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STUDENT HANDBOOK 2019 - 2020



Student/Parent Handbook

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Indian Lake Elementary Calendar

2019-2020

08-19-19	Back to School Night 5:30 - 7:00 PM
08-21-19	First Day for students grades 1 - 4
08-22-19	First Day for Kindergarten students
09-02-19	No School - Labor Day
09-06-19	Student School Pictures
10-17-19	Last Day - 1st nine weeks
10-18-19	No School - Teacher in-service
10-22-19	Picture retakes
10-25-19	Report cards go home
11-07-19	Parent Teacher Conferences 3:30 - 7:00 PM
11-12-19	Parent Teacher Conferences 3:30 - 7:00 PM
11-14-19	4th Grade Fall Musical at the High School Auditorium 7:00 PM
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12-20-19	Last Day - 2nd nine weeks
12-23-19 thru 01-03-20	No School - Winter Break / Teacher Work Day
01-09-20	Report cards go home
01-20-20	No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
02-06-20	Parent Teacher Conferences 3:30 - 7:00 PM
02-17-20	No School - Presidents' Day
03-03-20	Spring Pictures
03-06-20	No School - Teacher in-service

03-11,12,13-20	Kindergarten Registration at the Elementary School
03-13-20	Last Day - 3rd nine weeks
03-19-20	Report cards go home
03-19-20	2nd Grade Spring Musical at the High School Auditorium 7:00 PM
04-02-20	1st Grade Spring Musical at the High School Auditorium 7:00 PM
04-10-20 thru 04-13-20	No School - Spring Break
05-15-20	Grandparents Day
05-20-20	Last Day for students
	Last Day - 4th nine weeks

Indian Lake Elementary Supply List 2019-2020

Kindergarten

- 1 school backpack (No wheels)
- 1 large cloth/nylon zippered pencil bag
with 3 ringed holes (7 ½" X 10")
- 2 boxes of 24 count CRAYOLA crayons
- 4 skinny low odor dry erase markers (blue/black)
- 3 bottles of white glue
- 9 large glue sticks
- 1 box of family size tissues
- 2 containers of Clorox wipes
- 1 container of Play-Doh
- 1 set of headphones (No earbuds)
- Girls: 1 box of 12 count TICONDEROGA #2 pencils
- Girls: 1 box of sandwich size bags
- Girls: 1 container of baby wipes
- Boys: 1 box of gallon size bags
- Boys: 1 roll of paper towels
- Boys: 1 package of CRAYOLA markers
- FOR ART: 1 container of Clorox wipes

3rd Grade

- 1 large cloth zippered pencil bag (No box/animal shapes)
- 1 pair of scissors
- 1 container of Clorox wipes
- 1 box of 24 count crayons
- 48-#2 pencils
- 2 boxes of family size tissues
- 1 set of headphones
- 8 dry erase markers
- 1 folder
- 5 glue sticks
- 1 box of colored pencils
- 1 package of POST IT notes
- 2 composition notebooks-100 pages
- Girls: 1 box of sandwich size bags
- Boys: 1 box of gallon size bags
- FOR ART: 1 Mr. Clean magic eraser

1st Grade

- 1 large cloth pencil bag
- 8 glue sticks
- 3 boxes of 24 count CRAYOLA crayons
- 2 large pink erasers
- 8 skinny black EXPO dry erase markers
- 1 pair of FISKARS scissor
- 36-#2 pencils
- 2 containers of Clorox wipes
- 2 boxes of tissues
- 1 set of headphones
- 1 new white t-shirt to tie-dye and wear all year
- Girls: 1 box of gallon size slider plastic bags
- Boys: 1 box of quart size slider plastic bags
- FOR ART: 1 container of baby wipes

2nd Grade

- 1 school supply box (No cloth bags)
- 1 pointed pair of FISKARS scissors
- 6 glue sticks
- 4 black EXPO dry erase markers
- 2 boxes of 24 count CRAYOLA crayons
- 1 large pink eraser
- 2 boxes of 12 count TICONDEROGA #2 pencils
- 2 boxes of tissues
- 2 containers of CLOROX wipes
- 2 yellow highlighters
- 1 set of headphones
- 2 POST IT brand 3x3 sticky notes
- Girls: 1 box of gallon size Ziploc bags
- Boys: 1 roll of paper towels
- FOR ART: 1 fine tip sharpie marker

4th Grade

- 1 pack of loose leaf WIDE ruled notebook paper
- 1 pocket poly (plastic) folder-for take home folder
- 1 large zippered pencil bag (No boxes)
- 2 boxes of 24 count TICONDEROGA #2 pencils
- 2 boxes of colored pencils
- 1 pair of FISKARS scissors (7 inch)
- 4 low odor dry erase markers
- 1 package of POST IT brand 3x3 notes
- 2 containers of Clorox wipes
- 2 boxes of family size tissues
- 2 or 3 large pink erasers
- 4 large glue sticks
- 1 set of headphones
- FOR ART: 1 roll of colored duct tape (No prints)
- FOR MUSIC: 1 red pocket folder

We ask that your child not bring the following items:

- trapper keepers or binders
- book bags on wheels
- mechanical pencils



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HANDBOOK AWARENESS STATEMENT

My signature below indicates that I have received and read the contents of the Student Handbook. The student handbook can be found on the district's website <http://www.ils-k12.org/>.

I understand that if I have any questions, I can contact my student's principal. Parents should inform the school of changes in residence, custody and home phone, work and emergency telephone numbers.

TEACHER _____

STUDENT'S NAME (Please print) _____

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

GRADE _____

PARENT SIGNATURE _____

DISCLAIMER

School rules published in this handbook are subject to such changes as may be needed to insure continued compliance with federal, state or local regulations and are subject to such review and alteration as becomes necessary for the routine operation of the school. Not all rules of behavior can be written and inserted in a handbook; however, we expect students to follow reasonable rules and not violate the rights of others.

PLEASE RETURN THIS SIGNED FORM PAGE TO YOUR TEACHER

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S



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Dear Families,

On behalf of the entire staff, we take great pride in welcoming you to your elementary school. It is essential that parents read the Student Handbook and that students are made aware of its contents. We are more than happy to answer any questions or concerns that you may have. We encourage your active involvement in your child's education. A strong partnership between home and school can greatly benefit your child as he/she grows and matures.

It is a pleasure to have you as a member of our Indian Lake family. We are looking forward to working with each and every one of you as we embrace the new school year, continue to build on a tradition of academic excellence and provide a positive learning experience.

We encourage your suggestions and involvement. Feel free to visit us and share any questions or concerns. Together, we hope to make this your child's best school year yet!

Best wishes for a successful school year!

Sincerely,

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FOREWORD

This Student Handbook was developed to answer many of the commonly asked questions that you and your parents may have during the school year and to provide specific information about certain Board policies and procedures. Please take time to become familiar with the important information contained in this Handbook and keep the Handbook available for frequent reference by you and your parents. If you have any questions that are not addressed in this Handbook, you are encouraged to talk to your teachers or the building principal. This Handbook replaces all prior handbooks and other written material on the same subjects. This Handbook does not equate to an irrevocable contractual commitment to the student, but only reflects the current status of the Board's policies and the School's rules as of August 1, 2019. If any of the policies or administrative guidelines referenced herein are revised, the language in the most current policy or administrative guideline prevails. Copies of current Board policies and administrative guidelines are available from the building principal and on the District's web site.

MISSION OF THE SCHOOL

EDUCATE - INSPIRE - EMPOWER

EQUAL EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY

This District provides an equal educational opportunity for all students.

VISION STATEMENT

Our students will perform at a level that surpasses or is equal to their ability in all areas of achievement. We will promote high expectations for students in all areas: academic, artistic, physical, health, citizenship and service. In a fiscally responsible manner, we will commit the resources necessary to establish and maintain:

- A respectful, caring and safe environment
- Research-based, student-focused instruction
- Information-driven decision making
- A focused and challenging curriculum
- Collaboration focused on improving student learning
- An active partnership with parents and community

FEDERAL/STATE/LOCAL COMPLIANCE

The Indian Lake Local School District complies with federal laws that prohibit discrimination in programs and activities receiving federal assistance. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicap. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex. The Age Discrimination Act of 1975 prohibits discrimination on the basis of age. Indian Lake Local Schools also complies with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1994 and grants parents/guardians the right to examine children's official school records. Inquiries regarding unlawful discrimination may be directed to the principal of the building.

Any person who believes that s/he has been discriminated against on the basis of his/her race, color, disability, religion, gender, or national origin while at school or a school activity should immediately contact the School District's Compliance Officer(s):

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SCHOOL DAY

School Information

School, policy, and building information can be found on our website <http://www.ils-k12.org/>.

District Information Sources

Indian Lake offers a variety of ways to keep up with important news and information on our school district:

Website

The district's site offers a wealth of information about Indian Lake, including school closings and delays, kindergarten registration, Board of Education meeting minutes, top news, the district Continuous Improvement Plan and curriculum maps. Make sure you regularly visit <http://www.ils-k12.org/>.

Phone Notification System

If you have a current, valid phone number on file with the school, you will be notified of delays or cancellations via a phone notification system. This system is also used to provide any other important messages to parents and students. Please make sure your account is up to date by communicating with the school secretaries.

Progressbook Online Access To Student Information

Students and parents are able to access student information via a web-based system Progress Book. Your Progress Book account gives students and parents access to report cards, lunch account balance. You can access Progress Book online at <http://www.ils-k12.org/>. If you forget your password, please contact your building secretary.

Student Responsibilities

The School's rules and procedures are designed to allow students to be educated in a safe and orderly environment. All students are expected to follow staff members' directions and to obey all school rules.

Students must arrive at school on time, prepared to learn and participate. If, for some reason, this is not possible, the student should seek help from the School Principal(s) or Guidance Counselor.

In order to keep parents informed of their child's progress in school, parents will be provided information on a regular basis and whenever concerns arise. Many times it will be the responsibility of the student to deliver the information. The School, however, may use the mail or hand delivery when appropriate. Parents are encouraged to build a two-way link with their child's teachers and support staff by informing the staff of suggestions or concerns that may help their child better accomplish his/her educational goals.

Student Well Being

Student safety is the responsibility of both students and staff. Staff members are familiar with emergency procedures such as evacuation procedures, fire and tornado drills, safety drills in the event of a terrorist or other violent attack, and accident reporting procedures. If a student is aware of any dangerous situation or accident, s/he must notify a staff person immediately.

State law requires that all students have an emergency medical authorization completed and signed by a parent or guardian on file in the School office.

Students with specific health care needs should deliver written notice about such needs, along with physician documentation, to the School office.

Injury And Illness

All injuries must be reported to a teacher or the office. If the injuries are minor, the student will be treated and may return to class. If medical attention is required, the office will follow the School's emergency procedures and attempt to make contact with the student's parents.

A student who becomes ill during the school day should request permission to go to the office. An appropriate adult in the office will determine whether the student should remain in school or go home. No student will be released from school without proper parental permission.

SECTION I - GENERAL INFORMATION

ENROLLING IN THE SCHOOL

In general, State law requires students to enroll in the school district in which their parent or legal guardian reside.

unless enrolling under the District's open enrollment policy.

New students under the age of 18 must be enrolled by their parent or legal guardian. When enrolling, parents must provide copies of the following:

- A. a birth certificate or similar document
- B. court papers allocating parental rights and responsibilities, or custody (if appropriate)
- C. proof of residency
- D. proof of immunizations

Under certain circumstances, temporary enrollment may be permitted. In such cases, parents will be notified about documentation required to establish permanent enrollment.

Homeless students who meet the Federal definition of homeless may enroll and will be under the District Liaison Homeless Children with regard to enrollment procedures.

In addition, if a new student resides in the District with a grandparent and is the subject of a: (1) power of attorney designating the grandparent as the attorney-in-fact; or (2) a caretaker authorization affidavit executed by the grandparent that provides the grandparent with authority over the care, physical custody, and control of the child, including the ability to enroll the child in school, consent in all school related matters, and discuss with the District the child's educational progress, the student's grandparent may enroll the child in school on a tuition-free basis. However, in addition to the aboverferenced documents that are typically required for enrollment, the grandparent must provide the District with a duly executed and notarized copy of a power of attorney or caretaker authorization affidavit.

A student suspended or expelled by another public school in Ohio may be temporarily denied admission to the District's schools during the period of suspension or expulsion even if that student would otherwise be entitled to attend school in the District. Likewise, a student expelled or otherwise removed for disciplinary purposes from a public school in another state and the period of expulsion or removal has not expired may be temporarily denied admission to the District's schools during the period of expulsion or removal or until the expiration of the period of expulsion or removal which the student would have received in the District had the student committed the offense while enrolled in the District. Prior to denying admission, however, the Superintendent shall offer the student an opportunity for a hearing to review the circumstances of the suspension or expulsion and any other factors the Superintendent determines to be relevant.

If a student has been recently discharged or released from the custody of the Department of Youth Services (DYS) and is seeking admittance or re-admittance into the District, the student will not be admitted until the following records, which are required to be released by DHS to the Superintendent, have been received:

- A. an updated copy of the student's transcript;
- B. a report of the student's behavior while in DHS custody;
- C. the student's current IEP, if one has been developed for the child; and
- D. a summary of the instructional record of the child's behavior.

Foreign students and foreign-exchange students (from recognized and approved student programs) are eligible for admission on the same basis as other non-resident students.

Scheduling And Assignment Elementary Level

The Principal will assign each student to the appropriate classroom and program. Any questions or concerns about the assignment should be discussed with the Principal.

No student may leave school prior to dismissal time without a parent or guardian either submitting a signed written request or coming to the School Office personally to request the release. No student will be released to a person other than a custodial parent(s) or guardian without a written permission note signed by the custodial parent(s) or guardian.

Early Dismissal

When parents are picking up a child at the end of the day the parent must notify the school that the student(s) will be picked up. The school should be notified by a phone call (937) 686-7323 or in person before 2:30 or a note sent with the student.

When you arrive to pick up your student(s), **you must come to the office to sign your child out.** After arriving in the office and signing your student(s) out the secretaries will call them out of class. Students are not allowed to wait in front of the building or to enter cars unless accompanied by a parent. These rules are necessary to ensure student safety.

You must send a note each time there will be a change in your child's dismissal time or procedure. We will ask to see identification of any person we do not know and will not release a child to a babysitter, step-parent or friend without prior authorization. **We will follow the child's normal routine without a note or phone call from the parent.**

Withdrawal/Transfer From School

No student under the age of eighteen (18) is allowed to withdraw from school without the written consent of his/her parents and in compliance with State law. A student who otherwise withdraws from school shall be reported to the juvenile judge of the county and to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles for suspension of their driver's license, if s/he is under the age of 18.

Parents must notify the Principal about plans to transfer their child to another school. School records, including disciplinary records of suspension and expulsion, will be transferred to the new school within 14 days of the parents' notice or request.

When withdrawing from Indian Lake Elementary School, a parent or guardian must be present, sign the Withdrawal Sheet, and the following must be met:

1. All fees are paid, including library fines, lunch room, etc.
2. Books are returned in satisfactory condition; and
3. Assigned work is completed.

You must provide the address of the new school and your family's forwarding address. Your child's records will be sent within 14 days of our receiving a request for records from the new school.

Immunizations

Students must be current with all immunizations required by law, including but not limited to poliomyelitis, measles, diphtheria, rubella, pertussis, tetanus, and mumps, or have an authorized exemption from State immunization requirements. Kindergarten students must be immunized against Hepatitis B and chicken pox. For the safety of all students, the school principal may remove a student from school or establish a deadline for meeting State requirements if a student does not have the necessary immunizations or authorized exemption. In the event of a chicken pox epidemic, the Superintendent may temporarily deny admission to a student otherwise exempted from the chicken pox immunization requirement. Any questions about immunizations or exemptions should be directed to the school nurse.

Emergency Medical Authorization

A complete Emergency Medical Authorization Form must be on file with the School in order for a student to participate in any activity off school grounds, including field trips, spectator trips, athletic and other extracurricular activities, and co-curricular activities. The Emergency Medical Authorization form is provided at the time of enrollment and at the beginning of each school year.

Use Of Medications

Students who must take prescribed medication during the school day, must comply with the following guidelines:

- A. Parents should, determine with the counsel of their child's prescriber whether the medication schedule can be adjusted to avoid administering medication during school hours.
- B. The appropriate form must be filed with the respective building principal before the student will be allowed to begin taking any medication during school hours or to use an inhaler to self-administer asthma medication. Such forms must be filed annually and as necessary for any change in the medication.

- C. All medications must be registered with the Principal's Office and must be delivered to school in the original containers in which they were dispensed by the prescribing physician or licensed pharmacist, labeled with the date, the student's name, and the exact dosage to be administered.
- D. Medication that is brought to the office will be properly secured. Except as noted below, medication must be delivered to the Principal's Office by the student's parent or guardian or by another responsible adult at the parent or guardian's request. **Students are NOT permitted to transport any medication to school.** Students may carry emergency medications for allergies and/or reactions, or asthma inhalers during school hours provided the student has written permission from a parent or physician and has submitted the proper forms. In the case of epinephrine autoinjectors ("epi pens"), in addition to written permission and submission of proper forms, the parent or student must provide a back up dose to the school nurse. Students are strictly prohibited from transferring emergency medication, epi pens, or inhalers to any other student for their use or possession.
 - Medication may be conveyed to school directly by the parent or transported by transportation personnel (bus driver and/or bus aide) at parental request. This should be arranged in advance.
 - If, for supportable reasons, the Principal wishes to discontinue the privilege of a student self-administering a medication, except for the possession and use of asthma inhalers, the parent(s) shall be notified of the decision in sufficient time for an alternative means of administration to be established.
- E. Any unused medication unclaimed by the parent will be destroyed by school personnel when a prescription is no longer to be administered or at the end of a school year.
- F. The parents shall have sole responsibility to instruct their child to take the medication at the scheduled time.
- G. The principal will maintain a log noting the personnel designated to administer medication, as well as the date and the time of day that administration is required. This log will be maintained along with the prescriber's written request and the parent's written release.

Nonprescribed (Over-The-Counter) Medications

No staff member will dispense non prescribed, over-the-counter (OTC) medication to any student without prior parent authorization. Parents may authorize administration of a non prescribed medication on forms that are available from the Principal's Office and on the district website, and expire at the end of each school year. Physician authorization is not required in such cases.

A parent note is required for elementary students to use cough drops at school. Cough drops must be supplied by the parent or guardian, kept in the nurses' station and administered by the district staff.

If a student is found using or possessing a nonprescribed medication without parent authorization, the student will be brought to the School office while the student's parents are contacted for authorization. The medication will be confiscated until written authorization is received.

Any student who distributes medication of any kind or who is found in possession of unauthorized medication is in violation of the School's Code of Conduct and will be disciplined in accordance with the drug-use provision of the Code.

A student may possess and use a metered dose inhaler or a dry powder inhaler to alleviate asthmatic symptoms or before exercise to prevent the onset of asthmatic symptoms, at school or at any activity, event, or program sponsored by or in which the student's school is a participant if the appropriate form is completed and on file in the Principal's Office.

A student who is authorized to possess and use a metered dose or dry powder inhaler may not transfer possession of any inhaler or other medication to any other student.

Health Screenings

In accordance with Ohio Department of Health requirements and guidelines, school health staff conducts periodic health screenings to detect abnormalities in hearing, vision, height, weight, posture and blood pressure. Health screenings may also be conducted when a concern arises. A permission slip will not be sent home for parent permission in advance of the screening. Parents may opt out by notifying the school nurse in writing.

Head Lice

Indian Lake Elementary follows a no live head lice policy. If your child is found to have live head lice while at school, parents will be notified and arrangements will be made to have them picked up from school. The following day, it will be necessary for the parents to make arrangements to bring him/her to be checked in at the clinic to verify that he/she has **no live lice** before he/she can be readmitted to school. The school nurse or designee will make the final decision on re-admittance to school.

Medical concerns

Notify the school nurse of any health concerns that impact your child's school day. If your student is transported to school by bus, the bus drivers should also be provided with this information. Food Service must have a statement from your physician documenting the specific food allergy and acceptable substitutes in order to make accommodations within the National School Breakfast and/or Lunch Program.

Control Of Casual-Contact Communicable Diseases

Because a school has a high concentration of people, it is necessary to take specific measures when the health or safety of the group is at risk. The School's professional staff may remove or isolate a student who has been ill or has been exposed to a communicable disease or highly-transient pest, such as lice.

Specific communicable diseases include diphtheria, scarlet fever, strep infections, whooping cough, mumps, measles, rubella, and other conditions indicated by the Local and State Health Departments.

Any removal will be limited to the contagious period as specified in the School's administrative guidelines.

Control Of Noncasual-Contact Communicable Diseases

The School District has an obligation to protect staff and students from noncasualcontact communicable diseases. When a noncasual-contact communicable disease is suspected, the student's health will be reviewed by a panel of resource people, including the County Health Department. The School will protect the privacy of the person affected and those in contact with the affected person. Students and staff will be permitted to remain in school unless there is definitive evidence to warrant exclusion

Noncasual-contact communicable diseases include sexually transmitted diseases, AIDS, ARC-AIDS Related Complex, HIV, Hepatitis B, and other diseases that may be specified by the State Board of Health.

As required by Federal law, parents will be requested to have their child's blood checked for HIV and HBV when the child bleeds at school and students or staff members are exposed to the blood. Any testing is subject to laws protecting confidentiality.

Control Of Blood-Borne Pathogens

The School District seeks to provide a safe educational environment for students and take appropriate measures to protect those students who may be exposed to bloodborne pathogens in the school environment and/or during their participation in school-related activities. While the risks of students being exposed to blood-borne pathogens may be low, students must assume that all body fluids are potentially infectious and must take precaution to follow universal procedures in order to reduce such risks and minimize and/or prevent the potential for accidental infection.

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- Engaging in activities with other students in the school environment (e.g., physical education class) where physical injuries or other actions that can cause bleeding or exposure to saliva and other body fluids may occur.
- Working with equipment in the school environment that can cause cuts or similar injuries that produce bleeding.
- Participating in extracurricular activities (i.e., athletic activities, recess, playground, field day, field trips, etc.) where physical injuries or other actions that can cause bleeding may occur.

Whenever a student has contact with blood or other potentially infectious material, s/he must immediately notify his/her teacher, who will contact the School Nurse and assist the student in completing the requisite documents (e.g., Form 8453.02 F1 Exposure Report).

The parents of a student who is exposed will be contacted immediately regarding the exposure and encouraged to have the student's blood tested for Hepatitis B and HIV either by his/her physician. The student's parents are encouraged to consult with the student's physician concerning any necessary post-exposure treatment.

- The student's parents will be asked to provide a copy of the test results for maintenance in the student's educational record in accordance with Federal and State laws concerning confidentiality.

The parents of the student who caused the exposure will also be contacted immediately and advised to have the student's blood tested for Hepatitis B and HIV virus either in cooperation with his/her physician.

- The student's parents will be asked to provide a copy of the test results for maintenance in the student's educational record in accordance with Federal and State laws concerning confidentiality.
- The student's parents will be encouraged to allow the District to release their child's name to the exposed student's parents, in the event serious health issues are presented as a result of the exposure.

Students With Disabilities

The American's with Disabilities Act (A.D.A.) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act (Section 504) prohibit discrimination against persons with a disability in any program receiving Federal financial assistance. This protection applies not just to students, but to all individuals who have access to the District's programs and facilities.

The laws define a person with a disability as anyone who:

- A. Has a mental or physical impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities;
- B. Has a record of such an impairment; or
- C. Is regarded as having such an impairment.

The District has specific responsibilities under these two laws, which include identifying, reviewing and, if the child is determined to be eligible, affording access to appropriate educational accommodation.

Additionally, in accordance with State and Federal mandates, the District seeks out, assesses and appropriately services students with disabilities. Staff members use a comprehensive child study process to systematically screen, assess and, if appropriate, place students in special education and related services. Students are entitled to a free appropriate public education in the "least restrictive environment."

A student can access special education and related services through the proper evaluation procedures. Parent involvement in this procedure is important and required by Federal (IDEIA),

A.D.A. Section 504) and State law. Contact the Director of Special Education at 937-686-8601 to inquire about evaluation procedures, programs, and services.

Homeless Students

Homeless students will be provided with a free and appropriate public education in the same manner as other students served by the District. Homeless students are eligible to receive transportation services, participate in education programs for students with disabilities or limited English proficiency, participate in gifted and talented programs, and receive meals under school nutrition programs. Homeless students will not be denied enrollment based on lack of proof of residency. For additional information contact the liaison for Homeless Students at 937-686-8601.

Children And Youth In Foster Care

Students who meet the Federal definition of "in foster care", including those who are awaiting foster care placement, will be provided a free appropriate public education (FAPE) in the same manner as all other students of the District. For additional information see Policy 5111.03.

Protection And Privacy Of Student Records

The School District maintains many student records including both directory information and confidential information.

Directory information includes:

District Policy 8330

Each year the Superintendent shall provide public notice to students and their parents of the District's intent to make available, upon request, certain information known as "directory information." The Board designates as student "directory information": a student's name; address; telephone number; date and place of birth; major field of study; participation in officially-recognized activities and sports; height and weight, if a member of an athletic team; dates of attendance; date of graduation; or awards received.

The Board designates school-assigned e-mail accounts as "directory information" for the limited purpose of facilitating students' registration for access to various online educational services, including mobile applications/apps that will be utilized by the student for educational purposes and for inclusion in internal e-mail address books.

School-assigned email accounts shall not be released as directory information beyond this/these limited purpose(s) and to any person or entity but the specific online educational service provider.

Directory information shall not be provided to any organization for profit-making purposes. Parents and eligible students may refuse to allow the Board to disclose any or all of such "directory information" upon written notification to the Board within five (5) days after receipt of the Superintendent's annual public notice.

In accordance with Federal and State law, the Board shall release the names, addresses, and telephone listings of secondary students to a recruiting officer for any branch of the United States Armed Forces or an institution of higher education who requests such information. A secondary school student or parent of the student may request in writing that the student's name, address, and telephone listing not be released without prior consent of the parent(s)/eligible student. The recruiting officer is to sign a form indicating that "any information received by the recruiting officer shall be used solely for the purpose of informing students about military service and shall not be released to any person other than individuals within the recruiting services of the Armed Forces." The Superintendent is authorized to charge mailing fees for providing this information to a recruiting officer.

Whenever consent of the parent(s)/eligible student is required for the inspection and/or release of a student's health or education records or for the release of "directory information," either parent may provide such consent unless agreed to otherwise in writing by both parents or specifically stated by court order. If the student is under the guardianship of an institution, the Superintendent 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 Board shall not permit the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information collected from students for the purpose of marketing or for selling that information (or otherwise providing that information to others for that purpose).

Directory information can be provided upon request to any individual, other than a for-profit organization, even without the written consent of a parent. Parents may refuse to allow the Board to disclose any or all "directory information" upon written notification to the Board. For further information about the items included within the category of directory information and instructions on how to prohibit its release you may consult the Board's annual *Family Education Rights and Privacy Act* (FERPA) notice which can be found at Superintendent/School Board Office.

Other than directory information, access to all other student records is protected by FERPA and Ohio law. Except in limited circumstances as specifically defined in State and Federal law, the School District is prohibited from releasing confidential education records to any outside individual or organization without the prior written consent of the parents, or the adult student, as well as those individuals who have matriculated and entered a postsecondary educational institution at any age. The Board will provide access or release directory information to armed forces recruiters unless the parent or student request that prior written consent be obtained. See Form 8330 F13.

Confidential records include test scores, psychological reports, behavioral data, disciplinary records, and communications with family and outside service providers.

Students and parents have the right to review and receive copies of all educational records. Costs for copies of records may be charged to the parent. To review student records please provide a written notice identifying requested student records to the building Principal. You will be given an appointment with the appropriate person to answer any questions and to review the requested student records.

Parents and adult students have the right to amend a student record when they believe that any of the information contained in the record is inaccurate, misleading or violates the student's privacy. A parent or adult student must request the amendment of a student record in writing and if the request is denied, the parent or adult student will be informed of his/her right to a hearing on the matter.

Consistent with the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA), no student shall be required, as a part of the school program or the District's curriculum, without prior written consent of the student (if an adult, or an emancipated minor) or, if an unemancipated minor, his/her parents, to submit to or participate in any survey, analysis, or evaluation that reveals information concerning:

- A. political affiliations or beliefs of the student or the student's parents;
- B. mental or psychological problems of the student or the student's family;
- C. sex behavior or attitudes;
- D. illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating or demeaning behavior;
- E. critical appraisals of other individuals with whom respondents have close family relationships;
- F. legally recognized privileged and analogous relationships, such as those of lawyers, physicians, and ministers;
- G. religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or his/her parents; or
- H. income (other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such a program).

Consistent with the PPRA and Board policy, parents may inspect any materials used in conjunction with any such survey, analysis, or evaluation. Please contact the District Superintendent to inspect such materials.

Further, parents have the right to inspect, upon request, a survey or evaluation created by a third party before the survey/evaluation is administered or distributed by the school to the student. The parent will have access to the survey/evaluation within a reasonable period of time after the request is received by the principal.

The Superintendent will notify parents of students in the District, at least annually at the beginning of the school year, of the specific or approximate dates during the school year when the following activities are scheduled or expected to be scheduled:

- A. activities involving the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information collected from students for the purpose of marketing or for selling that information or otherwise providing that information to others for that purpose); and
- B. the administration of any survey by a third party that contains one or more of the items described in A through H above.

The Family Policy Compliance Office in the U.S. Department of Education administers both FERPA and PPRA. Parents and/or eligible students who believe their rights have been violated may file a complaint with:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW 20202-4605
Washington, D.C.
www.ed.gov/offices/OM/fpco

Informal inquiries may be sent to the Family Policy Compliance Office via the following email addresses:

FERPA@ED.Gov; and
PPRA@ED.Gov.

Student Fees And Fines

Students will be provided necessary textbooks for courses of instruction without cost. In accordance with State law, **Indian Lake Elementary** charges specific fees for the following activities and materials used in the course of instruction:

Kindergarten - \$25.00
First Grade - \$30.00
Second Grade \$30.00
Third Grade \$30.00
Fourth Grade \$30.00

Fee payments should be made in full by by cash, check or money order to the school office. **Make checks payable to “Indian Lake Local Schools”**. We appreciate your prompt attention to school fees.

Charges may also be imposed for loss, damage or destruction of school apparatus, equipment, musical instruments, library materials, textbooks and for damage to school buildings or property. Students using school property and equipment can be fined for excessive wear and abuse of the property and equipment.

Fees may be waived in situations where there is financial hardship.

Students can avoid late fines by promptly returning borrowed materials.

Failure to pay fines, fees, or charges may result in the withholding of grades and credits.

Student Fund-Raising

Students participating in school-sponsored groups and activities may solicit funds from other students, staff members, and members of the community in accordance with school guidelines. The following general rules apply to all fundraisers:

- Students involved in the fundraiser must not interfere with students participating in other activities when soliciting funds.

- Students may not participate in a fund-raising activity conducted by a parent group, booster club, or community organization on school property without the approval of the Principal.

Students may not sell any item or service in school without the prior approval of the Principal. Violation of this policy may lead to disciplinary action.

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Student Valuables

Students should not bring items of value to school. Items such as jewelry, expensive clothing, electronic equipment, and the like, are tempting targets for theft and extortion. The School is not liable for any loss or damage to personal valuables.

Meal Service

The School participates in the National School Lunch Program and makes lunches available to students for a fee of \$2.45. Ala carte items are available. Students may also bring their own lunch to school to be eaten in the School’s cafeteria. No student may leave school premises during the lunch period without specific written permission from the Principal.

Indian Lake schools participate in the National School Lunch Program, providing nutritious, well-balanced lunches meeting the Federal guidelines. The lunch program provides meals at free or reduced prices for qualified students. Applications are available on the district website or at any school office. You may apply at any time during the school year.

Indian Lake also participates in the National School Breakfast and Lunch Program at the elementary school and all middle schools and high schools. The free and reduced price program also applies to breakfast.

Information regarding the breakfast and lunch program, including menus and prices, is available on the district website.

The Food Service program and student lunch accounts at all three buildings at Indian Lake schools are electronically linked together. Students or parents may put money on a student’s lunch account using cash or check in advance. For your convenience, families with multiple students in multiple buildings may write one check to be divided between each student in the family regardless of what building they attend. Just make one check payable to “**Indian Lake Food Service**” and explain how the money should be divided. Then have one of your students take the check into their school cafeteria and ask the cashier to divide the amount on the check into each student’s account in the family.

(Note: lunch money and school fees should not be combined on the same check. These are two separate accounts for auditing purposes. School fees should be paid with a separate check written out to **Indian Lake Elementary.**)

If your child has a medically documented food allergy, Indian Lake Food Service will work with you to make the necessary accommodations. Please contact the building principal or the Food Service Department at 937-686-7323.

Breakfast/Lunch Prices

Breakfast:		Lunch:	
Regular	\$ 1.25	Regular	\$ 2.45
Reduced (Qualified)	\$.30	Reduced (Qualified)	\$.40
Adult	\$ 1.25	Adult	\$ 3.50
Milk	\$.35	Milk	\$.35
		A la carte	\$.25 - \$2.35

Students may also bring their own lunch to school to be eaten in the School's cafeteria. No student may leave school premises during the lunch period without specific written permission from the Principal.

Applications for the School's Free and Reduced-Priced Meal program are distributed to all students. If a student does not receive an application form and believes s/he is eligible, contact the building secretaries.

Safety And Security

- A. All visitors must report to the office when they arrive at school.
- B. All visitors are given and required to wear a building pass while they are in the building.
- C. Staff are expected to question people in the building whom they do not recognize and who are not wearing a building pass, and to question people who are "hanging around" the building after hours.
- D. Students and staff are expected to immediately report to a teacher or administrator any suspicious behavior or situation that makes them uncomfortable.
- E. As many unneeded outside doors as possible are locked during the school day.
- F. Portions of the building that will not be needed after the regular school days are closed off.
- (X)** All District employees are to wear photo-identification badges while in District schools and offices or on District property.

Fire, Tornado, And Safety Drills

In case of an emergency, district personnel will follow the District Safety Plan. This plan specifies steps to be followed should an emergency arise that threaten the well-being of students, staff and the public while utilizing school property. In addition to the steps outlined in the District Safety Plan our staff routinely trains on many of these procedures. The drills include fire, tornado, evacuation and lockdown drills.

In the event of a lockdown, parents will be notified the districts automated calling system (Pre K-12 Notification System). If the situation causes a delay in the start of the school day or a change in release time, parents will be notified using the district's automated calling system (Pre K-12 Notification System).

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Emergency Closing And Delays

If the School must be closed or the opening delayed because of inclement weather or other conditions, the School will notify the following radio and television stations:

School Website: <http://www.ils-k12.org/>

Social Media: IL website, Facebook, Twitter, Bellefontaine Examiner website and the IL app

Radio Stations: WPKO-98.3, WBLL-1390, Shine FM, WIMA-1150

Television Stations: WHIO 7, WBNS 10TV

➤ Parents will be notified of school closings or delays via a mass communication system capable of calling, texting, or emailing a phone number and email address that is on file. Parents and students are responsible for knowing about emergency closings and delays.

Visitors

Visitors, particularly parents, are welcome at the School. Visitors must report to the office upon entering the School to sign in and obtain a pass. Any visitor found in the building without signing in or without a visitor pass shall be reported to the Principal. If a person wishes to confer with a member of the staff, s/he should call for an appointment prior to coming to the School in order to schedule a mutually convenient meeting time.

Students may not bring visitors to school without prior written permission from the Principal.

Use Of The Library

The library is available to students throughout the school day. Books may be checked out for a period of 10 school days. To check out any other materials, contact the librarian.

In order to avoid late fees, all materials checked out of the library must be returned to the library within 10 school days.

Use Of School Equipment And Facilities

Students must receive teacher permission before using any equipment or materials in the classroom. Students must seek permission from the Principal prior to using any other school equipment or facility. Students are responsible for the proper use and protection of any equipment or facility they are permitted to use.

Lost And Found

The lost and found area is in the lunchroom/cafeteria. Students who have lost items should check there and may retrieve their items if they give a proper description. Unclaimed items will be given to charity at the close of the school year.

Use Of Office Telephones

Office telephones may not be used for personal calls. Except in an emergency, students will not be called to the office to receive a telephone call.

Use Of Personal Communication Devices

5136 – Wireless Communication Devices

Students may possess wireless communication devices (WCDs) in school, on school property, during after school activities (e.g. extra-curricular activities) and at school-related functions, provided that during school hours and on school vehicles the WCDs are powered completely off (i.e., not just placed into vibrate or silent mode) stored out of sight.

A "wireless communication device" is a device that emits an audible signal, vibrates, displays a message, or otherwise summons or delivers a communication to the possessor. The following devices are examples of WCDs: cellular and wireless telephones, pagers/beepers, personal digital assistants (PDAs), BlackBerries/Smartphones, WiFi-enabled or broadband access devices, two-way radios or video broadcasting devices, laptops, and other devices that allow a person to record and/or transmit, on either a real time or delayed basis, sound, video or still images, text, or other information. Students may not use WCDs on school property or at a school-sponsored activity to access and/or view Internet web sites that are otherwise blocked to students at school.

Also, during after school activities when directed by the administrator or sponsor, WCDs shall be powered completely off (not just placed into vibrate or silent mode) and stored out of sight.

The requirement that WCDs must be powered completely off will not apply when the student obtains prior approval from the building principal.

Students are prohibited from using WCDs to capture, record or transmit the words (i.e. audio) and/or images (i.e., pictures/video) of any student, staff member or other person in the school or while attending a school-related activity, without express prior notice and explicit consent for the capture, recording or transmission of such words or images. Using a WCD to take or transmit audio and/or pictures/video of an individual without his/her consent is considered an invasion of privacy and is not permitted, unless authorized by the building principal.

The use of WCDs that contain built-in cameras (i.e. devices that take still or motion pictures, whether in a digital or other format) is prohibited in locker rooms, classrooms, and/or bathrooms.

No expectation of confidentiality will exist in the use of WCDs on school premises/property.

Students are prohibited from using a WCD in any way that might reasonably create in the mind of another person an impression of being threatened, humiliated, harassed, embarrassed or intimidated. See Policy 5517.01 – Bullying and Other Forms of Aggressive Behavior.

Students are also prohibited from using a WCD to capture and/or transmit test information or any other information in a manner constituting fraud, theft, cheating, or academic dishonesty. Likewise, students are prohibited from using their WCDs to receive such information.

Possession of a WCD by a student is a privilege that may be forfeited by any student who fails to abide by the terms of this policy, or otherwise engages in misuse of this privilege.

Violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action and/or confiscation of the WCD. The building principal may also refer the matter to law enforcement if the violation involves an illegal activity (e.g. child pornography). Any search will be conducted in accordance with Policy **5771** – Search and Seizure. If multiple offenses occur, a student may lose his/her privilege to bring a WCD to school for a designated length of time or on a permanent basis.

A person who discovers a student in possession of or using a WCD in violation of this policy is required to report the violation to the building principal.

Students are personally and solely responsible for the care and security of their WCDs. The Board assumes no responsibility for theft, loss, damage, or vandalism to WCDs brought onto its property, or the unauthorized use of such devices.

Parents/Guardians are advised that the best way to get in touch with their child during the school day is by calling the school office.

Students may use school phones to contact parents/guardians during the school day with permission of the principal.

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- “Sexting” is prohibited at any time on school property or at school functions. Sexting is the electronic transmission of sexual messages or pictures, usually through cell phone text messaging. Such conduct not only is potentially dangerous for the involved students, but can lead to unwanted exposure of the messages and images to others, and could result in criminal violations related to the transmission or possession of child pornography. Such conduct will be subject to discipline and possible confiscation of the WCD.

Advertising Outside Activities

Students may not post announcements or advertisements for outside activities without receiving prior approval from the Principal. The Principal will attempt to respond to a request for approval within 1 school day of its receipt.

- The School has a central bulletin board located in the teachers lunchroom, mailroom and cafeteria that may be used for posting notices after receiving permission from the Principal.

Parent Teacher Organization (Pto)

The PTO has been formed to support elementary school activities and facilitate communication among all involved. All parents and teachers are encouraged to participate in the informational meetings. The PTO coordinates volunteer efforts both within the regular classroom setting and for special events. The organization plans yearly fundraisers with the proceeds going to the financing of special activities with school, provides extra materials for teachers, and sponsors additional assemblies and speakers.

Parties

No parties are to be held during the school day unless permission is granted by the principal.

Parental Supervision At Events

The Indian Lake Local Schools sponsors many events which families are encouraged to attend. For reasons of safety, a parent or a responsible adult designated by the parent should accompany elementary students. Elementary and middle school students should be under the supervision of an adult at all times on these occasions. School rules for behavior apply whenever students are on school property.

Playground Safety/Acceptable Temperature

the maintenance department. Unsafe equipment will be closed or removed.

All items brought from home need to be approved by the classroom teacher and/or recess aide for safety and appropriateness (e.g., balls, jump ropes, etc.).

Children should be properly clothed for daily outside play. Children are sent outside for recess when the temperature is 20° fahrenheit or above, the wind chill is 15° fahrenheit or above, and playground conditions permit safe play.

We encourage all students to go outside for recess on outside recess days. We understand that children with asthma or those returning after a serious illness may need to occasionally stay in. If your child needs to stay inside, please send a note from home. If the need to stay in is longer than two days, you will need to provide us with a doctor's note specifying the reason.

Special Deliveries To School

Parents are asked to remember that sending balloons, flowers, gifts, and the like to children during the school day may create a disruption to learning. These items may be better enjoyed at home. If parents choose to send balloons, gifts, etc. to the school, they may be held in the office until the end of the day. Parents may need to pick up said items as they may not be allowed on the bus. This would be at the discretion of the building administrator.

Unauthorized Use Of The Building

Students are not to remain at school after dismissal unless they are part of a school activity supervised by a teacher, adviser or coach. Any student using the building without authorization and supervision will be referred to the local police authorities. No students will be permitted to use the building when school is not in session without authorization and supervision and will be subject to school disciplinary action. Students who remain after dismissal to use outdoor recreational facilities do so at their own risk. The school district assumes no responsibility for them. These students are not permitted to re-enter the building.

Valuable Personal Property

The school will NOT accept responsibility for the loss of personal property. Personal property items are to be turned off, kept out of sight, and not used during the school day unless authorized by building policy. The use of any personal property that is contrary to building policy may result in disciplinary action and confiscation of the item(s). At the building leadership's discretion, confiscated items may only be returned to a student's parent or guardian.

Volunteers

Certain programs and activities can be enhanced through the use of volunteers who have particular knowledge or skills that will be helpful to staff members responsible for the conduct of those programs and activities. Each volunteer will be required to complete a "Partners in Education" form have it onfile in the office. It is the responsibility of each volunteer to update the form as information circumstances change. Each volunteer is required to abide by all board policies and district guidelines while on duty as a volunteer (including, but not limited to, the volunteer's obligation to keep confidential and not release or permit access to any and all student personally identifiable information to which s/he is exposed except as authorized by law). Furthermore, all volunteers who work or apply to work unsupervised with children on a regular basis will need to display appropriate behavior at all times, and they may be required to provide a set of fingerprints so that a criminal records check can be conducted prior to their service. For additional information, please refer to ILSD policy 3120.09 or your building secretary.

Procedures to resolve parent/teacher disagreements

Whenever a complaint is made directly to the board as a whole, a board member as an individual, the superintendent, principal or other administrator, it will be referred to the appropriate building administrator. A teacher who is the object of a complaint will be informed promptly.

A. Step No. 1 - Direct Conversation.

If a parent or community member (complainant) has a disagreement or misunderstanding with a teacher, the complainant should address the concern to the specific teacher directly involved with the circumstances surrounding the concern. The staff member will meet with them as soon as possible, but in no case longer than five calendar days after the teacher has been notified of the concern (subject to change by mutual agreement).

B. Step No. 2 - Fact and Possible Resolution.

If the complainant or the teacher is not satisfied with the outcome of Step No. 1, or the complainant or teacher is unwilling to meet independent of an administrator, a meeting with the teacher, appropriate administrator, and complainant will be arranged at a mutually convenient time, but in no case more than five calendar days after the meeting in Step No. 1. This step is to be informal and verbal. No further action will be taken beyond Step No. 2, unless the complainant submits in writing a signed and dated statement of facts giving rise to this concern, the name of the teacher involved, and the remedy sought.

C. Step No. 3 - Formal Process.

If a complainant's concern is not satisfactorily resolved at either the first or second level, the complainant should then refer this concern to the superintendent in writing. At that time another meeting will be arranged at the convenience of the complainant and staff member directly concerned, but in no case more than 10 calendar days (subject to change by mutual agreement). The staff member has the right to be at all meetings with or without a representative as he/she so determines. Copies of the disposition will be sent to the board.

D. Dispositions.

Dispositions at Step 3 will be sent in writing to all parties within 10 calendar days of the meeting with reasons stated.

E. Repeat Concerns.

If a complainant believes there has been a repeat of the previous concern, they may go directly to Step No. 3 - "Formal Process."

F. Relation to Other Procedures.

This Article does not limit or affect the actions or procedures available to the administration and/or board based on an investigation of alleged misconduct and an administrative or board conclusion based on that investigation that action adverse to the teacher is warranted. Any such action against the teacher is subject to applicable laws and other articles of this Agreement.

Release Of Student Photos And Work Online

The Indian Lake Local School District believes it is important to share accurate and timely information about the district with stakeholders. In addition, many online tools provide educational opportunities for student learning. As such, from time to time the district may share student information with the public in a web-based environment such as, but not limited to, the district's website, YouTube or Facebook. The district's Web Guidelines allow for the following student information to be used online at the elementary school level:

- Student's first name only;
- Student work (such as, but not limited to, artwork, podcasts, blogs, writing samples, videos, etc.); and,
- Student photographs, but names may not directly accompany any student photograph.

If you do not want your student's information used in a web-based environment, simply submit a written request to the building principal. Requests should be directed to Indian Lake Local School District, Attn: Elementary Building Principal, 8770 County Road 91, Lewistown, Ohio 43333, (937)-686-7323.

Release Of Student Photos, Media, And Interviews

During the year, the Indian Lake Local Schools often have the opportunity to photograph students in a variety of school-related activities. Student recognition programs, academic and fine arts programs are a few examples of these activities.

As such, these photographs may be used in communication tools such as the district newsletter and community postcard and in communications with the media such as allowing interviews or photographs with students. The district reserves the right to deny media requests for student interviews at any time.

Highlighting achievements in our schools is an integral part of reporting responsibly to our community and is a way of sharing in the success of our schools and students. However, it is our primary goal to respect your privacy.

Parents have the right to submit a written request to the building principal directing the district not to release directory information, including the information as listed above. The written requests should be directed to Indian Lake Local School District, Attn:

SECTION II - ACADEMICS

Course Offerings

Field trips are academic activities that are held off school grounds. There are also other trips that are part of the School's co-curricular and extracurricular program. No minor student may participate in any school-sponsored trip without parental consent and a current emergency medical form on file in the office. Medications normally administered at school will be administered while on field trips. The Student Code of Conduct applies to all field trips.

- Attendance rules apply to all field trips.
- While the District encourages students to participate in field trips, alternative assignments will be provided for any student whose parent does not give permission for the student to attend.
- Students who violate school rules may lose the privilege to go on field trips.

Grades

Indian Lake Elementary School has a standard grading procedure, as well as additional notations that indicate work in progress or incomplete work. Grades indicate the extent to which the student has acquired and demonstrated the necessary learning. In general, students are assigned grades based upon test results, homework, projects, and classroom participation. Each teacher may place a different emphasis on these areas when determining a grade and will so inform the students at the beginning of the course. If a student is not sure how his/her grade will be determined, s/he should ask the teacher.

90 to 100 = A = Excellent achievement

80 to 89 = B = Good achievement

70 to 79 = C = Satisfactory achievement

60 to 69 = D = Minimum-Acceptable achievement

S = Satisfactory

P = Progressing

N = Needs Improvement

Grading Periods

Students will receive a report card at the end of each 9 (nine) week period indicating their grades for each course of study for that portion of the academic term.

When a student appears to be at risk of failure, reasonable efforts will be made to notify the parents so they can talk with the teacher about what actions can be taken to improve poor grades.

Promotion, Acceleration, And Retention

Optimal school achievement is obtained when students experience success in their daily activities and build upon successful experiences as they encounter new learning situations. All aspects of the student must be considered as grade placements are made.

DEFINITIONS

- A. **Promotion:**

Occurs when a student is doing the caliber of work (grade level) that indicates the student has met the criteria established in Policy [5410](#) and restated below.

B. Placement:

Occurs when a student is not doing the caliber of work that indicates the student should be promoted to the next grade. However, the Student Intervention Team recommends and the building administrator concurs, that it is in the student's best interest to move to the next grade.

C. Retention:

Occurs when a student is not doing the caliber of work that indicates the student should be promoted to the next grade, based on the recommendation of the Student Intervention Team with the concurrence of the building administrator.

D. Student Intervention Team:

A Student Intervention Team is to be appointed by the principal each year to consider situations in which students may not be promoted to the next grade or may not graduate. Such a team should include:

1. classroom teachers,
2. counselors and other support staff,
3. building principal,
4. parents.

To implement Board policy, the following procedures and guidelines are to be utilized.

Elementary Level

No student will be promoted to the fourth grade if s/he attained a score in the range designated by O.R.C. 3310.0710 (A)(3) on the State mandated assessment except in accordance with the provisions of Policy 2623.02 - Third Grade Reading Guarantee or in accordance with State law.

A. Promotion to the next grade (or level) is based on the following criteria:

1. To be promoted the student must satisfactorily complete the majority of the academic subjects.
2. Failure to complete the majority of the academic subjects will cause the principal to convene the Student Intervention Team.
3. When the Student Intervention Team is convened, the following criteria shall be considered:
 - a. current level of achievement based on instructional objectives and mandated requirements for the current grade
 - b. potential for success at the next level
 - c. emotional, physical, and/or social maturity necessary for a successful learning experience in the next grade

B. Timeline for Elementary Grade Assignment Changes

1. Before Parent/Teacher Conference: Principal will review grade placement procedures with teachers.
2. October-January: Teacher should inform parents of student progress.

3. Early March: Teacher will notify principal, if an alternative grade placement or retention is being considered. The Student Intervention Team may be convened by the principal.
4. Early April: If placement or retention is still being considered, parents should be notified by this time and commitment to the decision secured, if possible.
5. May-June: Decision on placement or retention is made, the student Grade Placement Recommendation is completed, and the student's parents are notified of the decision.

A student may be accelerated (either by whole-grade or by subject area) when his/her performance and measured ability significantly exceeds that of his/her grade level peers. Students can be nominated for acceleration by teachers, administrators, parents, and the student him/herself. Decisions regarding acceleration are based on the following criteria:

- A. achievement of grade/course objective and any applicable State-mandated requirements for the grade/course in which the student is currently and any grade(s)/course(s) in the student will skip
- B. achievement of instructional objectives for the present grade/course as well as the succeeding one(s)
- C. potential for success in the accelerated placement based on sufficient proficiency at current level
- D. social, emotional, and physical maturation necessary for success in an accelerated placement

A student may be retained at his/her current grade level based on the following criteria:

- A. failure to demonstrate proficiency in mathematics and reading.
- B. failure to achieve the instructional objectives at the current grade level that are requisite for success at the next grade level
- C. scoring at the below basic level on any State-mandated assessment test

A student will be retained if s/he is truant (absent without excuse) for more than ten percent (10%) of the required attendance days of the current school year AND has failed two (2) or more of the required curriculum subject areas in the current grade.

Even if s/he falls in the preceding category, a student may be promoted if the Principal and the teachers of the classes that the student failed agree that the student is academically prepared to be promoted.

Promotion to the next grade (or level) is based on the following criteria:

- A. Current level of achievement based on instructional objectives and mandated requirements for the current grade
- B. Potential for success at the next level
- C. Emotional, physical, and/or social maturity necessary for a successful learning experience in the next grade

Student Assessment

Unless exempted, each student must pass all portions of the State-mandated assessment test as a requirement for graduation. The test will be administered twice a year until the student passes all parts of the test. Students are only required to retake those parts of the test they have not yet passed. While the School District does schedule make-up dates for testing, students should avoid unnecessary absences.

English Language Arts – April 2 through April 24
Math - April 20 through May 8

Additional group tests are given to students to monitor progress and determine educational mastery levels. These tests help the staff determine instructional needs.

Classroom tests are given to assess student progress and assign grades. These are selected or prepared by teachers to assess student achievement on specific objectives.

Recognition Of Student Achievement

Students who display significant achievements during the course of the year are recognized for their accomplishments. Areas that may merit recognition include, but are not limited to, academics, athletics, performing arts, citizenship, and volunteerism. Recognition for such activities is initiated by the staff and coordinated by the building principals.

Homework

Homework will be assigned. Student grades will reflect the completion of all work, including outside assignments. Homework is also part of the student's preparation for the assessment tests and graduation.

The Board of Education acknowledges the educational validity of out-of-school assignments as adjuncts to and extensions of the instructional program of the schools. "Homework" shall refer to those assignments to be prepared outside of the school by the student or independently while in attendance at school. The superintendent shall develop rules for the assignment of homework according to these guidelines:

- A. Homework should be a properly planned part of the curriculum, extending and reinforcing the learning experience of the school.
- B. Homework should help students learn by providing practice in the mastery of skills, experience in data gathering, and integration of knowledge, and an opportunity to remediate learning problems.
- C. Homework should help develop the student's sense of responsibility by providing an opportunity for the exercise of independent work and judgment.
- D. The number, frequency, and degree of difficulty of homework assignments should be based on the ability and needs of the student and take into account other activities which make a legitimate claim on the student's time.
- E. As a valid educational tool, homework should be assigned with clear direction and its product carefully evaluated.
- F. The schools should recognize the role of parents by suggesting ways in which parents can assist the school in helping a student carry out assigned responsibilities.
- G. Homework should always serve a valid learning purpose; it should never be used as a punitive measure.

When a student is absent from school, homework requests must be received by 10:00 a.m. in order to be fulfilled by 2:00 p.m. of the same day.

Computer Technology And Networks

The District provides Internet services to its students. The District's Internet system has a limited educational purpose, and has not been established as a public access service or a public forum. Student use of the District's computers, network and Internet services/connection ("Network") are governed by the following principles and guidelines, and the Student Code of Conduct. Users have a limited privacy expectation in the content of their personal files and records of their online activity while on the Network.

Parents and students are advised that the Board may not be able to technologically limit access through the Board's Internet connection to only those services that have been authorized for the purpose of instruction, study and research related to the curriculum. Because it serves as a gateway to any publicly available file server in the world, the Internet opens classrooms and students to electronic information resources that have not been screened by educators for use by students of various ages. The District utilizes a Technology Protection Measure, which is a specific technology that will protect against (e.g., filter or block) access to visual displays/depictions that are obscene, pornographic, and materials that are harmful to minors, as defined by the Children's Internet Protection Act. At the discretion of the Board or the Superintendent, the Technology Protection Measure may be configured to protect against access to other material considered inappropriate for students to access.

The District further utilizes software and/or hardware to monitor online activity of students to restrict access to child pornography and other material that is obscene, objectionable, inappropriate and/or harmful to minors. Nevertheless, parents/guardians are advised that a determined user may be able to gain access to services on the Internet that are not authorized

for educational purposes. In fact, it is impossible to guarantee students will not gain access through the Internet to information and communications that they and/or their parents/guardians may find inappropriate, offensive, objectionable or controversial. Parents/Guardians assume risks by consenting to allow their child to participate in the use of the Internet. Parents/Guardians of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using the Internet. The District supports and respects each family's right to decide whether to apply for independent student access to the Internet.

Students are encouraged to use the "Network" for educational purposes. Use of the Network is a privilege, not a right. When using the Network, students must conduct themselves in a responsible, efficient, ethical, and legal manner. Students are responsible for good behavior on the District's computers/network and the Internet just as they are in classrooms, school hallways, and other school premises and school sponsored events. Communications on the Internet are often public in nature. General school rules for behavior and communication apply. Unauthorized or inappropriate use of the Network, including any violation of these rules, may result in cancellation of the privilege, disciplinary action consistent with the Student Code of Conduct, and/or civil or criminal liability. Prior to accessing the Network, students must sign the Student Network and Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Agreement. Parent permission is required for minors. Parents are encouraged to discuss their values with their children so that students can make decisions regarding their use of the Network that is in accord with their personal and family values, in addition to the Board's standards.

Students must complete a mandatory training session/program regarding the appropriate use of technology and online safety and security as specified in Policy 7540.03 – Student Network and Internet Acceptable Use and Safety before being permitted to access the Network and/or being assigned an e-mail address.

Smooth operation of the Network relies upon users adhering to the following guidelines. The guidelines outlined below are not exhaustive but are provided so that users are aware of their general responsibilities.

- A. Students are responsible for their behavior and communication on the Network.
- B. Students may only access the Network by using their assigned Network account. Use of another person's account/address/password is prohibited. Students may not allow other users to utilize their account/address/password. Students may not go beyond their authorized access.
- C. Students may not intentionally seek information on, obtain copies of, or modify files, data or passwords belonging to other users, or misrepresent other users on the Network.
- D. Students may not use the Network to engage in "hacking" or other illegal activities (e.g., software pirating; intellectual property violations; engaging in slander, libel, or harassment; threatening the life or safety of another; stalking; transmission of obscene materials or child pornography; fraud; sale of illegal substances and goods).
- E. Transmission of any material in violation of any State or Federal law or regulation, or Board policy is prohibited.
- F. Any use of the Network for commercial purposes (e.g., purchasing or offering for sale personal products or services by students), advertising, or political lobbying is prohibited.
- G. Use of the Network to engage in cyberbullying is prohibited. "Cyberbullying" involves the use of information and communication technologies such as e-mail, cell phone and pager text messages, instant messaging (IM), defamatory personal Web sites or MySpace accounts, and defamatory online personal polling Web sites, to support deliberate, repeated, and hostile behavior by an individual or group, that is intended to harm others." For further information on cyberbullying, visit <http://www.cyberbullying.ca>

Cyberbullying includes, but is not limited to the following:

1. posting slurs or rumors or other disparaging remarks about a student or school staff member on a web site or on weblog;

2. sending e-mail or instant messages that are mean or threatening, or so numerous as to drive up the victim's cell phone bill;
3. using a camera phone to take and send embarrassing photographs/recordings of students or school staff members or post these images on video sharing sites such as You Tube;
4. posting misleading or fake photographs of students or school staff members on web sites.

To the extent permitted by the First Amendment, instances of cyber-bullying off school grounds that disrupt the school environment or interfere with the learning process will be considered violations of the Student Code of Conduct.

H. Students are expected to abide by the following generally-accepted rules of network etiquette:

1. Be polite, courteous, and respectful in your messages to others. Use language appropriate to school situations in any communications made through the Network. Do not use obscene, profane, lewd, vulgar, rude, inflammatory, sexually explicit, defamatory, threatening, abusive or disrespectful language in communications through the Network (including, but not limited to, public messages, private messages, and material posted on web pages).
2. Do not engage in personal attacks, including prejudicial or discriminatory attacks.
3. Do not harass another person. Harassment is persistently acting in a manner that distresses or annoys another person. If a student is told by a person to stop sending him/her messages, the student must stop.
4. Do not post information that, if acted upon, could cause damage or a danger of disruption.
5. Never reveal names, addresses, phone numbers, or passwords of yourself or other students, family members, teachers, administrators, or other staff members while communicating on the Internet. This prohibition includes, but is not limited to, disclosing personal identification information on commercial web sites.
6. Do not transmit pictures or other information that could be used to establish your identity without prior approval of a teacher.
7. Never agree to get together with someone you "meet" online without parent approval and participation.
8. Check email frequently and diligently delete old mail on a regular basis from the personal mail directory to avoid excessive use of the electronic mail disk space.
9. Students should promptly disclose to their teacher or other school employee any message they receive that is inappropriate or makes them feel uncomfortable, especially any email that contains pornography. Students should not delete such messages until instructed to do so by a staff member.

I. Malicious use of the Network to develop programs that harass other users or infiltrate a computer or computer system and/or damage the software components of a computer or computing system is prohibited. Students may not use the Network in such a way that would disrupt its use by others. Students must avoid intentionally wasting limited resources. Students may not bypass or attempt to bypass the District's Technology Protection Measure. Students must immediately notify the teacher, principal, if they identify a possible security problem. Students should not go looking for security problems, because this may be construed as an unlawful attempt to gain access.

- J. All communications and information accessible via the Internet should be assumed to be private property (i.e. copyrighted and/or trademarked). All copyright issues regarding software, information, and attributions/acknowledgement of authorship must be respected. Rules against plagiarism will be enforced.
- K. Downloading of information onto the Board's hard drives is prohibited, without prior approval from the building principal. If a student transfers files from information services and electronic bulletin board services, the student must check the file with a virus-detection program before opening the file for use. Only public domain software may be downloaded. If a student transfers a file or software program that infects the Network with a virus and causes damage, the student will be liable for any and all repair costs to make the Network once again fully operational.
- L. Students must secure prior approval from a teacher or the building principal before joining a Listserv (electronic mailing lists) and should not post personal messages on bulletin boards or "Listservs."
- M. Students are prohibited from accessing or participating in online "chat rooms" or other forms of direct electronic communication (e.g., instant messaging) (other than e-mail) without prior approval from a teacher or the building principal. All such authorized communications must comply with these guidelines.
- N. Privacy in communication over the Internet and the Network is not guaranteed. In order to verify compliance with these guidelines, the Board reserves the right to monitor, review, and inspect any directories, files and/or message residing on or sent using the Network. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities will be reported to the appropriate authorities.
- O. Use of the Internet and any information procured from the Internet is at the student's own risk. The Board makes no warranties of any kind, either express or implied, that the functions or the services provided by or through the Network will be error-free or without defect. The Board is not responsible for any damage a user may suffer, including, but not limited to, loss of data, service interruptions, or exposure to inappropriate material or people. The Board is not responsible for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through the Internet. Information (including text, graphics, audio, video, etc.) from Internet sources used in student papers, reports, and projects should be cited the same as references to printed materials. The Board will not be responsible for financial obligations arising through the unauthorized use of the Network. Students or parents of students will indemnify and hold the Board harmless from any losses sustained as the result of misuse of the Network by the student. Use of the Network by students will be limited to those students whose parents have signed a release of claims for damages against the Board.
- P. File-sharing is strictly prohibited. Students are prohibited from downloading and/or installing file-sharing software or programs on the Network.
- Q. Students may not establish or access web-based e-mail accounts on commercial services through the Network (e.g., Gmail), Hotmail, Yahoo mail, etc.).
- R. Since there is no central authority on the Internet, each site is responsible for its own users. Complaints received from other sites regarding any of the District's users will be fully investigated and disciplinary action will be taken as appropriate.
- S. Preservation of Resources and Priorities of Use: Computer resources are limited. Because space on disk drives and bandwidth across the lines which connect the Network (both internally and externally) are limited, neither programs nor information may be stored on the system without the permission of the technology coordinator. Each student is permitted reasonable space to store e-mail, web, and personal files. The Board reserves the right to require the purging of files in order to regain disk space. Students who require access to the Network for class-or instruction-related activities have priority over other users.

Students not using the Network for class-related activities may be "bumped" by any student requiring access for class-or instruction-related purpose.

➤ The following hierarchy will prevail in governing access to the Network:

1. Class work, assigned and supervised by a staff member.
2. Class work, specifically assigned but independently conducted.
3. Personal correspondence (checking, composing, and sending email).
4. Training (use of such programs as typing tutors, etc.)
5. Personal discovery ("surfing the Internet").
6. Other uses – access to resources for "other uses" may be further limited during the school day at the discretion of the principal or technology coordinator.

T. Game playing is not permitted at any time

Transmission Of Records And Other Communications

Parents/Guardians have to complete and return to the District Form 8330 F4a in order to authorize the staff to communicate with the parent/guardian via facsimile and/or electronic mail ("e-mail"). Parents who elect to communicate with a staff member via e-mail are required to keep the District informed of any changes to their e-mail address.

Public School Choice Options

Parents/guardians of students enrolled in a Title I school in the District the first year following the building's identification as being in "School Improvement" have the right to transfer their children to another school in the District, provided there is a school that provides instruction at the students' grade level(s) and such school has not been identified as being in the process of school improvement, corrective action, or restructuring. However, if there is not another school in the District offering instruction at the students' grade level(s) that has not been identified as needing improvement, the Superintendent will contact neighboring districts and request that they permit students to transfer to a school in one of those districts. Supplemental Education Services (SES) will also be offered to students in any school no later than the first year following the building's identification as being in "School Improvement", regardless of whether a transfer option is available.

Additionally, if a school within the District has been designated as "persistently dangerous" as defined by State law, students have the right to transfer to another "safe" school in the District. If there is not another "safe" school in the District providing instruction at the students' grade level(s), the Superintendent shall contact neighboring districts and request that they permit students to transfer to a school in one of those districts. Further, if a student is a victim of a violent crime on school property, s/he also has the right to transfer to another school in the District. If there is not another school in the District providing instruction at the student's grade level, the Superintendent shall contact neighboring districts and request that they permit that student to transfer to a school in one of those districts providing instruction at the student's grade level.

SECTION III - STUDENT ACTIVITIES
School-Sponsored Clubs And Activities

Indian Lake Elementary provides students the opportunity to broaden their learning through curricular-related activities. A curricular-related activity may be taken for credit, required for a particular course, and/or contain school subject matter.

The Board authorizes the following student groups that are sponsored by a staff member.

Extra-curricular activities do not reflect the School curriculum, but are made available to students to allow them to pursue additional worthwhile activities such as recreational sports, drama, and the like.

Art Club

Extra-curricular activities do not reflect the School curriculum, but are made available to students to allow them to pursue additional worthwhile activities such as recreational sports, drama, and the like.

Leaping Lakers

All students are permitted to participate in the activities of their choosing, as long as they meet the eligibility requirements. Participation in these activities is a privilege and not a right, and students may be prohibited from all or part of their participation in such activities by authorized school personnel without further notice, hearing and/or appeal rights in accordance with Board Policy 5610.05.

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Non School-Sponsored Clubs And Activities

Local Community Boy Scouts
Local Community Girl Scouts
Local Community Baseball Associations
Local Community Soccer Associations
Local Community Volleyball Clubs
Parent Teacher Organization

Non School-sponsored student groups may meet in the school building during non instructional hours. The application for permission to use school facilities can be obtained from the Principal. The applicant must verify that the activity is being initiated by students, that attendance is voluntary, that no school staff person is actively involved in the event, that the event will not interfere with school activities, and that nonschool persons do not play a regular role in the meeting. All school rules relating to student conduct and equal opportunity to participate apply to such activities.

Student Attendance At School Events

Students are encouraged to attend as many after school events as possible, without interfering with their school work and home activities. Enthusiastic spectators help to build school spirit and encourage those students participating in the event.

It is strongly advised that students attending evening events as nonparticipants be accompanied by a parent or adult chaperone. The Board is not responsible for supervising unaccompanied students nor will it be responsible for students who arrive without an adult chaperone.

SECTION IV - STUDENT CONDUCT
Attendance

School Attendance Policy

Regular attendance is a significant student responsibility at all grade levels. Many studies correlate regular attendance with success in school. Regular attendance means that the academic learning process is not interrupted, less time is spent on make-up assignments, and students benefit from participation and interaction with others in class. Many important lessons are learned through active participation in classroom and other school activities that cannot be replaced by individual study.

- Establishing a pattern of good attendance will benefit the student in school and in the workplace. Attendance is important in the development of a high quality work ethic, which will be a significant factor in a student's success with future employers. One of the most important work habits that employers look for in hiring and promoting a person is his/her dependability in coming to work every day on time. This is a habit the School wants to help students develop as early as possible.

Elementary School Hours Are: 8:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

School Begins: 8:00 a.m.

School Ends: 3:00 p.m.

Children who are transported to school other than by bus **must not arrive prior to fifteen minutes before the start of school: 7:45 a.m.** Prior to these times, and after school dismissal at the end of the day, we have no one assigned to supervisory duty and cannot be held responsible for your child.

Overall Attendance

Students may not miss more than seventy-two (72) hours in 1 school year. **This includes both "excused" and "unexcused" hours absent.** When a student reaches the (72) hour threshold, an attendance intervention team will be created consisting of the students parent, teacher, building principal and a representative of the Logan County Family Court. The team will create an attendance plan for the student and family to help eliminate/reduce the attendance issues. Failure to comply with the attendance plan may lead to Educational Neglect charges may be filed with the Logan County Courts. Please carefully read and understand the following attendance rules.

Notification Of Absence

Every time a student is absent from school, a parent/guardian must notify the office to inform the school of their student's absence at 937-686-7323 by 8:30 a.m and provide an explanation. If prior contact is not possible, the parents should provide a written explanation as soon as possible after the student's absence. When no notification is provided, the absence will be documented as unexcused and the student will be identified as truant for that school day. If the explanation (phone call or note) for a student's absence is questionable or if the number of student absences is excessive (more than 3 per 9 weeks), the absence will also be documented as unexcused.

Students with a health condition that causes repeated absences must provide the administration with an explanation of the condition from a registered physician.

Absence Guidelines

- **Tardy-** Students shall arrive at school and be in the classroom for each of their assigned classes at the properly scheduled time. When a student arrives late to school, **the parent is to bring the student(s) to the office and sign the child in.** Habitual tardiness, according to Ohio law, is truancy and will be treated as such. An excessive tardy situation that cannot be resolved may end up with Educational Neglect charges also. Students who arrive within 60 minutes of the school starting time will be considered tardy. (Ex. Students arriving after 8:00 a.m., but before 9:00 a.m.)
- **Half-Day Absence-** A student who misses more than 60 minutes of the school day will be considered a half-day (1/2 day) absent
- **Full-Day Absence-** Students who are in school for less than 3 hours and 30 minutes will be considered a full-day absent. (Ex. leaves school before 9:30 a.m., or arrives after 2:35 p.m.)
- **Early Departure-** Students who leave within 25 minutes of the end of the day will be considered a PM tardy. (Ex. Students leaving after 2:35 p.m.)

Perfect Attendance

Perfect attendance consists of missing 0 days, 0 days tardy to school, and 0 early outs.

Truancy

Unexcused absence from school (truancy) is not acceptable. Students who are truant will receive no credit for school work that is missed. A student will be considered habitually truant if the student is absent without a legitimate excuse for thirty (30) or more consecutive hours, for forty-two (42) or more hours in 1 month, or for seventy-two (72) or more hours in 1 school year.

If a student is habitually and the student's parent fails to cause the student's attendance, a complaint will be filed with the Judge of the Juvenile Court in compliance with State law and Board Policy 5200. Habitual truancy can also result in:

- A. provide counseling to the student
- B. request or require the student's parent to attend a parental involvement program
- C. request or require a parent to attend a truancy prevention mediation program
- D. take appropriate legal action
- E. assignment to an alternative school (Note: If the District has established an alternative school, it must appear as an alternative intervention strategy.)

In the event that a student becomes habitually truant within twenty-one (21) school days prior to the last day of instruction of a school year, the Principal may, in his/her discretion, assign) a staff member to work with the child's parent/guardian/custodian, guardian ad litem, or temporary custodian to develop an absence intervention plan during the summer.

The absence intervention process shall commence upon the first day of instruction of the next school year.

Excused Absences

Students may be excused from school for one or more of the following reasons and will be provided an opportunity to make-up missed school work and/or tests:

The Board considers the following factors to be reasonable excuses for time missed at school:

- A. personal illness (a written physician's statement verifying the illness may be required)
- B. illness in the family (the absence under this condition shall not apply to children under fourteen (14) years of age)
- C. quarantine of the home
- D. death in the family
- E. necessary work at home due to absence or incapacity of parent(s)/guardian(s)
- F. observation or celebration of a bona fide religious holiday
- G. out-of-state travel (up to a maximum twenty four (24) hours per school year that the students' school is open for instruction) to participate in a District-approved enrichment or extracurricular activity

Any classroom assignment missed due to the absence shall be completed by the student.

- H. such good cause as may be acceptable to the Superintendent

Attendance need not always be within the school facilities, but a student will be considered to be in attendance if present at any place where school is in session by authority of the Board.

The Board shall consider each student assigned to a program of other guided learning experiences to be in regular attendance for the program provided that s/he reports to such staff member s/he is assigned for guidance at the place in which s/he is conducting study, and regularly demonstrates progress toward the objectives of the course of study.

Homebound Instruction

The School may arrange for individual instruction at home for students who are unable to attend school because of an accident, illness, or disability. Such instruction may be arranged upon receipt of documentation of the student's condition from a physician. For more information, contact the elementary school principals.

Make-Up Of Tests And Other School Work

Students who are absent from school with an excuse shall be given the opportunity to make-up missed work. The student should contact the elementary school principals as soon as possible to obtain assignments.

- The number of days for completion of make up work will be equivalent to the number of excused days of absence.

If a student misses a teacher's test due to an excused absence, s/he should make arrangements with the teacher to take the test at another time. If s/he misses a State-mandated assessment test or other standardized test, the student should consult with the Principal to arrange for administration of the test at another time.

Suspension From School

Absence from school due to suspension shall be considered an authorized absence.

- A suspended student will be responsible for making up school work missed due to suspension. Assignments may be obtained from the classroom teacher beginning with the first day of suspension. Make up of missed tests may be scheduled when the student returns from school.
- The student must complete missed assignments during the suspension and turn them into the teacher
- within 3 day(s) after returning to school.
- The student will be given credit for properly-completed assignments and will receive a grade for any made-up tests.

Unexcused Absences

Any student who is absent from school for all or any part of the day without a legitimate excuse shall be considered truant and the student and his/her parents shall be subject to the truancy laws of the State. (Please refer also to "Truancy" on page 30 of this handbook.)

If a parent/guardian does not call the school office, they will receive a phone call through our Pre K-12 Notification System "One Call" in order to request that either our call is returned or a note be sent with the child the next day. If there is no phone call or note submitted within five (5) school days of the student's return to school, the student's absence will be considered "UNEXCUSED". Repeated unexcused absences may result in Educational Neglect charges being filed in Logan County Family Court.

Tardiness Elementary Level

A student who is not in his/her assigned location by 8:00 a.m, shall be considered tardy. Any student arriving late to school is to report to the School office before going to class. Students shall arrive at school and be in the classroom for each of their assigned classes at the properly scheduled time. When a student arrives late to school, **the parent is to bring the student(s) to the office and sign the child in.** Habitual tardiness, according to Ohio law, is truancy and will be treated as such. An excessive tardy situation that cannot be resolved may end up with Educational Neglect charges also.

Students who are tardy to school more than 5 times during a 9 weeks shall be disciplined according to the Student Code of Conduct.

Vacations During The School Year

It is recommended that parents not take their child out of school for vacations. When a family vacation must be scheduled during the school year, the parents must complete a vacation form 3 days prior to the scheduled leave. The form will be evaluated by the student's teacher and principal prior to approval/denial. Parents will be notified of the approval/denial status to make the necessary arrangements. It may be possible for the student to receive certain assignments that may be completed during the trip.

Code Of Conduct

A major component of the educational program (at the school) is to prepare students to become responsible citizens by learning how to conduct themselves properly and in accordance with established standards. Students are expected to behave in accordance with Federal, State and local laws and rules and Board policies and Administrative Guidelines, and in a way that respects the rights and safety of others. Staff will take corrective action to discipline a student and/or to modify the student's behavior when a student's behavior does not fall within these parameters.

School staff may report suspected criminal misconduct by a student to law enforcement. Law enforcement officers will be permitted to carry out necessary law enforcement functions in the schools, including the removal of a student from school grounds in appropriate circumstances.

Indian Lake Elementary School has established the **“Laker Zone” Code of Conduct** which encompasses the following behavioral guidelines. Please refer to the “Laker Zone” Code of Conduct. . (Please refer also to “Laker Zone” at the end of this handbook.)

Expected Behaviors

Students are expected to:

- act courteously to adults and fellow students;
- be prompt to school and attentive in class;
- work cooperatively with others when involved in accomplishing a common goal regardless of the other’s ability, gender, race, or ethnic background;
- complete assigned tasks on time and as directed;
- help maintain a school environment that is safe, friendly, and productive;
- act at all times in a manner that reflects pride in self, family, and in the School.

Classroom Environment

It is the responsibility of students, teachers, and administrators to maintain a classroom environment that allows:

- A. a teacher to communicate effectively with all student in the class; and
- B. all students in the class the opportunity to learn.

Cafeteria Rules

The following common courtesies are expected of our students during lunch:

- Walk at all times.
- Respect others by not ditching in the lunch line.
- Talk quietly only to students at your own table, loud talking and noises are not acceptable.
- Keep your area clean by being responsible with your own food and trash.
- All trash/trays in your area must be disposed of properly.
- Treat everyone with respect, do not touch or mess with other’s food or belongings.
- Pay for all food.
- Remain seated at all times in assigned seating area, wait for adult to dismiss you from your seat.

Students may use the drinking fountains and/or the designated restrooms during lunches.

Dress And Grooming

Students are expected to dress appropriately at all times. Any fashion (dress, accessory, or hairstyle) that disrupts the educational process or presents a safety risk will not be permitted.

Students should consider the following questions when dressing for school:

1. Does my clothing expose too much? (No)
2. Does my clothing advertise something that is prohibited to minors? (No)
3. Are there obscene, profane, drug-related, gang-related, or inflammatory messages on my clothing? (No)
4. Am I dressed appropriately for the weather? (Yes)
5. Do I feel comfortable with my appearance? (Yes)

The following styles or manners of dress are prohibited:

Dress Code

The Indian Lake Local School District is committed to providing a safe, friendly learning environment for its students. Attire is not only a reflection of the individual student, but also of the general learning environment. Therefore, students have the responsibility to wear clothing that projects a positive attitude of pride in self, school and the community. Students are required to wear appropriate, comfortable and safe clothing that is neat, clean and in good taste. No article of clothing shall be worn that distracts from the educational process. Indian Lake Local Schools views the Dress Code as a serious issue and expects parents to promote the observance of this policy. **Building administrators have the final decision as to the appropriateness of all clothing and attire.**

Following are guidelines for students:

1. Vulgar, illegal (including alcohol, drugs, tobacco) and/or sexually oriented statements or suggestions on clothing are not permitted. Any dress or statement that may cause a hostile, intimidating, degrading, offensive, harassing or discriminatory environment is prohibited.
2. Hats (or other head coverings) and sunglasses will not be permitted to be worn inside the school building unless approved by a principal, a physician and/or the school nurse.
3. Accessories that increase a student's risk for accidents are not permitted.
4. Shorts and skirts will be no shorter than the middle of the thigh.
5. Shirts and tops will be no lower than one inch below the collarbone, must have sleeves and must be long enough to be tucked in.
6. See-through clothing and clothing that has excessive rips, tears or holes are not permitted. All undergarments are to be covered.
7. Oversized clothing, which compromises the safety of students, is not permitted.
8. Appropriate and safe shoes or sandals will be worn at all times.
9. Coats are to be worn to and from school only and must be placed in student lockers if available. Students should be prepared for variations in temperature by having a sweatshirt and/or sweater.
10. Elementary students are not permitted to carry book bags, backpacks, and/or other large bags during the school day. These bags are to be stored in the student's locker or an appropriate designated area.

Some school programs such as physical education may require special hair care, clothing, footwear or restrictions on jewelry to ensure the health and safety of all students.

Failure to comply with the Dress Code guidelines is considered to be an insubordinate act and will be treated as such.

1. First Offense: The student will be sent to the main office. Student will change clothes or will be sent home to change his/her clothes. Inappropriate accessories will be confiscated. If the student is sent home, this absence will be treated as an unexcused absence. Any class work missed during an unexcused absence may be made up for full credit. Student may be placed in ISD until appropriate clothing can be obtained.
2. Second Offense: Same as 1st offense. In addition, the student may be assigned to detention. Parents will be contacted.
3. Third Offense: Same as 1st and 2nd offense. In addition, the student may be assigned to Saturday/Wednesday School.
4. Further Offenses: The student may be suspended from school.

Students who are representing Indian Lake Elementary School at an official function or public event may be required to follow specific dress requirements.

Gangs

Gangs that initiate, advocate or promote activities that threaten the safety or well-being of persons or that are disruptive to the school environment will not be tolerated.

Incidents involving initiations, hazing, intimidations or related activities that are likely to cause harm or personal degradation are prohibited.

Students wearing, carrying or displaying gang paraphernalia or exhibiting behaviors or gestures that symbolize gang membership or causing and/or participating in activities that are designed to intimidate another student will be disciplined. Prohibited gang paraphernalia will be specifically identified and posted by the principal.

Care Of Property

Students are responsible for the care of their own personal property. The School is not responsible for personal property. Valuables such as jewelry or irreplaceable items should not be brought to school.

Damage to or loss of school equipment and facilities wastes taxpayers' money and undermines the school program. Therefore, if a student damages or loses school property, the student and/or his/her parents will be required to pay for the replacement or repair. If the damage or loss was intentional, the student will be subject to discipline according to the Student Discipline Code.

School staff may report suspected criminal misconduct by a student to law enforcement. Law enforcement officers will be permitted to carry out necessary law enforcement functions in the schools, including the removal of a student from school grounds in appropriate circumstances.

Bullying, Harassment, And Intimidation

5517.01 - Bullying And Other Forms Of Aggressive Behavior

The Board of Education is committed to providing a safe, positive, productive, and nurturing educational environment for all of its students. The Board encourages the promotion of positive interpersonal relations between members of the school community.

Harassment, intimidation, or bullying toward a student, whether by other students, staff, or third parties is strictly prohibited and will not be tolerated. This prohibition includes aggressive behavior, physical, verbal, and psychological abuse, and violence within a dating relationship. The Board will not tolerate any gestures, comments, threats, or actions which cause or threaten to cause bodily harm or personal degradation. This policy applies to all activities in the District, including activities on school property, on a school bus, or while enroute to or from school, and those occurring off school property if the student or employee is at any school-sponsored, school-approved or school-related activity or function, such as field trips or athletic events where students are under the school's control, in a school vehicle, or where an employee is engaged in school business.

This policy has been developed in consultation with parents, District employees, volunteers, students, and community members as prescribed in R.C. 3313.666 and the State Board of Education's Model Policy.

Harassment, intimidation, or bullying means:

- A. any intentional written, verbal, graphic, electronic, or physical act that a student or group of students exhibits toward another particular student(s) more than once and the behavior both causes mental or physical harm to the other student(s) and is sufficiently severe, persistent, or pervasive that it creates an intimidating, threatening, or abusive educational environment for the other student(s); or
- B. violence within a dating relationship.

"Electronic act" means an act committed through the use of a cellular telephone, computer, pager, personal communication device, or other electronic communication device.

Aggressive behavior is defined as inappropriate conduct that is repeated enough, or serious enough, to negatively impact a student's educational, physical, or emotional well being. This type of behavior is a form of intimidation and harassment, although it need not be based on any of the legally protected characteristics, such as sex, race, color, national origin, marital status, or disability. It would include, but not be limited to, such behaviors as stalking, bullying/cyberbullying, intimidating, menacing, coercion, name calling, taunting, making threats, and hazing.

Harassment, intimidation, or bullying also means cyberbullying through electronically transmitted acts (i.e., internet, email, cellular telephone, personal digital assistance (PDA), or wireless hand-held device) that a student(s) or a group of students exhibits toward another particular student(s) more than once and the behavior both causes mental and physical harm to the other student and is sufficiently severe, persistent, or pervasive that it creates an intimidating, threatening, or abusive educational environment for the other student(s).

Any student or student's parent/guardian who believes s/he has been or is the victim of aggressive behavior should immediately report the situation to the building principal or assistant principal, or the Superintendent. The student may also report concerns to teachers and other school staff who will be responsible for notifying the appropriate administrator or Board official. Complaints against the building principal should be filed with the Superintendent. Complaints against the Superintendent should be filed with the Board President.

Every student is encouraged, and every staff member is required, to report any situation that they believe to be aggressive behavior directed toward a student. Reports may be made to those identified above.

All complaints about aggressive behavior that may violate this policy shall be promptly investigated. The building principal or appropriate administrator shall prepare a written report of the investigation upon completion. Such report shall include findings of fact, a determination of whether acts of harassment, intimidation, and/or bullying were verified, and, when prohibited acts are verified, a recommendation for intervention, including disciplinary action shall be included in the report. Where appropriate, written witness statements shall be attached to the report.

If the investigation finds an instance of harassment, intimidation, and/or bullying/cyberbullying by an electronic act or otherwise, has occurred, it will result in prompt and appropriate remedial and/or disciplinary action. This may include suspension or up to expulsion for students, up to discharge for employees, exclusion for parents, guests, volunteers, and contractors, and removal from any official position and/or a request to resign for Board members. Individuals may also be referred to law enforcement officials.

If, during an investigation of a reported act of harassment, intimidation and/or bullying/cyberbullying, the Principal or appropriate administrator believes that the reported misconduct may have created a hostile learning environment and may have constituted unlawful discriminatory harassment based on a Protected Class, the Principal will report the act of bullying and/or harassment to one of the Anti-Harassment Compliance Officers so that it may be investigated in accordance with the procedures set forth in

Policy 5517 - Anti-Harassment.

Retaliation against any person who reports, is thought to have reported, files a complaint, or otherwise participates in an investigation or inquiry concerning allegations of aggressive behavior is prohibited and will not be tolerated. Such retaliation shall be considered a serious violation of Board policy and independent of whether a complaint is substantiated. Suspected retaliation should be reported in the same manner as aggressive behavior. Retaliation may result in disciplinary action as indicated above.

Deliberately making false reports about harassment, intimidation, bullying and/or other aggressive behavior for the purpose of getting someone in trouble is similarly prohibited and will not be tolerated. Deliberately making false reports may result in disciplinary action as indicated above.

If a student or other individual believes there has been aggressive behavior, regardless of whether it fits a particular definition, s/he should report it and allow the administration to determine the appropriate course of action.

The District shall implement intervention strategies (AG 5517.01) to protect a victim or other person from new or additional harassment, intimidation, or bullying and from retaliation following such a report.

This policy shall not be interpreted to infringe upon the First Amendment rights of students (i.e., to prohibit a reasoned and civil exchange of opinions, or debate, that is conducted at appropriate times and places during the school day and is protected by State or Federal law).

The complainant shall be notified of the findings of the investigation, and as appropriate, that remedial action has been taken. If after investigation, acts of bullying against a specific student are verified, the building principal or appropriate administrator shall notify the custodial parent/guardian of the victim of such finding. In providing such notification care shall be taken to respect the statutory privacy rights of the perpetrator of such harassment, intimidation, and/or bullying.

If after investigation, acts of harassment, intimidation, and/or bullying by a specific student are verified, the building principal or appropriate administrator shall notify in writing the custodial parent/guardian of the perpetrator of that finding. If disciplinary consequences are imposed against such student, a description of such discipline shall be included in the notification.

Complaints

Students and/or their parents/guardians may file reports regarding suspected harassment, intimidation, or bullying. Such reports shall be reasonably specific including person(s) involved, number of times and places of the alleged conduct, the target of suspected harassment, intimidation, and/or bullying, and the names of any potential student or staff witnesses. Such reports may be filed with any school staff member or administrator, and they shall be promptly forwarded to the building principal for review, investigation, and action.

Students, parents/guardians, and school personnel may make informal or anonymous complaints of conduct that they consider to be harassment, intimidation, and/or bullying by verbal report to a teacher, school administrator, or other school personnel. Such complaints shall be reasonably specific including person(s) involved, number of times and places of the alleged conduct, the target of suspected harassment, intimidation, and/or bullying, and the names of any potential student or staff witnesses. A school staff member or administrator who receives an informal or anonymous complaint shall promptly document the complaint in writing, including the information provided. This written report shall be promptly forwarded by the school staff member and/or administrator to the building principal for review, investigation, and appropriate action.

Individuals who make informal complaints as provided above may request that their name be maintained in confidence by the school staff member(s) and administrator(s) who receive the complaint. Anonymous complaints shall be reviewed and reasonable action shall be taken to address the situation, to the extent such action may be taken that (1) does not disclose the source of the complaint, and (2) is consistent with the due process rights of the student(s) alleged to have committed acts of harassment, intimidation, and/or bullying.

When an individual making an informal complaint has requested anonymity, the investigation of such complaint shall be limited as is appropriate in view of the anonymity of the complaint. Such limitation of investigation may include restricting action to a simple review of the complaint subject to receipt of further information and/or the withdrawal by the complaining student of the condition that his/her report be anonymous.

Privacy/Confidentiality

The School District will respect the privacy of the complainant, the individual(s) against whom the complaint is filed, and the witnesses as much as possible, consistent with the Board's legal obligations to investigate, to take appropriate action, and to conform with any discovery or disclosure obligations. All records generated under this policy and its related administrative guidelines shall be maintained as confidential to the extent permitted by law.

Reporting Requirement

At least semi-annually, the Superintendent shall provide to the President of the Board a written summary of all reported incidents and post the summary on the District web site (if one exists). The list shall be limited to the number of verified acts of harassment, intimidation, and/or bullying, whether in the classroom, on school property, to and from school, or at school-sponsored events.

Allegations of criminal misconduct and suspected child abuse will be reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency and/or to Child Protective Services in accordance with statute. District personnel shall cooperate with investigations by such agencies.

Immunity

A School District employee, student, or volunteer shall be individually immune from liability in a civil action for damages arising from reporting an incident in accordance with this policy and R.C. 3313.666 if that person reports an incident of harassment, intimidation, and/or bullying promptly, in good faith, and in compliance with the procedures specified in this policy. Such immunity from liability shall not apply to an employee, student, or volunteer determined to have made an intentionally false report about harassment, intimidation, and/or bullying.

Notification

Notice of this policy will be **annually** circulated to and posted in conspicuous locations in all school buildings and departments within the District and discussed with students, as well as incorporated into the teacher, student, and parent/guardian handbooks. At least once each

school year a written statement describing the policy and consequences for violations of the policy shall be sent to each student's custodial parent or guardian.

The statement may be sent with regular student report cards or may be delivered electronically.

The policy and an explanation of the seriousness of bullying by electronic means shall be made available to students in the District and to their custodial parents or guardians.

State and Federal rights posters on discrimination and harassment shall also be posted at each building. All new hires will be required to review and sign off on this policy and the related complaint procedures.

Education And Training

In support of this policy, the Board promotes preventative educational measures to create greater awareness of aggressive behavior, including bullying and violence within a dating relationship. The Superintendent or designee shall provide appropriate training to all members of the School District community related to the implementation of this policy and its accompanying administrative guidelines. All training regarding the Board's policy and administrative guidelines about aggressive behavior and bullying in general, will be age and content appropriate.

Annually, the District shall provide all students enrolled in the District with age-appropriate instruction regarding the Board's policy, including a written or verbal discussion of the consequences for violations of the policy to the extent that State or Federal funds are appropriated for this purpose.

The District shall provide training, workshops, and/or courses on this policy for school employees and volunteers who have direct contact with students, to the extent that State or Federal funds are appropriated for these purposes. Time spent by school staff in these training programs shall apply toward mandated continuing education requirements.

In accordance with Board Policy 8462, the Superintendent shall include a review of this policy on bullying and other forms of harassment in the required training in the prevention of child abuse, violence, and substance abuse and the promotion of positive youth development.

The Superintendent shall develop administrative guidelines to implement this policy. Guidelines shall include reporting and investigative procedures, as needed. The complaint procedure established by the Superintendent shall be followed.

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Student Discipline Code

Each of the behaviors and/or types of misconduct described below are prohibited and may subject the student to disciplinary action including, but not limited to, student conference, parent/guardian notification, parent/guardian conference, detention, in-school discipline, suspension and/or expulsion from school. Furthermore, any criminal acts committed at or related to the School will be reported to law enforcement officials as well as disciplined at school. Certain criminal acts may result in permanent exclusion from school.

1. Possession/use of drugs and/or alcohol

Possessing, using, transmitting or concealing, or being under the influence of any alcoholic beverage, controlled substance including, but not limited to, narcotics, mood altering drugs, counterfeit controlled substances, look-alikes, over the counter stimulants or depressants, anabolic steroids, or drug-related paraphernalia.

If a building principal has a reasonable individualized suspicion of drug or alcohol use, s/he may request the student in question to submit to any appropriate testing, including but not limited to, a breathalyzer test or urinalysis. In such circumstances, the student will be taken to a private administrative or instructional area on school property for such testing with at least one other member of the teaching or administrative staff present as a witness to the test. If a student refuses to take the test, s/he will be advised that such denial leaves the observed evidence of alcohol or drug use unrefuted thus leading to possible disciplinary action. The student will then be given a second opportunity to take the test.

2. Possession/use of tobacco

Possession, consumption, distribution, purchase or attempt to purchase, and/or use of tobacco products **(X)** or electronic cigarettes or similar devices in school, on school grounds, on school buses, and at any interscholastic competition, extra-curricular event, or other school-sponsored event. Tobacco products include, but are not limited to cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, chewing tobacco, snuff or any other matter or substance that contains tobacco. Smoking of electronic, "vapor", other substitute forms of cigarettes, or clove cigarettes is also prohibited.

3. Use and/or possession of a firearm

Bringing a firearm (as defined in the Federal Gun-Free Schools Act of 1994) onto school property or to any school-sponsored activity, competition, program, or event, regardless of where it occurs, will result in a mandatory one (1) year expulsion under Ohio law. This expulsion may be reduced on a case-by-case basis by the Superintendent using the guideline(s) set forth in Board Policy 5610.

- Firearm is defined as any weapon (including a starter gun) that will or is designed to or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive; the frame or receiver of any such weapon; any firearm muffler or firearm silencer; or any destructive device (as defined in the Federal Gun-Free Schools Act of 1994). Firearms include any unloaded firearm and any firearm that is inoperable but that can be readily operated.
- Students are prohibited from knowingly possessing an object on school premises, in a school or a school building, at a school activity or on a school bus that is indistinguishable from a firearm, whether or not the object is capable of being fired, and indicating they are in possession of such an object and that it is a firearm or knowingly displaying or brandishing the object and indicating it is a firearm.

4. Use and/or possession of a weapon

A weapon is any device that may be used for offensive or defensive purpose, including but not limited to conventional objects such as guns, pellet guns, knives, or club type implements. It may also include any toy that is presented as a real weapon or reacted to as a real weapon. Possession and/or use of a weapon may subject a student to expulsion and possible permanent exclusion.

A knife is defined as any cutting instrument consisting of a sharp blade fastened to a handle, a razor blade or any similar device that is used for, or is readily capable of causing death or serious bodily injury.

5. Use of an object as a weapon

Any object that is used to threaten, harm, or harass another may be considered a weapon. This includes but is not limited to padlocks, pens, pencils, laser pointers, and jewelry.

6. Knowledge of dangerous weapons or threats of violence

Because the Board believes that students, staff members, and visitors are entitled to function in a safe school environment, students are required to report knowledge of dangerous weapons or threats of violence to the Principal. Failure to report such knowledge may subject the student to discipline.

7. Arson

Intentional or purposeful destruction or damage to school or district buildings or property by means of fire. Anything, such as fire, that endangers school property and its occupants will not be tolerated. Arson is a felony.

8. Physically assaulting a staff member/student/person associated with the District.

Acting with intent to cause fear in another person of immediate bodily harm or death, or intentionally bullying, inflicting or attempting to inflict bodily harm upon another person. Physical assault of a staff member, student, or other person associated with the District, regardless of whether it causes injury, will not be tolerated. Any intentional, harmful or potentially harmful physical contact or bullying initiated by a student against a staff member will be considered to be assault. Assault may result in criminal charges and may subject the student to expulsion.

9. Verbally threatening (either orally, in writing or otherwise expressed) a staff member/student/person associated with the District.

Any oral or written statement or otherwise expressed action that a staff member, student, or other person associated with the District reasonably feels to be a threat will be considered a verbal assault. Profanity directed toward a staff member in a threatening tone may also be

considered a verbal assault. Confrontation with a student or staff member that bullies, intimidates, or causes fear of bodily harm or death is also prohibited.

10. Misconduct against a school official or employee, or the property of such a person, regardless of where it occurs.

The Board prohibits misconduct committed by a student against a school official or employee, including, but not limited to, harassment (of any type), vandalization, assault (verbal and/or physical), and destruction of property.

11. Misconduct off school grounds

Students may be subject to discipline for their misconduct even when it occurs off school property when the misconduct is connected to activities or incidents that occurred on property owned or controlled by the District.

Misconduct is defined as any violation of the Student Discipline Code.

12. Extortion

Extortion is the use of threat, intimidation, force, or deception to take, or receive something from someone else. Extortion is against the law.

13. Gambling

Gambling (i.e., playing a game of chance for stakes) includes casual betting, betting pools, organized-sports betting, and any other form of wagering. Students who bet on any school activity in which they are involved may also be banned from that school activity.

14. Falsification of school work, identification, forgery

Falsifying signatures or data, or refusing to give proper identification or giving false information to a staff member. This prohibition includes, but is not limited to, forgery of hall/bus passes and excuses, as well as use of false I.D.'s.

Plagiarism and cheating are also forms of falsification and will subject the student to academic penalties as well as disciplinary action.

15. Bomb Threats, and other false alarms and reports

Making a bomb threat (i.e., intentionally giving a false alarm of a bomb) against a school building or any premises at which a school activity is being held at the time the threat is made may result in expulsion for a period of up to one (1) school year. Additionally, intentionally giving a false alarm of a fire, or tampering or interfering with any fire alarm is prohibited. It should be remembered that false emergency alarms or reports endanger the safety forces that are responding to the alarm/report, the citizens of the community, and the persons in the building. What may seem like a prank, is a dangerous stunt that is against the law and will subject the student to disciplinary action.

16. Terroristic Threat

Threatening, directly or indirectly, to commit a crime of violence with the purpose to terrorize another or with reckless disregard of the risk of causing terror in another.

17. Possession and/or use of explosives and/or fireworks

Possessing or using any compound or mixture, the primary or common purpose of which is to function by explosion, with substantially instantaneous release of gas and heat (including, but not limited to explosives and chemical-reaction objects such as smoke bombs and poppers). Additionally, possessing or offering for sale any substance, combination of substances or article prepared to produce a visible and/or audible effect by combustion, explosion, deflagration or detonation.

18. Trespassing

Although schools are public facilities, the law allows the Board to restrict access to school property. Being present in any Board-owned facility or portion of a Board-owned facility when it is closed to the public or when the student does not have the authorization to be there, or unauthorized presence in a Board-owned vehicle; or unauthorized access or activity in a Board-owned computer, into district, school or staff computer files, into a school or district file server, or into the Network. When a student has been removed, suspended, expelled, or permanently

excluded from school, the student is prohibited from being present on school property without authorization of the principal.

19. Theft, or knowingly receiving or possessing stolen property

Unauthorized taking of property of another person or receiving or possessing such property. Students caught stealing will be disciplined and may be reported to law enforcement officials. Students should not bring anything of value to school without prior authorization from the principal. The School is not responsible for personal property.

20. Insubordination

Students are expected to comply with the reasonable directions of staff. Willful refusal or failure to follow or comply with an appropriate direction given by a staff member, or acting in defiance of staff members.

21. Damaging property (Vandalism)

Defacing, cutting, or otherwise damaging property that belongs to the school, district, other students, employees or others and disregard for school property.

22. Persistent absence or tardines

Attendance laws require students to be in school all day or to have a legitimate excuse for their absence. Penalties for unexcused absences can range from detention to a referral to court.

23. Unauthorized use of school or private property

Students must obtain permission to use any school property or any private property located on school premises. Any unauthorized use of school property, or private property located on school premises, shall be subject to disciplinary action.

24. Refusing to accept discipline

Students failing to comply with disciplinary penalties may face enhanced penalties for such action.

25. Aiding or abetting violation of school rules

Assisting other students in the violation of any school rule. Students are expected to resist peer pressure and exercise sound decision-making regarding their behavior.

26. Displays of affection/sexual activities

Affection between students is personal and not meant for public display. This includes touching, petting, or any other contact that may be considered sexual in nature. Sexual activity of any nature is prohibited and will result in disciplinary action.

27. Possession of electronic equipment

The School will supply any electronic equipment or devices necessary for participation in the educational program. Students shall not use or possess any electronic equipment on school property or at any school sponsored activity without the permission of the principal. Examples of prohibited devices include but are not limited to electronic games/toys, cellular telephones, and other electronic communication devices, and the like. Unauthorized electronic equipment will be confiscated from the student by school personnel and disciplinary action will be taken.

28. Violation of individual school/classroom rules

Each learning environment has different rules for students. These rules are for the safe and orderly operation of that environment. Students will be oriented to specific rules within each learning environment, all of which will be consistent with this Code.

29. Violation of bus rules (see Section V – Transportation)

30. Interference, disruption or obstruction of the educational process

Any actions or manner of dress that materially and substantially disrupts or interferes with school activities or the educational process, or which threaten to do so are unacceptable. Such disruptions include, but are not limited to, delay or prevention of lessons, assemblies, field trips, athletic and performing arts events.

31. Harassment and/or Aggressive Behavior (including Bullying/Cyberbullying)

The Board encourages the promotion of positive interpersonal relations between members of the school community. Harassment and/or aggressive behavior (including bullying/cyberbullying) toward a student, whether by other students, staff, or third parties is strictly prohibited and will

not be tolerated. This prohibition includes physical, verbal, and psychological abuse, and any speech or action that creates a hostile, intimidating, or offensive learning environment. The Board will not tolerate any gestures, comments, threats, or actions which cause or threaten to cause bodily harm or personal degradation. Individuals engaging in such conduct will be subject to disciplinary action.

32. Hazing

Performing any act, or coercing another, including the victim, to perform any act of initiation into any class, team, or organization, that causes or creates a substantial risk of causing mental or physical harm. Permission, consent, or assumption of risk by an individual subjected to hazing shall not lessen the prohibitions contained in this rule.

Hazing by any individual, school group, club, or team is not permitted. This includes any form of initiation that causes or creates a risk of causing mental or physical harm, no matter how willing the participant may be. Hazing activities are prohibited at any time in school facilities, on school property, and/or off school property but connected to activities or incidents that have occurred on school property.

All incidents of hazing must be reported immediately to any of the following individuals: the building principal or other administrator; teacher; coach; student club advisor/supervisor, and/or Superintendent. Students who engage in hazing may also be liable for civil and criminal penalties.

33. Violent Conduct

Students may be expelled for up to one school year for committing an act at school, on other school property, at an interscholastic competition, extracurricular event, or any other school program, or directing an act at a Board official or employee, regardless of where or when that act may occur, or their property that would be a criminal offense if committed by an adult and results in serious physical harm to person(s) or property.

34. Improper Dress

Clothing may not include words or visuals that are lewd, obscene, disruptive, abusive, or discriminatory, or that advertise drugs, alcohol or tobacco. Dress or grooming that is disruptive of the classroom or school atmosphere is not allowed. Shoes must be worn at all times for health and safety reasons.

36. Burglary

Entering a building or a specific area of a building without consent and with intent to commit a crime, or entering a building without consent and committing a crime.

37. Fighting

Engaging in adversarial physical contact (differentiated from poking, pushing, shoving or scuffling) in which one or the other party(ies) or both contributed to the situation by verbally instigating a fight and/or physical action. Promoting or instigating a fight (i.e., contributing to a fight verbally or through behavior).

38. Lighting Incendiary Devices

Unauthorized igniting of matches, lighters and other devices that produce flames.

39. Possession of Pornography

Possessing sexually explicit material.

Discipline

It is important to remember that the School's rules apply going to and from school, at school, on school property, at school-sponsored events, on school transportation, and on property not owned or controlled by the Board but that is connected to activities or incidents that have occurred on property owned or controlled by the Board. Furthermore, students may be disciplined for conduct that, regardless of where or when it occurs, is directed at a Board official or employee, or the property of such official or employee. In some cases, a student can be suspended from school transportation for infractions of school bus rules.

The School is committed to providing prompt, reasonable discipline consistent with the severity of the incident. The consequences for misbehavior are designed to be fair, firm and consistent for all students in the School.

Because it is not possible to list every misbehavior that occurs, misbehaviors not listed above will be responded to as necessary by staff.

Two (2) types of discipline are possible, informal and formal.

Informal Discipline

Informal discipline takes place within the School. It includes:

- writing assignments;
- change of seating or location;
- pre-school, lunch-time, after-school detention;
- in-school discipline;
- Loss of recess/special activity

In-School Discipline Expecations

Detentions

A student may be detained after school by a teacher/principal, after giving the student and his/her parents one day's notice. The student or his/her parents are responsible for transportation.

Lunchtime Detention

Occasionally it becomes necessary to discipline a student for violating the established school rules or Code of Conduct. In an effort to deter such actions and hold students accountable for their behavior, detention during lunchtime may be assigned. Students are to report to the assigned room for the entire lunch period. Cafeteria privileges for that day are lost. Failure to serve the detention may result in the assignment of an After School Detention.

After School Detention

Will be in session from 3:00 p.m till 4:00 p.m. or as otherwise stated on the after school detention form.

Students assigned to After School Detention will attend a continuous 1 hour period. Each student will be assigned educational materials, sentences or an assigned task to remain busy during this 1 hour study period.

In School Detention

Students will be assigned a location within the elementary building where they will report for a minimum of 1 hour up to a maximum of the entire school day. Students will be assigned educational materials, sentences or an assigned task to remain busy during this time.

Failure to successfully serve Detentions or In-School Detention assignment(s) may lead to suspension from school for a period not to exceed 3 days. Any such suspension shall be in accordance with District guidelines on suspension and expulsion.

The following rules apply to all detention(s) listed above;

1. Students are required to have class assignments with them.
2. Students are not to communicate with each other unless given permission to do so.
3. Students are to remain in their designated seats at all times unless permission is granted to do otherwise.
4. Students shall not be allowed to put their heads down or sleep.
5. No electronic communication devices, radios, MP3 players, cards, magazines, or other entertainment/recreational articles or devices shall be allowed in the room.
6. No food or beverages shall be consumed.

Transportation home from After School Detention is the student/parent's responsibility.

Formal Discipline

Formal discipline involves removal of the student from school. It includes emergency removal for up to three (3) school days, suspension for up to ten (10) school days, expulsion for up to eighty (80) school days or the number of days remaining in a semester, whichever is greater, and permanent exclusion. Expulsions may carry over into the next school year. Any student who is expelled from school for more than twenty (20) days or for any period of time if the expulsion will extend into the following semester or school year will be provided with information about services or programs offered by public and private agencies that work toward improving those aspects of the student's attitude and behavior that contributed to the incident that gave rise to the student's expulsion. The Superintendent at his/her discretion may require/allow a student to perform community service in conjunction with or in place of an expulsion. The

Superintendent may impose a community service requirement beyond the end of the school year in lieu of applying the expulsion to the following school year. Removal for less than one (1) school day without the possibility of suspension or expulsion may not be appealed. Suspension, expulsion, and permanent exclusion may be appealed.

Students being considered for suspension are entitled to an informal meeting with the building administrator prior to removal. Also, students being considered for expulsion are entitled to an informal meeting with the Superintendent or designee prior to removal. During the informal meeting, the student will be notified of the charges and given the opportunity to respond.

Students involved in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities such as band and athletics can lose their eligibility for violation of the School rules.

If a student commits a crime while under the School's jurisdiction, s/he may be subject to school disciplinary action as well as action through local law enforcement.

Due Process Rights

Before a student is suspended, expelled, or permanently excluded from school, there are specific procedures that must be followed.

As long as the in-school discipline is served entirely in the school setting, it will not require any notice or meeting, or be subject to appeal.

Suspension From School

When a student is being considered for a suspension, the administrator in charge will notify the student of the basis for the proposed suspension. The student will be given an opportunity to explain his/her view of the underlying facts. After that informal hearing, the Principal will determine whether or not to suspend the student. If the decision is made to suspend the student, s/he and his/her parents will be given written notification of the suspension within one (1) day setting forth the reason for the suspension, the length of the suspension, and the process for appeal. The suspension may be appealed, within (1) days after receipt of the suspension notice, to Principal. The request for an appeal must be in writing.

During the appeal process, the student is allowed to remain in school unless safety is a factor.

If the appeal is heard by the Board's designee, the appeal shall be conducted in a private hearing. If the appeal is heard by the Board of Education, the appeal shall be conducted in executive session unless the student or his/her representative requests otherwise. A verbatim transcript will be made and witnesses will be sworn in prior to giving testimony. If the appeal decision is to uphold the suspension, the next step in the appeal process is to the Court of Common Pleas.

Emergency Removal

If a student's presence poses a continuing danger to persons or property, or an ongoing threat of disrupting the academic process taking place either in a classroom or elsewhere on the school premises, the Superintendent, principal or assistant principal may remove the student from any curricular or extracurricular activity or from the school premises. A teacher may remove the student from any curricular or extracurricular activity under the teacher's supervision, but not from the premises.

If a teacher makes an emergency removal, the teacher will notify a building administrator of the circumstances surrounding the removal in writing within one (1) school day. No prior notice or hearing is required for any removal under this procedure. In all cases of normal disciplinary procedures where a student is removed from curricular or extracurricular activity for less than one school day, and is not subject to further suspension for expulsion, the following due process requirements do not apply.

If the emergency removal exceeds one (1) school day, then a hearing will be held within three (3) school days after the removal is ordered. Written notice of the hearing and the reasons for removal and any intended disciplinary action will be provided to the student, as soon as practical prior to the hearing. If the student is subject to an out of school suspension, the student will have the opportunity to appear at an informal hearing before the principal, assistant principal, Superintendent or a designee, and may challenge the reasons for the removal or otherwise explain his/her actions.

Within one (1) school day of the decision to suspend, written notification will be given to the parent(s)/guardian(s) or custodian(s) of the student. This notice will include the reasons for the suspension, the right of the student or his/her parent(s)/guardian(s) or custodian(s) to appeal to the Board or its designee, and the student's right to be represented in all appeal proceedings. If it is likely that the student may be subject to expulsion, the hearing will take place within three (3) school days and will be held in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Student Expulsion Policy. The person who ordered or requested the removal will be present at the hearing. In an emergency removal, a student may be kept from class until the matter of the alleged misconduct is resolved either by reinstatement, suspension or expulsion.

Expulsion From School

When a student is being considered for expulsion, the student and parent will be provided with a formal notice of the proposed expulsion. This written notice will include the reasons for the intended expulsion, notification of the opportunity to appear in person before the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee to challenge the reasons for the expulsion and/or explain the student's action, and notification of the time and place to appear. Students being considered for expulsion may be removed immediately. A hearing will be scheduled no earlier than three (3), nor no later than five (5) school days after the notice is given. Parents may request an extension of time for the hearing. The student may be represented by his/her parents, legal counsel, and/or by a person of his/her choice at the hearing.

In accordance with Board Policy 5610, the Superintendent shall initiate expulsion proceedings against a student who has committed an act that warrants expulsion under Board policy even if the student withdraws from school prior to the hearing or decision to impose the expulsion. The expulsion will be imposed for the same duration that it would have been had the student remained enrolled.

If a student is expelled, the student and the student's parents will be provided with written notice within one (1) school day of the imposed expulsion. The notice will include the reasons for the expulsion, the right of the student, or the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) or custodian(s) to appeal the expulsion to the Board or its designee, the right to be represented in all appeal proceedings, the right to be granted a hearing before the Board or its designee, and the right to request that the hearing be held in executive session.

Within (3) days after the Superintendent notifies the parents of the expulsion, the expulsion may be appealed, in writing, to the Board of Education or its designee. A hearing on the requested appeal will be formal with an opportunity for sworn testimony. If the expulsion is upheld on appeal, a student's parents may pursue further appeal to the Court of Common Pleas.

Students serving expulsions will not be awarded grades or credit during the period of expulsion. Expulsion for certain violations including use or possession of alcohol or drugs, may result in revocation of student's driver's license. When a student is expelled, the Superintendent will notify any college in which the expelled student is enrolled under the Postsecondary Enrollment Option at the time the expulsion is imposed.

Discipline Of Students With Disabilities

Students with disabilities are entitled to the rights and procedures afforded by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (I.D.E.I.A.), and, where applicable, the Americans with Disabilities Act (A.D.A.), and/or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Suspension Of Bus Riding/Transportation Privileges

When a student is being considered for suspension of bus riding/transportation privileges, the administrator in charge will notify the student of the reason. The student will be given an opportunity to address the basis for the proposed suspension at an informal hearing. After that informal hearing, the principal [or assistant principal or other administrator] will decide whether or not to suspend his/her bus riding/transportation privileges for all or part of the school year.

If a student's bus riding/transportation privileges are suspended, s/he and his/her parents will be notified, in writing within one day, of the reason for and the length of the suspension.

Search And Seizure

Administrators may search a student or his/her property (including vehicles, purses, knapsacks, gym bags, etc.) with or without the student's consent, whenever they reasonably suspect that a search will lead to the discovery of evidence of a violation of law or school rules. The extent of the search will be governed by the seriousness of the alleged infraction and the

student's age. General housekeeping inspection of school property may be conducted with reasonable notice. Student lockers are the property of the District and students have no reasonable expectation of privacy in their contents or in the contents of any other District property including desks or other containers. School authorities may conduct random searches of the lockers and their contents at any time without announcement. Unannounced and random canine searches may also be conducted.

Additionally, students have NO reasonable expectation of privacy in their actions in public areas including but not limited to, common areas, hallways, cafeterias, classrooms and gymnasiums. The District may use video cameras in such areas and on all school vehicles transporting students to and from regular and extracurricular activities.

Anything that is found in the course of a search may be used as evidence of a violation of school rules or the law, and may be taken, held or turned over to the police. The School reserves the right not to return items that have been confiscated.

Interrogation Of Students

The School is committed to protecting students from harm that may be connected with the school environment and also recognizes its responsibility to cooperate with law enforcement and public child welfare agencies. While the School believes these agencies should conduct their investigations off school property if possible, investigations can take place at school in emergency situations or if the violation being investigated occurred on school property.

Before students are questioned as witnesses or suspects in an alleged criminal violation, the building administrator will attempt to contact a parent prior to questioning and shall remain in the room during questioning.

If a student is questioned as the subject of alleged child abuse or neglect, the building administrator will attempt to contact a parent prior to questioning, and s/he (or a designated guidance counselor) will remain in the room during questioning. If the agency investigating the alleged child abuse or neglect suspects the parent is the perpetrator, neither parent will be contacted prior to questioning, but the building administrator (or a designated guidance counselor) will remain in the room during questioning.

If law enforcement or children's services agency removes a student from school, the building administrator will notify a parent.

Student Rights Of Expression

The School recognizes the right of students to express themselves. With the right of expression comes the responsibility to do so appropriately. Students may distribute or display, at appropriate times, non sponsored, noncommercial written material and petitions; buttons, badges, or other insignia; clothing, insignia, and banners; and audio and video materials. All items must meet school guidelines.

A. Material cannot be displayed if it:

1. is obscene to minors, libelous, or pervasively indecent or vulgar;
2. advertises any product or service not permitted to minors by law;
3. intends to be insulting or harassing;
4. intends to incite fighting; or
5. presents a clear and present likelihood that, either because of its content or manner of distribution or display, it will cause or is likely to cause a material and substantial disruption of school or school activities, a violation of school regulations, or the commission of an unlawful act.

B. Material may not be displayed or distributed during class periods, or between classes. Permission may be granted for display or distribution during lunch periods, and/or before or after school in designated locations, as long as exits are not blocked and there is proper access and egress to the building.

Students who are unsure whether materials they wish to display meet school guidelines may present them to the Principal twenty-four (24) hours prior to display.

SECTION V - TRANSPORTATION

Bus Transportation To School

The School provides transportation for all students. The transportation schedule and routes are available by contacting the Bus Supervisor at 937-686-8601.

Students may only ride assigned buses and must board and depart from the bus at assigned bus stops. Students will not be permitted to ride unassigned buses for any reason other than an emergency, except as approved by the Principal.

The principal may approve a change in a student's regular assigned bus stop to address a special need. Parents should send a note to the principal stating the reason for the request and the duration of the requested change.

Bus Conduct

Students who are riding to and from school on District-provided transportation must follow all basic safety rules. This applies to school-owned buses as well as any contracted transportation.

The driver may assign seating or direct students in any reasonable manner to maintain transportation safety.

Students must comply with the following basic safety rules:

Prior to loading (on the road and at school)

Each student shall:

1. be on time at the designated loading zone (5) minutes prior to scheduled stop);
2. stay off the road at all times while walking to and waiting for school transportation; line up single file off the roadway to enter;
3. wait until the school transportation is completely stopped before moving forward to enter;
4. refrain from crossing a highway until the driver signals it is safe to cross;
5. properly board and depart the vehicle;
6. go immediately to a seat and be seated.

It is the parents' responsibility to inform the bus driver when their child will not be aboard school transportation. Drivers will not wait for students who are not at their designated stops on time.

During the trip

Each student shall:

1. remain seated while the school transportation is in motion;
2. keep head, hands, arms, and legs inside the school transportation at all times;
3. not push, shove or engage in scuffling;
4. not litter in the school vehicle or throw anything in, into, or from the vehicle;
5. keep books, packages, coats, and all other objects out of the aisle;
6. be courteous to the driver and to other riders;
7. not eat or play games, cards, etc.;
8. not use nuisance devices (e.g., laser pointers) on the bus in a way that disrupts the safe transportation of students and/or endangers students or employees;
9. not tamper with the school vehicle or any of its equipment (including, but not limited to emergency and/or safety equipment).

Exiting the school vehicle

Each student shall:

1. remain seated until the vehicle has stopped;
2. cross the road, when necessary, at least 10 feet in front of the vehicle, but only after the driver signals that it is safe;
3. be alert to a possible danger signal from the driver.

The driver will not discharge students at places other than their regular stop at home or at school unless s/he has proper authorization from school officials.

Videotapes On School Buses

The Board of Education has installed video cameras on school buses to monitor student behavior.

If a student misbehaves on a bus and his/her actions are recorded on a videotape, the tape will be submitted to the Principal and may be used as evidence of misbehavior.

- Recorded video is the property of the school district and will not be made available in part or whole to the parent/guardian to view, poses or use in any other way.

Penalties For Infractions

A student who misbehaves on the bus shall be disciplined in accordance with the Student Discipline Code and may lose the privilege of riding on the bus.

Transportation Of Students By Private Vehicle

When transportation by District vehicle is either not available or feasible, there may be a need to provide transportation to students by private vehicle. However, no students will be permitted to ride in a private vehicle unless written consent is provided by each student's parent using Form 8660 F2 – Parental Consent for Transportation by Private Vehicle. Upon request, parents of participating students will be given the name of the driver, the owner of the vehicle, and the description of the vehicle.

NOTE: Be advised that the following forms must be available in the School Office as they are referenced in the Student/Parent Handbook:

- **Title VI, IX, 504 Grievance Form 2260 F1**
- **Notice of Nondiscrimination and Grievance Procedures for Title II, Title VI, Title VII, Title IX, Section 504 and ADA Form 2260 F2**
- **Authorization for Prescribed Medication or Treatment Form 5330 F1**
- **Authorization for Nonprescription Medication or Treatment, Secondary Version Form 5330 F1a**
- **Authorization for the Possession and Use of Asthma Inhalers Form 5330 F3**
- **Authorization for Nonprescription Medication or Treatment, Elementary Version Form 5330 F1b**
- **Parent/Student Acknowledgement of Student Handbook Form 5500 F1**
- **Memorandum to Parents Regarding School Board Policy on Drug-Free Schools Form 5530 F2**
- **Notification to Parents Regarding Student Records Form 8330 F9**
- **Notification to Parents on Blood-borne Pathogens Form 8453.01 F5**
- **Student Network and Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Agreement Form 7540.03 F1**
- **Application To Drive Vehicles On School Property Form 5515F1**
- **Parental Authorization and Release From Liability Form 5515 F2**
- **Request that Directory Information Not Be Released to Recruiters Without Prior Written Consent Form 8330 F13**
- **Parent Permission for the District to Communicate About a Student with the Parent Via Facsimile and/or E-mail Form 8330F4a**

LAKER ZONE

INDIAN LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SCHOOL-WIDE DISCIPLINE PROGRAM

Dear Parent(s),

The following information is related to our school-wide discipline program at Indian Lake Elementary. Please read over the material carefully, sign the appropriate page and return the page that verifies receipt of this information.

PROGRAM: Laker Zone Academic and Behavior Choice Program

PURPOSE: To promote student self-discipline through good citizenship and acceptance of individual responsibilities.


PHILOSOPHY: It is our belief that all students can behave appropriately within the school environment. We believe it is our responsibility to teach students appropriate school behaviors and to guide them as they make choices, both in academic and in behavior matters. We also accept the task of assisting students as they develop their ability to accept responsibility for the choices they make. We will help them as they learn to accept the consequences of their choices.

LAKER ZONE: The Laker Zone is a school-wide code of conduct that everyone in the school will follow. This code is in affect in the classrooms, hallways, lunchroom, playground, restrooms and on the buses. The Laker Zone is as follows:

In my life, I can do anything that:

 **helps others and myself learn.**

 **keeps others and myself safe.**

 **is helpful to others and myself.**

Along with this code, each grade level will also be working on several essential character traits and coping skills with your student. It is our hope that by the time your student has moved through Indian Lake Elementary School he/she will possess traits and skills that will make him/her successful in all that he/she does. Following are the specific character traits that will be taught at each grade level:

CONSEQUENCES: When students choose to follow the Laker Zone, they will be rewarded with special recognition for making good choices for others and themselves. Such positive rewards include, but are not limited to, the following:

Individual rewards: praise, stickers, 1st choice of activity, homework pass, “treasure” chest, lunch with a friend/adult, free food pass, “free time” pass, SSR choice, certificates, sit in teacher’s chair/desk, treat, classroom helper, read to other classes, voucher to use a special thing, visit another grade level (read or just see what it’s like to be a year older), “good-time” ticket, computer time, sit with a friend, note home

Class rewards: popcorn (or another treat) party, extra recess, special movie or video, “game” time, eat lunch in the room, read-a-thon, celebration day, Friday free time, eat where you want in the cafeteria

When a student chooses to disregard the Laker Zone, the following consequences will be used:

1st offense of the day: A warning is given and the student will have his/her name marked with the warning.

2nd offense of the day: A second mark will be placed by the student’s name. The student will also spend half of his/her recess in “time-out.”

3rd offense of the day: Another mark will be placed by the student’s name and the student will report to Laker Zone Learning Time. He/she will spend recess in Laker Zone Learning Time with his/her teacher, completing a behavior plan that focuses on the specific behavior problem the student is having. A notice to the parent(s) will be sent home with a copy of the plan. The office will also be notified that the student did spend time in Laker Zone Learning Time.

4th offense of the day A fourth mark will be placed by the student’s name and the student will be brought to the office immediately. The parent(s) will be notified by the office and a behavior plan or a behavior contract will be completed. The student may be assigned lunch by himself/herself at the “quiet table” in the cafeteria.

Severe disruptions and behaviors will be dealt with immediately by a referral to the office. Consequences will be assigned according to the offense and the frequency of office referrals. Parent(s) will be contacted.

OFFICE REFERRAL PROCEDURES:

When a student is referred to the office for receiving a fifth mark behind his/her name, or for severe disciplinary reasons, he/she will spend time in the office discussing the specific problem behavior, examining alternative desirable

behavior choices, and preparing a plan or contract for improvement. Parent(s) will be notified by the office.

A **second** referral to the office will result in contact with the parent(s), implementation of a behavior plan/contract, and they will be assigned one (1) after school detention.

A **third** referral to the office will result in contact with the parents and they will be assigned two (2) after school detentions.

A **fourth** referral will result in an immediate request for a parental conference and may be assigned to either in school suspension, out-of-school suspension or a combination of the two for up to three school days.

LAKER ZONE LEARNING TIME

When a student is required to report to Laker Zone Learning Time, he/she will spend time with his/her teacher on:

1. identifying the specific problem behavior
2. discussing alternative choices
3. preparing a plan for improvement

A **second** return to Laker Zone Learning Time will result in a re-examination of the plan previously made, changes that need to be made to the plan, and a re-focusing on the appropriate behavior.

A **third** return to Laker Zone Learning Time will lead to a contract that focuses on the desired behavior. Consequences and rewards will be built into each child's individual contract. Parent will be notified by a phone call. If no phone is available, parent will be notified by mail or a home visit.

If the child fails to complete his/her contract, or returns to Laker Zone Learning Time a **fourth** time, he/she will report to the office, an after school detention will be assigned, and a parent-child-school conference will be held in order to assess the situation.

Further assignment(s) to Laker Zone Learning Time will result in the student being referred to the office. Parent will be notified and student will be assigned a consequence that follows the "office referral" procedures listed above.

Parents will be notified every time their child reports to Laker Zone Learning Time with a "parent slip." **These are to be signed and returned the next day.**