deemed necessary by such inspections; and the development of a Academy-wide hazard reporting procedure that enables employee/parent/school community participation. This program should also provide procedures for identifying and responding to hazards created by outside entities, inspecting activities of contractors, and inspecting new facilities to determine if appropriate requirements for environmental health and safety have been met.
- B. Procedures that promote environmental health and safety awareness among employees, students, parents and community. These procedures shall include, but not be limited to, the establishment of Academy safety committees and the establishment of a program of regular communication with students, employees, and parents about pertinent safety and health issues through available mediums in the Academy.
- C. Procedures that address the safety and health of students during transportation to the school, in the school, on school property, and during participation in school-related activities. These procedures shall include, but not be limited to, promoting bus safety for students; assessing the safety of school traffic patterns; operating school clinics; administering medication and medical treatment; promoting laboratory and shop safety; promoting safety in sports and other outdoor activities; inspecting playground equipment and promoting safety on playgrounds; and assessing environmental exposure.
- D. Procedures that relate to employees' health and safety issues, including, but not limited to, provision of work areas free from recognized hazards; OSHA-related programs required by Federal and State law (e.g., employee safety and health training and training in hazard recognition); and definition of employer and employee responsibilities and expectations related to health and safety.
- E. Procedures that establish a system for reporting and investigating accidents, including identification of root causes, determination of remedial and programmed corrective actions, and communication about accidents to employees, parents and members of the Academy community.
- F. Procedures that detail plans for foreseeable emergencies and fire prevention.

Phase-out/Banned Products

The Educational Service Provider shall immediately ban the use, on Board property, of any chemicals, insecticides, or other materials, which the Federal government is phasing out and/or banning by a certain date.

Indoor Environmental Quality (IEQ)

The Board recognizes that excessive moisture levels within the Academy can lead to conditions optimum for the development of biological contaminants (e.g., mold and fungi on building surfaces). The Board further recognizes the presence of these contaminants can be harmful on contact with respiratory tissue.

Contributing factors to excessive moisture levels include the following:

- A. roof leaks;
- B. structural defects in the building;
- C. properly controlled humidity levels;
- D. faulty HVAC systems.

As preventive measures, the Academy shall do the following:

- A. address prevention of water intrusion as a priority IEQ issue and implement strategies toward its elimination;
- B. maintain environmental conditions in occupied areas in compliance with applicable regulations and strive to conform to industry standards;
- C. implement a preventative maintenance program for HVAC systems that includes, but is not be limited to, periodic filter replacement; inspection; cleaning and disinfecting processes; and procedures to eliminate the contribution to indoor air quality problems caused by this equipment;
- D. implement a system to ensure materials used (and purchased for use) in the construction, furnishing and maintenance (including cleaning), do not contribute to health hazards for employees and students by degrading the quality of indoor air. In addition, activities that create indoor air quality health hazards shall not be permitted.

In addition, the Educational Service Provider shall develop Administrative Procedures for properly monitoring factors that contribute to excessive moisture and for developing mitigation plans when, and if, problems with IEQ are identified.

Diesel Exhaust and School Bus Idling

In accordance with the Environment Protection Agency's initiative to reduce pollution caused by buses on school property, the Board will take the recommended steps to reduce the negative effects of diesel exhaust on indoor and outdoor air quality on school campuses, including, but not limited to, reducing bus idling time and reinforcing smart driving practices.

The Educational Service Provider shall develop the Administrative Procedures necessary to establish these practices in the Academy (see AG 8615).

Pollution Control and Prevention

In an effort to comply with environmental policy and applicable regulations, the Academy shall develop and implement procedures designed to prevent air and water pollution; minimize or eliminate waste streams, where possible; and identify possible sources of air and water pollution.

See also the following related Policies:

Policy 7430 Safety Standards

Policy 8410 Crisis Intervention

Policy 8420 Emergency Evacuation of Schools

Policy 8431 Preparedness for Toxic Hazard and Asbestos Hazard

Policy 8442 Reporting Accidents

Policy 8450 Control of Casual-Contact Communicable Diseases

Policy 8453 Direct Contact Communicable Diseases

Policy 8453.01 Control of Blood-Borne Pathogens

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Title	INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT
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INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT

Reference:

MCL 324.8316

[This policy applies to all pest control activities and pesticide use in the school building and related facilities including grounds. Recipients of this policy include faculty, other staff, or any employees or independent contractors monitoring or treating pest problems. Each recipient is required to follow this policy.]

Purpose

The goal of this integrated pest management policy is to provide a safe and healthy learning environment that is relatively pest-free with the least possible use of pesticides. To achieve this goal, it is the policy of the Academy to develop, implement and maintain an integrated pest management program for the control of pests and minimize pesticide exposure to children, faculty, and staff. This policy is consistent with MCL 324.8316, which encourages schools to adopt an IPM strategy.

Sanitizers, germicides, disinfectants, or antimicrobials are exempt from the IPM notification requirements. This policy adheres to the principles of IPM and is conducted in accordance with all federal and state laws and regulations and local ordinances.

Pests are controlled to protect the health and safety of students and staff, maintain a productive learning environment and maintain the integrity of the school building and grounds. IPM is a pest management system that uses all suitable techniques in a total management system to prevent pests from reaching unacceptable levels or to reduce existing pest populations to acceptable levels while balancing the risk of the pest with the potential risk of the management technique.

Development of IPM Program

The Academy's IPM program written under this policy states the Academy's goals regarding the management of pests and the use of pesticides. It reflects the Academy's site-specific needs and includes the following elements as required by law:

- A. Site evaluation, including site description, inspection, and monitoring and the concept of threshold levels;
- B. Consideration of the relationship between pest biology and pest management methods;
- C. Consideration of all available pest management methods, including population reduction techniques, such as mechanical, biological, and chemical techniques and pest prevention techniques, such as habitat modification;
- D. Pest controls methods selection, including consideration of the impact on human health, especially for children, and the environment; and
- E. Continued evaluation of the integrated pest management program.

The Educational Service Provider, or designee for the Academy shall be responsible for ensuring that an IPM program is developed and is in compliance with MCL 324.8316.

Education/Training

The Academy community will be educated about potential pest problems and IPM methods used to achieve the pest management objectives.

The IPM Coordinator, school staff and pesticide applicators involved with implementation of the Academy IPM program will be trained in appropriate components of IPM as it pertains to the school environment.

Students, parents/guardians will be provided with information on this policy and instructed on how they can contribute to the success of the IPM program.

Record keeping

Records of pesticide use shall be maintained on-site to meet the requirements of the Michigan Department of Agriculture and the Board. Records shall also include, but are not limited to, pest surveillance data sheets and other non-pesticide pest management methods and practices utilized.

Notification/Posting

The School Leader or IPM Coordinator of the Academy is responsible for timely pre- notification to students' parents or guardians and the school staff of pesticide treatments pursuant to the requirements under the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, MCL 324.8316.

Re-entry

In accordance with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Part 83, reentry to a pesticide treated area may not occur less than 4 hours after application unless the product label requires a longer reentry period. Outdoor ornamental and turf applications of liquid spray pesticides shall not be made on school grounds within 100 feet of an occupied classroom during normal school hours or when persons are using the treatment area.

Pesticide applicators

The IPM coordinator shall ensure that pesticide applicators, as well as school staff and volunteers follow state regulations, including licensing requirements, applicator certification or registration, and IPM training, label precautions, and comply with all components of the IPM Program.

Evaluation

Annually, the Educational Service Provider, will report to the Academy Board on the effectiveness of the IPM plan and make recommendations for improvement as needed.

The Educational Service Provider, is responsible to develop Administrative Procedures for the implementation of this policy.

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CRISIS INTERVENTION

The Board of Directors believes the school's personnel, students, and visitors are entitled to function in a safe environment. In this regard, the Board has adopted policies that relate to conduct in the Academy setting and address various crisis situations.

The Educational Service Provider shall develop Administrative Procedures for responding to a crisis situation, developing a prevention plan, and providing effective intervention for students who may show signs warning of potentially violent or other troubling behaviors.

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Book	Board Policies
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EMERGENCY SITUATIONS AT THE ACADEMY

Reference:

MCL 29.19
A.C. 1301:7-7-01, 3301-35-03 (D), 3301-83-15
HB No. 4713 (2013)

The Board of Directors is committed to promoting a safe learning and work environment. Unfortunately natural and man-made disasters do occur. Such emergencies are best met by preparedness and planning.

A. Emergency Preparedness

The Academy shall develop emergency preparedness procedures that address the following goals and/or objectives:

1. the health and safety of students and staff are safeguarded;
2. the time necessary for instructional purposes is not unduly diverted;
3. minimum disruption to the educational program occurs;
4. students are helped to learn self-reliance and trained to respond sensibly to emergency situations.

All threats to the safety of Academy facilities shall be identified by appropriate personnel and responded to promptly in accordance with the plan for emergency preparedness.

Academy personnel, including teachers, shall provide for unrestricted emergency egress during school hours and when the school is open to the public.

B. Drills

1. Each Academy shall conduct a minimum of five (5) fire drills each school year. Three (3) of the fire drills shall be held by December 1st of the school year, and two (2) shall be held during the remaining part of the school year, with a reasonable spacing interval between each drill.
2. Each Academy shall conduct a minimum of two (2) tornado safety drills each school year. At least one (1) of the tornado safety drills shall be conducted during March of the school year. These drills shall be conducted for the purpose of preventing injuries caused by severe weather.
3. Each Academy shall conduct a minimum of three (3) drills in which the occupants are restricted to the interior of the building and the building secured each school year. At least one (1) of these drills shall be conducted by December 1st of the school year, and at least one (1) shall be conducted after January 1st of the school year, with a reasonable spacing interval between each drill. Such drills shall include security measures that are appropriate to an emergency such as the release of a hazardous material or the presence of a potentially dangerous individual on or near the premises. The Educational Service Provider shall seek input from local public safety officials on the nature of the drills to be conducted under this subsection.

4. Each Academy shall conduct at least one (1) of the drills required under Sections 2(A)-(C) during a lunch or recess period, or at another time when a significant number of the students are gathered but not in the classroom.
5. Schools shall not conduct a drill required under Sections 2(A)-(C) at a time that would interfere with the conduct of a state-mandated assessment.
6. Not later than September 15th of each school year, the School Leader shall provide a list of the scheduled drill days to the county emergency management coordinator.
7. If a drill is not conducted on a scheduled drill day due to conditions not within the control of school authorities, such as severe storms, fires, epidemics, utility power unavailability, water or sewer failure, or health conditions as defined by the city, county, or state health authorities, the school shall reschedule the drill to occur within ten (10) school days after the scheduled date of the cancelled drill. The School Leader shall notify the county emergency management coordinator of the rescheduled date for the drill.

C. Drill Result Publication

1. The School Leader shall provide that documentation of a completed school safety drill is posted on the school's website within thirty (30) school days after the drill is completed and is maintained on the website for at least three (3) years.
2. The documentation posted on the website shall include at least all of the following:
 - a. Name of the Academy
 - b. School year of the drill
 - c. Date and time of the drill
 - d. Type of drill completed
 - e. Number of completed drills for that school year for each type of drill required under Sections 2(A)-(C).
 - f. Signature of the School Leader or his/her designee acknowledging the completion of the drill
 - g. Name of the individual in charge of conducting the drill, if other than the School Leader

D. Cardiac Emergency Response Plan

1. Use and regular maintenance of the automated external defibrillators, if available.
2. Activation of a cardiac emergency response team during an identified cardiac emergency.
3. A plan for effective and efficient communication throughout the school campus.
4. If the school includes grades 9 to 12, a training plan for the use of an automated external defibrillator and in cardiopulmonary resuscitation techniques.
5. Incorporation and integration of the local emergency response system and emergency response agencies with the school's plan.
6. An annual review and evaluation of the cardiac emergency response plan.

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PREPAREDNESS FOR TOXIC HAZARD AND ASBESTOS HAZARD

Reference:

MCL 324.8316, 380.1256
15 USC 2601
20 USC 4022
20 USC 4014
20 USC 4011
20 USC 4011 et. seq.
Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act of 1986 (AHERA)
Asbestos School Hazard Abatement Act of 1984
Asbestos School Hazard Abatement Reauthorization Act of 1990

The Board of Directors is concerned for the safety of the students and staff members and will comply with all Federal and State statutes and regulations concerning hazards resulting from industrial accidents beyond the control of Academy officials and/or from the presence of asbestos materials used in previous construction.

Toxic Hazards

These hazards exist in chemicals, pesticides, and other substances used in school settings such as laboratories, science classrooms, and kitchens. Such toxins are also found in the cleaning supplies for the school's rooms and equipment. The Educational Service Provider will appoint an employee to serve as Toxic Hazard Preparedness (THP) Officer. The THP Officer will be responsible for the following:

A. Hazard Determination

Identifying potential sources of toxic hazards, in cooperation with material suppliers, who shall supply the Toxic Hazard Preparedness Officer with Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDSs). The School Leader will rely on MSDSs from material suppliers to meet hazard determination requirements.

B. Labeling

Ensuring that all incoming materials are properly labeled with the identity of the chemical, the hazard warning, and the name and address of the manufacturer or responsible party and making certain that any containers to which the materials are transferred are also properly labeled.

C. Material Safety Data Sheets

Maintaining a current file of MSDSs for all hazardous materials present on school property. The MSDS files will be kept at St. Suzanne's boiler room, with additional copies for employees' use will be located in the Main Office.

MSDSs will be available for review by all employees. Copies will be available upon request of the Toxic Hazard Preparedness Officer. Posters will be displayed, identifying the person responsible for monitoring MSDSs and where

MSDSs are located at the teacher workroom. When new MSDSs are received, notification posters for employees will be displayed in the same location.

The Toxic Hazard Preparedness Office shall contact the supplier, in writing, if a required MSDS is not received and shall promptly procure the MSDS before releasing the material for use.

If he/she is unable to obtain an MSDS from a supplier, he/she should contact MIOSHA's Occupational Health Division (OHD) or General Industry Safety Division for assistance in obtaining the MSDS.

Multi-Employer Work Sites – Informing Contractors

Informing contractors and their employees of any hazardous substances to which they may be exposed; determining measures to be employed to control or eliminate exposure; labeling system for container and pipes used onsite; and informing staff where applicable MSDSs can be reviewed or obtained. Whenever employees may potentially be exposed to hazards brought on site by contractors, the THP Officer will obtain information from the contractor pertaining to the chemicals brought on-site, and the measures that should be taken to control or eliminate exposure the chemicals.

Employee Information and Training

Providing information and conducting a training program for all employees on topics such as detection of hazards, explanation of the health hazards to which they could be exposed in their work environment, and the plan for communication and labeling. Information given to employees shall include the following:

- A. regulations of MIOSHA's hazardous communication standard;
- B. all operations in the employee's work area in which hazardous chemicals are present;
- C. location and availability of written hazardous communication policy and program, with the list of hazardous chemicals and the MSDSs in the Academy.

Employee training should include the following:

- A. techniques used to detect the presence or release of hazardous chemicals in a work area;
- B. physical and health hazards of hazardous chemicals;
- C. measures the employees should take to protect themselves from these hazards;
- D. details of the hazardous communication program including an explanation of the labeling system and MSDSs and how employees can obtain and use hazard information.

Employees shall be informed of the employer's anti-discrimination/discharge policy for employees accessing hazard information and how the employee can contact the Michigan Department of Industry and Consumer Services, Bureau of Safety Regulation and Occupational Health for assistance in obtaining an MSDS if he/she is unable to obtain the MSDS from the employer.

Records of each employee's hazardous communication training should be maintained, and all new employees should receive training regarding any hazardous chemicals with which they may potentially have contact as part of their job.

In fulfilling these responsibilities, the THP Officer may enlist the aid of county and municipal authorities and, if possible, the owners or operators of identified potential sources of toxic hazard.

Asbestos

In its efforts to comply with Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) and the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Act (MIOSHA), the Board recognized its responsibility to:

- A. inspect the building for the existence of asbestos or materials containing asbestos;
- B. take appropriate actions, in accordance with State Law and EPA regulations, based on the inspections;
- C. establish a program for dealing with friable asbestos, if found;

- D. maintain a program for periodic surveillance and inspection of facilities or equipment containing asbestos;
- E. comply with EPA regulations governing the transportation and disposal of asbestos and materials containing asbestos.

The Educational Service Provider shall appoint a person to develop and implement the Academy's Asbestos-Management Program to ensure proper compliance with Federal and State laws and appropriate instruction of staff and students. Upon completion the Academy's Asbestos Plan must be submitted to the Michigan Department of Consumer and Industry Services, Occupational Health Division, Lansing, Michigan 48909.

When conducting asbestos abatement projects, the Educational Service Provider shall also ensure each contractor employed by the school is licensed, pursuant to the Michigan Department of Health Regulations.

Nothing in this policy should be construed in any way as an assumption of liability by the Board for any death, injury, or illness that may be a consequence of an accident, an equipment failure, a negligent act, or a deliberate act beyond the control of the Board or its officers and Educational Service Provider employees.

However, the Board may provide legal representation and indemnification against civil liability regarding claims or actions resulting from, or arising out of, negligence (or alleged negligence) of persons responsible for inspecting, monitoring, removing, treating asbestos or material containing asbestos or supervising these activities -- provided the employee was performing the duties while in the course of his/her employment or while acting within the scope of his/her authority. The Board reserves the right to deny representation and indemnification in those circumstances wherein the employee's actions demonstrate gross negligence or willful and wanton misconduct.

This policy may apply to work performed by authorized employees prior to the date of its adoption.

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Title	REPORTING ACCIDENTS
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REPORTING ACCIDENTS

The Board of Directors directs all reasonable efforts shall be made to ensure a safe learning and working environment for the students and employees. The Board requires that accidents be reported to the School Leader and evaluated. Any accident resulting in an injury, however slight, to a student, staff member or visitor to the Academy must be reported promptly, in writing, to the School Leader. Injured persons shall be referred immediately to the appropriate personnel for medical attention.

The staff member responsible for an injured student, the injured employee, or the injured visitor shall complete a form that includes the date, time, and place of the incident; names of persons involved; nature of the injury (to the extent known); and description of all relevant circumstances.

Any staff member who suffers a job-related injury must report the injury and its circumstances to the School Leader, following established procedures, as soon as possible following the occurrence of the injury.

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Book	Board Policies
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Title	CONTROL OF CASUAL-CONTACT COMMUNICABLE DISEASES
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CONTROL OF CASUAL-CONTACT COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

The Board of Directors recognizes control of communicable diseases spread through casual contact is essential to the well-being of the community and the efficient operation of the Academy.

For purposes of this policy, *casual-contact communicable disease* shall include the following:

- A. diphtheria;
- B. scarlet fever and other strep infections;
- C. whooping cough;
- D. mumps;
- E. measles;
- F. rubella;
- G. and others diseases designated by the Michigan Department of Community Health.

To protect the health and safety of students, personnel, and the community at large, the Board shall follow all State statutes and Health Department regulations pertaining to immunization and other means for controlling casual contact communicable diseases spread through normal interaction (casual contact) in the school setting.

If a student exhibits symptoms of a communicable disease, the School Leader will isolate the student in the building and contact the parents/guardians. Protocols established by the County Health Department shall be followed.

The Educational Service Provider, shall develop Administrative Procedures for the control of casual-contact communicable diseases to provide for the following:

- A. instruction of professional staff members about the detection of these common diseases and the measures to be taken for their prevention and control;
- B. removal of students from school property and into the care of a responsible parent;
- C. preparation of standards for the readmission of students who have recovered from casual-contact communicable diseases;
- D. submission of reports, as required by statute State Department of Education and the State Department of Community Health.

Book	Board Policies
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Title	PEDICULOSIS (HEAD LICE)
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PEDICULOSIS (HEAD LICE)

Whenever a student is found to be infested with head lice, he/she shall be sent home immediately for treatment and shall not be readmitted until the parent completes form 8450A F3 and confirmation has been made by the Academy that the child is free of nits.

The necessary treatment is contained in Form 8450A F1 which is to be sent to the parent along with the cover letter (Form A F2).

The other students in the infested student's classroom and the student's sibling(s) should be examined for evidence of either lice or lice eggs (nits). The examinations should be done by one or more of the following:

- A. each student's parents.

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Book	Board Policies
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Title	PROTECTIVE FACIAL COVERINGS DURING PANDEMIC/EPIDEMIC EVENTS
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PROTECTIVE FACIAL COVERINGS DURING PANDEMIC/EPIDEMIC EVENTS

During times of elevated communicable disease community spread (pandemic or epidemic), the Educational Service Provider will issue periodic guidance through Board of Directors plans/resolution(s) in alignment with public health officials and/or in accordance with government edicts and including any Pandemic Plan developed by the Academy's Pandemic Response Team.

Academy settings can be a source of community spread. Wearing face masks/coverings is especially important during these times and can help mitigate the risk of exposure from person to person.

As such, during times of elevated communicable disease community spread, the Educational Service Provider may activate this policy by notifying the school community, requiring all academy staff, volunteers and visitors (including vendors) to wear appropriate face masks/coverings on academy grounds unless it is unsafe to do so or where doing so would significantly interfere with the academy's educational or operational processes.

Face masks/shields will be provided by the Academy to employees. Alternatively, employees may elect to wear their own face coverings if they meet the requirements of this policy as well as any requirements issued by State or local health departments.

In addition, the Board may require that students shall wear a face mask unless they are unable to do so for a health or developmental reason. Efforts will be made to reduce any social stigma for a student who, for medical or developmental reasons, cannot and should not wear a mask.

If face masks/coverings are required, and no exception is applicable, students shall be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct/Student Discipline Code, and in accordance with policies of the Board and/or may be reassigned by the Educational Service Provider to an online/virtual learning environment if the Educational Service Provider determines that reassignment is necessary to protect the health and safety of the student or others.

Use of Mask/Face Covering

Face coverings/masks should:

- A. fully cover the mouth, nose, and chin;
- B. fit snugly against the side of the face so there are no gaps;
- C. not create difficulty breathing while worn; and
- D. be held securely through either a tie, elastic, etc. to prevent slipping.

Facial masks/coverings generally should not include surgical masks or respirators unless medically indicated (as those should be reserved for healthcare workers) or masks designed to be worn for costume purposes.

All employee facial masks/coverings shall meet the requirements of the appropriate dress/staff grooming policies (Policy 3216/4216). All student facial masks/coverings shall meet the requirements of the appropriate Student Code of Conduct/Student Discipline Code and Policy 5511 Dress and Grooming.

Any person may be required to temporarily remove a face mask or covering when instructed to do so for identification or security purposes. Failure to comply with such a request violates this policy and may lead to disciplinary or other action.

Exceptions to the use of masks/face coverings include when:

- A. facial masks/coverings in the academy setting are prohibited by law or regulation;
- B. facial masks/coverings are in violation of documented industry standards;
- C. facial masks/coverings are not advisable for health reasons;
- D. facial masks/coverings are in violation of the academy's documented safety policies;
- E. facial masks/coverings are not required when the individual works alone in an assigned work area;
- F. there is a functional (practical) reason for a staff member or volunteer not to wear a facial mask/covering in the workplace;
- G. settings where masks might present a safety hazard (i.e. science labs);
- H. individuals have difficulty wearing a face covering;
- I. the individual is communicating with students who are hearing impaired or otherwise disabled, where an accommodation is appropriate or necessary;
- J. the individual is actively participating in outdoor recess and/or physical activity where students are able to maintain a distance of six (6) feet or more or athletic practice, scrimmage, or competition that is permitted under a separate Department of Health order;
- K. the individual is seated and actively consuming food or beverage;
- L. students and staff can maintain distancing of at least six (6) feet and removal of facial covering is necessary for instructional purposes, including instruction in foreign language, English language for non-native speakers, and other subjects where wearing a facial covering would prohibit participation in normal classroom activities, such as playing an instrument;
- M. students are able to maintain a distance of six (6) feet or more and a mask break is deemed necessary by the educator supervising the educational setting;
- N. an established sincerely held religious requirement exists that does not permit a facial covering.

The Board may be required to provide written justification to the local health officials upon request explaining why a staff member is not required to wear a facial covering in the academy. Therefore, if any exceptions are made to the requirement for facial coverings, the request for such exception must be submitted in writing to the individual's supervisor with appropriate documentation provided. A decision on the request will be provided in writing.

Use of Face Shields

Face shields that wrap around the face and extend below the chin may be permitted as an alternative to face masks/coverings with permission of the Educational Service Provider as the Board recognizes that face shields may be useful in some situations, including:

- A. when interacting with students, such as those with disabilities, where communication could be impacted;
- B. when interacting with English-language learners or when teaching a foreign language;
- C. settings where masks might present a safety hazard (i.e. science labs); or
- D. for individuals who have difficulty wearing a face covering.

If employees receive approval from the academy administration after discussing their request not to wear a face mask/covering/shield due to a physical, mental or developmental health condition, and/or if wearing a mask/covering/shield would lead to a medical emergency or would introduce significant safety concerns, the academy administration may also discuss other possible accommodations for the staff member. Such discussion shall follow Board policies and guidelines under the ADA.

Academy nurses or staff who care for individuals with symptoms consistent with those of a communicable disease must use appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), provided by the academy, in accordance with OSHA standards.

When facial masks/coverings are required by the Board, and no exception has been applied, staff members who violate this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with policies of the Board.

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Title	EMERGENCY TEMPORARY TELECOMMUTING POLICY (ETTP)
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EMERGENCY TEMPORARY TELECOMMUTING POLICY (ETTP)

References:

Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOSHA)
Emergency Rule - CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID - 19)

In order to protect the health and safety of the employees, to contain the spread of COVID-19, and in compliance with the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOSHA) Emergency Rules, the Board of Directors enacts this temporary emergency telecommuting policy for employees capable of performing their work assignment from home. For the duration of this policy, the Academy prohibits in-person work for employees to the extent that their work activities can feasibly be performed remotely. Such remote assignment for work activities shall be determined by the School Leader.

Due to the nature of public education and the Academy's COVID 19 extended learning plan, not all employees are able to work remotely. Moreover, the nature of the Academy's business and operations requires daily interaction at the academy buildings and at other designated facilities. Accordingly, this policy is temporary in nature and shall not be construed to create an entitlement to telecommute in the future, and it in no way changes the terms and conditions of employment with the Academy. This policy will cease to be in effect consistent with the end of the current COVID-19 health emergency, consistent with State law and applicable Executive Order/Rule, and as determined by the School Leader and approved by the Board. Employees who are directed to work from home under this Policy will be notified by the School Leader when to return to their regular work stations and locations. Requests for continued telecommuting will be considered for qualified individuals with a disability who can perform the essential functions of the position with or without an accommodation.

Book	Board Policies
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Title	COVID-19 VACCINATION, TESTING, AND FACE-COVERING
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COVID-19 VACCINATION, TESTING, AND FACE-COVERING

References:

Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOSHA)
Emergency Rule - CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID - 19)

To protect the health and safety of the Academy students and employees, the Board of Directors enacts this policy to comply with any rules that the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration's ("MIOSHA") may enact related to the Emergency Temporary Standard ("ETS") released by the U.S. Department of Labor on November 4, 2021.

The Board acknowledges that vaccination is a vital tool to reduce the presence and severity of COVID-19 cases in the workplace, in communities, and the nation as a whole and encourages all employees to receive a COVID-19 vaccination to protect themselves and other employees.

The Educational Service Provider is authorized to issue necessary administrative guidelines as approved by the Board to implement any MIOSHA rules, as promulgated and enforced, related to the ETS, including compelling vaccination of employees or the provision of proof of testing for COVID-19 and wearing a face-covering as prescribed. Educational Service Provider employees must comply with all such administrative guidelines.

The School Leader shall keep the Board informed of any actions taken under this policy as soon as is practicable in light of the circumstances.

This policy will cease to be in effect upon the expiration of the ETS, as long as this expiration date is consistent with other Federal and State law and any applicable Executive Order(s)/Rule(s) as determined by the Educational Service Provider and approved by the Board.

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Title	AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (AED)
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AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (AED)

Reference:

2014 PA 12 (MCLA § 29.19)

The Board of Directors and the Educational Service Provider has determined that safety may be enhanced at the Academy by having an automatic external defibrillator (AED) placed in building(s) within the Academy.

An AED is a medical device containing a heart monitor and defibrillator, used to administer an electric shock through a person's chest wall to the heart. The built-in computer system of the AED assesses the patient's heart rhythm, determines whether defibrillation is needed, and then administers a shock, if necessary. Audible and/or visual prompts guide the user through the process of using the AED.

The Board directs the Educational Service Provider to develop, adopt and implement a cardiac emergency response plan that addresses all of the following:

- A. The use and regular maintenance of AED's, if available;
- B. The activation of a cardiac emergency response team during an identified cardiac emergency;
- C. A plan for effective and efficient communication throughout the Academy campus;
- D. The incorporation and integration of the local emergency response system and emergency response agencies with the Academy's plan;
- E. An annual review and evaluation of the cardiac emergency plan;
- F. If the Academy includes grades 9-12, a training plan for the use of an AED in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) techniques.

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Book	Board Policies
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Title	DIRECT-CONTACT COMMUNICABLE DISEASES
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DIRECT-CONTACT COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

Reference:

MCL 380.1169

The Board of Directors directs the Educational Service Provider to provide a safe, healthy environment for students and staff. This can best be accomplished when all persons within the Academy community understand the method of transmission and prevention of diseases not contracted through air-borne pathogens, but rather through direct contact with body fluids and excretions, especially blood, vomit, feces, or urine. The Board also assures the confidential status of individuals who may be diagnosed with a blood-borne communicable disease.

For purposes of this policy, these *direct-contact communicable diseases* shall include the following: HIV (human immunodeficiency virus); AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome); AIDS-related complex (condition); HAV, HBV, HCV (Hepatitis A, B, C); and other diseases specified by the Michigan Department of Community Health as contact communicable diseases.

The Educational Service Provider recognizes the fact that individuals who have contracted these diseases may not exhibit symptoms for many years after exposure and may, in fact, not be aware they have the disease. However, these individuals are able to transmit the disease to other individuals.

The Board of Directors directs the Educational Service Provider to assure that any students or staff members who reveal the fact that they have contracted one of these diseases will have their status safeguarded in accordance with Federal and State statutes dealing with confidentiality, and that their civil rights will be respected. Staff members will have access to leave policies in accordance with Administrative Procedures and opportunities for reasonable accommodation, as described by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Should a student be unable to attend school as a result of illness, an alternative education program shall be provided, in accordance with the Board's policy and Administrative Procedures dealing with Homebound Instruction.

Additionally, the Board directs the Educational Service Provider to develop an educational program in accordance with Michigan law to ensure proper instruction by guidance counselors, nurses (need not be included if the nurse is licensed), teachers, and/or other school personnel who teach students about HIV and AIDS. Such an educational program shall include information about the following:

- A. the nature of the disease;
- B. its causes and effects;
- C. the means of detecting its presence and preventing its transmission;
- D. the availability of appropriate sources of counseling and referral; and
- E. any other appropriate information, considering the age and grade levels of students.

The Educational Service Provider shall develop Administrative Procedures that establish procedures to fulfill the intent of this policy.

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Book	Board Policies
Section	8000 BP - Operations
Title	CONTROL OF BLOOD-BORNE PATHOGENS
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CONTROL OF BLOOD-BORNE PATHOGENS

Reference:

29 CFR 1910.1030

The Board of Directors directs the Educational Service Provider to protect staff members who may be exposed to blood-borne pathogens and other potentially infectious materials in their performance of assigned duties.

The Educational Service Provider shall implement Administrative Procedures that will do the following:

- A. identify those categories of employees whose duties create a reasonable anticipation of exposure to blood and other infectious materials;
- B. provide for inoculation of the Hepatitis B vaccine at no cost to the staff member and in accordance with Federally-mandated scheduling;
- C. ensure proper training in the universal precautions against exposure and/or contamination including the provision of appropriate protective supplies and equipment;
- D. establish appropriate procedures for reporting, evaluating, and following-up any and all incidents of exposure;
- E. provide for record-keeping of all of the above that complies with both Federal and State laws;
- F. develop an exposure control plan.

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Book	Board Policies
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Title	STUDENT ABUSE AND NEGLECT
Code	8462 BP
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STUDENT ABUSE AND NEGLECT

Reference:

MCL 380.1505, 722.621 et. seq.

The Board of Directors is concerned with the physical and mental well-being of the students in this Academy and will cooperate in identifying and reporting cases of child abuse or neglect, in accordance with law.

Any staff and all other persons employed by the Educational Service Provider who are mandatory reporters under the law with reasonable cause to suspect child abuse or neglect shall be responsible for immediately reporting every case, whether ascertained or suspected, of abuse or neglect resulting in physical or mental injury to a student by other than accidental means.

The staff member or other mandatory reporter shall immediately notify the local office of the Central Registry of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Family Independence Agency, by telephone, or, if available, through the online reporting system, of the suspected child abuse or child neglect. If an oral report is made by telephone, the reporting person shall file a written report within seventy-two (72) hours of making the oral report as required by the Child Protection Law.

The identity of the reporting person shall be confidential, subject to disclosure only by consent or court order. A reporting Educational Service Provider employee shall not be dismissed or otherwise penalized for making a report of child abuse or neglect.

Information concerning alleged child abuse is confidential. Any unauthorized disclosure by an official or employee of the Academy is a violation of law and subjects the disseminator to civil liability for any resulting damages.

The Educational Service Provider should be mindful of the possibility of physical or mental abuse inflicted on a student by a staff member. Any such instances, whether real or alleged, should be handled in accordance with the Administrative Procedures established by the Educational Service Provider.

The Board authorizes the Educational Service Provider to develop a protocol that addresses the prevention of sexual abuse of children. The protocol shall include at least the:

- A. training for academy personnel on child sexual abuse, including, but not limited to, training on supportive, appropriate response to disclosure of abuse;
- B. providing educational information to parents or guardians on the warning signs of a child being sexually abused and information on needed assistance, referral, or resources;

This information may be provided in the student handbook that is distributed to students, parents, and guardians.

- C. available counseling and resources for students affected by sexual abuse;
- D. emotional and educational support for a student affected by sexual abuse to allow the student to continue to be successful in school;

E. a review of the system that is in place in the Academy to education and support personnel who are required to report child abuse or neglect under Section 3 of the Child Protection Law, 1975 PA 238, M.C.L. 722.6223, and the process in place for making those mandatory reports.

This review should include an analysis of the level of compliance with the mandatory reporting requirements and suggestions to improve compliance.

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Book	Board Policies
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Title	FOOD SERVICES
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FOOD SERVICES

Reference:

Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 and Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, 42 USC 1751 et seq.
 Child Nutrition Act of 1966, 42 USC 1771 et seq.
 M.C.L. 380.1272, 1272a, 1272d et seq.
 7 CFR Parts 15b, 210, 215, 220, 225, 226, 240, 245, 3015
 42 U.S.C. 1758, 1760
 OMB Circular No. A-87 USDA Smart Snacks in School Food Guidelines (effective July 1, 2014)
 SP 32-2015 Statements Supporting Accommodations for Children with Disabilities in the Child Nutrition Programs

The Educational Service Provider may provide food service for the purchase and consumption of lunch for all students.

The Educational Service Provider may also provide a breakfast program in accordance with procedures established by the State Department of Education.

The food service program shall comply with Federal and State regulations pertaining to the selection, preparation, delivery, consumption, and disposal of food and beverages including, but not limited to, the current United States Department of Agriculture's ("USDA") school meal pattern requirements and the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards, as well as to the fiscal management of the program.

Further, the food service program shall comply with Federal and State regulations pertaining to the fiscal management of the program as well as all the requirements pertaining to food service hiring and food service manager/operator licensure and certification. In addition, as required by law, a food safety program based on the principles of the Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point ("HACCP") system shall be implemented with the intent of preventing food-borne illnesses. For added safety and security, access to the facility and the food stored and prepared therein shall be limited to food service staff and other authorized persons.

The Board shall approve and implement nutrition standards governing the types of food and beverages that may be sold on the premises of its schools and shall specify the time and place each type of food or beverage may be sold. In adopting such standards, the Board shall:

- A. consider the nutritional value of each food or beverage;
- B. consult with a dietitian licensed under R.C. Chapter 4759, a dietetic technician registered by the Commission on Dietetic Registration, or a school nutrition specialist certified or credentialed by the School Nutrition Association;
- C. consult and incorporate to the maximum extent possible the dietary guidelines for Americans jointly developed by the USDA and the United States Department of Health and Human Services; and

D. consult and incorporate the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition guidelines.

The Academy's food service program shall serve only food items and beverages determined by the Food Service Department to be in compliance with the current USDA Dietary Guidelines for Americans and the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition guidelines.

The Educational Service Provider will require that the food service program serve foods in the Academy that are wholesome and nutritious and reinforce the concepts taught in the classroom.

The Educational Service Provider is responsible for implementing the food service program in accordance with the adopted nutrition standards and shall provide a report to the Board at one of its regular meetings, annually, regarding the Academy's compliance with the standards.

No food or beverage may be sold on any Academy premises except in accordance with the standards approved by the Board.

Dietary Modifications

Modifications Based on Compliant Medical Documentation

An adult student or student's parent requesting special dietary accommodations for a student with a disability that restricts the diet must provide the Medical Statement for Special Dietary Needs signed by a State authorized medical authority, which is a medical professional authorized in the State of Michigan to write prescriptions. The request must contain the following information:

- A. an explanation of how the student's physical or mental impairment restricts the diet;
- B. the food(s)/type(s) of foods to be avoided;
- C. the food(s)/type(s) of foods to be substituted; and
- D. additional pertinent information, if any, that will assist in accommodating the student's needs.

If a Medical Statement for Special Dietary Needs is incomplete, unclear, or lacks sufficient detail, the Special Dietary Accommodation Coordinator or Food Service Director shall request that the student or parent/guardian request that the medical authority supplement the response so that a safe meal can be provided.

A special dietary accommodation for a student who has a disability that restricts the student's diet must be supported by a Medical Statement for Special Dietary Needs, which should be submitted to the Food Service Director who shall serve as the Special Dietary Accommodation Coordinator.

A student with a disability may have an IEP or 504 plan that requires specific instruction, services, or accommodation related to the student's nutritional needs. If a student's IEP or 504 plan contains the same information that is required on a Medical Statement for Special Dietary Needs, then it is not necessary to obtain and submit a separate Medical Statement for Special Dietary Needs.

The individual making an initial request for such substitutions must inform the Food Service Director or Special Dietary Accommodation Coordinator that the student has a disability that restricts the student's diet. The Academy will honor the request upon receipt of the required documentation from a State-authorized medical authority. If the Special Dietary Accommodation Coordinator is unable to grant a requested accommodation following receipt of the medical authority's statement, the student or parent shall be provided with an explanation of the basis for the decision. Compliant requests shall be immediately implemented.

Disability Accommodation Grievance Procedure

The following procedure is intended to provide prompt and equitable resolution to any concern or disagreement regarding the food service program's administration of meal modifications made or requested on the basis of a student's disability. None of the procedures described in this policy section shall prevent a student or parent from pursuing a complaint with any State or Federal agency, including the USDA, using the procedures described at the end of this policy.

- A. If an initial request for accommodation in the form of substituted meals is denied, the student or parent may request review of that decision by the Educational Service Provider and shall provide any

communications between the student or parent and food service officials concerning the accommodation request, any documentation provided by a medical authority, and any additional information the student or parent believes is pertinent to the decision. A review of the materials provided and of the initial decision shall be completed and a response provided to the student or parent as soon as practicable following receipt of the request for review. If the initial decision is reversed, including due to additional information provided on review, the dietary accommodations shall be implemented without delay. If the initial decision is affirmed, the decision is final.

B. Any other complaint or disagreement with the food service administration concerning implementation of special dietary accommodations based on a student's disability shall be presented to the Special Dietary Accommodation Coordinator. The student or parent shall specify the nature of the concern and any requested remedy in writing. The Coordinator shall promptly review the grievance and either contact the student or parent for any required clarification of the request or to seek to reach an agreement regarding how to best address the concern. If no agreement is reached, the Coordinator shall make a determination and notify the student or parent in writing as soon as practicable. If the grievance is affirmed in any respect, the Coordinator shall propose a plan for implementing appropriate remedial measures. If the student or parent is dissatisfied with the Coordinator's determination, the student or parent may submit a written request to the Educational Service Provider for review. The administrator's determination shall be final.

IMPLEMENTATION AND DISCONTINUATION

Review

Upon receipt of a request for a special dietary accommodation, the Food Service Director or Special Dietary Accommodation Coordinator shall review the request to ensure it is supported as required by Federal law and Academy policy and if not, shall request additional or clarifying information from the student or parent making the request.

Implementation

When the need for a special dietary accommodation is supported by a Medical Statement for Special Dietary Needs signed by a State-authorized medical authority, the Academy will offer a reasonable modification that effectively accommodates the student's disability. Following USDA Child Nutrition Program regulations, the Academy may consider factors such as cost and efficiency and is not required to prepare a specific meal, provide a specific brand of food, or provide a meal beyond the meals provided to other students.

For students who have an IEP or 504 plan that requires specific food-related accommodations, the Academy shall provide the accommodation as required by law, seeking clarifying medical information, as necessary.

A special dietary request will be approved and implemented upon submission of a completed authorized Medical Statement.

Student Absence

If a student receiving a special dietary accommodation is absent or does not wish to participate in school lunch on a day an accommodation is planned, the student or parent shall contact the Special Dietary Accommodation Coordinator by 9:00 a.m. the same day.

Renewing A Special Dietary Request

An authorized Medical Statement does not need to be updated annually. However, the Special Dietary Accommodation Coordinator may annually seek clarification or updates on special dietary requests.

Discontinuation of a Special Dietary Request

A special dietary request or part of a request may be discontinued by a parent by submitting the request in writing to the Special Dietary Accommodation Coordinator or shall be discontinued consistent with the medical authorities' recommendation provided with the Medical Statement for Special Dietary Needs.

The operation and supervision of the food-service program shall be the responsibility of the Educational Service Provider. Food services shall be operated on a self-supporting, nonprofit basis with revenue from students, staff, Federal reimbursement, and surplus food. The Board shall assist the program by furnishing available space, initial major equipment, and utensils. Maintenance and replacement of equipment is the responsibility of the program. In addition, as

required by law, a food safety program based on the principles of the Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) system shall be implemented with the intent of preventing food-borne illnesses. For added safety and security, access to the facility and the food stored and prepared therein shall be limited to food service staff and other authorized persons.

A periodic review of the food-service accounts shall be made by the Educational Service Provider and such accounts shall be audited as part of the Academy's annual audit.

Bad Debt

Bad debt incurred through the inability to collect lunch payments from students is not an allowable cost chargeable to any Federal program. Any related collection cost, including legal cost, arising from such bad debt after they have been determined to be uncollectable are also unallowable. Academy efforts to collect bad debt shall be in accordance with Policy 6152 - Student Fees, Fines, and Charges.

Bad debt is uncollectable/delinquent debt that has been determined to be uncollectable no sooner than the end of the school year in which the debt was incurred. If the uncollectable/delinquent debt cannot be recovered by the School Meals Program in the year when the debt was incurred, then this is classified as bad debt. Once classified as bad debt, non-Federal funding sources must reimburse the NSFSA for the total amount of the bad debt. The funds may come from the Academy general fund, State or local funding, school or community organizations such as the PTA, or any other non-Federal source. Once the uncollectable/delinquent debt charges are converted to bad debt, records relating to those charges must be maintained in accordance with the record retention requirements in 7 C.F.R. 210.9(b) (17) and 7 C.F.R. 210.15(b).

Students who have qualified for Free lunches are still responsible for paying off any debt that was incurred prior to qualifying for free lunches. This policy and any implementing guidelines shall be provided in writing to all households at the start of each school year and to households transferring to the Academy during the year. The policy and implementing guidelines will also be provided to all Academy staff with responsibility for enforcing the policies.

With regard to the operation of the Academy food service program, the Educational Service Provider shall ensure:

- A. the maintenance of sanitary, neat premises, free from fire and health hazards;
- B. the preparation of food that complies with Federal food safety regulations;
- C. the purchase of foods and supplies, in accordance with State and Federal law, USDA regulations, and Board policy;
- D. complying with food holds and recalls in accordance with USDA regulations;
- E. the management (accounting and disposition) of food-service funds pursuant to Federal and State law and USDA regulations;
- F. the safety and safekeeping and storage of food and food equipment pursuant to State and Federal law and USDA regulations;
- G. the planning and execution of menus in compliance with USDA requirements;
- H. the regular maintenance and replacement of equipment.

The Academy shall serve only nutritious food as determined by the Food Service Program in compliance with the current USDA Nutrition Standards for the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs and the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition guidelines. Foods and beverages unassociated with the food-service program must comply with the current USDA Nutrition Standards for the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs and the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition guidelines, and may be vended, subject to Board Policy 8540.

The Educational Service Provider is responsible for implementing the food service program in accordance with the adopted nutrition standards and shall provide a report regarding the Academy's compliance with the standards at one of the Board's regular meetings annually.

Nondiscrimination Statement

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture ("USDA") civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity. The Academy's

nondiscrimination statement below is complementary to the Academy's nondiscrimination policies, including Policy 2260 - Nondiscrimination and Access to Equal Educational Opportunity and Policy 1422/Policy 3122 - Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity.

Program information may be made available in languages other than English. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication to obtain program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language) should contact the responsible state or local agency that administers the program or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, which can be obtained online at <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ad-3027.pdf>, from any USDA office by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights ("ASCR") about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by:

Mail:

U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or

Fax:(833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or

E-mail:program.intake@usda.gov.

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Book	Board Policies
Section	8000 BP - Operations
Title	WELLNESS
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WELLNESS

Reference:

42 USC §§ 1751, Sec. 204, 42 USC § 1771
7 CFR Parts 210 and 220

The Board recognizes that good nutrition and regular physical activity affect the health and well-being of the Academy's students. Furthermore, research concludes that there is a positive correlation between a student's health and well-being and the student's ability to learn. Moreover, schools can play an important role in the developmental process by which students establish their health and nutrition habits by providing nutritious meals and snacks through the schools' meal programs, by supporting the development of good eating habits, and by promoting increased physical activity both in and out of school.

The Board, however, believes this effort to support the students' development of healthy behaviors and habits with regard to eating and exercise cannot be accomplished by the schools alone. It will be necessary for not only the staff, but also parents and the public at large to be involved in a community-wide effort to promote, support, and model such healthy behaviors and habits with respect to eating and exercise.

The Board sets the following goals in an effort to enable students to establish good health, healthy nutrition, and physical activity habits:

A. With regard to nutrition education, the Academy shall:

(Specific goals need to be inserted here. See Appendix A.)

B. With regard to physical activity, the Academy shall:

(Specific goals need to be inserted here. See Appendix B.)

C. With regard to other school-based activities the Academy shall:

(Specific goals need to be inserted here. See Appendix C.)

D. With regard to nutrition promotion, the Academy shall:

(Specific goals need to be inserted here. See Appendix D.)

Furthermore, with the objectives of enhancing student health and well-being, and reducing childhood obesity, the following guidelines are established:

(Specific guidelines need to be inserted here. See Appendix E.)

The Board designates the Educational Service Provider as the individual(s) charged with operational responsibility for verifying that the Academy meets the goals established in this policy.

The Educational Service Provider shall appoint an Academy wellness committee that includes parents, students, representatives of the Academy food authority, educational staff (including health and physical education teachers), mental health and social services staff, school health professionals, members of the public and Academy administrators to oversee development, implementation, evaluation and periodic update of the wellness policy. The Wellness Committee shall be an ad hoc committee with members recruited and chosen annually. Academy-level health advisory teams may assist in the planning and implementation of these Wellness initiatives.

The Wellness Committee shall be responsible for:

- A. assessment of the current Academy environment;
- B. review of the Academy's wellness policy;
- C. presentation of the wellness policy to the Board for approval;
- D. measurement of the implementation of the policy;
- E. recommendation for the revision of the policy, as necessary.

Before the end of each school year the Wellness Committee shall recommend to the Educational Service Provider any revisions to the policy it deems necessary and/or appropriate. In its review, the Wellness Committee shall consider evidence-based strategies in determining its recommendations.

The Educational Service Provider shall report annually to the Board on the progress of the Wellness Committee and on its evaluation of policy implementation and areas for improvement, including status of compliance by individual schools and progress made in attaining goals of policy.

The Educational Service Provider is also responsible for informing the public, including parents, students and community members, on the content and implementation of this policy. In order to inform the public, the Educational Service Provider shall distribute information at the beginning of the school year to families of Academy children and post the policy on the Academy's website, including the Wellness Committee's assessment of the implementation of the policy.

The Academy shall assess the Wellness Policy at least once every three (3) years on the extent to which Academies are in compliance with the Academy policy, the extent to which the Academy policy compares to model wellness policies, and the progress made in attaining the goals of the Academy Wellness Policy. The assessment shall be made available to the public on the Academy website.

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Section	8000 BP - Operations
Title	SPECIFIC GOALS FOR NUTRITION
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SPECIFIC GOALS FOR NUTRITION

- A. Nutrition education shall be integrated into other subject areas of the curriculum, when appropriate, to complement, but not replace, the standards and benchmarks for health education.
- B. Nutrition education standards and benchmarks shall be age-appropriate and culturally relevant.

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Title	SPECIFIC GOALS FOR PHYSICAL ACTIVITY
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SPECIFIC GOALS FOR PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

Physical Education

A sequential, comprehensive physical education program shall be provided for students in K-12 in accordance with the standards and benchmarks established by the State.

The sequential, comprehensive physical education curriculum shall stress the importance of remaining physically active for life.

Planned instruction in physical education shall require students to be engaged in moderate to vigorous physical activity for at least fifty percent (50%) of scheduled class time.

Planned instruction in physical education shall teach cooperation, fair play, and responsible participation.

Planned instruction in physical education shall be presented in an environment free of embarrassment, humiliation, shaming, taunting, or harassment of any kind.

Physical Activity

Physical activity shall not be employed as a form of discipline or punishment.

Physical activity and movement shall be integrated, when possible, across the curricula and throughout the school day.

In addition to planned physical education, the Academy shall provide age-appropriate physical activities (e.g., recess during the school day, intramurals and clubs before and after school, and interscholastic sports) that meet the needs of all students, including males, females, students with disabilities, and students with special healthcare needs.

Book	Board Policies
Section	8000 BP - Operations
Title	SPECIFIC GOALS FOR OTHER ACADEMY-BASED ACTIVITIES DESIGNED TO PROMOTE STUDENT WELLNESS
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SPECIFIC GOALS FOR OTHER ACADEMY-BASED ACTIVITIES DESIGNED TO PROMOTE STUDENT WELLNESS

Free drinking water shall be available to students during designated meal times and may be available throughout the school day.

The Academy shall schedule mealtimes so there is minimum disruption by bus schedules, recess, and other special programs or events.

The Academy shall provide attractive, clean environments in which the students eat.

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Title	SPECIFIC GOALS FOR NUTRITION PROMOTION
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SPECIFIC GOALS FOR NUTRITION PROMOTION

With regard to nutrition promotion, any foods and beverages marketed or promoted to students on the school campus, during the school day, will meet or exceed the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards.

Additionally, the Academy shall:

- A. create an environment that reinforces the development of healthy eating habits, including offering the following healthy foods that comply with the USDA Dietary Guidelines for Americans and the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards:
 1. a variety of vegetables daily to include five (5) specific subgroups outlined in the Dietary Guidelines for Americans and promoted in the MyPlate materials (dark green, red/orange, beans/peas/legumes, starchy and other);
 2. whole grain, whole and whole grain rice products that meet school lunch and breakfast program requirements and, if offered, Smart Snack in School standards;
 3. choice of fluid milk from fat-free or low-fat (unflavored and flavored) at program lunch and breaks meals with one (1) choice being unflavored.

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Book	Board Policies
Section	8000 BP - Operations
Title	NUTRITION GUIDELINES FOR ALL FOODS AVAILABLE ON CAMPUS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY
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NUTRITION GUIDELINES FOR ALL FOODS AVAILABLE ON CAMPUS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

A. In accordance with Policy 8500, entitled Food Service, the food service program shall comply with Federal and State regulations pertaining to the selection, preparation, consumption, and disposal of food and beverages, including but not limited to the USDA Dietary Guidelines for Americans and the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards, as well as to the fiscal management of the program.

B. As set forth in Policy 8531, entitled Free and Reduced Price Meals, the guidelines for reimbursable school meals are not less restrictive than the guidelines issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

The sale of foods of minimal nutritional value in the food service area during the lunch period is prohibited.

C. The sale of foods and beverages to students that do not meet the USDA Dietary Guidelines for Americans and the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards to be consumed on the school campus, defined as the Academy's physical plant as delineated in the Academy's charter during the school day is prohibited.

D. All food items and beverages available for sale to students for consumption on the school campus (any area of property under the jurisdiction of the school that is accessible to students during the school day) between midnight and thirty (30) minutes after the close of the regular school day (the "School day"), as defined in the Academy's charter contract shall comply with the current USDA Dietary Guidelines for Americans and the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards, including, but not limited to, competitive foods that are available to students a la carte or as entrees in the dining area (except items that were offered on the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) or School Breakfast Program (SBP) menu on the day of and the day after they are offered from vending machines, from school stores, or as authorized fundraisers including those operated by student clubs and organizations, parent groups, or boosters clubs.

E. All foods offered on the school campus during the school day shall comply with the current USDA Dietary Guidelines for Americans, including competitive foods that are available to students a la carte in the dining area, as classroom snacks, or from vending machines.

F. All food and beverages that are provided, other than through sale, on the school campus during the school day (which may include classroom snacks, for classroom parties, and at holiday celebrations) shall comply with the food and beverage standards approved by the Educational Service Provider.

G. The food service program will strive to be financially self-supporting; however, if it is necessary to subsidize the operation, it will not be through the sale of foods with minimal nutritive value.

H. The food service program will provide all students affordable access to the varied and nutritious foods they need to be healthy and to learn well regardless of unpaid meal balances and without stigma.

I. All food service personnel shall receive pre-service training in food service operations.

J. Continuing professional development shall be provided for all staff of the food service program.

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Book	Board Policies
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Title	BOARD RESOLUTION
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BOARD RESOLUTION

WHEREAS children need access to healthy foods and opportunities to be physically active in order to grow, learn and thrive; and

WHEREAS good health fosters student attendance and education; and

WHEREAS obesity is increasing rapidly in the United States, affecting adults and children of all races, ethnicities, and income levels; and

WHEREAS the prevalence of overweight children aged 6-11 has more than doubled in the last 20 years and the number of overweight adolescents aged 12-19 has more than tripled in that same time; and

WHEREAS overweight children and adolescents are more likely than not to remain overweight, become obese adults, and develop related chronic illnesses; and

WHEREAS reversing the obesity epidemic among children will require a long-term, well-coordinated approach to reach young people where they live, learn, and play; and

WHEREAS schools can effectively partner with other public, non-profit, and private sector organizations in an effort to re-shape social and physical environments and provide information and practical strategies to help children and adults adopt more healthy lifestyles; and

WHEREAS

the Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004 established a new requirement that all Academies with a Federally-funded school meals program develop and implement wellness policies that address nutrition and physical activity no later than the beginning of the 2006 – 2007 school year;

**THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED**

that it is the intent of the Board of Directors of the KIPP Detroit Imani Academy to comply fully with 42 USC 1751 Section 204, which requires that any local educational agency participating in the National School Lunch Program establish a local school wellness policy; and

**BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED**

that the Educational Service Provider, shall seek the involvement of parents, students, representatives of the school food service program, the Academy board, Academy administrators, and the public as this Academy's wellness policy is developed, and shall recommend a policy to the Board not later than June 15th; and

**BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED**

that the Board reserves the right to modify the recommended policy as it deems necessary; and

**BE IT
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RESOLVED**

that said policy shall be adopted no later than June 30th and shall be effective on the first day of the school year beginning after July 1st.

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Book	Board Policies
Section	8000 BP - Operations
Title	FREE AND REDUCED-PRICED MEALS
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FREE AND REDUCED-PRICED MEALS

Reference:

380.1272 et seq.
M.C.L. 388.1630d
M.C.L. 388.1631k
42 USC 1751 et seq.
42 USC 1771 et seq.

The Board of Directors recognizes the importance of good nutrition to each student's educational performance. The Board may provide eligible students with breakfast and lunch at a reduced rate or at no charge to the student. A student's eligibility for free or reduced-price meals shall be determined by the criteria established by the Child Nutrition Program. These criteria are issued annually by the Federal government through the MDE.

Parents or guardians will be required to fill out relevant information to determine student eligibility for Federal free or reduced-cost meal reimbursement rates and CEP eligibility determinations.

The Board designates the Educational Service Provider to determine in accordance with Board standards, the eligibility of students for free and/or reduced-price meals. The Academy shall annually notify all families of the availability, eligibility requirements, and/or application procedure for free and reduced-price meals by distributing an application to the family of each student enrolled in the Academy and may seek out and apply for such Federal, State, and local funds as may be applied to the Academy's program of free and reduced-price meals.

However, in accordance with the provisions outlined in State Aid Section 31k, this procedure prohibits:

- A. the requiring of any student who cannot pay for a school meal or who has a negative meal payment balance to wear a wristband or handstamp;
- B. the requiring of any student who cannot pay for a school meal or who has a negative meal payment balance to perform chores or other work to pay for school meals;
- C. the requiring of any student to dispose of a meal after it has been served because the student is unable to pay for the meal or has a negative meal payment balance;
- D. communicating directly with a student about a student meal debt unless the Academy has attempted to contact, but has been unsuccessful in communicating with, a student's parent or legal guardian through telephone, mail, and email; and
- E. discussing a negative meal payment balance with a student in the presence of other students.

Book	Board Policies
Section	8000 BP - Operations
Title	VENDING MACHINES
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VENDING MACHINES

Reference:

42 USC 1779
7 CFR Parts 210 and 220

The Board of Directors recognizes that vending machines can produce revenues which are useful to augment programs and services to students and staff. It will, therefore, authorize their use in school facilities providing that the following conditions are satisfied.

- A. a contract is made with a reputable supplier of vending machines and products to install, service, stock, and maintain each vending machine.
- B. The Academy's share of the revenues is managed by the Academy in accordance with relevant Board policies and Administrative Procedures.
- C. No products are vended which would conflict with or contradict information or procedures contained in the Academy's educational programs on health and nutrition.
- D. No food or beverages are to be sold or distributed which will compete with the Academy's food-service program.
- E. Food items and beverages available for sale to students in vending machines for consumption on the Academy campus (any area of property under the jurisdiction of the Academy that is accessible to students during the school day) during the school day (the period from the midnight before, to thirty (30) minutes after the end of the official school day) shall comply with the current USDA Dietary Guidelines for Americans and the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards.

The Educational Service Provider, shall develop and implement Administrative Procedures which will require that these conditions are adhered to on a continuing basis.

Book	Board Policies
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Title	TRANSPORTATION
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TRANSPORTATION

Reference:

M.C.L. 380.1321, 1322, 1323, 1324, 1756
A.C. Rule 340.281, 282

It is the policy of the Board of Directors to provide transportation for those students whose distance from their Academy makes this service necessary and in all other cases required by Federal or State law or regulations.

Academy buses and student-transportation vehicles, whether purchased, leased, or contracted for, shall be maintained by the Academy for the transportation of students in accordance with State law. No vehicle shall be purchased or used to transport students for which there is no applicable, passenger-protection, Federal motor-vehicle safety standards.

All Academy buses and student-transportation vehicles, whether purchased, leased, or contracted for shall comply with specifications defined in State law. Each operator of an Academy vehicle used by the Academy shall be licensed for the purpose for which the vehicle is being used and shall operate the vehicles in accordance with Federal and State laws. The license, a medical examiners certificate, and record of continuing education must be in the driver's possession when driving.

Transportation of eligible vocational or special education children between their home and Academy site shall be arranged through the use of Academy-owned or leased vehicles, through cooperation with other districts, through commercial carriers, and/or by other means in the most efficient and economical manner.

The Board reserves the right to terminate transportation based on financial, legal, or other considerations. Additionally, it is a privilege for students to ride an Academy vehicle and this privilege may be revoked if the student's conduct is in violation of the School Leaders administrative guidelines or the Code of Conduct pertaining to student transportation.

Transportation will be provided for homeless students and students in foster care in compliance with applicable State and Federal laws.

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Book	Board Policies
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Title	INSURANCE
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INSURANCE

Reference:

MCL 129.51, 380.124, 380.1269, 380.1332

The Board of Directors shall purchase with Academy funds the type and amount of insurance necessary to protect the Academy from major financial losses.

Insurance purchased shall include, but need not be limited to, the following:

- A. negligent acts or omissions that cause personal injury or wrongful death;
- B. fire and extended coverage on buildings and contents;
- C. comprehensive bodily injury, property damage on automobiles, buses, and trucks;
- D. employee insurance coverage as specified or by Board action;
- E. worker's compensation coverage;
- F. legal liability for Board members and employees.

Insurance for a given coverage shall be obtained at the lowest possible cost, assuming service and company reliability are satisfactory. The Educational Service Provider shall administer the insurance program.

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Book	Board Policies
Section	8000 BP - Operations
Title	RELIGIOUS AND PATRIOTIC CEREMONIES AND OBSERVANCES
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RELIGIOUS AND PATRIOTIC CEREMONIES AND OBSERVANCES

Reference:

20 USC 4071 et. seq.
29 C.F.R. 1910.1030
Gregoire vs. Centennial School 907 F2d 1366, (3rd Circuit, 1990)
Lee vs. Weisman, 112 S. Ct 2649, 120 L. Ed. 2d 467 (1992)
M.C.L. 2.91, 380.1347, 380.1347a, 380.1565

Religious Ceremonies and Observances

The Board of Directors acknowledges that the U.S. Constitution prohibits it from adopting any policy or rule promoting or establishing a religion or any policy that unlawfully restricts any person's free exercise of the individual right to free exercise of religion enjoyed by all persons. Within the confines of this legal framework, the Board adopts the following policy to address the scope of these rights and the Academy's authority within its own facilities or during events.

As public employees, while on duty and acting within the scope of employment or pursuant to official duties, staff members shall not use prayer, religious readings, or religious symbols as a devotional exercise or in an act of worship or celebration. Staff are expected to avoid circumstances where the staff member's expression of religious views could be reasonably construed as an endorsement or approval of the message by the Academy. Nothing in this policy or its application shall serve to prohibit or interfere with any staff member's free exercise of their religious views in circumstances not covered by this policy.

Nothing in this policy prohibits teaching about various religions and religious practices in a manner consistent with any adopted Academy course curriculum. This instruction may include discussion of religious holidays and customs in a manner related to the curriculum that does not give the appearance of an endorsement of one religion over other religions or favoring either a system or religious beliefs or of other beliefs, such as atheism or agnosticism. Observance of religious holidays through devotional exercises or acts of worship is also prohibited.

Distribution of any outside organization's materials, including a request by any person wishing to facilitate dissemination of materials on Academy property, may make a request.

Students are not prohibited by this policy or any guideline promulgated pursuant to this policy, from engaging in the free, individual, and voluntary exercise or expression of the individual's/person's religious beliefs. However, such exercise or expression may be limited to lunch periods or other non-instructional time periods when individuals are free to associate, or on an individual basis in a manner that does not disrupt the educational process.

Celebration activities, involving nonreligious decorations and use of secular works, are permitted. Nonetheless, faculty members have the responsibility to ensure that such activities are strictly voluntary, do not place an atmosphere of social compulsion or ostracism on groups or individuals, and do not interfere with the educational program of the Academy.

The Board shall not conduct or sanction a baccalaureate service in conjunction with graduation ceremonies.

The Board shall not include religious innovations, benedictions, or formal prayer at any school-sponsored event.

Patriotic Activities and Observances

The flag of the United States shall be raised above each public school building operated by the Academy at all times during school hours, weather permitting. This flag shall measure at least four (4) feet two (2) inches by eight (8) feet. A United States flag shall also be displayed in every classroom or other instructional site in which students recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

All students in attendance at school will be provided an opportunity to recite the Pledge each day that school is in session. However, no student shall be compelled to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. No student shall be penalized for failure to participate in the Pledge and the professional staff shall protect any such students from bullying as a result of their not participating in the Pledge.

The building principal or administrator shall be responsible for determining the appropriate time and manner for reciting the Pledge, with due regard to the need to protect the rights and the privacy of a nonparticipating student.

The Academy may offer students and staff a Moment of Silence to commemorate a significant event that has a significant impact on the community. The decision to offer a moment of silence shall be the Educational Service Provider's decision. No moment of silence shall be described by Academy officials with reference to religious symbolism or activity.

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Book	Board Policies
Section	8000 BP - Operations
Title	ANTI-FRAUD
Code	8900 BP
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ANTI-FRAUD

This policy is implemented to advise Academy personnel about activities which may be fraudulent, illegal or otherwise unethical. The Board will not tolerate such activities and disciplinary measures will be implemented as appropriate

Scope

This policy applies to any fraud, or suspected fraud, involving Academy personnel as well as consultants, vendors, contractors, outside agencies doing business with employees of such agencies, and any other parties with a business relationship with the Academy.

Policy

Fraud and fraudulent activity is strictly prohibited.

Academy personnel shall be responsible for reporting any observed or suspected fraud or fraudulent activity to the School Leader or Board President.

All administrators shall be vigilant for any conduct that may appear to constitute fraud within the areas of their responsibility.

All reporting and investigation shall be done in accordance with the Academy's guidelines on this subject.

Fraud – Definitions

Fraud is defined as the intentional, false representation or concealment of a material fact for the purpose of inducing another to act upon his/her injury.

The following are examples of prohibited acts:

- A. Falsification of any record with the intent to conceal information to the Academy's detriment or the individual's advantage, particularly financial records;
- B. Forgery of a check, bank draft, wire transfer or any other financial document;
- C. Unauthorized alteration of a financial document or account belonging to the Academy;
- D. Misappropriation of funds, supplies or other assets of the Academy;
- E. Impropriety in the handling or reporting of money or financial transactions;
- F. Disclosing confidential and proprietary information to outside parties for personal gain (either directly or indirectly);
- G. Asking for or accepting anything of material value from contractors, vendors or persons providing services or materials to the Academy, except as provided in gift policies;

- H. Unauthorized destruction, removal, or use of records, furniture, fixtures and/or equipment for personal gain (either directly or indirectly);
 - I. Misuse of State or Federal funds for other than their designated purposes.

This list is meant to illustrate the types of activities that are prohibited. It is not comprehensive. Other misconduct of a similar nature is similarly prohibited.

Confidentiality

The Academy will maintain confidentiality with regard to the reports of suspected misconduct and the investigation, to the extent consistent with the conduct of an appropriate investigation and its obligations under the Freedom of Information Act. However, absolute confidentiality for reporting witnesses and investigation results cannot be guaranteed.

Except as authorized by the School Leader or his/her designee, the reporting witness and others interviewed are not to discuss the allegations or investigation with other Academy personnel or officials, vendors or contractors. Such discussions may interfere with the investigation. Further, because of the nature of the alleged misconduct, unsubstantiated allegations which are not privileged could harm an innocent individual's reputation and result in potential civil liability.

Non-Retaliation

Those who, in good faith, report suspected fraudulent activity will not be subject to any retaliation as a result of bringing the suspected misconduct forward.

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