

Montrose Elementary School



2016-2017 Student Handbook

Motto: We are the future success for all.

Mission Statement: We are here to touch the lives of others academically, socially, morally, physically, mentally, lovingly, and purposefully to help them become contributing individuals.

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A WORD TO THE PARENTS

Parents and school faculty have something in common: a desire to see children receive the very best that our public school can offer. In this booklet parents will find many informative items.

Encourage your child to rise to the highest level of which they are capable. Good study habits and regular attendance are tools for achievement; if both are practiced diligently it will never need to be said, I wish I had another chance.

The rules and regulations in the Montrose Elementary School Handbook are subject to change if and when a change is deemed necessary to improve or solve any problems that may arise.

EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY – File AD

In today's society, education is a continuous process of learning, not only for the present but also for the future. Therefore, the Board will provide an educational environment that promotes and enhances learning as a life-long endeavor. In addition, the Board believes that education is not just the development and refinement of mental capacity but a process that assists the students in meeting their physical, social, aesthetic, and emotional requirements.

The Board will strive to provide stimulation and assistance so that each child develops in accordance to his/her individual abilities, interests and potential. The responsibility of the school, therefore, is to help guide the individual in the many and varied educational experiences so that he/she can develop into a wholesome, happy and productive human being.

The Board recognizes the importance of the home as an influence upon the child and believes that a sympathetic, cooperative attitude between the teacher and the parent is necessary in the development of the student's integrated personality.

The total staff of the school system constitutes an inestimable and lasting force in the development of the student. The teacher is the most significant influence in the school and, therefore, it is primarily the teacher's responsibility to provide the learning environment in the school that fosters maximum student growth and reflects individual differences.

It is further realized that mutual rapport among the home, student, staff, administration, school board, and total community is necessary to implement this policy.

NONDISCRIMINATION STATEMENT – FILE AC

The Board is committed to a policy of nondiscrimination to race, sex, religion, national background, age, and disability (as disability is defined in federal and state law and regulations). Respect for the dignity and worth of each individual will be paramount in the establishment of all policies by the Board and in the administration of those policies. The Constitutions of our nation and state, pertinent legislation enacted at those two levels of government, as well as court interpretations regarding citizens' rights, undergird this statement. It is the policy of the Montrose School District that discrimination based upon race, sex, religion, national background, age, and disability (as disability is defined in federal and state law and regulations) is prohibited.

The school district shall:

1. Promote the rights and responsibilities of all individuals as set forth in the state and federal constitutions, pertinent legislation and applicable judicial interpretations.
2. Encourage positive experiences in human values for children and adults who have differing personal and family characteristics or who come from various socioeconomic, racial and ethnic groups.
3. Carefully consider, in all decisions made which affect the schools, the potential benefits or adverse consequences that those decisions might have on the human relations aspects of all segments of society.
4. Regularly review all policies and practices of this school district in order to achieve to the greatest extent possible the objectives of this policy.
5. Work toward a more integrated society and to enlist the support of individuals as well as that of groups and agencies, both private and governmental, in such an effort.

The Board's policy on nondiscrimination will extend to students, staff, the general public and individuals with whom it does business.

RECOMMENDED SCHOOL SUPPLIES 2016-2017

JK/Kindergarten: Large backpack, (1) 1" 3-ring binder, Facial Tissue (200 Count), (1) vinyl 2-pocket folder-No 3 prong folders please, Hard case plastic pencil box, 1 spiral notebook, 1 activity/coloring book, Glue sticks, Crayons (one box per semester), Elmer's glue, Pencils,

Eraser (soft pink or green), Fiskar scissors, Towel for rest time-no mats please, Headphones in a Ziploc bag, Gym shoes to be kept at school.

Grade 1: (3) two pocket folders; (1) 3-prong folder, 5 regular wide-lined spiral notebooks; ¾” 3-ring binder, (no larger than 1 inch), large box of Kleenex, 12 pencils, pen, box of 16-24 crayons, pencil box, bottle of white glue, scissors (pointed), book bag, eraser (soft pink or green), box of 8 markers, small sticky notes, 4 dry erase board markers, and headphones in a Ziploc bag.

Grade 2: (1) 3-prong folder; (1) package of index cards; (2) three-hole punched folders; (2) regular folders; (3) spiral notebooks; scissors; (1) 1-inch 3-ring binder; 12 pencils (only yellow #2 allowed); (4) dry-erase markers; dry-erase board eraser (an old sock would be fine); box of 16-24 crayons; pencil box; bottle of glue; book bag; (1) eraser (soft pink or green); (1) 3 prong folder; (1) package of index cards (1) box of 8 markers; sticky notes (1 pad at a time); large box of Kleenex; headphones in a Ziploc bag.

Grade 3: (12) #2 pencils, a large eraser; pencil box; colored pencils; washable markers; highlighter; ruler with inches and centimeters; Elmer’s glue bottle and glue stick; scissors, (2) large boxes of Kleenex; (2) wide-rule notebooks, (2) two-pocket folders; pencil eraser tops; & headphones in a Ziploc bag; (1) black composition notebook; & (3) dry-erase markers.

Grade 4: Eraser; crayons; colored pencils; washable markers; yellow highlighter; 12 #2 pencils; 2 red pens; ruler with inches and centimeters; scissors; 2-two pocket folders; package of loose leaf wide rule paper; 2 one-inch binders, 2 **composition** notebooks (1 regular and one grid paper); large box of Kleenex; bottle glue & glue stick; small sticky notes (one pad at a time); 4 dry-erase markers; & headphones in a Ziploc bag.

Grade 5: 6 composition notebooks (7”x 10”), 1 spiral notebook or loose paper, 3 soft side 3 ring binders, Pencil Pack, Large Eraser, Scissors, Liquid glue, Ruler, Colored Pencils, Markers, Crayons optional, rubber cement, pencil box or bag, black sharpie or similar black marker, 3 different colored highlighters, 1 dry erase marker, & headphones in a Ziploc bag.

Resource Room: Large box of Kleenex; pencils and erasers for pencil tops.

***Grades that are required to bring notebooks should not bring Trapper Keepers. All backpacks must be able to fit in student’s locker.**

***All grade school students must have a pair of shoes to be worn only in the gym during PE class. These may be older tennis shoes that are clean.**

FEES

Lunch Program The school lunch program will again serve noon meals. All lunch tickets should be purchased in the Business Office. The price per meal this year is--\$2.45 for K-3; \$2.75 for 4-12; 40 cents for “reduced-price” meals, and \$3.65 for adults. An extra milk is 50 cents. **Please refer to “School Meal Policy” (File: DP).

Band Maintenance Drums--\$25.00 per year

School owned horns--\$50.00 per year

Athletic Purchases coach is in charge

Industrial Arts as directed by the shop instructor

Science Lab Breakage as directed by instructor

Activity Tickets \$30.00 per year for adults; \$10.00 per year K-12; \$20.00 Sr. Citizen. Admission to individual activities: \$5.00 for adults; \$3.00 for K-12 students; Senior Citizens-NA.

MONTROSE IRISH SCHOOL SONG

(NOTRE DAME VICTORY MARCH)

Cheer, Cheer for ol’ Montrose High
Shake down the echoes, shoutin’ her cry;
Send her volley cheers on high
Shake down the thunder from the sky.
Although the odds be great or small,
Ol’ Montrose high will win over all;
While her Irish sons are marching

ONWARD TO VICTORY!

CHARACTER COUNTS

The Montrose Students and Staff support the Character Counts program and strive to implement the Six Pillars that stress:

1. **Trustworthiness***
Represented by the “Trustworthy Tiger,” will help children understand what it means to be trustworthy, begin to make judgments about the trustworthiness of others. Trustworthy Tiger encourages all Montrose students to tell the truth, be honest, and keep their word.
2. **Respect***
Represented by the “Respectful Rabbit,” children will understand that respect means treating others, as you would want to be treated, learn good manners, and recognize good or bad behavior.
3. **Responsibility***
Represented by the “Responsible Rhino” children will learn to begin to share a responsibility for their own personal care and safety. They will learn about responsibilities as members of groups—schools, family, and community. Also recognize that excuses are a method of shirking responsibility.
4. **Fairness***
Represented by the “Fair Fox” children will learn to distinguish between intentional and unintentional actions. Also to take turns when speaking and to listen to others. To recognize an inequality as fair or unfair. Montrose students will be known for taking turns, sharing and being considerate of others.
5. **Caring***
Represented by the “Caring Koala” who will help the Montrose students to learn to give compliments, appreciate ways people help and care for another, and to show compassion for others.
6. **Citizenship***
Represented by the “Good Citizen Goose” who will help the Montrose students to learn to recognize that they are citizens of many groups. Also to help students to understand that citizenship involves group commitment. That living in the community means following rules, doing your share, and are careful.

GRADING

Junior Kindergarten/Kindergarten – 2nd grade use Standard Based Report Cards

Grade 3-5 grading utilizes the percentage scale as listed below.

A=	100-93
B=	92-85
C=	84-75
D=	74-65
F=	64-0

PE/Health and Music

E -Excellent	S+
S+	
S -Satisfactory	
S-	
N -Needs Improvement	

ATTENDANCE POLICY

A student’s contribution to an achievement in class is directly related to attendance. Both students and parents must understand that students miss a vital portion of their education when they are absent from class. The entire process of education requires a continuity of instruction, classroom participation, learning experiences and individual study in order to reach the goal of maximum educational benefits for each student.

Attendance is a part of each student’s permanent record and one of the major concerns of an employer when inquiring about a student’s school record.

It is the duty of school officials to know the whereabouts of students during school hours. Students may be excused for specific purposes only through the office and with written permission from parent(s) or legal guardian(s). Failure to report to the office shall result in being charged with an unexcused absence.

If a student must leave school during the regular hours, the student will be released only to a parent, legal guardian, or to someone designated, in writing or by personal request, by the parent or guardian.

If a student will be absent, parents shall call the school between 8:00 and 8:30 a.m. unless the school has received previous written approval. If no phone call is received by 9:00 a.m., the school will call the home and make every effort to contact a parent and verify the absence.

In case of an excused absence, the student must make up the work to receive full credit. A grade of zero will be given in each class missed until make up work is completed. **IT IS THE PUPIL'S AND PARENTS' RESPONSIBILITY TO BE SURE THAT ALL MAKE UP WORK IS FINISHED ON TIME.**

Students who are absent for one day will have two days to make up the work. Students who are absent for two days will have four days to make up the work. Students who are absent more than two days will work out a schedule with the teacher to make up the work that was missed during the absence. An assignment sheet will be sent home to be returned signed by the parents with the work.

Generally the only absences excused are:

1. personal illness
2. family emergency
3. funerals
4. religious observances
5. dental or medical appointments that cannot be made on Saturdays or after school
6. school sponsored activities
7. parental request: Absences to accommodate family plans must be requested in advance by a parent or guardian and be approved by the administration. It is recommended that arrangements for absences to accommodate family plans be made at least two days in advance. When contact by a student, parent or guardian is made in advance for this type of absence, teachers will attempt to offer assistance to students in providing make-up assignments. There may be situations, however, when make-up of school work missed is not possible. Exceptions will be made only in case of an emergency.

If a student has an unexcused absence, the following will apply:

A conference will be set up with the student's parent(s), the student, and the Principal after the first violation. All school time missed will be made up. A second violation will result in suspension which could be in-school suspension or out-of-school suspension. All rules relating to makeup work and grading for excused absences will apply.

The principal (not the parent) will determine if absences are to be excused or unexcused and determine circumstances not covered in this policy.

ATTENDANCE AT BALL GAMES AND OTHER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Students who attend any school related events are subject to the same regulations that they would be during the school day. The same regulations apply to both home and away activities. Students who attend any school related activities are expected to **stay seated** and **watch the event** except during intermissions or half-time breaks. The same regulations apply to both away and home activities. **Hats** are not to be worn inside the school buildings and this includes the gymnasium.

SCHOOL HOURS FOR STUDENTS

Student hours for school will be from 8:25-3:30. Parents are asked not to send students to school before 8:15 a.m. and should expect them to be home by 3:45 p.m. unless they ride a bus. Students who arrive early must report to the designated area assigned. From 8:15 to 8:30 students will report to the supervised playground area unless weather conditions dictate otherwise.

SCHOOL/PLAYGROUND RULES – Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS)

1. Be Respectful - I promise to:
 - Follow the game rules
 - Use polite words
 - Use polite tone of voice
2. Be Responsible - I promise to:
 - Bring in what I took out
 - Line up when the whistle blows, walk on the sidewalks, & enter the building quietly
 - Mediate problems
3. Be Safe - I promise to:
 - Use equipment safely
 - Keep hands, feet and objects to myself

BUS RULES FOR STUDENTS

1. The driver is in full charge of the pupils and the bus. The driver's relationship with the pupils should be on the same line as that of a teacher in the classroom. Bus transportation for the students is not entirely a right, but more a privilege, conditioned upon courteous behavior and obedience to the established rules. The safety of the bus and its passengers demands complete cooperation from the students. It shall be the duty of the driver to report to the Principal the names of any pupils who persist in violating the rules and regulations. The Principal may find it necessary to withhold the privilege of riding on the bus from those pupils who fail to cooperate.
2. Pupils shall obey all instructions from the school bus driver
3. Students must occupy the seat assigned to them.
4. The same courteous conduct as is expected in the classroom must be observed while on the bus. Ordinary conversation is permitted.
5. Students must refrain from unnecessary talk with the bus driver. His/her job requires his/her full attention.
6. Students must be on time at the designated bus stops.
7. Students must not stand in the traffic lanes while waiting for the bus.
8. Students will assist the driver in keeping the interior of the bus clean.
9. Students will not open or close windows without their permission of the bus driver.
10. Students must not at any time put hands, arms, or legs out of the bus windows.
11. Students must stay seated and must not move about inside the bus or try to get on or off while the bus is in motion.
12. Students will immediately report to the driver any damage occurring on the bus.
13. Students must follow the instructions when entering or leaving the bus and when they must cross the road or highway.
14. Students must await the signal from the driver to cross a road or highway, then cross promptly. The crossing should be made approximately 10 feet in front of the bus in full view of the driver
15. Students desiring to leave the bus at other than their designated bus stop must present the bus driver with written permission to do so from their parents.
16. The school bus will not deviate from its regular route, unless road conditions or student absence dictates otherwise. A group of students going to one student's home for a birthday party, etc. will only be allowed if safe seating space is available, after regular riders are seated, and prior parental permission slips have been given to the bus driver. (Special note to parents: Bus capacity may not allow a group or birthday children to ride the bus to your home. Therefore, be certain to check with your child's bus driver well in advance of the party or, to be on the safe side of not having party spoiled, make other arrangements for transportation.)
17. If a student is riding a bus home that is not normally rode, the student must have a parental note both for the classroom teacher and for the bus driver stating where the child is to be let off.

RIDING BUS TO SCHOOL EVENTS

All students who ride the bus to school functions will return on the bus. If you do not wish to return on the bus, do not go on the bus. The only exception to this rule will be when a parent or guardian personally request permission to take his/her son or daughter home. A note will not be accepted, only personal request from parent or guardian.

HOMEWORK

The amount of homework will vary from class-to-class, and child-to-child. An approximate amount would be ten minutes times the child's grade. (Example: 10 minutes X 6 (student's grade)=60 minutes). This may not always be true. Variables that may make this more could be: a shortened school day, where study time might not be available; or possibly the child is not using his/her time wisely.

If your child experiences an extended period of time with what the parent may think is too much homework, you are encouraged to contact the teacher to arrange a meeting to discuss the issue.

Homework is expected to be completed each day and available for evaluation/grading the next school day.

PARENTS CAN HELP WITH THEIR CHILD'S ACADEMIC SUCCESS

1. Cooperate with the school to establish desirable attitudes towards school for the children.
2. Avoid criticism of the school program or faculty in front of the children
3. Respond promptly to requests for parent-teacher conferences.

4. Show an interest in your child's work. Provide the child with opportunities to talk with you about school activities.
5. Read to the primary age and younger children at home. There have been many research studies completed that have proven that reading aloud at home or beginning to read aloud prepares a child for reading.
6. Help your child set up a daily schedule or routine for homework.
7. Academic success can also be helped by insuring that each child has enough sleep at night and a proper diet.

CHURCH NIGHT

There are to be no scheduled school events on Wednesday nights. Any deviation from the established procedure, which is mentioned above, must be cleared through the Superintendents/CEO's office.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES/REPORT CARDS

The school hopes to adequately inform the parents of their child's academic, social, and emotional growth through report cards and parent-teacher conferences. Report cards will be prepared after each 9-week period and conferences will be scheduled twice a year. If more conferences are desired by the teacher, or by the parent, either party can schedule these individual conferences.

GUM AND CANDY

Students are discouraged from bringing chewing gum or candy to school except for special occasions as determined by the classroom teacher.

DRESS CODE

File: JFCA

STUDENT DRESS CODE

The responsibility for the dress and appearance of students enrolled in the Montrose School District primarily rests with parents/guardians and the students themselves. However, some student apparel may not be appropriate to wear to school even though that same apparel may be appropriate to wear in other settings. In general, students shall not dress or groom themselves in a manner that causes a disruption, poses a significant risk of a disruption to the orderly operation of the school, or subject other students to the presence of inappropriate clothing being worn at school.

One of the main objectives of the Montrose School District is to assist students in presenting themselves in a manner that promotes a positive and productive school environment, personal pride, academic success, and also to ensure the right of all students to not be subjected to inappropriate clothing worn by other students. The school, as a center of learning, shall provide for the development of habits and attitudes conducive to acceptable wearing apparel, and good grooming. Wearing apparel shall not be of the type that would detract from the primary purpose of the school, which is academic instruction, nor shall accessories carried by student to school be disruptive to the conduct of the school, have the potential of creating a serious risk of disruption, or hazardous to student welfare. Student's dress shall be modest, neat, clean, and in keeping with health, sanitary, and safety practices.

Inappropriate clothing and appearance are disruptive to the school program and Principal's or Principal designees shall enforce compliance with this policy by those students within their jurisdiction. When it is determined that a student's clothing does not comply with the dress code, the student will be required to cover or change the article of clothing and a parent/guardian may be asked to bring an appropriate change of clothes to school. The student may, with parental/guardian permission, be sent home in order to change clothes. If the student refuses to cover the inappropriate clothing or is unable to change into appropriate clothing, the student will be placed in in-school suspension for the remainder of the school day. In addition,

the student will also receive a disciplinary consequence for violating the school's dress code policy.

This policy does not apply to clothing provided to students by the school for student school activities.

Violations of this Policy:

Violations of this policy shall be addressed with the following consequences:

First Offense:

A warning will be issued to the student and will be recorded as a first offense.

The student will be required to cover or change the article of clothing or the parent/guardian of student will be called asking them to bring an appropriate change of clothing. The student with parental/guardian permission may be sent home in order to change clothing. Any class time missed will be an unexcused absence. If for any reason a student refuses to comply with the directive to cover or change the inappropriate clothing the student will be placed in In-School Suspension for the remainder of the school day and is subject to Short-Term Suspension.

Second Offense:

Parents/Guardians will be notified that their student has had a second offense of not following the proper dress code. The student will be required to cover or change the article of clothing or the parent/guardian of student will be called asking them to bring an appropriate change of clothing. The student with parental/guardian permission may be sent home in order to change clothing. Any class time missed will be an unexcused absence. The student will be placed in In-School Suspension for the remainder of the school day. If for any reason a student refuses any of the above consequences the parents/guardians of that student will be notified and the student will be sent home that day as an unexcused absence and will be subject to Short Term Suspension.

Third Offense and Subsequent Offenses:

Parents/Guardians will be notified that their student has had a third offense of not following the proper dress code. The student will be required to cover or change the article of clothing or the parent/guardian of student will be called asking them to bring an appropriate change of clothing. The student with parental/guardian permission may be sent home in order to change clothing. Any class time missed will be an unexcused absence. The student will be placed in In-School Suspension for the remainder of the school day. The student will be subject to Short Term Suspension for a Third Offense and subsequent offenses will subject the student to Long Term Suspension or Expulsion. If for any reason a student refuses any of the above consequences the parents/guardians of that student will be notified and the student will be sent home that day as an unexcused absence and will be subject to Expulsion.

Student Dress Code General Guidelines:

1. Undergarments may not be exposed.
2. The size of shirts and blouses shall be appropriate to the student's body size and shall not be unduly oversized or undersized.
3. Spaghetti straps and tank tops with appropriate neck lines, may be worn with an outer shirt covering, but may not be worn alone.
4. Halter-tops, midriff tops, tube tops, or clothing that exposes the upper torso are not allowed.

5. The size of the pants/jeans shall be appropriate to the student's body size and shall not be unduly "oversized and/or undersized."
6. Students may wear hemmed walking shorts, athletic shorts or Bermuda shorts but they cannot be shorter than the tip of the thumb when both arms are extended by the side.
7. Garments must be pulled up high enough to cover undergarments and backside.
8. The hem of girl's skirts or dresses shall not be shorter than the tip of the thumb when both arms are extended by the side
9. Hooded sweatshirts will be allowed, but hoods of any type are not allowed to be up in the building.
10. All students shall wear appropriate shoes/footwear (no slippers).
11. Wearing and displaying any items that identify gang activity or gang association is prohibited (as gang activity/affiliation is determined by law enforcement).
12. Clothing encouraging the use of drugs, alcohol, or violence and clothing which refers to sexual conduct is prohibited.
13. Clothing associated with discrimination of the basis of age, color, handicap, national origin, marital status, race, religion, or sex is prohibited.
14. Clothing (or lack thereof) exposing any portion of the torso or upper thighs such as see-through garments, mini-skirts, or mini-dresses, halters, or backless dresses is prohibited.
15. Tube tops, tank tops, spaghetti straps or shirts and blouses that have necklines so low that they are provocative, are not allowed.
16. The mid section of the body shall have no skin exposed at any time.
17. Spandex-style "bicycle" shorts are not permitted.
18. Overalls worn with one or both straps unfastened are prohibited.
19. The wearing of sunglasses, gloves, caps, stocking caps, hoods, scarves, hairnets, or bandanas is prohibited from the time classes begin to the time classes end during the school day.
20. The wearing of trench coats by students during school hours and at school activities is strictly prohibited.

Exemptions to the Dress Code Policy:

Exemptions to the Dress Code Policy shall be permitted by the Principal upon appropriate documentation:

In the event the wearing of clothing in compliance with the Dress Code violates a student's sincerely held religious belief, or materially impacts a student's documented medical condition, then such student and the student's parent/guardian shall submit a signed affidavit setting forth the religious or medical issue and the requested exemption to the Dress Code Policy. The Principal may request additional documentation to substantiate the requested exemption and the student and student's parent/guardian shall provide the additional documentation as requested. The Principal, within the reasonable exercise of his or her discretion, shall determine if an exemption to the Dress Code Policy is appropriate, and communicate that decision to the student and student's parent/guardian.

CONSEQUENCES, SCHEDULE OF (ELEMENTARY)

OFFENSES	1 ST OFFENSE	2 ND OFFENSE	3 RD OFFENSE	4 TH OFFENSE
<u>Class One (per qtr)</u> Tardiness, failure to complete assignments	Student conference	Student conference, parent contact	Student/parent conference	Detention, student/parent conference
<u>Class Two (per qtr)</u> Classroom, bathroom, hallway, lunchroom, disruption; verbal aggression, cheating, unresolved student mediation conflict, cell phone usage	Student conference	Student/parent conference	Detention, student/parent conference	ISS (1-3 days)
<u>Class Three (per qtr)</u> Physical aggression, insubordination, pornographic materials, disrespectful or obscene language, threatening to harm others	Student conference, parent contact	Detention, parent conference	ISS (1-3 days)	OSS (1-3 days)
<u>Class Four (per Sem)</u> Physical injury, theft, destruction of property	Detention, parent conference, (restitution and police referral when appropriate)	ISS (1-2 days)	OSS (1-3 days)	OSS (4-10 days)
<u>Bullying</u>	Pursuant to bullying policy			

DEFINITION OF TERMS

Terms used on this handbook, unless the context plainly requires otherwise, mean:

1. “Short-term suspension”, the exclusion of a student by the Principal or Superintendent from class or from school for not more than 10 days. Short-term suspension includes in-school suspension or out-of-school suspension.
2. “Long-term suspension”, the exclusion by the School Board of a pupil from a class or classes for more than ten school days.
3. “Expulsion”, the action of the School Board to terminate a pupil’s membership in school for a period of time not to exceed beyond the end of the school year.
4. “In-school suspension”, Removal from the classroom setting. Students are required to do all class assignments and turn in the work for grading as scheduled by the teacher.
5. “Out-of-school suspension”, Removal from the school setting. Students will receive a 25% automatic reduction of grade for all class assignments during the suspension and will be counted as absent for that time.

STUDENT COMMUNICABLE DISEASES – File JHCC

Students who are afflicted with a communicable contagious, and/or infectious disease and who are infected with communicable parasites or who are liable to transmit such a disease or parasite may be excluded from school attendance.

The board recognizes the need and right of all children to receive free and appropriate education. The board further recognizes its responsibility to provide a healthy environment for all students and school employees.

A determination of whether an infected students be excluded from the classroom or school activities shall be made on a case-by-case basis, under the direction of the principal/building administrator or designee.

In situations where the decision requires additional expertise and knowledge, the building administrator will refer the case to an advisory committee for assistance in the decision making.

The advisory committee may be composed of:

- 1) a representative from the State Health Dept.
- 2) the student's physician;
- 3) the student's parents or guardian(s)
- 4) the school principal or designee;
- 5) the school health service's supervisor;
- 6) the superintendent or designee; and
- 7) primary teacher(s).

In making the determination, the advisory committee shall consider;

- 1) the behavior, developmental level, and medical condition of the student;
- 2) the expected type(s) of interaction with others in the school setting;
- 3) the impact on both the infected student and others in to that setting;
- 4) the South Dakota Department of Health guidelines and policies; and
- 5) the recommendation of the County Health Officer, which may be controlling.

The advisory committee may officially request assistance from the State Department of Health.

If it is determined that the student will not be permitted to attend classes and/or participate in school activities, arrangements will be made to provide an alternate educational program. If that requires personal contact between student and school employees, only trained volunteer employees shall be utilized.

Public information will not be revealed about the student who may be infected. If the student is permitted to remain in the school setting the following procedure will be followed by the principal:

Information will provided, as appropriate to school employees who have regular contact with the student as to the student's medical condition and other factors needed for consideration in carrying out job responsibilities.

Health guidelines for school attendance are established and interpreted within the context of the case. The guidelines are not inclusive but are available to be used as a resource. School personnel will refer to health professionals for specific judgments in interpreting the guidelines.

Appropriate handling of blood and body fluids, hand washing after contamination, food preparation and health/hygiene care performed in different sick and work areas, maintenance cleaning and other personal hygienic measures are part of creating a healthy environment.

Specific health concerns may require the advisory committee to make a determination on school attendance or participation in school activities.

STUDENT COMMUNICABLE DISEASE GUIDELINES – File JHCC-R

Numerous communicable diseases may affect a school-age population and/or school staff. Some of these have a high degree of communicability. Some are life threatening in nature. Some are both.

Disease and Incubation Period	Rules for School Attendance
Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) 6 month-five years	Determination will be made by the Advisory Committee as outlined in the Communicable Disease policy.
Chicken Pox 14-21 days	The student may attend school after all pox are dry and scabbed.
Cytomegalovirus (CMV) Salivary	The student may attend school. Precautions should be taken by

Gland Viruses	contacts with immunosuppression as anti-cancer or organ transplants as well as anyone with suspected or known pregnancy. Good hand washing in all cases should eliminate risk of transfer of infection.
Fifth Disease (Erythema Infectiosum) 6-14 days	The student may attend school with physician's permission.
Giardiasis (Intestinal Protozoan Infection) 5-25 days or longer	The student may attend school if the student practices independent and hygienic bathroom skills. Other students may attend school after the third day of drug treatment. Good hand washing in all cases should be eliminate risk of transfer of infection.
Herpes Simplex 2-12 days	The student may attend school during an active case if the student has the ability and practices personal hygiene precautions and the area of lesion is covered.
Impetigo variable 4-10 days	The student may attend school if treatment is verified and covered or dry
Infectious Hepatitis 15-40 days Average 25 days	The student may attend school with physician's written permission and if the student has the ability to take appropriate personal hygiene precautions.
Measles (Red, Hard, Rubeola, 7 day) 8-14 days	The student may attend school after a minimum of 7 days. Students who have had contact with measles may attend school if immunization is up to date.
Infectious Mononucleosis (Glandular Fever) 2-6 weeks	The student may attend school with physician's permission. The student may need adjusted school days and activities
Mumps 12-21 days	The student may attend school after swelling has disappeared.
Pediculosis (Lice, Crabs)	The student may attend school after treatment. After repeated infestation of the same student, the student may be excluded until all nits are removed.
Pink Eye (Conjunctivitis)	The student may attend school after the eye is clear, under treatment or with physician's written permission.
Plantar's Wart	The student may attend school. Students should not be permitted to walk barefoot.
Ring Worm (Scalp, Body, Athlete's Foot)	The student may attend school if the area is under treatment and covered. Restrict known cases of athlete's foot from pools and showers until under treatment.
Rubella (3 day German measles) 14-21 days	The student may attend school after a minimum of 4 days. Prevent exposure of pregnant women.

Scabies (7 year
itch, Mites) The student may attend school
after treatment.

Streptococcal Infections The student may attend school 24 hours after initiating oral
(Scarlet Fever,
Scarletina, Strep Throat) antibiotic therapy, and clinically well.
1-3 days

*All communicable and chronic disease should be reported to
Health Services.

*Time interval between initial contact with an infectious agent and the first sign or symptom of the disease.

MEDICATION

Parents are asked to consult with their physicians to administering medications outside of the school day. The school day is very busy and every effort needs to be made to not complicate it more by having to deal with medications that can be scheduled to be administered at home.

The teacher will administer no medication, but a parent may request the teacher to assist with self-administration of medication by reminding your child to take his/her medication. Please send only enough medication for the doses needed during school. The medication must be accompanied by the form, which is signed by a doctor, stating the name of the medication, amount and times to be taken along with a signed parental request/authorization form (form included at the end of this handbook) requesting the teacher to assist their child with self-administration of the medication. School personnel will not provide aspirin, nor should any student ask for or offer any type of medication from/to a staff member or other student.

CHEMICAL ABUSE

STUDENT IN POSSESSION OF ALOCHOL/ILLCIT DRUGS

Students who are caught using or in possession of a controlled substance such as any drug, drug paraphernalia, tobacco, or alcoholic beverages during school time or during any school activity can expect the following procedure to be taken:

- A. The building administrator or person designated notifies parents and police, detaining the student until police arrive.
- B. A student in possession of alcohol/illicit drugs is immediately suspended (in accordance with South Dakota Administrative Rules Chapter 24:07:02 and Chapter 24:07:03) from all school extracurricular contests and performances.
- C. A parent conference is held as soon as possible after the offense occurs.
- D. The parent and the student are given the following options:

Depending upon the severity of the circumstances, the student may be subject to the penalties for the second offense on the first offense, or the penalty for the third offense on the second offense.

FIRST OFFENSE:

Option One: Evaluation and, if deemed appropriate, possible admittance to a chemical abuse treatment program. All costs will be at the legal guardian's expense.

Option Two: Three-day in-school suspension. There will be a follow-up by the building administrator.

SECOND OFFENSE:

Option One: Evaluation and, if deemed appropriate, possible admittance to a chemical abuse treatment program. All costs will be at the legal guardian's expense.

Option Two: Five-day out-of-school suspension. There will be a follow-up by the building administrator.

THIRD OFFENSE:

Suspended until school board expulsion hearing is held.

- E. It is forbidden for any student to possess alcohol/illicit drugs or anything purported to be a drug with the intent to distribute it to other students while on school grounds or at a school related activity. Distribution is defined as selling, giving, or raking orders for an illicit drug/alcohol. Any student intending to distribute an illicit drug by reason of its quantity and packaging or any reliable information as to the fact the student actually distributed the illicit drug or anything purported to be a

drug, may be suspended immediately and referred to the Board of Education for reprimand, suspension, expulsion or any other action which the Board of Education deems appropriate.

STUDENT UNDER THE INFLUENCE

Staff member's reports students suspended of being under the influence to an administrator immediately.

- B. Administrator follows the procedures cited in the section "Students in Possession of Alcohol/Illicit Drugs." Procedures followed will be dependent upon whether it is a first or second offense for either chemical use or possession of alcohol or illicit drugs.

REASONABLE USPICION THAT A STUDENT IS UNDER THE INFLUENCE

- A. A staff member reports the problem to an administrator immediately.
- B. An administrator, and/or reporting staff member and/or guidance counselor confer with the student as soon as possible. The following will apply:

If it is determined that the student is not under the influence, administrator or his/her designee calls the student's parents or the guardian of the student. In the conference the following issues will be addressed:

- 1) A review of the circumstances (behavior), which necessitated the conference.
- 2) A request for information from both the student and parents or guardian to aid in determining the possible reasons for the student's behavior.
- 3) Review possible referral sources within the school and community, both medical and counseling, that may help the parents or guardian and student in dealing with the behavior exhibited. All costs will be at the legal guardian's expense. Follow-up with the guidance counselor.

PARENTAL PERMISSION REQUIRED

Parental permission is necessary prior to a student leaving school by any means other than his/her regular destination, such as (going home to a friend's home, neighbor driving your child home instead of riding the bus, etc.) It is important for your child's safety that you keep the classroom teacher informed of any deviations from normal routine. A written note, **prior to the event**, briefly explaining the change or reason for your child's absence is the most appropriate. In the event that a prior written note is not possible, direct parental notification (in person or by telephone) to the classroom teacher or school official is necessary.

ACTIVITIES-PARTICIPATION

Students who plan to attend any school activity whether as a participant or an observer must be in school on that day, unless permission not to be in attendance was granted by the Principal prior to the absence.

TELEPHONE CALLS

Only in case of emergency or permission of a faculty member may students use the telephone during the school day. Plan, if possible to make any necessary calls before or after school or at noon. Unless cases of emergencies arise, messages will be taken on incoming calls and given to the student(s) at a specific time during the day. Parents are asked to study the child's schedule and make necessary calls during study periods. If cellular phones are brought to school they must remain shut off and in the student's locker during school hours.

TEXTBOOKS

Basic textbooks are furnished by the school district at no cost to you. Students will be fined if the textbooks are not returned in good condition considering reasonable wear and tear. Teachers will collect the fines and turn them in at the Business Manager's office.

SCHOOL PROPERTY

Care of school property should be the responsibility of each student. When students are observed contributing to vandalism or destruction, disciplinary action will be taken in accordance with the act.

TITLE I PROGRAM

The Title I Program is a federally funded program to assist eligible students in the areas of reading and math. If your child is experiencing difficulty in either of these areas you are encouraged to visit with your child's classroom teacher or the Title I teacher.

The Title I Program will operate under the following guidelines:

1. An advisory committee will be appointed as needed.
2. An ongoing screening/referral process will be conducted to identify eligible students.
3. There will be communication with parents if a child is identified and is eligible.
4. Parental permission will be received before a child will be served.
5. Timely communication and information regarding the student's progress will be provided to the parents/guardian.
6. An annual evaluation of the Title I Program will be conducted.

File: ABAA

**MONTROSE SCHOOL DISTRICT
TITLE I PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT
LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY POLICY**

The Montrose School District shall:

- Post each school's parental involvement policy in board approved student handbooks distributed to all parents/students in the district each year.
- Establish District Parent Advisory Council that meets at least annually to plan, review, and improve the program. The Parent Advisory Council membership shall consist of the Federal Programs Coordinator, Administration, teachers, Special Education representation, and parents who represent each one of the Title I project schools in the district.

The purpose of the council shall include:

1. Involve parents in the joint development of the annual consolidated plan, and the process of school review and improvement.
2. Provide coordination, technical assistance and other support necessary to assist Title I schools in the planning and implementing effective parental involvement activities to improve student performance and attendance.
3. Coordinate and integrate parental involvement strategies with other programs, such as the Head Start Program.
4. Provide all parents the opportunity to annually evaluate the content and effectiveness of the Parent Involvement Policy in improving the academic quality of the Title I schools, including identifying barriers to greater participation by parents. Surveys will be explained at the annual meeting.
5. Involve parents in the activities of the schools through such activities as the monthly Reading Rally, Title I meetings and Book Fairs.

Reference: Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 as amended.

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Amended: June 14, 2010

Also reference district policies for School Level Parental Involvement

File: ABAA-R1 – Montrose Elementary School

File: ABAA-R2 – Orland Colony School

PARENTS RIGHT TO KNOW NOTICE

Parents of students in the Montrose School District have the right to know and may request the following information:

1. Whether the teacher has met the State requirements for licensure and certification for the grade levels and subject matters in which the teacher provides instruction.
2. Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived.
3. The college major and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree.
4. Whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals, and if so, their qualifications.
5. Parents will be given notice if their child has been assigned to a teacher who is not highly qualified.

Parents of students in the Montrose School District may obtain this information by contacting the Superintendent.

PARTIES

Three scheduled school parties are held during the school year. These are Halloween, Christmas, and Valentines Day. When a child has a birthday, a parent sometimes wishes to send a treat to the class. The parent should contact the teacher to make arrangements for this. Please keep the treat simple and consider the dietary and/or health needs of all students in the class.

When children have birthday parties please be considerate of everyone. The school encourages parents to mail party invitations rather than bringing them to school as feelings are often hurt when some students are excluded. FERPA guidelines do not allow the school to give out student addresses.

FIRE AND TORNADO DRILLS

There will be occasional fire and tornado drills throughout the school year. Students are to leave the building quickly and orderly at the sound of the alarm. Students will leave the classrooms single file while keeping to the right. When out of the building move at least 100 feet away from the building. In the event of a tornado go to your designated location, crouch down, place hands over head and face the wall until an "all clear" is given.

VISITORS TO THE SCHOOLS – FILE KK

The Board and staff of the school district welcome members of the community and other interested persons to visit the district schools. School improvements often come from suggestions originating in such visits.

The superintendent will encourage visitors to observe our schools; provide for appropriate hospitality for visitors; channel expressions of approval as well as constructive criticism to the Board; ensure that such visits will enhance the effect of the educational program.

All visitors must report to the school office and receive the superintendent's or principal's permission to be on the school grounds. Any person on school property who has not registered with the school office will be requested to report to the superintendent's or principal's office for permission to remain. Any request to be on school property for any purpose deemed by the school superintendent or principal or his designee to be disruptive of the educational process will be denied permission to remain.

If a visitor refuses to leave the school grounds, creates any disturbance, or attempts to disrupt the educational process, the principal is authorized to request aid from the local law enforcement agency.

SEVERE WEATHER/EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSING

In case of severe weather or other emergencies the official announcement for school closing will be broadcast over the following: radio stations (KSOO (1140) and KELO (1320); television stations KELO, KSFY, and KDLT. The decision to call off school is never an easy decision. Parents and guardians are advised, that if you believe that conditions warrant not sending your child to school, that it is your right and responsibility to make that decision for your child.

RETENTION POLICY

Letters of recommendation for retention are sent to parents during the second week in March. A conference involving parents, teachers and administration is held before a student is retained.

POLICY PROHIBITING SEXUAL HARASSMENT – FILE ACAA

POLICY STATEMENT: It is the policy of the District to prohibit sexual harassment of its employees, students and guests of the District by a person and in any form. All employees, students, and guests should be able to enjoy a work and learning environment free from all forms of discrimination, including sexual harassment.

POLICY: It is expressly against District policy for any individual (employee, student or guest) to make unwelcome sexual advances or requests for sexual favors, or to engage in any other physical or verbal conduct of a sexual nature toward any other person on school property or at a school activity while not on District property, when

1. Submission to such conduct is made an express or implied condition of employment;
2. Submission to or rejections of such conduct is used as a basis for employment decisions or academic or extracurricular decisions affecting the individual who either submits to or rejects the conduct;
3. Such conduct has the purpose or effect of interfering with the employee's work performance, student's educational performance, or creates an intimidating, hostile or offensive working or education environment.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT: Sexual harassment is defined as sexually oriented words and actions which tend to annoy, alarm or be physically or verbally abusive toward another person and which serve no legitimate or valid purpose and regardless of the intent of the person accused of sexually harassing conduct. Not all harassment falls within the definition of sexual harassment (i.e., harassment that is of a sexual nature). Other policies (such as the student conduct policy, the District's nondiscrimination policy, and the Codes of Professional Ethics for Teachers and for Administrators) also prohibit inappropriate conduct and provide a means for addressing inappropriate conduct should it occur.

Sexual harassment is a specific type of harassment and the type of harassment prohibited under this policy.

Examples of sexual harassment include, but is not limited to:

1. Unwelcome sexual flirtations, advances or propositions;
2. Verbal comments, jokes, or abuse of a sexual nature;
3. Graphic verbal comments about an individual's body;
4. Sexually degrading words used to describe an individual;
5. Displaying pornographic material;
6. Physical contact or language of a sexually suggestive nature.

REPORTING SEXUAL HARASSMENT: Any individual who believes that he or she has been or is being subjected to sexually harassing conduct or has reason to suspect another person has been or being subject to sexual harassment should immediately report it to a school administrator. The report initially may be made verbally or in writing, but if made initially verbally the individual making the complaint will be asked to submit a written complaint or sign an information reporting statement written by the person to whom the report was given. The written complaint or reporting statement must include the name of the person making the complaint, the person(s) alleged to have sexually harassed the complaining party, the date(s) and nature of the sexual harassment. The District shall investigate all verbal and written reported instances involving sexual harassment.

PROCEDURE FOR ADDRESSING COMPLAINTS:

(1) Should an individual come forward with a complaint of sexual harassment, an investigation of the alleged incident(s)/behavior(s) will be initiated. If the allegation involves a student and a District employee, the Department of Social Services and/or legal authorities will be notified. The District's investigation may include, but is not limited to, such things as interviewing individuals with actual or possible knowledge regarding the conduct in question, identifying facts related to the conduct in question, identifying when and over what period of time the conduct is to have occurred, determining whether the conduct affects the employment or learning environment (and if so, in what manner), identifying prior history of a similar nature by any of the individuals involved, and attempting to obtain possible verification and from other employees, students or other individuals.

(2) The person alleged to have sexually harassed another person will be notified in writing that a complaint has been filed pursuant to this policy and that the complaint is being investigated. The name of the person making the complaint will not be disclosed to the person alleged to have sexually harassed the person making the complaint unless upon completion of the investigation there is reasonable cause to suspect that sexual harassment did occur.

(3) Pending the outcome of the investigation and if deemed appropriate, an employee or a student alleged to have sexually harassed another person may be suspended from employment or school and a invitee may be not be allowed on school premises.

(4) Upon reasonable suspicion by the person responsible for the investigation that the allegation may be true, the employee or student accused of sexually harassing conduct shall be notified in writing that reasonable suspicion exists that the complaint may be valid, a statement of the facts supporting the determination that reasonable suspicion exists, and the name of the alleged victim and complaining individual(s).

(5) The District will maintain confidentiality to the maximum extent possible under the circumstances. However, a person reporting sexual harassment must understand that should the administrator investigating the

complaint determine there is reasonable cause to suspect that sexual harassment did occur which could result in administrative discipline or a referral to the Board of Education, the person alleged to have sexually harassed another person has the right to know the identity of the person(s) making the complaint.

(6) The employee or student alleged to have sexually harassed another person in violation of this policy shall be afforded an opportunity to respond in writing but is not required to submit a written response.

(7) At the conclusion of the investigation, the administration may up to the extent of administrative authority impose disciplinary action or alternatively refer the matter to the Board of Education. Should the administration impose discipline on an employee or student and not refer the matter to the Board, the employee or student disciplined may file an appeal (grievance) directly with the Board of Education pursuant to the applicable grievance policy.

(8) If the administration refers the matter to the Board of Education the employee or student alleged to have sexually harassed another person a hearing will be held before the Board of Education consistent with due process procedures.

(9) If there is reasonable suspicion to believe that a guest at school or at a school activity on non-school property sexually harassed another person in violation of this policy, the administration may prohibit that person from being on school property or at school activities.

BOARD HEARING:

(1) Should the matter be referred by the Administration to the Board, a formal hearing shall be held before the Board in executive session.

(2) At the hearing, the Administration shall present evidence relative to the allegation of sexual harassment and the employee or student accused of violating this policy will have an opportunity to present evidence in his/her defense.

(3) The standards of Due Process shall be adhered to at the Board hearing, including the right of the person accused of violating this policy to have representation and to cross-examine the complaining party.

BOARD DISCIPLINARY ACTION: If following the Board hearing the Board determines there has been a violation of this policy prohibiting sexual harassment, Board action may include but is not limited to the following:

(1) if the person found violating this policy is an employee, suspend the employee without pay, and/or not renew or terminate the employment contract, and/or issue a written reprimand (a copy of which would be placed in the employee's file), and/or file a Professional Practices Complaint.

(2) if the person found violating this policy is a student, the Board may suspend or expel the student from any or all school programs, including but not limited to classes, extracurricular activities, or attendance at school activities.

PROHIBITION AGAINST RETALIATION: The District strictly prohibits retaliation against any person because he or she has made a reported, testified, assisted, or participated in the investigation of a report of alleged sexual harassment. Retaliation includes, but is not limited to, any form of verbal or physical reprisal or adverse pressure. The person(s) alleged to have sexually harassed another person shall not directly or indirectly (such as through a third person) harass, pressure, or retaliate against any other person because of the complaint being reported and a violation of this provision may lead to separate disciplinary action based on the retaliation. Any person who believes he or she is being subjected to retaliation because of his or her involvement with the sexual harassment complaint should immediately contact a school administrator.

STUDENT DUE PROCESS RIGHTS AND STUDENT SUSPENSION/ EXPULSION – File JFA/JGD

Serious breaches of the expected standards of student behavior may result in suspensions or expulsions from school. Refer to the Student Council Policy, and to the Dangerous Weapons at School Policy as both address prohibited student conduct and which could result in a suspension and/or an expulsion. Principals are authorized to suspend pupils up to and including 10 school days, and the superintendent is authorized to suspend a student for up to 90 school days (SDCL 13-32-4.2). No pupil may be suspended unless:

1. The pupil is given oral or written notice of the charges against him/her.
2. The pupil is given an oral or written explanation of the facts that form the basis of the proposed suspension and
3. The pupil is given an opportunity to present his/her version of the incident.

Any suspension by a principal shall be immediately reported to the superintendent who may revoke the suspension at any time. In the event the chief superintendent suspends a student for longer than 10 days, the student shall be entitled to a hearing before the Board. Hearing procedures as established by State Regulations will be followed for all students subject to long-term suspensions or expulsion. The Board hearing shall be held as soon as reasonably possible, unless waived by the parents or guardians (or the student, if age 18 years old or older). No suspension longer than 10 days shall be implemented until the Board hearing, unless the hearing has been waived, or unless the judgment of the superintendent that the pupil's presence poses a continuing danger to persons or property

or an ongoing threat of disrupting the academic process, in which case the student shall be immediately removed from school. Nothing above, however, shall limit the authority of the principal or superintendent to suspend the student for up to 10 days without a board hearing being required.

Discipline of students who are on an Individualized Education Program (IEP) shall be done in a manner consistent with the laws and regulations related to special education.

All students are entitled to due process when they are subject to suspension or expulsion or other disciplinary action. Due process procedures will conform to the following basic practices: (1) fairness, (2) apply equally to all students, and (3) enforced in a fair manner, which includes adequate and timely notice and opportunity to prepare and present a defense in a meaningful manner, and the right to a speedy and impartial hearing on the merits of the case.

STUDENT CONDUCT – File JFC

Students in the District are expected to act in an appropriate and responsible manner. Such behavior will reflect favorably on the student and on the school, will show consideration for other students, school employees and guests at the school, and will create a positive school environment in which to learn and work. All students have individual responsibilities and obligations in their conduct toward other people and with respect to property.

Examples of student conduct on school grounds, on school buses or at school activities which will subject a student to suspension, expulsion or other disciplinary action, and which may be reported to the legal authorities and subject to legal consequences, include, but are not limited to:

1. causing or attempting to cause damage to school property, or stealing or attempting to steal school property.
2. causing or attempting to cause damage to private property, or stealing or attempting to steal private property.
3. causing or attempting to cause physical injury to another person, except in self-defense, or threatening to do so.
4. threatening (verbal or physical) a student or staff member with bodily harm.
5. possession of any firearm, knife, explosive or other weapon or dangerous object.
6. possession, use, or being under the influence of any controlled drug or substance without a physician's prescription.
7. possession, use or under the influence of alcohol or illegal drug or substance.
8. possession, or use of any tobacco product.
9. making false fire alarms or bomb threats or similar threats.
10. cheating (including plagiarism) with respect to school work or tests.
11. inappropriate use of computers, networks, Internet, Distance Learning, etc.
12. using lewd, profane or obscene language, or displaying lewd, profane or obscene language or pictures.
13. sexually harassing any other person.
14. defying the valid authority of school employees.
15. conduct in a classroom, hallway, or any other location on school property or on a school bus which is disruptive.
16. harassment (including hazing) of any other student or staff member of the Montrose School District or any other person who is on the property of the Montrose School District.
17. bullying (to harm or to threaten to harm another student) is prohibited during the school day or at any school activity or function.

Copies of this policy shall be made available to parents and to all students, either through being reprinted in student handbooks or through some other means.

POLICY PROHIBITING BULLYING – File JFCK

SECTION 1

The Montrose School District 43-2 is committed to maintaining a constructive, safe, and bullying-free school climate that is conducive to all students' educational opportunities and which fosters an environment in which all students are treated with respect and dignity. Bullying can inhibit a student's educational opportunities and may also have long-term negative effects on a student. Bullying of students shall not be tolerated and is strictly prohibited. Bullying by Montrose School District students of other persons, including other students of the Montrose School District, students of other schools who are at a Montrose School District activity, school employees, and guests and visitors of the Montrose School District shall also not be tolerated and is strictly prohibited.

This policy shall not be interpreted or applied to prohibit civil exchange of opinions or debate protected under the state or federal constitutions. However, conduct which

substantially interferes with the work of the school, causes material and substantial interference with school work and discipline, and might reasonably have led school authorities to forecast substantial disruption of or material interference with school activities is not constitutionally protected speech and is therefore prohibited under this policy.

This policy shall apply to persons on school property and at school activities and events on non-school property, including when the person is in any school vehicle or when in a private vehicle located on school property. The prohibition against bullying shall also apply to Montrose School District students when not on school property or at a school event off school property when the bullying conduct results in substantial interference with the work of the school, causes material and substantial interference with school work and discipline, or reasonably causes school authorities to forecast substantial disruption of or material interference with school activities.

Montrose School District students who violate this policy shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion. Third persons who violate this policy may be prohibited from being on school property.

SECTION 2

Definitions:

1. Bullying: “Bullying” is defined as any physical, verbal, written or electronic conduct directed toward a student that is sufficiently severe and offensive to a reasonable person that it:

** has the purpose or effect of creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive school environment for one or more students, and/or

** has the purpose or effect of substantially or unreasonably interfering with a student’s educational opportunities (i.e., academic, co-curricular activities, extra-curricular activities, and social opportunities, etc. within the school environment).

The definition of bullying specifically includes stalking, harassment and threatening/harassing contacts by telephone or other communication devices as set forth in SDCL 22-19A-1, SDCL 22-19A-4 and SDCL 49-31-31:

SDCL 22-19A-1. Stalking: No person may:

- (1) willfully, maliciously, and repeatedly follow or harass another person;
- (2) make a credible threat to another person with the intent to place that person in reasonable fear of death or great bodily injury; or
- (3) willfully, maliciously, and repeatedly harass another person by means of any verbal, electronic, digital media, mechanical, telegraphic, or written communication.

SDCL 22-19A-4. Harasses defined. Harasses means a knowing and willful course of conduct directed at a specific person which seriously alarms, annoys, or harasses the person, and which serves no legitimate purpose

SDCL 49-31-31. Threatening or harassing contacts by telephone or other electronic communication device. No person may use or knowingly permit a telephone or other electronic communication device under his or her control for any of the following purposes:

- (1) To contact another person with intent to terrorize, intimidate, threaten, harass or annoy such person by using obscene or lewd language or by suggesting a lewd or lascivious act;
- (2) To contact another person with intent to threaten to inflict physical harm or injury to any person or property;
- (3) To contact another person with intent to extort money or other things of value;
- (4) To contact another person with intent to disturb that person by repeated anonymous telephone calls or intentionally failing to replace the receiver or disengage the telephone connection.

Examples of bullying prohibited by this policy include, but are not limited to intentional or reckless verbal, nonverbal, physical, written or electronic conduct that

- is threatening in nature (implied or explicit)
- is demeaning in nature
- causes fear, suffering, discomfort or injury to a student;

2. Electronic: “Electronic” is defined as any communication involving the transmission of information by wire, wireless broadband, radio, optical cable or similar means, and includes but is not limited to communication via electronic mail, internet-based communications, pager service, cell phones, land-line telephones, electronic text messaging or similar technologies. Bullying through electronic means is often called “cyberbullying.”

3. Third Parties: “Third parties” is defined as persons, including but not limited to, school volunteers, school guests and visitors, students from other schools when at a Montrose School District activity, and contractors (including contractor’s employees).

SECTION 3

A. REPORTING PROCEDURE: Any individual who believes that he or she has been or is being subjected to bullying or has reason to suspect another person has been or being subject to bullying should immediately report it to a school administrator. The report initially may be made verbally or in writing. If the person making the complaint wishes the District to take disciplinary action against another person, the individual making the complaint will be required to either submit a signed written complaint or sign an information reporting statement written by the person to whom the report was given and verifying the contents of the reporting statement. The written complaint or reporting statement must include the name of the person making the complaint, the person(s) alleged to have bullied the complaining party or another person, the date(s) and the specific conduct giving rise to the bullying complaint. The District shall investigate all written reported instances involving bullying.

B. PROCEDURE FOR ADDRESSING COMPLAINTS: The District strictly prohibits retaliation against any person because he or she has made, reported, testified, assisted, or participated in the investigation of a report of alleged bullying. Retaliation includes, but is not limited to, any form of verbal or physical reprisal or adverse pressure. The person(s) alleged to have bullied another person shall not directly or indirectly (such as through a third person) harass, pressure, or retaliate against any other person because of the complaint being reported and a violation of this provision may lead to separate disciplinary action based on the retaliation. Any person who believes he or she is being subjected to retaliation because of his or her involvement with complaint should immediately contact a school administrator.

(1) Should there be a written complaint of bullying which alleges a Montrose School District student has been subjected to bullying or has bullied by a third person and the person alleged to have committed the bullying act(s) is subject to this policy, an investigation of the alleged incident(s)/behavior(s) will be initiated. The District’s investigation may include, but is not limited to, such things as interviewing individuals with actual or possible knowledge regarding the conduct in question, identifying facts related to the conduct in question, identifying when and over what period of time the conduct is to have occurred, determining whether the conduct negatively affects the educational opportunities of the victim (and if so, in what manner), identifying prior history of a similar nature by any of the individuals involved, and attempting to obtain possible verification and from other persons. If the alleged conduct may constitute a violation of SDCL 22-19A-1 (Stalking), SDCL 22-19A-4 (Harassment) or SDCL 49-31-31 (threatening or harassing contacts by telephone or other electronic communication device) the District shall notify local law enforcement or state’s attorney.

(2) The person alleged to have bullied another person will be notified in writing that a complaint has been filed pursuant to this policy and that the complaint is being investigated. The name of the person making the complaint will not be disclosed to the person alleged to have violated this policy unless the investigation results in a determination that there is reasonable cause to suspect that bullying did occur.

(3) Pending the outcome of the investigation the Superintendent may take such action consistent with law as deemed appropriate in order to facilitate the investigation and protect the rights of all persons involved.

(4) Upon reasonable suspicion by the person responsible for the investigation that the allegation of bullying may be true, the student or third person accused of bullying conduct shall be notified in writing that reasonable suspicion exists that the complaint may be valid, a statement of the facts supporting the determination that reasonable suspicion exists, and the name of the alleged victim and complaining individual(s).

(5) The District will maintain confidentiality to the maximum extent possible under the circumstances. However, a person reporting bullying conduct must understand that should the administrator investigating the complaint determine there is reasonable cause to suspect that bullying did occur which could result in administrative discipline or a referral to the Board of Education, the person alleged to have abused the other person has the right to know the identity of the person(s) making the complaint in order that he/ she may have an opportunity to defend himself/herself against the complaint.

(6) The student alleged to have bullied another person in violation of this policy shall be afforded an opportunity to respond in writing but is not required to submit a written response.

(7) At the conclusion of the investigation, the administration may up to the extent of administrative authority impose disciplinary action or alternatively refer the matter to the Board of Education. Should the administration impose discipline upon the student and not refer the matter to the Board, the student disciplined may file an appeal (grievance) directly with the Board of Education pursuant to the applicable grievance policy.

(8) If the administration refers the matter to the Board of Education the student alleged to have bullied another person a hearing will be held before the Board of Education consistent with due process procedures.

(9) If there is reasonable suspicion to believe that a third person bullied a Montrose School District student, employee or guest while at school or at a school activity on non-school property in violation of this policy, the administration may prohibit that person from being on school property or at school activities.

C. BOARD HEARING:

(1) Should the matter be referred by the Administration to the Board, a formal hearing shall be held before the Board in executive session.

(2) At the hearing, the Administration shall present evidence relative to the allegation of bullying and the student accused of violating this policy will have an opportunity to present evidence in his/her defense.

(3) The standards of Due Process shall be adhered to at the Board hearing, including the right of the person accused of violating this policy to have representation and to cross-examine the complaining party.

D. BOARD DISCIPLINARY ACTION: If following the Board hearing the Board determines there has been a violation of this policy prohibiting bullying, Board action may include but is not limited to the following:

(1) if the person found violating this policy is a student, the Board may suspend or expel the student from any or all school programs, including but not limited to classes, extracurricular activities, or attendance at school activities.

(2) If the person found violating this policy is a third person that person may be prohibited from being on school property or at school activities for such time as may be determined by the Board.

STUDENT INTERVIEWS

No individual pupil may be interviewed by any person not connected with the school without the approval of the administration. In most cases the Superintendent of Principal or their appointed representative will be present unless otherwise provided for the State or Federal Laws.

As the school stands "in loc parents" (in the place of parents) when students are at school, or involved in school activities, the school has an obligation to both the student and the student's parents. There fore, it is the policy of the School District that should a law enforcement officer wish to talk with a student when a student is under the jurisdiction of the school, the District will not allow the law enforcement officer to meet with and talk with the student unless the school has first notified the student's parents of the request and permission granted by the parents for the law enforcement officer to meet with and talk to the student. The parents shall have the right to deny the request, and should permission be granted to the request, to be present in person or through representative at the time of the meeting.

The exception to the above is if the school has reason to request the presence of law enforcement due to an incident at school such that immediate law enforcement assistance is necessary. In such instances, however, the school will attempt to contact the parents immediately in order that they be requested to come to the school immediately.

However, as the Department of Social Services has the primary responsibility to investigate alleged child abuse and neglect, it is the policy of the District to allow the Department of Social Services to meet with and talk with any student during the time the student is under the jurisdiction of the school, without prior notification to the parents and parental approval being required.

The above policy attempts to balance the rights of the student and parents with the responsibilities of the law enforcement to investigate criminal matters and responsibility of Department of Social Services to investigate child abuse and neglect matters. It is the desire and intent of the District to cooperate fully with the authorities, including law enforcement and the Department of Social Services to the fullest extent possible while continuing to recognize the school's role and responsibilities in such matters and in full consideration of the rights of the students and parents.

DANGEROUS WEAPONS IN THE SCHOOL – File JFCJ

State and federal law and board policy prohibits any person except law enforcement officers from the bringing of dangerous weapons to school or school sponsored activities, on school premises, including in any vehicle on school property, and at school activities at a site other than on school district property. A dangerous weapon is defined as any firearm, air gun, knife or device, instrument, which is calculated or designed or intended to or has the risk of inflicting death or bodily harm. For purposes of this policy, the term "firearm" includes any weapon which is designed to expel a projectile by action of an explosive, the frame or receiver of any such weapon, a muffler or silencer for a weapon, or any explosive, including any poison gas. This policy does not apply to starting guns while in use at athletic events, firearms or air guns at firing ranges, guns shows and supervised schools or sessions for training in the use of firearms.

Any weapon taken from a pupil shall be reported to the pupil's parents and may be reported to the police. Discipline and/or legal action shall be pursued by the District.

Any student found to have a firearm on school grounds or at a school activity shall be expelled for not less than 12 months and will be referred to law enforcement authorities. The student, prior to the expulsion, shall be entitled to a hearing pursuant to the District's student suspension/expulsion procedure. The superintendent shall have the authority to recommend to the school board that the one year expulsion be modified on a case-by-case basis.

STUDENT RECORDS POLICY – File JFE

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students who are 18 years of age or older ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records. These rights are:

1. The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days after the day the Montrose School District receives a request for access. Parents or eligible students should submit to the school principal a written request that identifies the records they wish to inspect. The school principal will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.

2. The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights under FERPA. Parents or eligible students who wish to ask the Montrose to amend a record should write the school principal [or appropriate school official], clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it should be changed. If the school decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the school will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

3. The right to provide written consent before the school discloses personally identifiable information (PII) from the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the school as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel) or a person serving on the school board. A school official also may include a volunteer or contractor outside of the school who performs an institutional service of function for which the school would otherwise use its own employees and who is under the direct control of the school with respect to the use and maintenance of PII from education records, such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist; a parent or student volunteering to serve on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee; or a parent, student, or other volunteer assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

Upon request, the school discloses education records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll, or is already enrolled if the disclosure is for purposes of the student's enrollment or transfer. [NOTE: FERPA requires a school district to make a reasonable attempt to notify the parent or student of the records request unless it states in its annual notification that it intends to forward records on request.]

4. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the [School] to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA are:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202

FERPA also permits the disclosure of PII from students' education records, without consent of the parent or eligible student, if the disclosure meets certain conditions found in §99.31 of the FERPA regulations. Except for disclosures to school officials, disclosures related to some judicial orders or lawfully issued subpoenas, disclosures of directory information, and disclosures to the parent or eligible student, §99.32 of the FERPA regulations requires the school to record the disclosure. Parents and eligible students have a right to inspect and review the record of disclosures. A school may disclose PII from the education records of a student without obtaining prior written consent of the parents or the eligible student –

a. To other school officials, including teachers, within the educational agency or institution whom the school has determined to have legitimate educational interests. This includes contractors, consultants, volunteers, or other parties to whom the school has outsourced institutional services or functions, provided that the conditions listed in §99.31(a)(1)(i)(B)(1) - (a)(1)(i)(B)(2) are met. (§99.31(a)(1));

b. To officials of another school, school system, or institution of postsecondary education where the student seeks or intends to enroll, or where the student is already enrolled if the disclosure is for purposes related to the student's enrollment or transfer, subject to the requirements of §99.34. (§99.31(a)(2));

c. To authorized representatives of the U. S. Comptroller General, the U. S. Attorney General, the U.S. Secretary of Education, or State and local educational authorities, such as the State educational agency in the parent or eligible student's State (SEA). Disclosures under this provision may be made, subject to the requirements of §99.35, in connection with an audit or evaluation of Federal- or State-supported education programs, or for the enforcement of or compliance with Federal legal requirements that relate to those programs. These entities may make further disclosures of PII to outside entities that are designated by them as their authorized representatives to conduct any audit, evaluation, or enforcement or compliance activity on their behalf. (§§99.31(a)(3) and 99.35);

d. In connection with financial aid for which the student has applied or which the student has received, if the information is necessary to determine eligibility for the aid, determine the amount of the aid, determine the conditions of the aid, or enforce the terms and conditions of the aid. (§99.31(a)(4));

e. To State and local officials or authorities to whom information is specifically allowed to be reported or disclosed by a State statute that concerns the juvenile justice system and the system's ability to effectively serve, prior to adjudication, the student whose records were released, subject to §99.38. (§99.31(a)(5));

f. To organizations conducting studies for, or on behalf of, the school, in order to: (a) develop, validate, or administer predictive tests; (b) administer student aid programs; or (c) improve instruction. (§99.31(a)(6));

g. To accrediting organizations to carry out their accrediting functions. (§99.31(a)(7));

h. To parents of an eligible student if the student is a dependent for IRS tax purposes. (§99.31(a)(8));

i. To comply with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena. (§99.31(a)(9));

j. To appropriate officials in connection with a health or safety emergency, subject to §99.36. (§99.31(a)(10));

k. Information the school has designated as "directory information" under §99.37. (§99.31(a)(11)). "Directory information" is student information in educational records which may be disclosed without prior written consent unless the parent or eligible student informs the Montrose School District in writing such information is not to be disclosed. The law authorizes the Montrose School District to identify what constitutes Directory Information which may be disclosed without prior written consent **unless** the parent or eligible student informs the Montrose School District in writing to not disclose any or all of the information designated as Directory Information.

The Montrose School District designates the following information as personally identifiable information contained in students' education record. The following information may be released without prior written consent from the parent or eligible student (student age 18 or older) unless the parent or eligible student has given written notice that the information is not to be disclosed without prior written consent.

1. Student's name
2. Name of student's parents
3. Student's address
4. Student's date of birth
5. Student's class designation
6. Student's extracurricular/co-curricular activities (and height and/or weight in sports activities)
7. Student's height and/or weight
8. Student's photograph

Parents and eligible students shall receive notice annually of their right to refuse the disclosure of any or all of the directory information. Except for the above designated directory information, all other confidential educational records shall not be released without prior written consent from the parent or eligible student or unless authorized or required by law.

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SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973 ANNUAL NOTICE

Section 504 is an Act, which prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities in any program receiving federal financial assistance. The Act defines a person with a disability as anyone who:

1. has a mental or physical impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities (major life activities include activities such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, and working);
2. has a record of such impairment; or
3. is regarded as having such impairment.

In order to fulfill obligations under Section 504, the Montrose school district has the responsibility to avoid discrimination in policies and practices regarding its personnel and students. No discrimination against any person with a disability should knowingly be permitted in any of the programs and practices of the school system.

The school district has responsibilities under Section 504, which include the obligation to identify, evaluate, and if the student is determined to be eligible under Section 504, to provide appropriate educational services. If the parent or guardian disagrees with the determination made by the professional staff of the school district, he/she has the right to a hearing with an impartial hearing officer.

If there are questions, please feel free to contact the high school principal, Section 504 Coordinator for the district at phone number 363-5025.

ASBESTOS NOTIFICATION

TO STAFF, CLIENTS, AND PARENTS OF MONTROSE PUBLIC SCHOOL:

In 1986, the United States Government passed a law relating to asbestos in school buildings. This law (called AHERA) states that every school building must be inspected for asbestos and it is required that this inspection be done by an EPA certified inspector. The law also requires that each school building have an "Asbestos Management Plan". The purpose of this plan is to assure building occupants that any asbestos-contained material that may be present in the building are kept in a "safe, undamaged" condition.

Part of this new law requires that each school keep a copy of the "Asbestos Management Plan" on file, and that this plan be available for public viewing. The school district must provide all building occupants (both staff and students) with annual notification as to the following: (1) what is being done in the District's buildings with regard to asbestos, and (2) availability of the "Asbestos Management Plan." It is therefore the intent of this letter to inform you that the following steps are being taken in regard to asbestos in our school district.

1952 Building

- 9 x 9 Floor tile in the primary gymnasium

In general, asbestos-containing materials that are hard (such as vinyl flooring, floor tile and linoleum) are not dangerous. Therefore, the floor tile, vinyl flooring and linoleum are of little concern as long as they are maintained intact. The floor tile has been put under O & M. All asbestos-containing materials, including those which are to be repaired, will be placed under an ongoing surveillance and maintenance program which mandates the materials be kept intact and free of damage. Should any materials become damaged, they will be repaired promptly.

It is the intention of the Montrose Public Schools to keep all building occupants informed as to the exact nature of this health hazard as it is related to our school district. The public is advised that the "Asbestos Management Plan" is available for viewing during normal business hours at the Montrose School District Administrative Office. It is also possible to receive a copy of this plan for the cost of copying.

OMISSIONS

School policies relating to several other areas may have been omitted and will be covered by what is reasonably and customary. If any policy in this handbook is contrary to School Board policy, then Board policy shall take precedent. The rules and regulations printed in this handbook may be subject to change (By adding or deleting) if and when the need arises for the occasion as directed by the Board of Education.

File: IIBG

POLICY ON COMPUTERS, NETWORK & E-MAIL USE AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES INTERNET ACCESS IS A PRIVILEGE, NOT A RIGHT

I The Montrose School District will make every reasonable effort to provide access to educationally appropriate resources, including Internet sites. However, it may not be technologically possible to limit Internet access to only those educationally appropriate sites that have been designated for the purpose of instruction, and research related to the curriculum.

II. Users of the Internet are responsible for their actions in the use of the Internet. Users have to complete the required training before they have access to it. The District cannot guarantee that users will not encounter inappropriate or offensive material on the Internet. If offensive material would cause the user embarrassment or other damage, the user should not use the system.

III. The District's electronic mail (e-mail) and information accessible via the network is not private. Other people, including but not limited to school administrators and the technology coordinator, have access to this the e-mails.

- IV. Illegal activities will be reported to the authorities.
- V. All students files/programs will be deleted at the end of the school year by the Technology Coordinator.
- VI. Staff will be notified of names of students on computer suspension

INAPPROPRIATE USE PROHIBITED

Inappropriate use includes, but is not limited to: intentional uses that violate the law, that are specifically named as violations in this policy, that violate the regulations of the school district or any other use that hampers the integrity or security of the school district's computer network or any computer networks connected to the Internet. All users of the school district's computers and networks are required to abide by the following rules:

1. Be polite and don't become abusive to others.
2. Use appropriate language. Swearing and the use of vulgarities will not be tolerated.
3. Do not reveal your personal address or phone number or that of other students or people.
4. Do not reveal your password or another user's password.
5. The District's electronic mail (e-mail) is not guaranteed to be private. People who operate the system have access to this.
6. Do not place unlawful information on any network system. Illegal activities will be reported to the authorities.
7. Persons using the District's e-mail system must be given permission by an administrator or computer coordinator to use District e-mail.
8. No trespassing in another person's file.
9. No programs or games may be brought from home or any other source, nor downloaded from the Internet, and installed on school computers. If programs or games are desired, they must be submitted to the technology coordinator. If these are allowed, they will be entered into the system and put on the menu by the instructor.
10. No physical tampering or destruction of computers, keyboards, printers, etc.
11. No unauthorized use of other student's directories. Students must keep their passwords private. Students are responsible for all files in their directory
12. The school administrators, instructional staff and the technology coordinator have the right to periodically inspect students files unannounced and at random.
13. No movies, music, or other outside electronic media files may be played on district equipment without approval from technology coordinator and/or administration.
14. Use of the school district Internet access for commercial "for profit" activities or product advertisements is prohibited.
15. Forgery of electronic mail messages, changing files belonging to users and downloading of any files into the school district's computers is prohibited.
16. Unsolicited junk mail or chain letters are prohibited.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES STRICTLY PROHIBITED

In addition to the above general rules, activities which students are strictly prohibited from engaging in include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Illegal installation or transmission of copyrighted materials
- Any action that violates existing Board policy or public law

- Access or use of any other email program or account other than the one issued by the school (i.e. Hotmail, Yahoo Mail, MSN Mail, etc.)
- Using email to harass or bully others
- Use of chat rooms, sites selling term papers, book reports and other forms of student work.
- Messaging services (i.e. MSN Messenger, ICQ, etc.)
- Playing non-educational internet games
- Use of outside program disks without prior approval from the Technology Coordinator
- Downloading illegal files, including music or other data files
- Spamming-Sending mass or inappropriate emails
- Gaining access to other student's accounts, files, and/or data
- Password sharing
- Use of anonymous proxy servers or other attempts to negate firewall/filtering system
- Vandalism (any malicious attempt to harm or destroy hardware, software or data, including, but not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses or computer programs that can infiltrate computer systems, and/or damage software component(s) of school equipment will not be allowed
- Transmission or accessing materials that are obscene, offensive, threatening or otherwise intended to harass or demean recipients and transmission of inappropriate music.

DDN USE

Those students enrolled distance learning or other E-learning media will adhere to all rules and regulations established. A written contract will be signed and on file prior to the start of class.

USE OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Pagers, MP3 Players, IPOD's, videogames, laser pointers or any other personal electronic devices (with the exception of calculators) are not to be worn or used in school during school hours unless permission is granted from teachers. Devices such as cell phones and pagers, if brought to school must be kept in students' locker. Cell phones are not to be used during school hours without permission from the administration. Students who need to make phone calls during the school day are to report to the office and arrangements will be made to meet their needs. PDAs and other handheld computers may be used for educational purposes with the approval of the teacher and administration. Such items will be confiscated and may be returned at the end of the school day. If a student receives a third violation during the school year the device will be returned to the student's parents upon the parents coming to school to pick it up. The only allowed exception to this policy is for adaptive equipment used for educational purposes.

VIOLATIONS AND CONSEQUENCES

Violations of school district policy or the law through the use of the school district's e-mail and Internet access may result in disciplinary action. Disciplinary action may be suspension or revocation of email and/or internet privileges, detention, in-school suspension, out-of school suspension, or expulsion. Students shall be afforded due process consistent with school district policy and state law. Suspected violations of law shall be reported to the proper authorities.

Children's Internet Protection Act

It is the policy of Montrose Schools to: (a) prohibit user access over its computer network to, or transmission of, inappropriate material via Internet, electronic mail, or other forms of direct

electronic communications; (b) prohibit unauthorized access and other unlawful online activity; (c) prohibit unauthorized online disclosure, use, or dissemination of personal identification information of minors; and (d) comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act [Pub. L. No. 106-554 and 47 USC 254(h)].

A Firewall has been installed for Internet safety. This firewall is a FortiManager provided by the State of South Dakota through a project implemented at the state level. It is monitored by the K-12 Data Center in Madison, SD and includes a filtering program that is always being updated. The Fortinet is used to control Internet access for staff and students. Blocked web sites can be accessed if they are educational sites requested and used for classroom purposes. FortiClient, an off-site content filtering solution to block in-appropriate sites when they are outside of our school setting, is also utilized by the District on District-owned computers.. In 2012 the District updated its server operating system to Windows 2008 Server. The District set up group policies and scripts with Active Directories. With these features, students are not allowed to download programs from the Internet which controls a lot of inappropriate activity. The District is also using the AD portion of FortiManager and FortiAnalyzer to track student activity on the internet. This tracking is performed by the Technology Coordinators.

The Montrose School District will educate all students about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms, blogging, and cyber-bullying awareness response. The superintendent is delegated authority to implement these educational requirements.

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Amended: April 14, 2008
Amended June 11, 2012

**USE OF COMPUTERS, NETWORKS, E-MAILS AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES
Parents/Guardians' Agreement**

As parent/guardian of the student who has signed above, I have read the school district's Policy on Computers, Networks, E-mails and Electronic Devices. I understand that the school district's Internet use is designed for educational purposes. Further, I recognize it is possible that my child may procure material that is not consistent with the educational goals of the district. I hereby give my permission to the school district to provide Internet access for my student.

STUDENT(S) NAME(S): _____

Date _____

_____ PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

Permission Form

Throughout the year, teachers will be updating their website and newspaper with photographs of the class or examples of student work/projects. The school's website can be viewed at <http://montrose.k12.sd.us> No last names will be used with any of the photographs placed on the website. Please read through the following options and check the appropriate box or boxes

Yes, My child's picture may be displayed on the school's website/newspaper. I understand that no last names will be use.

Yes, my child's work samples, art work or pictures of their completed projects may be displayed on the school's website/newspaper.

No, neither my child's picture, nor any work completed by him/her may be displayed on the school's website/newspaper.

Student's Agreement

I understand and will voluntarily abide by the school district's Acceptable Use Policy on Computers and Networks. I further understand that any violation of this policy may result in the loss of my Internet access privileges and school disciplinary action may be taken. The signature on this document indicates that I have read the school district's Acceptable Use Policy, understand its significance, and voluntarily agree to comply fully with all its terms and conditions.

Date _____

_____ STUDENT'S SIGNATURE

Adopted: January 13, 1997
Amended: April 14, 2008
Amended: May 11, 2012

SCHOOL CLOSING INFORMATION

Please fill out this information for each child in grades K-6.

Please put your initial in the **one** blank that most appropriately represents your situation.

_____ I, or someone I have made arrangements will, will be listening for early dismissals. Arrangements have been made so that my child will have someone to be with at home in the event school is called off before the regular dismissal time.

_____ Please call me (phone number(s): _____) to inform me of an early dismissal.

_____ In case of an early dismissal, I have made arrangements for my child to go to _____ home.

(If you want the "emergency home" to be called, please give the phone number. _____)

In case of severe weather or other emergencies the official announcements for school closing will be broadcast over the following: radio stations KSOO (1140) and KELO (1320) and television stations KELO, KDLT, or KSFY.

The decision to call off school is never an easy decision. Parents and guardians are advised that if you believe that conditions warrant not sending your child to school, that is your right and responsibility to make that decision for your child.

If your child, for any reason, needs to leave school by a means other than his/her regular method (bus ride home, walk home, parent take home, etc.) please send a signed, written note to your child's classroom teacher explaining the situations. Also, instruct your child to remain in the school building, preferably at his/her classroom, so the teacher can help keep track of your child.

SIGNATURES

PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN TO YOUR CLASSROOM TEACHER

PARENTAL PERMISSION FOR FIELD TRIPS

During the year, the Montrose School District classes will take trips for educational purposes to locations in Montrose as well as field trips to businesses, public institutions, places of amusement and other places outside of Montrose. School District staff will inform parents/guardians of field trips prior to students leaving the school grounds. By signing below, I give my permission for my child to participate in such trips. If for any reason I request my child not participate in a specific proposed activity, I will notify the teacher in writing. It is understood the teacher and other educational staff will exercise due care and caution in providing for the safety of their students, and I hereby release school staff members from liability for any injury my child may sustain on a school trip. I agree to hold said teacher and staff blameless, beyond exercise of due care and caution, in the event of any such injury.

Parent's Signature Date

Student's Signature Date

HANDBOOK PARENT / STUDENT SIGNATURES

We have read the Student/Parent Elementary Handbook*.

Parent's Signature Date

Student's Signature Date

*This signature indicates that you have read this handbook. It does not indicate that you agree with its entire contents.

MONTROSE SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGISTRATION/EMERGENCY FORM

Please return to Mrs. Painter

Grade _____ Student's Date of Birth _____
Student's last name _____ First name _____
Parent/Guardian names _____
Address _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ (Mom)
_____ (Dad)

Cell Phone _____ (Mom) _____ (Dad)

What language did the student learn at birth?

What language does the student most frequently speak at home?

What language does the parent/guardian most frequently speak at home?

Email address(es) _____

Any pertinent medical information _____

If you cannot be located in an emergency, who should we contact?

Name _____
Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Cell
Phone _____

Name of Physician _____
Phone _____

In case of an accident or serious illness, I request the school to contact me. If the school is unable to reach me, I hereby authorize the school to call the physician indicated above and to follow his/her instructions. If it is impossible to contact the physician or if time is of an essence, the school may make whatever arrangements that seem necessary.

_____ I wish to participate in the Student Accident Insurance and have filed the appropriate application with the administrator of the insurance policy.

_____ I have seen the information on Student Accident Insurance and choose not to participate.

Signature of parent/guardian _____
Date _____