PACIFIC CASCADE MIDDLE SCHOOL
2020-2021

STUDENT HANDBOOK & PLANNER

Pacific Cascade Middle School
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This Planner Belongs To:

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Lynx Life Teacher: _________________________
Address: ________________________________
Phone: ___________________________ Grade: _________________________
# IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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# PCMS BELL SCHEDULES

## MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY SCHEDULE

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| 4th Period A    | 11:50 am – 12:45 pm (55 minutes) |

| 4th Period B    | 11:20 am - 11:45 am (25 minutes) |
| 2nd Lunch B     | 11:45 am - 12:15 pm (30 minutes) |
| 4th Period B    | 12:20 pm - 12:45 pm (25 minutes) |

| 4th Period C    | 11:20 am – 12:15 pm (55 minutes) |
| 3rd Lunch C     | 12:15 pm – 12:45 pm (30 minutes) |

| 5th Period      | 12:50 pm - 1:40 pm (50 minutes) |
| 6th Period      | 1:45 pm – 2:35 pm (50 minutes)  |

## WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

| 1st Period      | 10:20 am - 11:00 am (40 minutes) |
| 2nd Period      | 11:05 am – 11:45 am (40 minutes) |
| 3rd Period      | 11:50 am - 12:30 am (40 minutes) |

| 1st Lunch A     | 12:30 pm – 1:00 pm (30 minutes) |
| 4th Period A    | 1:05 pm – 12:45 pm (55 minutes) |

| 4th Period B    | 12:35 pm – 1:00 pm (25 minutes) |
| 2nd Lunch B     | 1:00 pm – 1:30 pm (30 minutes)  |
| 4th Period B    | 1:35 pm – 2:00 pm (25 minutes)  |

| 4th Period C    | 11:20 am – 12:15 pm (55 minutes) |
| 3rd Lunch C     | 12:15 pm – 12:45 pm (30 minutes) |

| 5th Period      | 2:05 pm - 2:45 pm (40 minutes) |
| 6th Period      | 2:50 pm - 3:30 pm (40 minutes) |
## QUICK REFERENCES

**School Website:**
http://connect.issaquah.wednet.edu/middle/pacificcascade/default.aspx

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• The official school day is 8:10 AM to 2:35 PM on M, Tu, Th, and F, and 10:20 AM to 3:30 PM on Wednesday. Please do not drop off your student before 7:50 AM on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday and 10:00 AM on Wednesday. The first bell rings at 8:05 AM on M, Tu, Th, F and 10:15 AM on Wednesday.

• The bookkeeper’s office is open before school, at lunch and after school to receive money for classes, field trips, etc. All money should go to the bookkeeper and not teachers or coaches.

• Deliveries/Messages – Following the Love and Logic philosophy, items brought to school for students are placed on the front desk in the office and it is the student’s responsibility to check this table and pick up items. We cannot guarantee delivery of messages of a non-emergency nature. Please make arrangements for after school plans before your student leaves for school.

• There is a student telephone in the main office for use at lunch and before/after school.

• All students must be in a supervised activity to remain on campus after the buses leave. Activity buses leave at 4:20 on M, T, TH and 5:20 on W. Student must have a bus pass. Only students in school related after school activities may ride the activity bus.

• All students need permission to be out of class and comply with the 15/10 rule. Students are not to leave class during the first 15 minutes and the last 10 minutes of class to minimize disruptions in the learning.

• Students must walk in the building at all times. Running to lunch, between classes, and in the halls is unacceptable.

• Please use the crosswalk and follow the directions of the crossing guards for your safety at the school entrance.

• Lunch money goes directly to the cafeteria and must be dropped off before 10:00 AM. Checks should have student name and lunch number on them or you may access www.MySchoolBucks.com to deposit money into your child’s account.

• Lost and found items are kept on a table in the commons and in the PE offices. Unclaimed items will be donated to charitable organizations periodically. Students will be given notice when the items will be donated.

• All Issaquah School District schools are closed campuses. Student visitors are not permitted during the school day.
Verbal, physical, or cyber harassment, bullying, intimidation or abuse will not be tolerated. Such behavior may result in suspension. All students should report incidences of this behavior to a staff member immediately.

Cheating, copying another’s work and /or plagiarism are serious offenses and will be individually dealt with.

Electronic equipment are distracting to student learning and will be taken at staff discretion. **Electronics, including: cell phones, readers, laptops, ear buds must be OFF and put away while at school.** Some classrooms allow cell phones as instructional technology. Classes that utilize cell phones will hold students to the electronic user policy for this program. PCMS is not responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen cell phones.

Stealing or taking anyone’s things without their permission may result in suspension from school.

Using any inappropriate language including profanity and/or obscene gestures are prohibited. Students may receive in or out-of-school suspension.

Items that interfere with student learning may not be brought to school. Such items include, but are not limited to water toys, rubber bands, animals, trading cards, shocking devices, laser pointers, and any other items that are considered toys. Bringing sports equipment from home is not appropriate, but if you need to bring equipment, please clear it through the office.

Public displays of affection: Students are expected to act within the boundaries of good taste while on campus or on the school bus. Prolonged embracing, kissing and /other forms of personal displays of affection (PDA’S) are not acceptable.

Fighting warrants serious consequences. All participants will receive an administrative referral and suspension.

Vandalism and destruction of any school property is not tolerated. Payment or restitution and disciplinary consequences will be issued.

Students cannot possess or give another student a weapon or a facsimile of a weapon, such as a firearm, knife, fireworks, handcuffs, pepper spray, mace spray, or other dangerous objects at school or at a school activity on or off school grounds.

No form of tobacco is allowed anywhere on campus. Students selling, in possession of, or under the influence of any illegal substance will be subject to immediate suspension and referral to the King County Police. Pacific Cascade Middle School is a drug-free zone.
ACADEMICS

HOMEWORK POLICY
- Students at PCMS have homework in all core classes. This varies from week to week. The amount is approximately 1-2 hours per evening.
- Student Planners should be utilized as a part of homework “tracking” for all students, parents, and teachers.
- Parents are expected to assist students and teachers in supporting time management skill development.
- Generally, daily homework calendar is posted on teacher websites.

GRADING SCALE
PCMS uses the following letter grades and numerical equivalents:

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GRADE REPORTS
All students can view their mid-trimester reports in October, January, and May. They also receive 3 official trimester end grades each year. All grades and report cards can be viewed in the Portfolio tab in Family Access Gradebook.

FAMILY ACCESS GRADEBOOK
Parents can check their student’s grades through Family Access. The link is found on the PCMS website. Teachers are required to update their grade books at mid-tri and at the end of the trimester although some teachers may update more often.

CONFERENCES and TEACHER-PARENT COMMUNICATION
Parent/teacher conferences are scheduled by parents, teachers, counselors or administrators, as needed. These are known as “Guidance Team” meetings. Teachers can also be contacted via voice-mail and email.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY/HONESTY POLICY
Academic integrity speaks to a student’s commitment and responsibility to pursue scholarship openly and honestly. It respects the concept that learning is the primary purpose of education, secondary to grades and credits. Academic dishonesty is defined as any action that may result in creating an unfair academic advantage for oneself or an unfair academic advantage or disadvantage for any other student.

A student shall not attempt to earn credit or receive a grade for coursework (tests, quizzes, assignments, projects, essays) in a manner other than defined as acceptable by each instructor. Academic integrity violations are documented throughout a student’s secondary school career (grades 6 – 12). Academic integrity violations include, but are not limited to:
- Plagiarizing or submitting any part of another person’s work as representing one’s own scholarship.
- Distribution/sharing of class assignments or test information in either written or verbal form to another student without teacher permission.
- Unauthorized Collaboration – working with others without the specific permission of the instructor on assignments that will be submitted for an individual’s grade. This applies to in-class or take-home assignments/homework, projects, tests, or labs.
- Collusion – supporting the lack of integrity/honesty by another student, as in allowing one’s work to be copied or submitted for assessment by another. Collusion also includes the use or sharing of identical or highly similar passages of one’s own work, or the work of another, unless specifically authorized by the teacher.
- Technology Malpractice – any misuse or abuse of private or public technology in relation to grades or in acquiring an academic advantage, including infractions of the school technology user agreement, language translation websites, cell phone messaging or picture transmission.

All students involved in or aware of any of the above transgressions will be disciplined or may receive zero/partial credit.

**HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT**

All middle school 7th and 8th grade students who complete high school credit courses are eligible to have those grades and credits placed on their high school transcript. A request can be made to add the credit and grade at any time up to the point of the student’s junior year credit review with his/her counselor. Please note that once the grades are added to the high school transcript, the grade and credit cannot be removed and will permanently be included in the computation of the student’s grade point average. [RCW 28A.230.090(4); WAC 392-415-070]

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**CHECK CASHING POLICY**

Our school district has established the following policy for accepting checks and collecting payment on checks. For a check to be an acceptable form of payment, it must include your full name, current address, and telephone number. In the event the bank returns your check for non-payment such as non-sufficient funds (NSF), you will be notified by the school and will have 2 weeks to satisfy payment.

If payment has not been made, the face value may be recovered electronically along with a state allowed recovery fee. At this time, the fee to the recovery company, e-Cap, is $25.00.

In the event your check is returned for non-payment, the district has the right to no longer accept this form of payment for the remainder of the school year. Alternative forms of payment may be used such as cash, a cashier’s check or a money order. The district receives only the face value or a partial value of the check electronically recovered from e-Cap and does not receive any additional recovery income from a non-payment item.
Pacific Cascade Middle School provides many opportunities for student involvement through our co-curricular program, including activities/clubs, athletics, and fine arts. As representatives of our school, students who participate in the co-curricular programs are held to high expectations and standards. We expect all students to demonstrate excellent citizenship and sportsmanship and to be positive role models at all times.

**ASB CARDS**
The ASB Activity Card fee supports activity days, assemblies, guest speakers, dances, after-school clubs, co-curricular programs, transportation for music festivals and athletics, student recognition, sports equipment, officials, supervision and many other activities. The price of the ASB card is $35.00.

**IMPORTANT:** ALL STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN ANY ACTIVITY SANCTIONED BY THE ASSOCIATED STUDENT BODY MUST PURCHASE AN ASB CARD TO BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THOSE ACTIVITIES. THIS INCLUDES ALL STUDENT CLUBS AND MUSIC GROUPS.

**IDENTIFICATION CARDS**
All students are provided with a PCMS student identification card, featuring their name, grade and a photo. Students are expected to carry their card at all times during the school day and at school sponsored activities.

**ACTIVITIES**
There are many activities/clubs at PCMS in which students can participate. Activities/clubs are created to reflect student interest.

Students must report directly to a supervised club after school. Students are not allowed to leave campus until the club is over at 4:10/5:10 pm.

**ATHLETICS**
Eligibility: In order for students to participate in any athletic program, they must:

1. Maintain passing grades and earn credit in all classes (enroll in at least 4 classes)
2. Maintain a 2.0 trimester and cumulative GPA and have NO failing grades
3. Clear all fines
4. Purchase an ASB Activity Card for $35.00
5. Pay the district participation fee of $50.00 per sport season (with a maximum of $150.00 per student across the year) or $20.00 per intramural (Jamboree) sport.
6. Have a current physical examination completed prior to participation in a sport which **must be dated after June 1st of each school year**. Physicals are valid for 12 months from the date of the exam, and must also indicate a doctor’s approval for “full participation.” A new physical exam will be required each year of participation.
7. Have completed all athletic registration forms including a physical examination form, medical emergency form, and Coach Confidential Emergency Information Form and returned them to the PCMS Athletic Secretary. All forms can be found on our website or in our front office.
8. Sign an agreement to abide by the Issaquah School District Student Athletic Handbook

There will be no refunds given after the first competition.
Note: In order to participate in any after school activity, theatre, sports, concerts, etc., a student must attend class for at least one-half of the school day. (Exceptions: Medical/dental appointments, certain emergency absences when approved by either the Principal or Assistant Principal.) All fines must be paid.

The following sports are offered at the middle school level:

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- **ALL** students are encouraged to become actively involved in one or more of the sports that are offered. All students who turn out for a sport are given the opportunity to play at some level.
- Practices are held immediately after school Mondays through Thursdays – no Friday practices. Students must be picked up on time.
- An activity bus (with limited stops) is provided Monday through Thursday for students wishing to participate in supervised after-school activities. **Students must have an Activity Bus Ticket.** Tickets are available from supervising teachers and coaches. Activity buses leave PCMS at 4:20 pm on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday and 5:20 pm on Wednesday.

**ACADEMIC PROBATION**

- In order to maintain athletic eligibility during the current trimester, a student shall maintain passing grades in all classes. Grades will be checked 10 days into the beginning of the sport season.
- If a student-athlete receives any failing grades, regardless of the grade point average, that student-athlete is placed on academic probation for 10 calendar days. The student-athlete is allowed to continue to attend and participate in practices only. He/she may not participate in athletic contests during this time. Grades will be checked at the end of the 10-day probation period.
- Academic checks and discipline reviews will be conducted by the Athletic Director, and the student-athlete eligibility will be determined by these checks. If a student continues to fail and/or receive discipline referrals, he/she will not be allowed to participate in athletic competition for the remainder of the season.

For questions regarding PCMS Athletics, you may contact the following:

**PCMS Athletic Secretary: Mary Beth Jones @ (425) 837-5904**
**PCMS Athletic Director: Casey Stookey @ (425) 837-5944**

**FINE AND VISUAL ARTS**

The PCMS Fine Arts Program offers students an opportunity to participate in programs and productions throughout the year. The Instrumental Music Program includes Concert Band, Jazz Band, Guitar and Orchestra, while vocal music provides Choir and 1Voice Vocal Jazz. In addition, students may have the opportunity to participate in after school drama productions, talent show and drawing and art classes.
PCMS JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY
The Junior Honor Society is an organization that recognizes and encourages academic achievement while also developing additional characteristics essential to citizens in a democracy. The JHS member strives to achieve five core principles: scholarship, character, leadership, citizenship, and service.

Students who have a cumulative grade point average of 3.7 after the first trimester of 8th grade will be invited to join Junior Honor Society. The invitation to join Junior Honor Society will be sent to student’s homes in mid-December and the acceptance forms will be due back in early January. The first JHS meeting at PCMS will be in January. An activity bus is available for bus riders after the meeting, however, the group is so large that members are asked to provide their own transportation if it is possible.

In addition to maintaining or improving their GPA and attending meetings, Junior Honor Society members will be asked to attend one meeting a month Jan – May and complete eight hours of community service between June and April of the current school year. There is also an expectation that students will not have a suspension, expulsion or final “F” grade in a class due to cheating or plagiarizing. Students who meet these requirements will be invited to attend the Induction Ceremony in May.

COUNSELING CENTER

The counseling staff is organized with three full-time school counselors, a full time mental health counselor, a school psychologist and a registrar. Students are assigned to a specific counselor for academic, emotional, and social needs, while the mental health counselor is available for students needing in-depth social/emotional support. Students can make appointments with their counselor by visiting the Counseling Center, located in the main office. Parents can also make appointments with their student’s counselor by calling the Registrar, Kim Schneider at (425) 837-5911, between 7:50 a.m. and 3:45 p.m. daily.

COUNSELING CENTER SERVICES INCLUDE:

- Work individually with students to listen and talk through their concerns, problem solve, and resolve issues with teachers, peers and family members
- Provide classroom presentations on relevant topics such as Depression and Suicide Prevention, Harassment and Bullying, and Career Exploration
- Teach “Life Skills” curriculum once a week in all 6th grade Health classes
- Connect families with resources in the district and community
- Help students map an academic plan that guides them through any of our district comprehensive high schools
- Assist 6th grade students in making a successful transition to middle school, and 8th grade students in making a successful transition to high school
- Support students and their families during times of crisis
- 504 coordination
- Work with classroom teacher to develop teaching strategies for at-risk students
**Teacher rating form requests for medical evaluations**
Students needing teacher rating forms as part of a medical evaluation should submit the forms and doctor information to their counselor. The counselor will distribute and collect the forms from the teachers and then fax or mail the forms directly to the doctor.

**WITHDRAWAL PROCESS**
Students withdrawing from Pacific Cascade should contact the Counseling office at least 3 days before their last day in school. Prior to withdrawing, students are required to:
1. Obtain grades and signatures from all teachers
2. Return all books to the library
3. Return all textbooks to the Textbook Coordinator
4. Check with the Bookkeeper for all fines
5. Clean out hall locker and PE locker (if applicable)
Return required paperwork to the Counseling office for clearance
Failure to complete any of these items may cause a delay in forwarding student records to another school. An official transcript will not be sent to another school if a student withdraws without paying fines or returning books.
Please contact the Registrar, Kim Schneider, at (425) 837-5911 if you have any questions.

**PRIVATE SCHOOL APPLICATIONS AND RECORDS REQUESTS**
All private school applications and other records requests should be turned in directly to the Counseling Office.
A release of information form needs to be completed by the parent/guardian in order to send records to third party. Please do not give applications to teachers without contacting the Registrar. Application requests require a minimum of 3 business days to process. A $2.00 fee will be assessed for each application to cover mailing costs and copies.

**DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES**

Love and Logic is a philosophy of raising and teaching children which allows adults to be skilled in the interactions with children. Love allows children to grow through their mistakes. Logic allows children to live with the consequences of their choices. Love and Logic is a way of working with children that puts parents and teachers back in control, teaches children to be responsible, and prepares young people to live in the real world, with its choices and consequences.

Students, parents, and school personnel are jointly responsible for expecting and demonstrating behavior that ensures a safe, orderly and healthy environment for all persons at all times. Students may not behave in a manner that is disruptive to the educational process or that is unsafe for other students, staff, and/or self.

At Pacific Cascade a progressive discipline approach is used. The goal is to assist the student in:
- identifying the problem
- understanding what new behavior is necessary
- encourage the student to accept accountability for their actions
- provide the student with an opportunity to demonstrate improvement and personal growth

There are two forms used in documenting student behaviors.
- Office Data Referral Form – used to document up to three general rule violations. Students may be referred to the office after the violation.
- Immediate Discipline Form – used in situations where immediate action is needed: fights, insubordination, defiance.

Every case is considered on its individual merit. Repeated violations may result in severe disciplinary action or suspension.
DRESS CODE

The purpose of the dress code is to facilitate the process of education through reasonable guidelines of “dress”. Our goals are modesty, neatness, and cleanliness in attire (which includes clothes, accessories, and cosmetics) to protect the health and safety of students, as determined by building staff and administrators. The dress code at Pacific Cascade Middle School will be enforced. Students will be asked to change if not wearing appropriate clothing, as determined by building staff and administrators.

- Shoulder straps of a single shirt must be at least 3 fingers wide. Shirts cannot be low-cut in the front or back. (No bare midriffs, no spaghetti straps, no visible undergarments.)
- Students are asked to wear clothes that completely cover undergarments (bras, bra straps, boxer shorts, thong underwear, underwear, etc.).
- Shorts and skirts must be at least the length of student’s fingertips when hands are dropped to sides.
- Cannot advertise or display writing or pictures that are obscene or suggestive.
- No hoods are to be worn anywhere on campus.

If a student’s dress or grooming is objectionable under these provisions, the principal or designee will ask the student to make appropriate corrections. If the student refuses, the student is subject to disciplinary action. A complete copy of Policy #3224 may be obtained at any school.

ELECTRONIC READING DEVICES

Students may use electronic devices such as Amazon’s Kindle, Barnes & Noble’s Nook, Apple’s iPad, and laptops in accordance with our Electronic Device User Agreement. This opportunity is a privilege that requires extra caution and responsibility both on the part of the students and their parents. This agreement excludes all cell phones and smart phones.

In order to bring an electronic device to school, students must first do the following:
- Obtain a copy of the Electronic Device User Agreement Form, review the agreement and have both parent and student sign off on the agreement. This form can be obtained in the office or off the school website.
- Return the Electronic Device Acceptable Use Permission Form to the office for approval.

The use of any device (including Wi-Fi access) is for education and research only. Please refer to The Electronic Information System Agreement Terms on page 19.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Safety is the number one priority for Issaquah District schools. As a result, every school has a clear crisis management plan. The plan is in place to first and foremost prevent a crisis, but also to prepare, respond and recover from one should it occur. In our quest to be prepared, each building is required by law to practice Lock Down drills, Fire drills, Shelter in Place drills and one drill chosen by the building each year. This practice will help in the event of a real crisis.

School information and Student Release
(Where to find your child in the event of a school crisis)
In the event of a crisis that occurs on a school campus, the district website will be the main information source for parents regarding school updates. You may want to keep the district site book-marked for future reference. The district will also be in close contact with law enforcement and the media to help deliver important school information should a school crisis take place. Pacific Cascade’s Parent/Student Reunion Station will be located in the back parking lot. Parents should park off campus across the street. Parents must bring picture ID. Since we will be releasing over 1000+ students, the process will be lengthy. We appreciate your patience as we reunite students and parents in the safest and most secure way possible.
Immunizations
All Issaquah School District students must comply with immunization standards. On or before the first day of attendance, each student is required by state law to have a signed “Certificate of Immunization” on file at school. For middle school, the requirements are:

DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus & Pertussis) 5 doses are required for school entry.
Plus one dose of Tdap is required for all grades given on or after 11 years of age.
Polio – four doses
MMR (Measles/Mumps/Rubella): two doses given after the first birthday and at least 28 days apart.
3 doses of Hepatitis B Series are required for all middle school students.
Chickenpox vaccine (Varicella) two doses or verification of disease by a healthcare provider is required for 6th grade entry. The vaccination is recommended but not required for grades 7 & 8.

Religious, philosophical, or medical exemption is allowed and must be signed by a medical provider. However, in event of an outbreak of a “vaccine-preventable disease” for which the student is exempted, the student may be excluded from school by order of the local health department for the duration of the disease.

Medications
For a student to receive medication at school, this procedure must be followed:

- An “Administration of Oral Medication at School” form must be signed by a parent/guardian and a licensed health professional for both prescription and over-the-counter medications.
- Students are not to carry their medication except when the appropriate box is checked on the form for an inhaler or Epi-Pen.
- All medication must be in the original container labeled with the student’s name, name of medication, dosage, mode of administration, and name of physician.

Emergency Information
- Confidential Emergency Information forms must be on file in the health room for every student. It is vital that parents/guardians fill out these forms completely online. These forms are especially important to have on file in case of emergency or illness.
- If your child has a life-threatening health condition (severe bee sting allergy, severe food allergy, severe asthma, Epi-Pen, diabetes, seizures, etc.), Washington State Law SHB 2834 requires that a medication or treatment order and a nursing plan be in place before your child’s first day of school. Immediately contact your child’s school nurse at (425) 837-5908.

Injuries or illness at school
- Ask your teacher for a pass to the health room.
- Health room staff will assist you, give first aid and/or contact your parents as appropriate.
- All emergencies and injuries should be reported promptly to a staff member. An incident report will be filled out by a staff member.
**IMPACT**

Impact provides a fun and engaging place for middle school students to go after school. This Issaquah School District program combines tutoring, enrichment classes, and recreation to create a unique and exciting after school opportunity. Impact is a great place for students to create new relationships and explore new skills, all while having fun. Choice based enrichment classes are offered daily, including cooking, video production, photography, arts & crafts, leadership, cinema studies, career exploration and much, much more. A healthy afternoon snack is provided daily. Hours are Monday through Friday from after school until 6:30 pm. For more information and tuition costs, please contact Impact at (425) 837-5962.

**LIBRARY**

**KCLS Databases offered through the Library**

Every PCMS student can use their school ID to access fantastic databases through the King County public library. Instructions on how to access these databases and links to databases most useful to middle school students can be found on the PCMS library home page. When your classes are working on research, Mrs. Steirer and your teachers can direct you to the most applicable databases for your research, however, KCLS has databases for a variety of topics that could interest many students.

**LOCKERS**

- Having a locker is a privilege. DO NOT give the combination to anyone.
- Students are not permitted to share lockers with friends or change lockers.
- You will be responsible for any damage and held accountable for any contraband found in your locker.
- If you have a problem with your locker, go to class, get a pass from your teacher, and go to the main office. The secretary will locate a custodian or administrator to help you.
- Each student is expected to sign a locker agreement form and follow these procedures.

**LOST & MISPLACED ITEMS**

PCMS is not responsible for damaged, lost or stolen items. Please report lost items to the front office immediately. Students are advised not to leave books, backpacks, or valuables unattended anywhere on campus or on the bus. Lost and found items are given to local charitable organizations several times throughout the year. If a student wants to claim an item that was not originally theirs, the student must get an ok from the Assistant Principal before taking the item.
LUNCH

Computerized accounting allows students to pre-pay any amount either by check made payable to ISD Food Services or www.myschoolbucks.com. Lunch money goes directly to the cafeteria and must be dropped off before 10:30 AM. Checks should include student name and lunch number.

- Complete lunch $4.00
- Milk $ 0.50
- A la carte (desserts, chips, drinks) prices vary
- Delivered pizza price varies
- If a student’s account is overdrawn they may charge a maximum of two hot lunches.
- Lunch time sports court activities will include basketball, team/open shooting and sharing of all basketballs. Safety, respect and fair play will be actively enforced.
- Due to safety concerns, visitors are not allowed in our cafeteria during lunches.

Lunchroom expectations: Respectful behavior is expected at all times. This includes appropriate language, waiting your turn in line, good manners, and sitting while you eat. Students who choose to misbehave or create a mess will be given clean-up duties or private dining. Saving places in the lunch line is not fair to other students. During lunch, students may be in the café, commons, patio (when open), and at the bump courts.

ON-LINE PAYMENTS

Supplies and fees can be purchased online through the “Pay Online” link on the PCMS website. Log in with your Family Access login and student last name or click on the “detailed instructions” link. Class fees, sports registration, ASB cards, and fines can all be paid online with a credit card. Anyone who wishes to pay by cash or check is still able to visit the PCMS bookkeeper during normal school business hours.

PARENTS & COMMUNITY

PTSA (PARENT-TEACHER-STUDENT ASSOCIATION)
PCMS welcomes all parents to participate in PTSA. This group has a bi-monthly board meeting where community input is sought and school information is shared. Parents are urged to contact PTSA board members if they have questions, concerns, or wish to get involved.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS
Parent volunteers are an integral part of the PCMS culture and enrich the curriculum and program. Parents looking for volunteer opportunities should contact the PTSA Volunteer Coordinator.

VISITORS
- All visitors and volunteers must sign in at the office, provide a reason for being on campus as well as wear an ID lanyard. No exceptions. Be prepared to show ID.
- Classroom visitations by parents/community members must be pre-arranged with the Principal and with the teacher(s).
- Students from other schools are not eligible to visit PCMS.
TEXTBOOKS

Students are encouraged to use book covers to minimize wear on textbooks. Book fines for heavy wear, damage, lost or stolen books will be assessed and charged accordingly.

ALL BOOK FINES MUST BE PAID BEFORE YEARBOOKS WILL BE ISSUED.

TRANSPORTATION

BUS TRANSPORTATION

- Buses are safe, convenient student transportation, and due to limited parking lot space for drop-off and pick-up, all students are encouraged to ride the bus.
- Failure to follow the rules of district buses can result in suspension from the bus.
- Activity buses (with limited stops) are provided Monday through Thursday for students wishing to participate in supervised after-school activities. Students must have an Activity Bus Pass. Passes are available from supervising teachers and coaches.

BUS PASSES

Students are allowed to ride a bus other than the one assigned under the following conditions:
- Students must have a written request from parents and get a bus pass from the front office.
- Phone calls and emails are NOT accepted.
- Bus passes can be obtained before school or during lunch.
- Bus passes are available throughout the school year except for the first month and the last two weeks of school.
- Please go to the school website to view closed buses.

NOTE: If the bus is already full with regularly assigned passengers, it is not possible to ride the bus.

DROP OFF / PICK UP POLICY

- Students are not allowed on campus prior to 7:20 am or 9:50 am (Wednesdays). Students are not allowed on campus after 2:30 pm or 3:45 pm (Wednesdays) unless involved in a supervised activity.
- Students may wait for parents in front of the school.
- Parent drivers should drop their students off in the front of the school. Please form one lane and wait in line. DO NOT cut in front of other drivers as this causes a serious safety hazard for students.
- Do not block traffic flow in the parking lot.

STUDENTS WHO ARE WALKING

- Use the crosswalks and sidewalks.
- When walking home through neighborhoods, do not cut through yards, driveways, etc.

BIKES, SKATEBOARDS, SCOOTERS & ROLLERBLADES

- All bikes are to be locked and parked in the bike racks behind the school. All bike riders must wear helmets.
- All skateboards and scooters should be stored in the front office. Students must wear helmets when riding. PCMS is not responsible for lost or stolen items.
- Bikes, skateboards, scooters and rollerblades must be carried on and off campus.
Network

Use of computers at school is for education and research only.
- No games, audio files, video files or any other programs may be downloaded or installed on any district computers or servers without previous permission. Any authorized downloads or accessed websites must be for education and research only.
- Students may not alter any operating system features or functions – desktop settings, passwords, start-up files, etc., or alter, delete, or copy any programs.
- Students are responsible for physical damage to computer equipment they are using.
- Students participating in any chat, bulletin boards, messaging or like services must be part of a supervised learning activity approved in advance.
- When students create files or email, they are responsible that the content is appropriate and civil, and not used for harassment, discrimination, or abuse. Hate mail, harassment, and discriminatory remarks are prohibited.
- All hacking, introduction of viruses, use of the system to harass others or gain unauthorized access, use of the system to access, store or distribute pornographic material or potentially dangerous information, e.g. drug information, is prohibited.
- Students' personal computers or laptops may not be connected to the district network.

Security

- Students may use only their personal logins and accounts to access the network or Internet. Students are responsible for all activities that occur under their personal logins.

Copyright

- Students will comply with Fair Use and copyright laws, citing all text, graphics, or other material copied from other files or from the Internet.

Personal Safety

- Students should not share personal information such as addresses and telephone numbers on-line, or make appointments to meet people in person contacted on the system without district and parent permission.
- Students should tell a teacher or other adult whenever coming across any information that is dangerous or inappropriate on the Internet, or when using email or other forms of electronic communication.

Students agree that the result of any violations of this agreement will be the suspension of the license to use computer workstations and may be subject to regular school discipline. The length of suspension will be decided by the appropriate authority.
Welcome

On behalf of the Pacific Cascade Middle School staff, we would like to welcome you to the 2020-21 school year! Our goal is to provide a safe and caring environment, where ALL students experience a positive learning environment. We strongly encourage you to pursue excellence in your academic studies, become actively engaged in the co-curricular programs that our school has to offer, and treat everyone at Pacific Cascade Middle School with respect and kindness. This handbook includes our policies, procedures, and important information. Please refer to the handbook when questions arise. You may also refer to the https://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/pacificcascadems for updated contact information for staff, teacher websites, event dates, and more.

General School Policies and Procedures

Academic Progress

Course grades are updated regularly on Family Access for each course taken. Please log in to the Family Access system to view attendance and academic progress for your student. For questions on logging in to Family Access, please ask the school registrar.

Assembly Behavior

Assemblies are an integral part of the school curriculum and have an educational value, therefore, attendance at assemblies is required. Students are expected to conduct themselves in a way that demonstrates respect for those speaking or performing as well as those in attendance. Students who misbehave at assemblies may be removed from the assembly by an administrator and subject to discipline.

Check Acceptance Policy

The District has established the following protocol for accepting checks and collecting bad checks: For a check to be an acceptable form of payment, it must include the current, full, accurate name, address and telephone number. If a check is returned for non-payment, the face value may be recovered electronically along with a state allowed recovery fee. In the event a check is returned for non-payment, checks will not be an acceptable form of payment for the rest of the school year.

Computer/Technology Use

The District encourages information dissemination, collaboration, innovation, and experimentation through the ethical use of technology. The District requires its staff and students to adhere strictly to Regulation and laws applying to technological hardware and software. In cases involving any activity prohibited by District Regulation and/or law, rights accorded to persons by the District, such as privacy, do not protect an individual from discipline and/or prosecution. Complete copies of Regulations 2022 and 5225 may be obtained at any school or on the District website at www.issaquah.wednet.edu.

Every student using a District computer is required to have a parent sign a Responsible Use Agreement. This form acknowledges the right of the District to review material stored on its network, as well as the wide range of information accessible through public networks. It also releases the District from liability for any damages due to information gained or obtained through the District network, including access to public networks.

Distribution of Printed Materials on School Grounds

In respect for the rights and beliefs of all of our students, you must obtain prior approval from the office of the Operations
Coordinator before you or your student attempt to hand out any printed information, including invitations, to students or staff on school grounds. If you wish to post information on the school’s community bulletin board or other area set aside for this purpose, please contact your principal for approval. Guidelines for distribution of material on school grounds are included in Regulations 2340 and 4320. A complete copy of these Regulations may be obtained at any school or on the District website at www.issaquah.wednet.edu.

Drug Free Zones

Schools in the Issaquah School District are protected as drug free zones, as established by the City of Issaquah and King County. Drug free zones provide for possible double penalties for anyone caught trafficking controlled substances within 1,000 feet of a designated school, school bus stop or public park.

Fines

School fines are issued when a student fails to pay a class fee in the first three weeks of the trimester and/or when a student damages or fails to return any property of the school including, but not limited to, textbooks, items checked out from the library, athletic uniforms, rental instruments, technology support items, etc. All fines are due by the end of the trimester in which they are issued. Once the trimester passes, even if the item is found and submitted, the fine is still due and payable because the school will have purchased a replacement item in order to maintain the inventory for student use. You are encouraged to pay your fees & fines online. You can access the “Pay Online” button from the School home page using the same user name as Family Access. The password is the last name of your student.

Good Neighbor Policy

The District wishes to maintain positive relationships with our neighbors. Students are to avoid trespassing on neighbors’ property, littering and loitering in the street near their homes.

Homework

Homework, as an extension of the classroom, must be planned and organized; must be purposeful to the students; and must be evaluated and returned to students in a timely manner. The purposes of homework assignments, the basis for evaluating the work performed and the guidelines and/or rules should be made clear to the student at the time of the assignment. A complete copy of Regulation 2422 and related Regulations and Procedures are available on the District’s website.

Identification Cards

All students are provided with a student identification card, featuring their name, grade and a photo. Students are expected to carry their card at all times during the school day.

Inspection, Search and Seizure

Students are entitled to the guarantees of the Fourth Amendment and shall be secure in their persons, papers, and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures. However, school officials have the responsibility of maintaining a safe environment and are empowered to conduct a reasonable search of a student, of his/her personal property, and of school property when there is reasonable and individualized cause or grounds for suspecting or believing that the search will turn up evidence that the student has violated or is violating either the law or the rules of the school. A search is required when there are reasonable grounds to suspect a student has a firearm on school grounds, school transportation or at school events. Any search conducted must comply with applicable laws. School property shall remain under the control of school officials, and shall be subject to search.

Searches of Students and Personal Property
Any search of a student conducted by a District employee must be reasonably related to the discovery of contraband or other evidence based upon an individualized suspicion of the student’s violation of the law or school rules.

The term “contraband” means items, materials, or substances the possession of which is prohibited by law or District Regulation, including but not limited to, controlled substances, alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, nicotine delivering device, or any object that can reasonably be considered a firearm or a dangerous weapon.

**Locker Searches**
All student lockers may be searched at any time without prior notice and without reasonable suspicion that the search will yield evidence of any particular student’s violation of the law or school rules. If the school official conducting such a search develops a reasonable suspicion that any container inside the locker, including but not limited to a purse, backpack, gym bag, or an article of clothing, contains evidence of a student’s violation of the law or school rules, the container may be searched pursuant to the District’s procedures governing personal searches.

Additional information regarding student privacy and searches may be found in Regulation 3230 and Procedure 3230P.

**Library**
All library information including rules and regulations can be found on the [https://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/pacificcascadems](https://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/pacificcascadems).

**Lunch Accounts**

**Charging a Meal**
Students will be assigned a lunch account that can be used to purchase standard program meals from the school kitchen.

Applications for meal assistance are available at [https://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/district/departments/operations/foodservice](https://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/district/departments/operations/foodservice) or by contacting the Food Service Office at 425-837-5060. They are also available in the front office of each school building.

**Balance Notification**
Food Services partners with Myschoolbucks.com, a service that allows the use of credit cards to make payments for a student’s lunch account. There is a $2.49 fee per credit card transaction charged by Myschoolbucks.com, however, the use of their website to monitor a student’s lunch balance is free. It is also free for users of Myschoolbucks.com to set up e-mail notifications when their student’s lunch balance reaches a specified dollar amount. Families are encouraged to utilize this free service in order to receive automated reminders when their student’s lunch balance is low. Log on instructions and a link to Myschoolbucks.com can be found on the District website at [https://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/family/MySchoolBucks](https://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/family/MySchoolBucks).

Food Services also has developed an automated balance notification service that will notify parents via e-mail when the student’s lunch balance is low and again when the lunch balance is in arrears. In addition to these e-mail balance notifications, each school kitchen will send negative balance letters once per week. The negative balance notification e-mails and letters will continue to be sent weekly until the unpaid meal charges have been resolved.

Students will be given access to a standard program meal regardless of lunch account balance. Charges to the student’s lunch account will continue to accrue until reconciled.

A student’s lunch account must have sufficient funds to purchase a la carte items (chips, cookies, vendor pizza, bottled beverages, etc.).
Medication Administration at School

Washington State Law and Issaquah School District Policy require that schools have written authorization from a licensed healthcare provider and parent on file yearly when a child needs to take medication during the school day. All medication must be in the original pharmacy labeled container. Students who carry and self-administer medication must carry only one daily dose in an original pharmacy container.

Additional information and requirements related to the administration of medication at school may be found in District Regulations and Procedures 3416 and 3416P (Medication at School), 3417 and 3417P (Catheterization), 3419 and 3419P (Self-Administration of Asthma and Anaphylaxis Medications), and 3420 and 3420P (Anaphylaxis).

Student Dress Code

Appropriate clothing in a school or at school events contributes to a positive and quality environment at school, thus student clothing must be appropriate for an academic atmosphere. Students dress and grooming may not:

- Disrupt, interfere with, disturb, or detract from school activities.
- Create a hazard to the student’s safety or to the safety of others. For example, students are required to wear appropriate footwear at all times.
- Promote by printed word or symbol the use of illegal substances or other prohibited activities, including but not limited to intimidation, harassment, sexual innuendo, vulgarity, and obscenities.

If school officials reasonably believe a student’s dress or grooming is objectionable under these provisions, the principal or designee will ask the student to make appropriate corrections. If the student refuses, the student is subject to discipline. See District Regulation 3224.

Student Rights and Responsibilities

Students are entitled to the rights of all people as set forth in the Constitution and laws of the United States; the Constitution and laws of the State of Washington; the law regarding equal education opportunity; First Amendment rights to freedom of press, speech, peaceable assembly and petition; and the right to be secure in their pursuit of an education while in the custody of the District. These rights are subject to the District’s authority to make reasonable rules and regulations to maintain the educational process.

Students with Special Health Care Needs

Students with life-threatening conditions such as severe bee sting, severe food allergies, severe asthma, diabetes, seizures, etc., are required to have a medication or treatment order and nursing care plan in place before they start school each year. If a medication or treatment order is not provided, the chief administrator of the school is required to exclude the child until such order has been provided. This requirement applies to students with a life-threatening condition who are new to the district and students who are already attending the school. Contact your school nurse to discuss your child’s healthcare needs at school.

For additional information and requirements related to life-threatening health conditions, please see Regulation 3413 and Procedure 3413P.

Transportation

The mission of the District and bus drivers is to safely transport students to and from school. A complete copy of Regulation 6606, setting forth the specific rules of conduct on buses, may be obtained at any school or from the Transportation
Department.

The District uses random placement of video cameras on school buses to maintain good order and increase safety. The video tapes may be used to identify students who violate the rules of conduct for buses and for decision based on those violations.

**Visitors**

During the school day, only parents, adult relatives, volunteers and invited guests are allowed to visit District schools. Parents, adult relatives, volunteers and invited guests will continue to have access to all District schools before and after the school day in order to confer with and directly assist teachers, staff and students, provide support for District programs and observe or participate in school sponsored activities.

Parents, adult relatives, volunteers and invited guests visiting a school during the school day must register at the school’s office upon arrival, must comply with any safety procedures and directives indicated by the principal, and must not engage in any activity or behavior which is disruptive to the educational process. Additional information and requirements related to visitors at school are in Regulation 4311 and Procedure 4311P.

**Attendance Policies and Procedures**

**Attendance**

Washington state law requires that all students between 8 and 18 years of age attend school full-time, unless the student is excused from full-time attendance or meets certain exceptions. Parents are expected to ensure regular school attendance by their children. As provided in Regulation 3122, regular school attendance is necessary for mastery of the educational program provided to students. Daily attendance and active participation in each class are critical parts of the learning process. Excessive absenteeism, whether excused or unexcused, has a negative impact on academic achievement.

Students are expected to attend all classes each day. Teachers shall keep an accurate record of absences and tardiness. Students will be marked absent when they have an absence for any full class period. As used in this handbook, an “absence” means a student is (a) not physically present on school grounds, and (b) not participating in the following activities at an approved location: instruction, any instruction-related activity, or any other district or school approved activity that is regulated by an instructional/academic accountability system, such as participation in District-sponsored sports. A “full-day absence” is when a student is marked absent for fifty-percent or more of their scheduled day. A “tardy” is non-attendance for less than a full class period.

Parents will be informed when their student(s) misses one or more periods. Students participating in a co/extra-curricular activity must be in attendance in all periods, as assigned, to be eligible for participation in the activity or event.

**Excused absences** are absences due to:

- Illness, health condition or medical appointment (including, but not limited to, medical, counseling, dental, optometry, pregnancy, and in-patient or out-patient treatment for chemical dependency or mental health) for the student or person for whom the student is legally responsible;
- Family emergency, including, but not limited to, a death or illness in the family;
- Religious or cultural purpose including observance of a religious or cultural holiday or participation in religious or cultural instruction;
- Court, judicial proceeding or serving on a jury;
• Post-secondary, technical school or apprenticeship program visitation, or scholarship interview;

• State-recognized search and rescue activities consistent with RCW 28A.225.055;

• Absence directly related to the student’s homeless or foster care/dependency status;

• Absences due to suspensions, expulsions, or emergency expulsions imposed pursuant to Chapter 392-400 WAC if the student is not receiving educational services and is not enrolled in a qualifying “course of study” activities as defined in WAC 392-121-107;

• Absences due to student safety concerns, including absences related to threats, assault, or bullying;

• Absences due to a student’s migrant status; and

• An activity that is consistent with District policy and is mutually agreed upon by the principal (or designee) and a parent or emancipated youth.

A school principal or designee has the authority to determine if any absence meets the above criteria for an excused absence. The principal or designee may only grant permission for a student’s absence providing such absence does not adversely affect the student’s educational process.

Verification: Parents are expected to notify the school office by 8:00 AM of the day following the absence or send a signed note of explanation with the student upon the student’s return to school. Adult students or emancipated students must notify the school office of their absences with a signed note of explanation. If attendance is taken electronically, either for a course conducted online or for students physically within the District, an absence defaults to unexcused until such time as an excused absence may be verified by a parent or emancipated or adult student. See Procedure 3122P for additional information regarding the procedures governing excused absences.

Unexcused Absences are any absence from school that does not meet one of the criteria above for an excused absence.

• Each full-day unexcused absence shall be followed by a warning letter or telephone call to the parent.

• At some point after the second full-day unexcused absence and before the fifth unexcused absence, the District will take data-informed steps to eliminate or reduce the student’s absences as specifically set forth in RCW 28A.225.020(1)(c), including all subsections.

• After three full-day unexcused absences within any month, a conference with the parent, student, and principal/designee. If the parent does not attend the conference, the conference may be conducted with the student and principal/designee. If the parent does not attend, he/she will be notified of the steps taken to eliminate or reduce the student’s absences.

• Not later than the student’s fifth full-day unexcused absence within any month, the District will enter into an agreement with the student and parents that establishes school attendance requirements, refer the student to a community truancy board, or file a petition and affidavit with the juvenile court alleging a violation of RCW 28A.225.010.

• No later than the student’s seventh full-day unexcused absence within any month or upon the tenth full-day unexcused absence during the current school year, the District shall file a petition and affidavit with the juvenile court alleging a violation of RCW 28A.225.010 by the parent, student, or parent and student.

Generally, a student’s grade shall not be affected if no graded activity is missed during an unexcused absence. However, any work due or assigned during an unexcused absence cannot be made up for credit.
Make Up Work

Assignments and/or activities not completed because of an excused absence or tardiness may be made up in the manner provided by the teacher. A student is allowed one make up day for each day of absence. Failure to punctually complete missed assignments will result in the loss of credit for those assignments. Students should note that not all types of work can be made up (guest speakers, graded class discussions, etc.). Should this type of work occur on a date when a student has an excused absence, the assignment may be excused and not counted in the student’s grade OR an alternative assignment may be provided per the teacher’s decision.

Extended Illness or Chronic Health Condition

If a student is confined to home or hospital for an extended period, the family and school counselor should work together to arrange for the accomplishment of assignments at the place of confinement, whenever practical. If the student is unable to do his/her schoolwork, or if there are major requirements of a particular course that cannot be accomplished outside of class, the student may be required to take an incomplete or withdraw from the class without penalty and/or make up the course at another time. These plans should be arranged with the family, school counselor and administrator. The school team should convene on behalf of a student with an extended illness or chronic health condition that is impacting school attendance and consider any input and recommendations of the student’s medical provider.

Family Access

Family Access provides parents and students on-line access to student information including attendance. Parents and students are encouraged to monitor attendance records regularly using Family Access and contact the attendance office for discrepancies. Family Access Logon and Passwords may be obtained in person from the school registrar.

Attendance Procedures

• Upon returning to school from an absence, students must obtain an admit slip at the main office and present it to each teacher that day.

• Students who become ill at school must check out with the attendance office even if the health attendant speaks with a parent. Failure to do so could result in an unexcused absence and disciplinary action, however, a student may not be suspended or expelled for absences or tardies.

• Students who leave class during the school day must be properly checked out through the Attendance Office (see 3124 and 3124P). An absence that results from a student leaving class during the school day will be deemed excused or unexcused based on the criteria set forth in Regulation 3122. Leaving class without prior approval and without properly signing out may be cause for disciplinary action.

• Procedures outlined in the BECCA Bill will be followed as unexcused absences occur. See Procedure 3122P.

• Disciplinary action may be assessed for truancy, however, a student may not be suspended or expelled for absences or tardies.

• Students are encouraged to contact their teachers via email and class websites to get make up work. Arrangements can be made with teachers to pick up work through the attendance office. Homework/make up work will not be gathered for students missing school because of personal choice or truancy.

• Students are expected to take care of attendance business during their own time such as before school, during break, at lunch or after school.

Grades and/or Credits

Since daily attendance and active participation in class are critical parts of the learning process, failure to attend class may
result in loss of credit and impact the student’s grade.

Additional information regarding excused and unexcused absences is provided in District Regulation 3122 and Procedure 3122P.

**Student Records and Information**

**Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)**

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act affords parents and students over 18 years of age certain rights with respect to the student’s education records, which are:

- The right to inspect and review the student’s educational records within 45 days of the day the District receives a request for access. Parents or eligible students should submit to the principal or appropriate school official a written request, identifying the record(s) they wish to inspect. The principal will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.

- The right to request an amendment of the student’s education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of the student’s right of privacy. Parents or eligible students may submit a written request to the principal, identifying the part of the education record(s) they wish to have amended, and the reasons why they believe the record is inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of the student’s rights of privacy. If the District decides not to amend the record as requested, the parent or eligible student will be notified of the decision, of the right to a hearing under 34 C.F.R. § 99.21, and of the hearing procedures to be followed.

- The right to consent to disclosure of personally identifiable information contained in the student’s education records, except to the extent the FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.

**Release of Student Information**

The Issaquah School District cannot disclose personally identifiable student information or education records without the written consent of a parent, with the following exceptions:

- The District may disclose student information and education records without parent consent to school officials with legitimate educational interests. The term “school officials” includes District administrators, supervisors, teachers, counselors, information systems specialists, support or clerical staff members, school board members, or school resource officers. It may also include certain contractors, consultants, service providers, or volunteers, including, but not limited to, attorneys, auditors, medical consultants, service providers, or therapists. A school official has a legitimate education interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his/her professional responsibility;

- The District may disclose education records to another school, school system, or institution of postsecondary education where the student seeks or intends to enroll, or where the student has already enrolled, as long as the
disclosure is related to the student’s enrollment or transfer;

- The District may disclose student information or records to certain organizations conducting studies for, or on behalf of, the District;

- The District may release student information or records to comply with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena;

- The District may disclose student information or records in connection with a health or safety emergency, as defined by FERPA;

- The District may disclose directory information, as provided below; and

- The District may release student information and education records as otherwise permitted or required by law.

Directory Information

The District may disclose information regarding students that the District has designated as “directory information.” Directory information is defined as the student’s name, photograph, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, dates of attendance, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, diplomas and awards received, and the most recent previously attended school.

The residential addresses of participants in the state Address Confidentiality Program will not be available for release as directory information. Social Security numbers, student identification numbers (with authentication factors such as a secret password or personal identification number) or other personally identifiable information are also not considered directory information.

Directory information may be used for purposes such as school related fund-raising, publication of a student directory, parent organization mailing lists, school yearbooks and newspapers, commencement programs and publication of honor rolls, and other school information about students in District publications or public media. Information will not be released for commercial purposes.

Parents have the right to refuse to allow the District to designate any or all of the above types of information designated as directory information for their child. To do so, parents must submit a written request to their child’s school by September 15 that identifies the type(s) of information the parent does not want designated as directory information for their child. If the school does not receive a written request by that date, school staff will assume that there is no objection to the information being designed as directory information for their child. Additional information regarding student records may be found in Regulation 3231 and Procedure 3231P.

Student Conduct and Discipline

Student Conduct Expectations

Students, parents, and school personnel are jointly responsible for expecting and demonstrating behavior that ensures a safe, orderly, and healthy environment for all persons at all times. Students may not behave in a manner that is disruptive to the educational process or that is unsafe for other students, staff, and/or self. The Student Conduct Expectations also pertain to students involved in Running Start and WaNIC during lunch and traveling between schools. At all times, this handbook will be read in a manner consistent with federal statutes and regulations, state statutes, common law, and rules promulgated by the Washington Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

This handbook contains a summary of the District’s general discipline policies. For a complete set of all regulations and procedures related to student conduct and discipline, please see Regulation and Procedure 3241 and 3241P available on the District’s website: www.issaquah.wednet.edu/district/regulations.
**District Authority**

All students will obey the written rules and regulations established for the orderly operations of the District and the reasonable requests, instructions, and directives of District personnel. The term "District personnel" includes all adults, including contractors and volunteers, authorized to supervise student activities. Failure to do so will be cause for disciplinary action. All students will submit to reasonable discipline by the District and its representatives for violations of regulations and rules.

Students who involve themselves by engaging in, attempting to engage in, and/or conspiring to engage in acts that have a detrimental effect on the maintenance and operation of the school or the District, criminal acts, and/or violations of school rules and regulations, may be subject to discipline by the school and prosecution under the law. The rules will be enforced by school officials:

- On school grounds immediately before, during, and immediately after school hours;
- On school grounds at any time when a school is being used by any school group(s) or for a school activity;
- Off school grounds at a school activity, function or event;
- Off school grounds if the actions of the student materially or substantially affects or interferes with the educational process or otherwise has a sufficient nexus to the school; and
- In District-provided transportation, or any other place while under the authority of District personnel.

**Definitions**

- **Behavioral violation:** A student’s behavior that violates the District’s discipline policy.
- **Campus:** All areas of any District school (including parking areas and stadium complexes/fields).
- **Classroom exclusion:** The exclusion of a student from a classroom or instructional or activity area for behavior violations. Classroom exclusion does not include actions that result in missed instruction for a brief duration when: (a) a teacher or other school personnel attempts other forms of discipline to support the student in meeting behavioral expectations; and (b) the student remains under the supervision of the teacher or other school personnel during the brief exclusion.
- **Detention:** When a student is required to report to a designated area of the school for a specified period of time. Detention may be served before school, after school, or during lunch and includes monitored study hall.
- **Discipline:** Any action taken by the District in response to behavioral violations.
- **Disruption of the educational process:** Interrupting classwork, creating disorder, or invading the rights of a student or group of students.
- **Emergency Expulsion:** The removal of a student from school because the student’s presence poses an immediate and continuing danger to other students or school personnel, or an immediate and continuing threat of material and substantial disruption of the educational process. An emergency expulsion must end or be converted to another form of discipline within ten (10) school days from the start of the emergency expulsion.

  - **For purposes of administering an emergency expulsion, the term immediate and continuing threat of material and substantial disruption of the educational process means:** (1) The student’s behavior results in an extreme disruption of the educational process that creates a substantial barrier to learning for other students across the school day; and (2) School personnel have exhausted reasonable attempts at administering other forms of discipline to support the student in meeting behavioral expectations.

  - **Expulsion:** A denial of admission to the student’s current school placement in response to a behavioral violation. An expulsion may not be for an indefinite period of time and may not exceed the length of an academic term, unless the
District’s Superintendent grants a petition for extension of the expulsion. An expulsion may only be administered: (1) for behavioral violations under RCW 28A.600.015(6)(a)-(d); and (2) after the District has determined that if the student returned to school before completing an expulsion, the student would pose an imminent danger to students or school personnel.

- **Length of an academic term:** The total number of school days in a single trimester, as defined by the school board.

- **Other forms of discipline:** Actions used in response to behavioral violations, other than classroom exclusion, suspension, expulsion, or emergency expulsion.

- **Saturday School:** When a student is required to report to school on a Saturday from 8am to 12pm for monitored study hall or other activities, including campus cleanup.

- **School Business Day:** Any calendar day, except Saturdays, Sundays, or any federal, state, or school holiday, when the office of the District’s Superintendent is open to the public for business.

- **School Day:** Any day or partial that students are in attendance at school for instructional purposes.

- **School District Property:** All property of Issaquah School District, including any District school’s campus, parking areas, stadium complex, and other District property.

- **Suspension:** The denial of attendance in response to a behavioral violation from any subject or class, or from any full schedule of subjects or classes, but not including classroom exclusions, expulsions, or emergency expulsions.
  - **In-School Suspension:** A suspension in which a student is excluded from the student’s regular educational setting but remains in the student’s current school placement for up to ten (10) consecutive school days.
  - **Short-Term Suspension:** A suspension in which the student is excluded from school for up to ten (10) consecutive school days.
  - **Long-Term Suspension:** A suspension in which a student is excluded from school for more than ten (10) consecutive school days. A long-term suspension may not exceed the length of an academic term and may not be administered beyond the school year in which the behavioral violation occurred. A long-term suspension may only be administered: (1) for behavioral violations listed in the section titled “Suspensions and Expulsions” below; and (2) after the District has determined that if the student returned to school before completing a long-term suspension, the student would pose an imminent danger to students or school personnel or an imminent threat of material and substantial disruption of the educational process.

**Classroom Exclusions**

Students may be excluded from their classroom or instructional or activity area in a manner consistent with Procedure 3241P for behavioral violations that disrupt the educational process. At least one other form of discipline to support the student in meeting behavioral expectations will be attempted prior to a classroom exclusion, unless the student’s presence poses an immediate and continuing danger to other students or school personnel, or an immediate and continuing threat of material and substantial disruption of the educational process.

**Suspensions and Expulsions**

Short-term or in-school suspensions may be imposed as appropriate for the behavioral violations identified in this handbook and in the District’s regulations and procedures. Before administering a short-term or in-school suspension, one or more forms of discipline will be attempted to support the student in meeting behavioral expectations.

Long-term suspension may only be imposed if: (1) a student commits any of the following behavioral violations; and (2) the school determines that the student would pose an imminent danger to students or school personnel OR would pose
an imminent threat of material and substantial disruption of the educational process if the student returned to school before completing a long-term suspension.

Expulsion may only be imposed if: (1) a student commits any of the following behavioral violations; and (2) the school has determined that the student would pose an imminent danger to students or school personnel if the student returned to school before completing an expulsion.

Before administering a long-term suspension or expulsion, the District will consider one or more other forms of discipline to support the student in meeting behavioral expectations.

A. Having a firearm on school property or school transportation in violation of RCW 28A.600.420;

B. Any of the following offenses listed in RCW 13.04.155, including:
   1. any violent offense as defined in RCW 9.94A.030, including
      a. any felony that Washington law defines as a class A felony or an attempt, criminal conspiracy, or solicitation to commit a class A felony;
      b. manslaughter in the first or second degree;
      c. indecent liberties committed by forcible compulsion;
      d. kidnapping in the second degree;
      e. arson in the second degree;
      f. assault in the second degree;
      g. assault of a child in the second degree;
      h. extortion in the first degree;
      i. robbery in the second degree;
      j. drive-by shooting; and
      k. vehicular homicide, when proximately caused by driving a vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drugs or by operating a vehicle in a reckless manner; and
      l. vehicular assault caused by operating or driving a vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug, or by operating a vehicle in a reckless manner;
   2. any sex offense as defined in RCW 9.94A.030, which includes any felony violation of chapter 9A.44 RCW (other than failure to register as a sex offender in violation of 9A.44.132), including rape, rape of a child, child molestation, sexual misconduct with a minor, indecent liberties, voyeurism; a felony violation of RCW 9A.64.020; a felony violation of chapter 9.68A RCW (other than RCW 9.68A.080); a criminal attempt, solicitation, or conspiracy to commit a sex offense; and any felony conviction or adjudication with a sexual motivation finding;
   3. inhaling toxic fumes in violation of chapter 9.47A RCW;
   4. any controlled substance violation of chapter 69.50 RCW;
   5. any liquor violation of RCW 66.44.270;
   6. any firearms and dangerous weapons violation of chapter 9.41 RCW, including having a dangerous weapon at school in violation of RCW 9.41.280;
   7. any violation of chapter 9A.36 RCW, including assault, malicious harassment, drive-by shooting, reckless endangerment, promoting a suicide attempt, coercion, assault of a child, custodial assault, and failing to summon assistance for an injured victim of a crime in need of assistance;
   8. any violation of chapter 9A.40 RCW, including kidnapping, unlawful imprisonment, custodial interference, luring, and human trafficking;
   9. any violation of chapter 9A.46 RCW, including harassment, stalking, and criminal gang intimidation; and
   10. any violation of chapter 9A.48 RCW, including arson, reckless burning, malicious mischief, criminal street gang tagging and graffiti, and defacing a state monument;

C. Two or more violations of the following within a three-year period
   1. criminal gang intimidation in violation of RCW 9A.46.120;
   2. gang activity on school grounds in violation of RCW 28A.600.455;
   3. willfully disobeying school administrative personnel in violation of RCW 28A.635.020; and
4. defacing or injuring school property in violation of RCW 28A.635.060; and

D. Any student behavior that adversely impacts the health or safety of other students or educational staff.

The phrase “student behavior that adversely impacts the health or safety of other students or educational staff” includes, but is not limited to, the following examples:

- Abusive behavior, lewd conduct, harassment and sexual harassment
- Assault, threats, extortion, causing physical injury or damage to school property
- Behavior that constitutes harassment, intimidation or bullying under Regulation 3207 where such acts adversely impact health and safety of students and staff
- Criminal acts
- Dangerous weapons, instruments, & activities
- Fighting
- Disruptive conduct
- False alarms

For student behaviors that do not fall within one or more of the categories listed immediately above, schools may only impose classroom exclusion, in-school suspension, short-term suspension, or other forms of discipline.

Before administering any suspension or expulsion, the student’s individual circumstances and the nature and circumstances of the behavioral violation will be considered to determine whether the suspension or expulsion, and the length of the suspension or expulsion, is warranted.

In the case of classroom exclusions, suspensions, or expulsions, parents will be notified. Depending on the circumstances of the infraction and the discipline imposed, a suspension/expulsion may begin immediately during the school day, after school, or the following morning. In order to minimize absences from school and depending upon the infraction, in-school suspension/Saturday School may be used as an alternative to out of school suspension.

Any student or parent who is aggrieved by the imposition of discipline may utilize the procedures in Procedure 3241P for the purpose of grieving the discipline.

Law enforcement agencies shall be contacted for violations of assault; possession, use, or transmitting alcohol or other drugs not prescribed for the individual; arson; possession of a dangerous weapon or weapon facsimile; reporting false alarms; trespassing; abuse and theft as appropriate; and of other criminal activities.

Department of Social and Health Services, Children’s Protective Services, may be contacted in cases of abuse or assault. If the victim is 18 or older and developmentally disabled, Adult Protective Services may be called.

**Compliance with Rules**

Engaging in, attempting to engage in, and/or conspiring to engage in any of the following list of offenses generally describes conduct for which students may be subject to discipline, but is not intended to be exclusive. Such misconduct may result in other forms of discipline, classroom exclusion, suspension, expulsion or emergency expulsion as set forth in Regulation 3241 and Procedure 3241P.

**Arson** - Knowingly and/or maliciously causing a fire or explosion is prohibited.

**Assault** - The threatened or attempted use of force or violence upon the person of another is prohibited.

**Bomb Threats** - Threatening to bomb or damage any public school facility or property is prohibited.
Cheating or Disclosure of Exams - Intentional deception or the use of unauthorized materials in the preparation or completion of any school assignment, assessment, examination or project, or in the conduct of any school-related activity is prohibited, along with the aiding and abetting of such behavior by others.

Criminal Activity - Commission of any crime on school grounds, or the commission of a crime or other dangerous conduct anywhere that indicates the student’s presence on school grounds poses a danger to other students or staff is prohibited.

Defaming Another Person – Conduct that defames another person is prohibited.

Destruction of Property - Defacing, injuring or damaging school property in any way is prohibited.

Disruptive Conduct - Willful conduct that creates a disturbance on school premises, at school sponsored activities or on District-provided transportation, or that interferes with the educational process, is prohibited. Such conduct includes, but is not limited to:
- Occupying a school building or school grounds in order to deprive others of its use;
- Blocking the entrance or exit of any school building or room in order to deprive others of passing through;
- Preventing students from attending a class or school activity;
- Blocking normal pedestrian or vehicular traffic on a school campus; and
- Interfering seriously with the conduct of any class or activity.

Disruptive Dress and Appearance - Dress and appearance must not present health or safety problems, intimidate others, or cause disruption. See Regulation 3224.

Drugs, Alcohol and Mind-Altering Substances - A student shall not illegally possess, use, sell, distribute, or be under the influence of drugs, alcohol, mind-altering substances, medication not prescribed to them by a physician and approved in writing by the parent/guardian, drug paraphernalia, or any item that purports to be such.

Endangering Self, Other Students or Staff

Engaging in Extortion/Blackmail/Coercion - Obtaining money or property by violence or threat of violence, or forcing someone to do something by force or threat of force is prohibited.

Fighting - This includes fighting and instigating, promoting, or escalating a fight, as well as failure to disperse. Engaging in any form of fighting where blows are exchanged is prohibited, regardless of who initiated the fight.

Forgery and Misuse of Documents - The act of fraudulently using in writing the name of another person or falsifying times, dates, grades, addresses or other data is prohibited. A student shall tell the truth, shall present oneself honestly and shall not forge any signature or make any false entry or alteration of any document, either paper or electronic, used or intended to be used in connection with the operation of the school. A student shall not open or alter official school documents and private documents, either paper or electronic.

Gang-Related Activity - Students shall not display, reflect, or participate in dress, apparel, activities, acts, behaviors, or manner of grooming that: (a) lead school officials to reasonably believe that such behavior, apparel, activities, acts or other attributes are gang related and would disrupt or interfere with the school environment, activity or educational objectives; (b) present a physical safety hazard to self, students, staff and others; (c) create an atmosphere in which a student, staff, or other person’s well-being is adversely affected by undue pressure, behavior, intimidation, overt gesture or threat of violence, or (d) imply gang membership or affiliation by written communication, marks, drawing, painting, design, emblem upon any school or personal property or on one’s person.

Harassment, Intimidation or Bullying - See Regulation 3207.

Lewd Conduct
Making False Statements - The act of intentionally making an untrue statement or providing false or misleading information to a staff member with the intent to deceive, mislead, or misrepresent the truth.

Misuse of Electronic Information Systems - Students shall comply with the Responsible Use Handbook and Procedure 2022P when using electronic information systems such as e-mail, networks, and the Internet.

Refusal to Cease Misconduct - A student shall not repeatedly fail to comply with District Regulations or school rules or with reasonable directions of school personnel during any period of time when properly under the authority of school personnel.

Sexual Misconduct – Misconduct that could constitute sexual assault or harassment is prohibited.

Theft - The unauthorized carrying away of the personal property of another person or the property of the District is prohibited.

Threats of Violence or to Kill Another Person (Including “hit lists”) are prohibited.

Tobacco - Tobacco products and delivery devices include, but are not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, snuff, smoking tobacco, smokeless tobacco, nicotine, electronic smoking/vapor devices and vapor products, non-prescribed inhalers, nicotine delivery devices or chemicals that are not FDA approved to help people quit using tobacco, devices that produce the same flavor or physical effect of nicotine substances and any other smoking equipment, device, material or innovation.

Any use of such products and delivery devices by staff, students, visitors and community members will be prohibited on all District property, including all District buildings, grounds and District-owned vehicles, and within five hundred feet of schools. Possession by or distribution of tobacco products to minors is prohibited. See Regulation 4215.

Trespassing - Being present in an unauthorized place or refusing to leave when ordered to do so is prohibited.

Use of Motor Vehicles – Using vehicles on school property in a way that jeopardizes safety or property is prohibited.

Verbal Abuse - The use of disrespectful or threatening language to school personnel or other students is prohibited.

Weapons - Possession, transmission or use of any object that is or reasonably appears to be a dangerous weapon or related device is prohibited. Such objects include, but are not limited to: firearms, ammunition, stun guns, air guns, incendiary or explosive devices, clubs, knives with blades of at least three (3) inches in length, or other cutting or stabbing instruments brought or possessed with the intent to cause bodily harm, or to instill fear and/or intimidate by their mere presence on school property or at school sponsored events, chemical inhalants, and look-alike items or replicas displayed or represented as real weapons.

Pursuant to RCW 9.91.160, persons over eighteen (18) years of age, and persons between fourteen (14) and eighteen (18) years of age who have written parental permission, may possess personal protection spray devices (i.e., mace or pepper spray) on school property.

No one may deliver such a spray device to anyone under fourteen (14), or to anyone between fourteen (14) and eighteen (18) who does not have written parental permission. Personal protection spray devices may only be used in self-defense as defined by state law. Possession, transmission, or use of a spray device under any other circumstances will be treated as a violation of the District’s rule prohibiting weapons.

Violation of Terms of Suspension or Expulsion – During the period of any suspension or expulsion from school, students shall not enter upon any real and personal property that is owned, leased, rented, or controlled by the District without the express prior approval of a building principal or designee.
Behavior Agreements

The District may enter into behavior agreements with students and parents in response to behavior violations, including agreements to reduce the length of a suspension conditioned on participation in treatment services, agreements in lieu of suspension or expulsion or agreements holding a suspension or expulsion in abeyance. The duration of a behavior agreement may not exceed the length of an academic term.

A behavior agreement may not waive a student’s opportunity to participate in a reengagement meeting or to receive educational services during a suspension, expulsion or emergency expulsion.

Entering into a behavior agreement with students and parents does not preclude the District from administering discipline for behavioral violations that occur after the agreement is entered.

Academic Integrity/Honesty Regulation

Academic integrity speaks to a student’s commitment and responsibility to pursue scholarship honestly. It respects the concept that learning is the primary purpose of education, secondary to grades and credits. Academic dishonesty is defined as any action or attended action that may result in creating an unfair academic advantage for oneself or an unfair academic advantage or disadvantage for any other student. A student shall not attempt to earn credit or receive a grade for coursework (tests, quizzes, assignments, projects, essays) in a manner other than defined as acceptable by each instructor.

Academic integrity violations are tracked throughout a student’s career. Academic integrity violations include, but are not limited to:

- Plagiarizing or submitting any part of another person’s work as representing one’s own scholarship.
- Distribution/sharing of class assignments or test information in either written or verbal form to another student without teacher permission.
- Unauthorized Collaboration – working with others without the specific permission of the instructor on assignments that will be submitted for an individual’s grade. This applies to in-class or take-home assignments/homework, projects, tests, or labs.
- Collusion – supporting the lack of integrity/honesty by another student, as in allowing one’s work to be copied or submitted for assessment by another. Collusion also includes the use or sharing of identical or highly similar passages of one’s own work, or the work of another, unless specifically authorized by the teacher.
- Cheating – using notes or other materials without a teacher’s permission on tests and assignments.
- Technology Malpractice – any misuse or abuse of private or public technology in relation to grades or in acquiring an academic advantage, including infractions of the school technology user agreement, language translation websites, cell phone messaging or picture transmission.

Students will be required to sign an Academic Integrity/Honesty pledge that acknowledges understanding and commitment to honor this Regulation.

Consequences for Violation of Academic Integrity/Honesty

The degree or level of violation of the academic integrity/honesty, including specific circumstances, will be weighed in
each case. Depending upon the severity of the violation, consequences may be accelerated even for a first time offense.

Standard Consequence for 1st violation is:

- Failing grade for the assignment/test/project
- Parent contact

Standard Consequence for 2nd violation ranges from:

- Failing grade for the assignment/test/project
- Parent contact
- Possible short-term suspension

**Student Athletic/Activity Code**

The opportunity to participate in the interscholastic athletic program is a privilege granted to all students of the District. Participants in this voluntary program are expected to conform to specific conduct standards established by the District, principals, athletic directors and coaches. All interscholastic activities and events shall be in compliance with the District’s rules and regulations as set forth in the District’s Middle School Student Athletic Handbook.

A student who is found to be in violation of any athletic/activity rules is subject to removal from the team. Provision is made for a student who has allegedly violated one or more of the athletic/activity conduct rules to appeal a disciplinary action as specified in Procedure 2151P. General conduct expectations and requirements for students participating in athletics/activities are found in Regulation 2151.

**Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying and Non-Discrimination**

**Equitable Conduct Expectations**

The Issaquah School District values equity, diversity and inclusion. The District is committed to building and sustaining a welcoming school community. Our District and community are made up of people of different backgrounds, needs and perspectives. Our learning community includes people of varying races, ethnic backgrounds, abilities/disabilities, religions, ages, languages, socioeconomic status, immigration status, sexual orientation, gender expressions or identities.

Student expectations include:

- Respect each individual, even if that person’s identity is different from your own.
- Seek to understand your impact on others while seeking to understand other’s intent.
- Communicate respectfully with others in person, on social media and in any other form.
- Use what you are learning to use good judgment and make ethical and informed decisions.
- Take responsibility for your words and actions.

We all have a responsibility to report behavior that interferes with having an equitable and inclusive learning environment that honors and respects people of all identities. If you become aware of any actions that violate the expectations above, we encourage you to speak up through one or more of the following ways:
• Tell a teacher, staff member or other trusted adult immediately.
• If you are comfortable and safe doing so, speak up in the moment to encourage more equitable and inclusive talk or action, and/or support those being hurt.
• Report it anonymously via Issaquah Tip: https://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/family/TAI. Be sure to include details such as names of people, time, location and building.

Safe and Positive Environment

The Issaquah School District believes that a safe, civil environment is essential to high student and staff achievement, to the free exchange of ideas central to a quality educational process, and to the development of youth as thoughtful participants in our democracy. Conversely, uncivil conduct, like other forms of disruptive behavior, interferes with a student’s ability to learn and a school’s ability to educate its students.

The Issaquah School District strives to maintain a learning environment where all students, staff and members of our community can be free from intimidation and harassment. One way we foster such an environment is by informing students and employees--as well as parents--of their personal rights. We explain proper behavior in schools and what kinds of behavior are inappropriate. The District’s Regulations on harassment--sexual and otherwise--support our high expectations for proper behavior. Please take a moment to review the summary of Regulation 3205 and 3207, which protect students.

Examples of harassing behaviors include, without limitation: invitations for dates that do not stop when the response is negative; uninvited and deliberate touching or feigned accidental brushing against a person’s body; feigned friendly pats, squeezes, pinches, or other forms of physical contact; standing too close, cornering or stalking a person; using derogatory sexual terms for a person; uninvited letters, phone calls, or gifts; teasing with sexually explicit or suggestive materials in the work place, including “pin-ups” or sexually degrading cartoons posted in the school site; uninvited sexually suggestive looks, constant leering or ogling, or gestures; uninvited sexual teasing, remarks, or questions regarding an individual's personal life, which have no relationship to the school environment; and demands for sexual favors in return for grades or other employment or education achievement; disparaging remarks, hazing, pranks, or other intimidating behavior directed toward an individual because of the individual's race, color, sex, creed, religion, sexual orientation, ancestry, national origin, physical/personality traits or style, physical, sensory, or mental disabilities, or any other category protected by law.

If an individual experiences harassment, an informal or a formal complaint process is available. If the complaint is not resolved satisfactorily, there is an appeal procedure.

Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying

If a student feels that he or she is being harassed, intimidated, or bullied for any reason including because of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, gender, sexual orientation, or disability, the student should immediately report such incidents to a teacher, counselor, or building administrator. A complete copy of Regulation 3207 may be obtained at any school or on the District website at www.issaquah.wednet.edu.

“Harassment, intimidation or bullying” is defined as an intentional electronic, written, verbal or physical act that:

• Physically harms a student or damages the student’s property;
• Has the effect of substantially interfering with a student’s education (to be determined by considering a targeted student’s grades, attendance, demeanor, interaction with peers, participation in activities, and other indicators);
• Is so severe, persistent, or pervasive that it creates an intimidating or threatening educational environment; or
• Has the effect of substantially disrupting the orderly operation of the school.

Conduct that is “substantially interfering with a student’s education” will be determined by considering a targeted
student’s grades, attendance, demeanor, interaction with peers, participation in activities, and other indicators.

Conduct that may rise to the level of harassment, intimidation and bullying may take many forms, including, but not limited to: slurs, rumors, jokes, innuendoes, demeaning comments, graffiti, pictures, photographs, drawings, cartoons, pranks, ostracism, physical attacks or threats, gestures, or acts relating to an individual or group whether electronic, written, oral, or physically transmitted messages or images. There is no requirement that the targeted student actually possess the characteristic that is the basis for the harassment, intimidation, or bullying.

**Nondiscrimination**

The District will provide equal educational opportunity and treatment for all students in all aspects of the academic and activities program without discrimination based on race, religion, creed, color, national origin, age, honorably-discharged veteran or military status, sex, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, marital status, the presence of any sensory, mental or physical disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability. The District will provide equal access to school facilities to the Boy Scouts of America and all other designated youth groups listed in Title 36 of the United States Code as a patriotic society.

**Sexual Harassment**

Students and staff are protected against sexual harassment by anyone in any school program or activity, including on the school campus, on the school bus, or off-campus during a school-sponsored activity. See Regulation 3205 and Procedure 3205P.

Sexual harassment is unwelcome conduct or communication that is sexual in nature. Sexual harassment can occur adult-to-student, student-to-student or can be carried out by a group of students or adults. Sexual harassment will be investigated by the District even if the alleged harasser is not a part of the school staff or student body. The District prohibits sexual harassment of students by other students, employees, volunteers, or third parties involved in District activities or engaged in the authorized use of District facilities.

The term “sexual harassment” includes:

- Acts of sexual violence;
- Unwelcome sexual or gender-directed conduct or communication that interferes with an individual’s educational performance or creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment;
- Unwelcome sexual advances;
- Unwelcome requests for sexual favors;
- Sexual demands when submission is a stated or implied condition of obtaining an educational benefit; and
- Sexual demands where submission or rejection is a factor in an academic, or other school-related decision affecting an individual.

A “hostile environment” has been created for a student when sexual harassment is sufficiently serious to interfere with or limit the student’s ability to participate in or benefit from the school’s program. The more severe the conduct, the less need there is to demonstrate a repetitive series of incidents.
Discrimination and Sexual Harassment Complaints

If you believe that you or your child have experienced unlawful discrimination or harassment at school, you have the right to file a complaint.

Before filing a complaint, you can discuss your concerns with your child’s principal or with the District’s Title IX Officer, HIB Coordinator, Civil Rights Coordinator, or Section 504 Coordinator, who are listed below.

Title IX Coordinator
Amanda Dorey, Director of Human Resources
5150 220th Ave. SE
Issaquah, WA 98029
425-837-7000
doreya@issaquah.wednet.edu

Civil Rights Compliance Officer
Amanda Dorey, Director of Human Resources
5150 220th Ave. SE
Issaquah, WA 98029
425-837-7000
doreya@issaquah.wednet.edu

Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying (HIB) Coordinator
Stacey Zachau, Assistant Director of Student Intervention – Compliance
5150 220th Ave. SE
Issaquah, WA 98029
425-837-7000
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Section 504 Coordinator
Pam Ridenour, Director of Student Interventions
5150 220th Ave. SE
Issaquah, WA 98029
425-837-7000
ridenourp@issaquah.wednet.edu

Parent/Volunteer and Employee/Applicant- Related Matters
Carleena Scammon, Director of Human Resources
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Scammonc@issaquah.wednet.edu
The complaint procedure for allegations of harassment, intimidation, and bullying is in District Procedure 3207P.

The complaint procedure for allegations of discrimination is in District Procedure 3210P.

The complaint procedure for allegations of sexual harassment is in District Procedure 3205P.