

# **Richfield Elementary Guidelines**

## **Absence/Attendance**

The educational program offered by this District is predicated upon the presence of the student at school. Regular school attendance is essential for the educational development of students. It is also essential for the continuity of instruction and interaction between teachers and students. Attendance is required of all students enrolled in the schools during the days and hours that school is in session.

A parent/guardian must call the attendance office each day that a student is absent. If unable to call, parents are expected to write notes covering the days of absence.

### **Attendance Lines:**

Richfield: 330-523-3604

Bath: 330-523-3811

Notification of parents/guardians: In order to assure regular attendance in school, it is our policy to call the home of each absentee to verify the student's absence. The District reserves the right to investigate the cause of each single absence or prolonged absence.

Students will be marked "absent unexcused" if notes or other documentation is not presented upon their return. Parents have 24 hours after the absence occurs to provide documentation for the absence; otherwise, the absence will be deemed "absent unexcused."

There are two (3) types of absences at Revere Local Schools. They are:

1. Absent Excused
2. Absent Unexcused
3. Medically Excused
4. Partial Excused.
5. Partial Unexcused

**Absent Excused:** An absence of a student from school or class for the following reasons:

1. Personal illness
2. Illness in the family necessitating the presence of the child
3. Medical and dental appointments that cannot be arranged during non-school hours.
4. Quarantine or Stay at Home Order
5. Death in the family/Funeral
6. Natural Disaster
7. Necessary work at the home due to absence or incapacity of parent(s) / guardian
8. Observation or celebration of a bona fide religious holiday or other religious activity.
9. Approved college visits.
10. Authorized school-sponsored activities and/or out-of-state travel, not to exceed 24 hours per school year that the student's school is open for instruction, for participation in an enrichment activity approved by the Board of Education on extracurricular activity, defined as a student activity operated by the district, but not included in a graded course of study.
11. Such good cause as may be acceptable to the Superintendent
12. Service as a precinct officer at a primary, special or general election

13. At the Superintendent's discretion, a visit with a parent or legal guardian who is an active duty member of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, or Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and Public Health Service who has been called to duty for, is on leave from, or has immediately returned from deployment to a combat zone or combat support posting.

14. Other circumstances which, in the judgement of the Superintendent, constitute a good and sufficient cause for absence from school, including, but not limited to to circumstances which are out of the student's control and which cause his/her absence due to the District's implementation of a "Remote Learning Plan" under H.B. 164, or "Blended Learning Policy" under R.C. 3301.079, if adopted by the Board.

An absence for any reason other than those listed above shall be classified as unexcused.

Absence shall include full days of absence, partial days of absence, and any hours missed due to cut classes or other unauthorized absence from school. All excuses from parents, as well as other documents pertaining to a student's enrollment, attendance, and withdrawal from the District, shall become part of the official attendance record and shall be maintained regardless of format or condition.

The principal or his or her designee may request written verification of a student's illness from a physician license to practice medicine in the state in the event of frequent or extended absences attributed to personal illness.

In all cases where a student reaches ten (10) days of excused absence in any school year or the equivalent number of hours of excused absence in any school year. (38 hours monthly or 65 hours yearly) A medically excused absence does not count toward those days or number of hours. School administration shall require written documentation or other information to verify whether a student's absence qualifies as Absent Excused for any of the permitted reasons addressed above.

If a parent/guardian fails to submit promptly any written documentation or other information requested by school administration, the student's absence will be deemed to be Absent Unexcused.

Planned absences means an absence due to a set of circumstances judged by the school administration to constitute a good and sufficient cause for absence from school. Reasons for such absence may include accompanying parents on a trip, participation in non-school athletic events, family matters out-of-town, college visitation or other trips approved by the parent. Students must submit a written request accompanied by a parental note for a Planned absence to the school office five days prior to the absence.

In order for a planned absence to be considered an Absent Excused, a student must first:

- a. Notify the school administration in writing five school days in advance of the vacation
- b. Obtain the signature of classroom teachers on the form and obtain all assignments from each teacher.
- c. All work must be made up.
- d. A student not complying with the aforementioned policies may receive failing grades

Medically Excused: Any absence of a student from school for medically related reasons AND when a medical note is provided.

Absent Unexcused: Any absence of a student from school (full or partial days) that does not meet the criteria for Absent Excused.

Out-of-school suspension will be treated as Absent Unexcused.

General Restrictions: Students who are absent from school due to illness but are seen in or around the school or in the community during the school day may have their absence marked as an Unexcused Absence. If a student is too ill to come to school, he/she should be at home.

Participation: Students must be in attendance the entire school day in order to be eligible for extracurricular, co-curricular, and curricular participation. This includes but is not limited to athletics and field trips. Exceptions to this policy will be reviewed by the administration. A student must be in attendance at school for half of the school day in order to participate in any school-sponsored activities that are conducted on that day; in the case of emergency the principal or his or her designee may grant an exception to this limitation.

Make-Up Privileges: Students whose absences are deemed either Absent Excused or Absent Unexcused will have the opportunity to make-up all missed class assignments, examinations, quizzes and/or tests. The student shall have the number of days of absence to make-up missed class assignments, examinations, quizzes and/or tests. Work not completed during that time period will not be eligible for subsequent make-up or evaluation. On his/her first day back to school after an Absent Excused or Absent Unexcused the student must contact his/her teachers in each course for make-up of missed class assignments, examinations, quizzes and/or tests. Students will be permitted to make up missed assignments for unexcused absences up to 10 days. For unexcused absences in excess of 10 days, the student may not make-up missed assignments. During a student's first Out-of-School Suspension, the student will have the opportunity to earn full credit for any assignments, projects, quizzes or tests that fall during the suspension dates. For any subsequent suspensions, a student will not receive credit for missed class work during a period of suspension.

Absence due to Student's Chronic Condition: Students are advised that if there is a chronic physical condition that will cause an unusual number of days of absence, this circumstance must be on file in the school office in the form of a note signed by a physician.

Late/Tardy to School: Students who arrive at school after the beginning of the educational day are required to report to the main office. A student may be excused for being late to school for the same reasons as allowed for Excused Absence from school. If a student is late to school for unexcused reasons, the student is considered tardy.

K-2 students who arrive late to school are required to be escorted into the building and signed in at the office by a parent or guardian.

Students who arrive at school after 10:30am are counted absent for that half-day. Students who leave school before 1:00pm are counted absent for that half-day.

School Truancy: Any student leaving the building without one of the above stated forms of permission will be considered "out of the building - unauthorized" and/or truant. A student leaving the building for a legitimate reason but without permission will have the absence marked as unexcused.

A student will be deemed "habitually truant" if the student is Absent Unexcused for:

1. 30 consecutive hours of instruction or
2. 42 hours of instruction during one calendar month or
3. 72 hours of instruction during one school year.

The parent/s and/or legal guardian of a student who is deemed "habitually truant" will be required to comply with school adopted policies and procedures to address the student's truant behavior. In each case, reasonable and

meaningful attempts will be made by the school to notify and engage the student and parents in resolving the truant behavior.

If a student is habitually truant and the student's parent/legal guardian failed to cause the student to resume attendance, the Superintendent will file a complaint with the Juvenile Court and/or take other appropriate intervention actions as set forth in Board policy.

School or Class Truancy: Credit for missed assignments may be given to a student who is deemed habitually truant at the discretion of the administration. NOTE: Students who are tardy or missing from class for 20 minutes or more without a legitimate excuse will have this count as an "absence unexcused" from class.

### **Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures**

#### **Morning Drop Off**

Students are encouraged to ride the bus to school. If you choose to bring your child, there is a designated area and procedures that parents must follow for the safety of all students.

All students are to be dropped off at the front of the school building. There are adults present from 8:00 to 8:30AM to assure the safety of each child. Any child coming in after 8:35am is tardy and must be signed in at the main office by a parent.

If a parent has a need to enter the school with their child, he or she should park in a parking spot and come into the main office. All visitors in Richfield must sign in and be prepared to show a picture ID.

#### **Afternoon Pick Up**

Students are encouraged to ride the bus home from school. If you choose to pick up your child, there are designated areas and procedures the parents must follow for the safety of all students.

The person who is picking up the student must be an adult/guardian or a person 18 years old or over who is listed on your emergency form. Do not send in students or other parents to pick up your child. If another person is picking up your child and is not on the emergency card, there must be a parent note sent in that morning which the child has given to the teacher granting permission for that pick up change.

At the beginning of the year, you will choose your transportation option (parent pick up, after-care or bus). This will be your option for the remainder of the year. Students will not be permitted to switch between bus and parent pick-up or bus aftercare. The transportation option you choose, will be the schedule your child will follow daily. If there needs to be a change please contact the Transportation Department at 330-523-3118.

### **Cellular Phones Electronic Communication Devices**

Cell phones and electronic communication devices are to be turned off and kept in book bag while school is in session. Student use of cell phones or non-district issued electronic communication devices is prohibited while school is in session. Text messaging is not permitted. Any device that is deemed turned on, makes a noise or vibrates, or otherwise called attention to itself will be considered a disruption and subject to confiscation by staff. Each offense of this policy requires retrieval of the device by the parent from administration. The student may also face additional disciplinary action by administration.

## **Classroom Expectations**

All students are expected to comply with the Code of Student Behavior during classroom instruction. Violations of the Code of Student Behavior will not be tolerated and may require further disciplinary action by administration.

## **Technology Usage**

Policies governing the use and or misuse of computers and technology are included in the Revere Board of Education Policy Guidelines and Code of Student Behavior. Use of school computers is dependent upon the receipt of a computer technology usage form signed by the parent/guardian and student.

## **Dress Code**

We are committed to a safe and orderly learning environment for students that is free from distraction. Attire should not detract from the educational process, reasonable standards in dress and grooming apply. Compliance with a dress code is expected and noncompliance may be considered insubordination. Any formal dress or hairstyle that is considered contrary to good hygiene or that is deemed distracting, disruptive, or detrimental to the routine operation of school is prohibited.

School attire should be weather appropriate. Students go outside for recess every school day unless it is extremely cold or raining. Please have children wear appropriate clothing and shoes for recess. When there is snow on the ground students must be wearing snow boots, coats, snow pants, and gloves to play in the snow. Please be sure to label all belongings with your child's first and last name.

Final determination of appropriate school attire rests with the school administration.

## **Fines and Fees**

All financial obligations incurred by students must be paid in full. Specific to the school library, fines are charged on overdue or damaged items. Students are expected to follow library regulations or they may forfeit access to the library.

## **District Grading Policy**

### **Grades K-2**

P: Proficient

I: In Progress

N: Not Yet Evident

## **Illness**

The facilities of our school clinic are available for any student who becomes ill or injured during the school day. Care must be taken at all times to report all illnesses and injuries to the office. If a student has a need for the clinic service, the student should make sure the teacher in charge knows where he/she is going and then report immediately to the office and then the clinic. If unable to return to the classroom, he/she may be excused to go home. Parents will be contacted by the office or clinic. If your student has a fever, vomits or symptoms requiring them to go home, they must be symptom free for 24 hours to return to school.

## **Medication**

The administration of any medication to a student by school personnel requires the completion of necessary forms by the parent /guardian. Forms are distributed at the beginning of the year and are available in the Main Office. Both a parent /guardian and a physician must complete and sign the form. Medicine to be dispensed at school must be in its original prescription bottle. The school or its employees cannot provide aspirin or any other over-the-counter medication.

### **Progress Book**

Academic progress is reported through the Progress Book. Conferences are encouraged at any time and parents may contact teachers for appointments. For questions about access to Progress Book, the online grade report program, please call (330) 523-3107

### **Public Records**

A request for public records must go through the Treasurer's Office, as the Treasurer is the designated Records Officer for the Revere School District.

### **School Safety & Drills**

Student safety is the responsibility of all students and staff. All injuries and accidents on school grounds must be reported to a staff member. State law requires that all students complete an emergency medical authorization form, signed by a parent and or guardian, and filed in the school's main office.

All drills are conducted periodically in accordance with state law. Safety routes are posted in each classroom and in various locations in the building. It is expected students will follow the direction of staff during drills and assist in the orderly completion of any drill. Anyone involved in causing a false fire alarm is subject to the penalties defined in Ohio Revised Code section 2917.32.

### **School Closings**

In the event of inclement weather or a calamity, school may be closed or starting time delayed. The same conditions may also necessitate early dismissal. School closings, delays in starting time, or early dismissals will be announced via the Alert Now notification system. If no report is heard, it can be assumed that school will be in session. Check out social media platforms and handles: Facebook @ Revere Local Schools, Twitter @RevereLocal, Instagram @reverelocal.

### **Vacations During School Days**

Regular, uninterrupted attendance is crucial to full academic achievement. Parents are urged to make every effort, whenever possible, to plan vacations when school is not in session. The length of time for completion of make-up work shall be commensurate with the length of absence.

### **Visitors & Volunteers At Richfield**

All adults are required to sign in at the office and wear a visitor sticker/badge at all times. During the school day all adults must enter the building through the main entrance by the flagpole on the east Revere Road. To protect instructional time and the safety of all students, visitors are not permitted to go to classrooms without an appointment unless they are scheduled to volunteer.

Any parent or guardian interested in volunteering at Richfield Elementary must complete a background check at their expense in order to volunteer in the classroom or in other facets of the building that include, but are not limited to: PTA sponsored events, library volunteers, coaches, etc.

### **Disclaimer**

This handbook may not include every item or incident that may occur in the building or on school grounds. Final resolution of each of these situations will be made by the school administration. Additional information about student conduct is found in the code of student conduct. The handbook is not intended to be a manual of all the policies of the Revere Board of Education.

## **Revere Board Policies**

### **School Bus Procedures**

Safe school transportation is considered an integral part of the total educational program within the Revere School System. Riding a school bus is a privilege. The primary purpose of the school bus is to transport pupils to and from school safely. The Revere School District recognizes that a safe school bus requires the cooperation of our parents, students, and school staff. Please read the following duties and responsibilities of school bus passengers carefully, and do your part to stress the importance of an accident-free school bus transportation program to your child.

Riding the school bus is a privilege extended to students that can be taken away anytime for disruptive or unsatisfactory behavior. All children being transported are under the authority of the bus driver and must obey the driver's directions. The school bus drivers are in charge while students are on buses. If your child is to go home any way other than by bus, the student is to bring a written note from home stating this. Otherwise, the child goes home on the bus.

The following bus regulations are in effect:

1. Students boarding the bus from the right side of the road must stand back in a safe designated spot and wait until the bus comes to a complete stop and the red lights are flashing before approaching the bus. Students boarding from the left will use the same rules as the right side, but must wait for the driver to give a hand signal to cross the street.
2. Students must carry backpacks and other bags in front of them when boarding and disembarking the bus. No key chains of any kind can be on the backpacks.
3. While on the bus, the pupil is under authority of, and directly responsible to the bus driver.
4. Upon entering the school bus, the pupils shall take their assigned seats. Pupils shall remain seated at all times, facing forward in the seat. The aisle must be kept clear at all times. No arms, legs, feet or parcels shall extend into the aisle way at any time. This is a state law. All backpacks and bags must be held on their laps. Nothing is to be stored under the seat. Any over-sized project for school may not be transported by bus.
5. Pupils should conduct themselves on the school bus as they would in the classroom except that a reasonable amount of quiet conversation is permissible. Yelling to one another is not permitted.

6. Eating or drinking on the bus is not permitted at any time.

7. Pupils shall not smoke or light matches or cigarette lighters, or cause any other flammable material to burn on or near the bus.

8. Pupils causing damage of any type to the school bus will be held liable for the cost of repairing the damage to the bus. Students causing willful and malicious damage will be denied the privilege of riding the bus to school.

9. Permission must be given by the bus driver before any windows may be opened. No throwing of any objects out of the windows is allowed. No pencils, pens or any sharp objects are permitted out of book bags while the student is on the bus.

10. Carrying of any dangerous objects or materials (such as knives, guns or fireworks) is an automatic suspension of bus riding privileges. The following items may not be transported on the bus: glass containers, skateboards, lawn chairs, balloons, large boxes, lacrosse or hockey sticks, golf clubs, skis, plastic sleds, baseball bats. All soccer balls, footballs, basketballs, etc. may be transported if they are contained either in a closed bag or backpack.

11. The Board of Education is required by state regulations to designate all bus stops. Bus stops have been placed in locations throughout the district that have, through the years, proven safe for loading and unloading students. Due to the number of students transported, an effort has been made to locate stops so that no student has to walk more than one half mile to a bus stop. The exception to this would be students living on spur roads not traveled by Revere school buses. Parental assistance is requested in seeing that the children arrive safely to and from the stop.

12. All pupils will load and unload from the buses only at designated stops. When on schedule, the bus cannot wait for tardy pupils. Pupils are to be at their designated bus stop five minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive. When ahead of schedule the driver shall wait until the bus is on schedule for the 17 stop. Transfer of a pupil from his regular bus will be permitted only in case of hardship. A signed note from the parent must be presented to the principal's office in advance.

13. Bus drivers are to report discipline cases on the bus to the Transportation Supervisor. The Transportation Supervisor will consult with the pupil's school principal after a reported infraction of the bus rules. Continued disorderly conduct or refusal to submit to authority of the bus driver shall be sufficient reason for refusing transportation service to any pupil. The administration shall follow the procedures outlined for suspending a pupil from school.

If the Superintendent and/or designee determine that a student's behavior on a school vehicle violates school rules, he may suspend the student from school bus-riding privileges for the length of time deemed appropriate for the violation and remediation of the behavior. Prior to such suspension, the Superintendent shall notify the student of the intended bus suspension and afford the student the opportunity to respond to the intended suspension or otherwise defend himself.

## **Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying**

### Introduction

Harassment, intimidation, and bullying of students in the school environment can substantially interfere with their ability to learn, perform, and feel safe. Therefore, any conduct, communication, activity, or practice that occurs at any time on school property, on a school bus, or during any school sponsored event, and at the times and/or places set forth in the Code of Student Conduct, that constitutes harassment, intimidation, or bullying involving students shall be strictly prohibited. Students who are determined to have engaged in such behavior are subject to disciplinary action, which may include suspension or expulsion from school. Further, any such conduct, communication, activity, or practice should be immediately reported to the building principal or other responsible school employee. All reports of harassment not covered by this policy shall be investigated in accordance with the policies applicable to the particular harassment.

To implement this policy and to address the existence of harassment, intimidation, or bullying in the schools, the following procedures shall be followed:

A. Students must report acts of harassment, intimidation, or bullying to teachers, District employees, and/or school administrators;

B. The parents or guardians of students should file written reports of suspected harassment, intimidation, or bullying with the building principal or other appropriate administrator;

C. Teachers and other school staff who witness acts of harassment, intimidation, or bullying or receive student reports of harassment, intimidation, or bullying shall notify school administrators;

D. School administrators shall investigate and document any written or oral reports;

E. School administrators shall notify the custodial parent or guardian of a student who commits acts of harassment, intimidation, or bullying and the custodial parent or guardian of students against whom such acts were committed, and shall allow access to any written reports pertaining to the incident, to the extent permitted by O.R.C. §3319.321 and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

1. Definition of Harassment, Intimidation, or Bullying In accordance with this policy, “harassment, intimidation, or bullying” means either of following:

A. Any intentional written, verbal, electronic, or physical act that a student has exhibited toward another particular student more than once and the behavior both:

1. Causes mental or physical harm to the other student; and

2. Is sufficiently severe, persistent, or pervasive that it creates an intimidating, threatening, or abusive educational environment for the other student; 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.

The behavior prohibited by this policy is marked by the intent to ridicule, humiliate, or intimidate the victim. In evaluating whether conduct constitutes harassment, intimidation, or bullying, special attention should be paid to the words chosen or actions taken, whether such conduct occurred in front of others or was communicated to

others, how the perpetrator interacted with the victim, and the motivation, either admitted or appropriately inferred, of the perpetrator.

## 2. Conduct Constituting Harassment, Intimidation, or Bullying

Such conduct can take many forms and can include many different behaviors having overt intent to ridicule, humiliate or intimidate another student. Examples of such conduct include, but are not limited to:

A. Physical violence and/or attacks.

B. Taunts, name-calling, and put-downs.

C. Threats and intimidation (through words and/or gestures).

D. Extortion or stealing of money and/or possessions.

E. Exclusion from the peer group or spreading rumors.

F. Repetitive and hostile behavior with the intent to harm others through the use of information and communication technologies and other Web-based/online sites (also known as “cyber bullying”), such as the following:

1. Posting slurs on Websites where students congregate on Web logs (personal online journals or diaries);

2. Sending abusive or threatening instant messages;

3. Using camera phones to take embarrassing photographs of students and posting them online;

4. Using Web sites to circulate gossip and rumors to other students;

5. Excluding others from an online group by falsely reporting them for inappropriate language to Internet service providers; and

G. Violence within a dating relationship.

## 3. Complaint Process

### A. Formal Complaints

Students and/or their parents or guardians may file reports of conduct that they consider to be harassment, intimidation, or bullying. Such written reports shall be reasonably specific as to the actions giving rise to the suspicion of harassment, intimidation, or bullying, including person(s) involved, time and place of the conduct alleged, the number of such incidents, the target of such suspected harassment, intimidation, 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 and action. Teachers and other school staff who witness acts of harassment, intimidation, or bullying, as defined above, shall promptly notify the building principal and/or his/her designee of the event observed, and shall promptly file a written incident report concerning the events witnessed.

## B. Informal Complaints

Students may make informal complaints of conduct that they consider to be harassment, intimidation, or bullying by verbal report to a teacher or administrator. Such informal complaints shall be reasonably specific as to the actions giving rise to the suspicion of harassment, intimidation, or bullying, including person(s) involved, time and place of the conduct alleged, the number of such incidents, the target of such suspected harassment, intimidation, or bullying, and the names of any potential student or staff witness. A school staff member or administrator who receives an informal complaint shall promptly reduce the complaint to writing, including the information provided. Such written report by the school staff member and/or administrator shall be promptly forwarded to the building principal for review and action.

In addition to addressing both informal and formal complaints, school personnel are encouraged to address the issue of harassment, intimidation, or bullying in other interaction with students. School personnel may find opportunities to educate students about harassment, intimidation, or bullying and help eliminate harassment, intimidation, or bullying behavior through class discussions, counseling, and reinforcement of socially appropriate behavior. School personnel should intervene promptly whenever they observe student conduct that has the purpose or effect of ridiculing, humiliating, or intimidating another student, even if such conduct does not meet the formal definition of "harassment, intimidation, or bullying."

### 4. Deliberately Making False Reports

Students are prohibited from deliberately making any false report of harassment, intimidation, or bullying. Students found to have violated this prohibition are subject to the full range of disciplinary consequences, up to and including suspension and expulsion.

5. Confidentiality The right to confidentiality, both of the complainant and of the accused, will be respected consistent with the District's legal obligation to the complainant, alleged harasser, and witnesses, and with the necessity to investigate allegations of misconduct and take corrective action when this conduct has occurred.

### 6. Investigation

A. The investigator should remember that the investigation requires a balancing of the accused's rights, the complainant's right to an environment free of harassment, intimidation, or bullying, and the Board of Education's interest in a prompt and fair investigation.

B. The investigator shall meet with the complainant within a reasonable period of time from the time of making the complaint. However, the investigator is urged to meet with the complainant as soon as possible.

C. Following the meeting with the complainant, the investigator shall conduct an investigation to determine if harassment, intimidation, or bullying has occurred. The investigation shall include a conference with the accused and the complainant, as well as any and all other methods which are considered necessary to determine whether harassment, intimidation, or bullying has occurred.

### 7. Post-Investigation Procedures

A. Upon conclusion of the investigation, the investigator shall issue a written report. The report shall include a determination of whether the accused was found to have engaged in harassment, intimidation, or bullying, was found not to have engaged in harassment, intimidation, or bullying, or whether the investigation was inconclusive. The report shall be issued to the complainant's parents. A copy of the report shall also be sent to the Superintendent or his/her designee.

B. A finding of no harassment, intimidation, or bullying or inconclusive evidence shall end the investigation.

C. If harassment, intimidation, or bullying is found to have occurred, the investigator shall recommend what steps are necessary to ensure that the harassment, intimidation, or bullying is eliminated for the victim and other individuals affected by the harassment, intimidation, or bullying and to correct its effects on the complainant and others, if appropriate.

## 8. Retaliation is Prohibited

Retaliation against those who file a complaint or participate in the investigation of the complaint is prohibited. Therefore, filing of a complaint or otherwise reporting harassment, intimidation, or bullying will not reflect upon the student's status, nor will it affect future employment, grades, or work assignments. Further, the administrator is directed to implement strategies for protecting a victim from retaliation following a report.

## 9. Remedial Actions

Verified acts of harassment, intimidation, or bullying shall result in intervention by the building principal or his/her designee that is intended to assure that the prohibition against harassment, intimidation, or bullying behavior is enforced, with the goal that any such harassment, intimidation, or bullying behavior will end as a result.

Harassment, intimidation, or bullying behavior can take many forms and can vary in how serious it is, and what impact it has on the targeted individual and other students. Accordingly, there is no one prescribed response to verified acts of harassment, intimidation, or bullying. While conduct that rises to the level of "harassment, intimidation, or bullying" as defined above will generally warrant disciplinary action against the perpetrator of such harassment, intimidation, or bullying, whether and to what extent to impose disciplinary action (detention, in and out-of-school suspension, or expulsion) is a matter for the professional discretion of the building principal.

## 10. Non-Disciplinary Interventions

When verified acts of harassment, intimidation, or bullying are identified early and/or when such verified acts of harassment, intimidation, or bullying do not reasonably require a disciplinary response, students may be counseled as to the definition of harassment, intimidation, or bullying, its prohibition, and their duty to avoid any conduct that could be considered harassment, intimidation, or bullying. If a complaint arises out of conflict between students or groups of students, peer mediation may be considered.

## 11. Disciplinary Interventions

When acts of harassment, intimidation, or bullying are verified and a disciplinary response is warranted, students are subject to the full range of disciplinary consequences. Suspension is a possible consequence for a student found responsible for harassment, intimidation, or bullying by an electronic act.

## 12. Strategies for Protecting Victims or Other Persons From New or Additional Acts

- A. Supervise and discipline offending students fairly and consistently;
- B. Maintain contact with parents and guardians of all involved parties;
- C. Provide counseling for the victim if assessed that it is needed;
- D. Inform school personnel of the incident and instruct them to monitor the victim and the victim's friends or family members and the offending party for indications of harassing, intimidating, and bullying behavior. Personnel are to intervene when prohibited behaviors are witnessed;
- E. Check with the victim and the victim's friends or family members to ensure that there has been no new or additional incidents of harassment/intimidation/bullying or retaliation of the victim or other persons from the offender or other parties.
- F. If necessary to protect a person from new or additional acts of harassment, intimidation, or bullying, and from retaliation following a report, a person may make an anonymous report of an incident considered to be harassment, intimidation, bullying, or retaliation by providing written information to any staff member or administrator. The report should include as much information as possible and shall be forwarded promptly to the building principal for review and action.

In addition to the prompt investigation of complaints of harassment, intimidation, or bullying and direct intervention when acts of harassment, intimidation, or bullying are verified, other District actions may ameliorate any potential problem with harassment, intimidation, or bullying in school or at school-sponsored activities. While no specific action is required and school needs for such interventions may vary from time to time, the following list of potential intervention strategies shall serve as a resource for administrators and school personnel:

- A. Respectful responses to harassment, intimidation, or bullying concerns raised by students, parents or school personnel;
- B. Planned professional development programs addressing bully/targeted individuals' problems;
- C. Data collection to document bully/victim problems to determine the nature and scope of the problem;
- D. Use of peers to help ameliorate the plight of victims and include them in group activities;
- E. Avoidance of sex-role stereotyping (e.g. males need to be strong and tough);

F. Awareness and involvement on the part of all school personnel and parents with regards to bully-victim problems;

G. An attitude that promotes communication, friendship, assertiveness skills, and character education;

H. Modeling by staff of positive, respectful, and supportive behavior toward students;

I. Creating a school atmosphere of team spirit and collaboration that promotes appropriate social behavior by students in support of others;

J. Employing classroom strategies that instruct students how to work together in a collaborative and supportive atmosphere; and/or

K. Forming harassment, intimidation, and bullying task forces, programs, and other initiatives involving volunteers, parents, law enforcement, and community members.

This policy shall appear in student handbooks, and in the publications that set forth the comprehensive rules, procedures, and standards of conduct for schools and students in the District. The policy and an explanation of the seriousness of bullying by electronic means shall be made available to students and their custodial parents or guardians. Information regarding the policy shall be incorporated into employee training materials.

Orientation sessions for students shall introduce the elements of this policy and procedure. Students will be provided annually with age-appropriate instruction on the recognition and prevention of harassment, intimidation, or bullying, including discussion of the consequences of violating this policy, and their rights and responsibilities under this and other District policies, procedures, and rules at student orientation sessions and on other appropriate occasions.

A 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 a policy adopted pursuant to this section if that person reports an incident of harassment, intimidation, or bullying promptly in good faith and in compliance with the procedures as specified in the policy.

The Administration shall annually send to each student's custodial parent or guardian a written statement describing this policy and the consequences for violating it. The Administration shall semi-annually provide the president of the Board a written summary of all reported incidents and post the summary on the District's website to the extent permitted by state and federal student privacy laws. LEGAL REFS: O.R.C. §§3313.666; 3313.667  
Adopted: October 17, 2017

Revere Local Schools  
Code of Student  
Conduct



*In January 2021, the Revere Board of Education adopted the Revere Local Schools “Vision of a Minuteman” which, as an educational community, encompasses our hopes and aspirations for our students. The Revere Local Schools Code of Student Conduct will help all students reach their fullest potential in their journey to achieve each of these competencies.*



## A REVERE MINUTEMAN...

### CREATES SOLUTIONS

Embraces the world and skillfully uses critical thinking to bring creative solutions to problems. Minutemen focus on authentic tasks with a real world purpose and impact.

### DEMONSTRATES A LEARNER'S MINDSET

Stays curious to maximize opportunities and grow perspectives through a willingness to learn, unlearn and relearn information in pursuit of mastery. Minutemen apply financial, media, technical and information literacy skills to foster decision-making and intellectual growth.



### EMBODIES CONFIDENCE & EMPATHY

In groups and individual work, Minutemen demonstrate awareness, sensitivity and compassion for others' experiences while persisting to overcome obstacles and creating joint reasoning.

### PERSEVERES & ADAPTS

Works effectively in a climate of ambiguity and changing priorities. Minutemen are agile and respond productively to feedback with a focus on positive outcomes.

### ENGAGES WITH PURPOSE

Takes initiative and acts intentionally to benefit the broader community and greater good. Minutemen seek personalization in variety of tasks, make significant choices and strive for equitable access.

### COMMUNICATES TRUTH

Seeks mutual understanding through effective verbal, written and non-verbal communication while considering the audience. Minutemen actively listen, honoring diverse perspectives to create collective commitment and action.

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## **INTRODUCTION**

One of the primary goals of the Revere Local School District is to support students through their individual educational journey and help encourage positive relationships with peers and staff. In order to foster trust and respect within the school community, the Revere Local School District Code of Student Conduct has been developed to establish high expectations for students as they grow and develop in our schools. We are confident that students will be able to meet these expectations through ongoing support from our school community.

Revere Local Schools believes that positive discipline is rooted in a philosophy that the whole child must be considered and that consequences must lead to opportunities for the student to correct behavior and learn. Parents or guardians hold the primary responsibility for setting positive discipline standards for their children. While students are in school, however, members of the school staff must act in the place of parents in maintaining a high level of student conduct. It is the goal of the school to work together with parents and guardians to support the learning of the student in situations that are related to violations of the code of conduct.

Each of the buildings in the Revere Local School District strive to maintain an educational and engaging learning environment. The codes of conduct and procedures established in this document serve as a guide to promote a positive school culture and to identify opportunities to assist students in their educational journey.

## **STUDENTS RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

The role each student plays in our educational environments is critical to the success of the overall district. It is the collective responsibility of the school community to maintain high levels of trust, pride, and decorum. The Revere staff will work to equip students with the essential skills needed to succeed while also providing them with opportunities to explore their passions and interests. It is expected that Revere students have a comprehensive understanding of the consequences of violating the expectations of the Code of Conduct and assume responsibility for their actions. In turn, Revere students have the right to a fair and equitable investigation into an alleged violation of the Code of Conduct as well as the opportunity to receive their due process as a member of the school community.

## **ATTENDANCE**

Daily attendance at school is critical to the success of every student. Revere Local Schools is governed by House Bill 410 with regard to the overall policy. Each school's attendance policy is listed in their individual handbooks.

## **SCHOOL DISCIPLINE**

The following guidelines have been developed for the purpose of providing fair and just treatment for students who allegedly violate the rules listed in this Code of Conduct. However, Revere Local Schools recognizes there is a distinction between students of differing ages and maturity, and it is within reason to expect that, at times, a decision impacting the denial of educational participation may be tempered by reference to such distinction.

- A. To protect the rights of students, staff, and other members of our school community, all offenses shall be thoroughly investigated and properly recorded. This may include a conference with the

student(s) involved in an incident and a search of the student, the student's belongings, student's assigned school locker(s), vehicle(s), or other school property based upon "reasonable suspicion" that a dangerous situation exists. Reasonable suspicion exists when there is information to indicate a search will reveal evidence that a student has violated, or is violating, the law or the rules of the school. If a search is deemed appropriate, it will only be performed by the school administration.

- B. In seeking a solution of the offenses, there shall be appropriate alternatives such as one, or a combination of the following actions, but not necessarily in the order appearing below:
- a. Conference with the student to clarify the problem and to ensure full understanding of consequences of future misbehavior.
  - b. Assignment of additional task(s), which may or may not interfere with the academic or after-school programs.
  - c. Assignment of detentions.
  - d. Conference with parents to secure cooperation of the home in supporting appropriate student behavior.
  - e. Referral to counselor, school psychologist or other school staff member for guidance, testing or recommended therapy.
  - f. Referral to Juvenile Court.
  - g. Emergency removal in accordance with State of Ohio law, including curricular and extracurricular activities.
  - h. Assignment to a Saturday School Detention. This assignment will be in accordance with the policies set forth by the Saturday School supervisor. The detention will last no more than three (3) hours.
  - i. Selection of an In-School Assignment (ISA) option. This will act as an in-school suspension where the student will attend school but be isolated to a room and supervised by an adult both of which will be determined by the administration.
  - j. Assignment of Out of School Suspension (OSS) in accordance with the State of Ohio law.
  - k. Expulsion from school in accordance with State of Ohio law.
- C. Students enrolled in alternative program options are subject to all rules and regulations covered under the Code of Student Conduct and adopted by the Revere Board of Education.

### **SUSPENSION PROCEDURE**

- A. **Definition:** Out-of-School Suspension (OSS) is defined as the denial of attending school for the period of at least one (1) but not more than ten (10) school days. Students suspended may not take part in or attend any school activities, including extracurricular activities, or be on school property at any time during the suspension period. Any visit to the school for any reason during a period of suspension must be arranged with the school administration and will take place after typical school hours have concluded.
- B. **Procedure:** In case of a student's intended removal from school for purposes of suspension, the following procedures shall apply:
- a. Only a building level administrator or superintendent may issue a suspension.
  - b. An attempt shall be made to notify his/her parent(s), guardian or custodian by telephone

of the suspension and the reason for it.

- c. The student and/or his parent(s) shall be provided an opportunity for an informal hearing to discuss the reason for the intended suspension and/or otherwise explain his/her actions.
- d. The student shall be informed in writing of the intended suspension and reasons for the proposed action.
- e. If a suspension is imposed, a copy of the suspension paperwork will be provided via mail to the parent(s) and/or guardian(s).
- f. A notice of suspension shall include the procedures applicable to an appeal.

### C. Notification of Appeal:

- a. A written notification of appeal must be made to the Superintendent and the Treasurer of the Board of Education and be postmarked no later than fourteen (14) days after the date of the Notice of Suspension. The notice shall include the right to an informal hearing by personnel not prejudiced by association with the decision to suspend or recommend suspension of the student from school. It shall also include notification of the right of the student and his/her parent(s), guardian or custodian to appeal the suspension, in writing, to the Superintendent/or his designee, to be represented in the appeal proceedings, to be granted a hearing before the superintendent (or his designee), in order to be heard against the suspension, and to request that such hearing be held in private.
- b. The hearing shall be scheduled as soon as possible, but no later than five (5) school days after receipt of the appeal request, unless extended by mutual agreement. A verbatim record of the hearing shall be made. After reviewing all the information, the superintendent/or his designee may affirm the suspension, may reinstate the pupil, or otherwise reverse, vacate or modify the order of the suspension. Written copies of the decision shall be distributed to all concerned parties within one (1) school day. If the suspension is vacated, all references to it in school records will be purged.

D. Should a Revere student enrolled at the Cuyahoga Valley Career Center (CVCC) be suspended from that school for a conduct code violation, which would also be grounds for suspension in the Revere Local School District, the suspension of such student also will be in effect at Revere. The student shall be notified of that suspension by the Revere Local School District in accordance with the normal suspension procedure.

- E. Simultaneous written notice of the suspension shall be sent to:
- a. Student's discipline file
  - b. Superintendent

### **EMERGENCY REMOVAL**

- A. **Definition:** The term "emergency removal" means the removal of a student from curricular or extracurricular activities or from the school premises because the student's presence poses a continuing danger to persons or property or is an ongoing threat or disruption to the academic process.
- B. **Procedure:** Only a building level administrator or superintendent may implement an emergency removal from school premises. A teacher may remove a student from a curricular setting. For extracurricular activities, a coach or an advisor may remove a student from that setting in line with their procedures and policies of the team or group. In each instance, the following

procedures shall take place:

- a. A student's parent(s) or guardian(s) will be contacted via phone to explain the reasoning behind the emergency removal.
  - b. An attempt will be made to arrange for that student to be transported home. If the student is able to drive, verbal consent will be obtained by the parent(s) or guardian(s) to allow that student to drive themselves home.
  - c. Follow-up conversations will take place determining the outcome of any emergency removal. If a coach or advisor initiates the removal during an extracurricular activity, a written account of that action will be submitted to the building administration and athletic director (if applicable).
- C. If it is intended that the student is removed from a curricular or extracurricular activity for more than twenty-four (24) hours, a due process hearing must be held within seventy-two (72) hours after a removal is ordered.
- a. An attempt should be made to notify the student's parents, guardian, or custodian immediately by telephone of the pending action and applicable reasons.
  - b. Written notice of the hearing and reasons for the removal and any intended disciplinary action must be given to the student as soon as possible prior to the hearing.
  - c. The person who ordered or requested the hearing must be present at the hearing.
  - d. If suspension or expulsion is intended, the due process requirement of the law must be carried out.

## **EXPULSION**

- A. **Definition:** The term "expulsion" means exclusion of a student from all school attendance and related activities for the remainder of the current semester, or for a period of up to eighty (80) school days, or in cases involving weapons, firearms or bomb threats, an expulsion may be imposed for one (1) calendar year. Only the Superintendent of Revere Schools may expel a student in accordance with procedure outlined by Ohio statute.
- B. **Procedure:** The building administrator shall afford due process to the student before such administrator recommends expulsion to the Superintendent. The building administrator will follow all the procedures outlined in the suspension section of the Code of Conduct. Prior to expulsion, the Superintendent shall follow the following procedures:

**Written Notice:** The student and his/her parent, guardian or custodian shall be provided written notice of the intention to expel. The notice must advise the student and his/her parent, guardian or custodian or other representatives of their right to appear in person before the Superintendent or his designee to challenge the reasons for the expulsion. The notification must include the location and time of the hearing, which must take place no earlier than three (3) school days and not later than five (5) days after the notice is sent. The Superintendent may grant an extension of time only upon request from the student, parent or guardian. The Superintendent will then provide notice to all parties involved of the revised date and time for the hearing.

**Scheduled Hearing:** A hearing will be conducted by the Superintendent or his designee under the guidelines established by the individual conducting the hearing. Within one (1)

school day after the time of the expulsion hearing, the Superintendent shall send written notice to the student and his/her parent, guardian or custodian, and the Treasurer of the Board of Education regarding the decision. The notice shall specify the duration of the expulsion and the reasons therefore. It also shall include notification of the rights of the student, his/her parent, guardian or custodian, to appeal the expulsion to the Board of Education or to its designee within the fourteen (14) days of receipt of the notification in order to be heard against such expulsion, to be represented in the appeal proceeding, to be granted a hearing before the Board or its designee in order to be heard against the expulsion, and to request that such a hearing be held in executive sessions.

**C. Notification of Appeal:**

- a. Within fourteen (14) days of notification of the student expulsion, the parent, guardian or custodian may appeal the expulsion. The request for appeal must be submitted to the Board of Education. A hearing shall be scheduled within five (5) days of receipt of the request, unless the time for the hearing is extended by mutual agreement. The student or his parent, guardian or custodian may be represented in the appeal proceedings.
  - b. The Board may affirm the order of expulsion or may reinstate such pupil or otherwise reverse, vacate or modify the order of expulsion. The Board shall determine the procedures to be followed during the hearing. A verbatim record shall be made.
- D. Should a student enrolled at the Cuyahoga Valley Career Center (CVCC) be expelled from the Career Center for a conduct code violation, which would be grounds for expulsion in the Revere Local School District, the student will be expelled from the Revere Local School District in accordance with the normal expulsion procedure.

**LIMITATIONS ON THE DISCIPLINING STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

- A. A student with a disability is one whose education is governed by an Individualized Education Program (IEP) under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 or a 504 Plan under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. Students with disabilities may not be suspended for more than ten (10) days per school year without first conducting a manifestation determination review hearing. All students with disabilities are subject to removal on an emergency basis described in this code of conduct. Repeated behavior concerns and/or conduct code violations must be addressed by a student's IEP team or 504 team.

**PERMANENT EXCLUSION**

- A. Any student who has been found guilty of committing, when sixteen (16) years of age or older, any of the specific offenses identified by state statute while on school grounds or at a school-sponsored activity may be subject to permanent exclusion by the Board of Education.
- B. The Board of Education's statement of policy on permanent exclusion is posted in each school and is available to students and their parents, upon request, at each school office.

**CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT**

- A. Grounds for removal from class, suspension or expulsion may include any of the following violations committed at school or school sponsored activities, on school premises, or against

school property, personnel or students:

01. **ACADEMIC DISHONESTY** - Cheating on tests or school assignments, forging school and/or parent documents, falsifying information or committing fraud. Cheating is considered, but not limited to capturing images of quizzes and exams (paper or online) in order to pass to other students or for self-use, the use of online sources without citation, and/or copying another student's computer code, spreadsheets, documents, or handwritten material.
02. **AIDING & ABETTING** - An involvement with another student, or group of students, that results in a violation of one or more of the codes of conduct.
03. **ARSON** - An act of arson, initiating without cause a fire alarm, reporting a fire, or reporting of an impending bombing or catastrophe.
04. **BUS CONDUCT** - Any violation of rules of conduct on the school bus.
05. **CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES** - Violations of specific provision of federal, state or local statutes.
06. **DISRESPECT** - Rude, disrespectful behavior, or failure to cooperate with school personnel.
07. **DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR** - Disruption or continuous disruption of the classroom, school, school grounds, or school activities or functions.
08. **EXPLOSIVE DEVICES** - The use, threatened use, or possession of explosives including matches and lighters or any item which could explode, burn, detonate, cause bodily harm or have the appearance to do so.
09. **FIGHTING / ASSAULT / PHYSICAL VIOLENCE** - The act of intentionally causing or threatening to cause physical and emotional harm to another student or behave in such a manner as to present an eminent risk of such harm.
10. **FRAUD / FALSIFICATION** - Writing the name of another person, times, dates, grades, addresses, or other information on school forms or associated with school material.
11. **GAMBLING** - Students shall not engage in or promote games of chance, placing bets, or risk anything of value on school grounds.
12. **HARASSMENT** - Harassment includes, but is not limited to, any action which subjects an individual or group to unwanted behavior of a nonverbal, verbal, written, or physical nature. An act that injures, degrades, or disgraces or attempts to injure, degrade, or disgrace a student falls within this category. Examples of, but not inclusive, including the following: sexual, religious, racial, gender harassment, bullying, intimidation, coercion, hazing, spreading rumors, name calling and menacing. Please reference the Revere Local Schools Harassment Policy.
13. **ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES** - The sale, possession, concealment, or uses of illegal drugs, counterfeit controlled substances, look-a-like substances, drug paraphernalia, inhalants, consumables, alcoholic beverages or the unauthorized use and/or distribution of over-the-counter medication. This includes being under the influence or possessing a discernible odor.
14. **INAPPROPRIATE LANGUAGE / MATERIALS** - The use of profane, vulgar, or other

improper language, gestures, comments, or material, or the possession of any profane, vulgar, obscene, or other improper objects or materials.

15. **INAPPROPRIATE PHYSICAL OR NONPHYSICAL BEHAVIOR** - Any behavior deemed inappropriate in school, including but not limited to unwelcome touching, play fighting, unwanted advances, physical intimidation, sexual contact, public displays of affection, throwing items, and excessively loud hallway or classroom behavior.
16. **INCITING** - Inciting to riot or to disrupt or attempt to disrupt the operation of the school.
17. **INSUBORDINATION** - The failure to comply with directions of school personnel or acting in defiance of authority, including intentional interference with the performance of a teacher's duties or failure to identify oneself to school personnel when requested. Also included within is the failure to accept discipline or punishment from appropriate school personnel.
18. **LOITERING / TRESPASSING** - The action of being present on any school grounds, including a school bus, or any occupation of, or loitering on, near, or around school property without authorization.
19. **REPEATED VIOLATION** - Repeated violations of one, or combination of multiple, student codes of conduct.
20. **SCHOOL PERSONNEL** - The harassment, vandalism, physical abuse, theft, or other disruptive or destructive behavior toward school personnel during school and non-school time.
21. **TARDY TO CLASS / SCHOOL** - The act of being late to the classroom or school at the expected time as defined by the school building guidelines for the beginning of the individual class periods and/or school day.
22. **TECHNOLOGY / INTERNET MISUSE** - Any violation of the Revere Local Schools Acceptable Use Policy including but not limited to any school issued or personal device.
23. **THEFT** - The act of confiscating, possessing, or stealing private or public property of the school or another individual.
24. **TOBACCO / VAPING / OTHER DEVICES** – The use and/ or possession of either in the school buildings, within sight of the school buildings, on school grounds, or in areas in which school sponsored activities are taking place.
25. **UNAUTHORIZED MATERIALS** - The publication or distribution of unauthorized material. This includes posting such materials throughout the school and school grounds.
26. **VANDALISM** - The intentional, purposeful, or reckless destruction or defacing, or attempt to do so, of public or private property within the school.
27. **WEAPONS** - The possession, concealment, use, threat of use, or exhibition of a firearm or other weapon, or look-a-like weapon. A weapon is defined as an item designed to inflict injury or an item designed for another purpose, then converted to a weapon through its use.

**LIABILITY FOR PARENTS OF STUDENT MISCONDUCT**

Under Ohio Revised Code 3109.09, parents having custody of a minor under 18 are liable for the student's willful damages to school or private property or the theft of such property. The Board of Education, or any other own of property, can bring a civil action against the parents to recover compensatory damages up to \$10,000.00 and cost of the suit. Parents also are liable for the student's willful assaults on another person. The injured party may bring civil action against the parents to recover compensatory damages up to \$15,000.00 and cost of the suit.

It is the policy of the Revere Local Schools that educational activity, employment, programs and services are offered without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, religion, handicap or age.