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Philosophy

The mission of the Salina Public Schools is to ensure that all students learn the skills necessary to participate successfully in the communities in which they live. Completion of this mission is a responsibility of the student, family, community, teachers, and staff in a cooperative partnership.

All students shall have an equal opportunity to pursue and acquire knowledge and to master the curriculum's objectives. The program shall provide for student mastery of basic skills, higher order thinking skills, the ability to work in groups and individually, individual physical and mental well-being and other varied needs and interests of students. The curriculum shall be outcomes-oriented and the instructional program research-based.

The educational process shall be a comprehensive program undertaken in cooperation with parents, institutions and community programs.

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Revised: May 15, 1991
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Revised: October 14, 2014
IAA Academic Freedom

Academic Freedom

No arbitrary limitations shall be placed by teachers upon study, investigation, presentation and interpretation of facts and ideas when pursued in accordance with the approved curriculum.

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Reviewed: April 26, 2011
A site council shall be established in each building in the district.

Each council shall be responsible for providing advice and counsel for evaluating state, school district, and school site performance goals and objectives and in recommending methods which may be employed at the school site to meet these goals and objectives. Discussions may include allocations of the school budget and administrative and management functions.

Each principal shall submit to the board names of individuals to be considered for appointment to the site council. The membership of each council shall include, at a minimum, the building principal, representatives of teachers and other school personnel, parents of pupils attending the school, the business community, and community leaders. The board shall appoint site council members.

Each site council shall establish a schedule with a minimum of six meetings a year which shall be subject to board approval. Each council shall report annually to the superintendent.

Approved: January 6, 1993
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Revised: July 12, 2005
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Reviewed: October 14, 2014
The certified staff shall cooperatively develop an integrated, comprehensive outcomes-oriented K-12 curriculum based on valid educational research and current State Board of Education requirements, and which includes goals and learning objectives for review and consideration by the board. When approved by the board of education, the district goals and learning objectives shall be used by the staff as the basis for developing and implementing instructional programs. The superintendent shall develop a schedule for periodic review of the basic curriculum on a subject-by-subject basis.

Modification
All major additions, deletions or alterations of a course of study shall be approved by the board.

Personnel
Outside resource and district personnel may be used in curriculum development. (See BBG)

Financial Resources
The board encourages the superintendent to secure federal, state and private grants, or other alternative funding sources for use in curriculum development. The certified staff is encouraged to utilize available material and community resources to assist in developing the instructional curriculum.

Evaluation (See IJ)
Approved: January 20, 1982
Revised: May 15, 1991
Revised: June 12, 2001
Reviewed: April 26, 2011
Reviewed: October 13, 2020

Curriculum Adoption and Revision
Certified personnel shall initiate changes in the curriculum or the addition of new offerings or classes by submitting their proposals to the principals, appropriate committees, and the executive director of educational programs. Recommendations for new program, course of study, or major revision shall be presented to the board for action.

Approved: January 20, 1982
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Reviewed: October 13, 2020
ICA Pilot Projects

The board encourages the use of pilot projects before any new instructional technique is implemented on a district-wide basis.

For the purpose of this policy, pilot project means any research or experimentation program or project designed to explore or develop new, unproven teaching methods or techniques. All instructional materials, including teachers' manuals, films, tapes or any other supplementary instructional material which will be used in connection with a pilot project, shall be available for inspection by parents or guardians of the students engaged in the program or project.

Pilot Project Evaluation

Before any pilot project proposal is submitted to the board for approval, an evaluation format shall be developed and included with the pilot project. (See IJ; JR et seq.)

Approved: June 12, 2001
Revised: November 25, 2003
Revised: April 26, 2011
Reviewed: October 14, 2014
All teachers are required to keep abreast of current and innovative teaching methods. Use of current research findings to improve instruction is encouraged as a part of the district's school improvement efforts. With prior administrative approval, experimentation with teaching methods is permitted.

Approved: June 12, 2001
Reviewed: April 26, 2011
The board of education may provide staff development training for certified staff which authorizes board credit hours for step placement on the salary schedule. One board credit shall be awarded for each 20 clock hours of training that enhances job performance in instruction. Certified staff must have an Individual Development Plan that has been approved by his/her supervisor prior to the training. The Plan and the assessment of the training must be approved by the Professional Development Council. To qualify for board credit, all clock hours of instruction shall be outside normal duty hours.

All staff development activities for board credit shall require approval by the board at a regular meeting. Each proposed activity shall include the title of the training, dates of training, expected outcome(s), and objective(s). All proposals shall be reviewed by the Department of School Improvement in conjunction with the Professional Development Council to determine their value to the school system and submitted to the board.

Board credit hours (20 clock off-contract hours equals 1 board credit) shall equate to graduate college hours and may be used by staff for advancement on the salary schedule as stated in the negotiated agreement with teachers. Participation in board-credit staff development shall be encouraged to improve the skills of staff members in the district.

Approved: June 1, 1988
Revised: May 15, 1991
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Revised: April 26, 2011
The academic program shall assist students to grow intellectually, to master the curriculum objectives, and to prepare for further education or training. The board shall review the district’s basic educational program on a regular basis. When approved, the program shall constitute the district’s basic curriculum.

Curriculum Guides
Curriculum guides shall contain an outline of each basic course and the learning objectives to be mastered. Each curriculum, when approved by the board, shall become a part of these policies and rules by reference.

Educational Goals and Objectives
District educational goals and curriculum objectives for the basic educational program shall be on file in the district office and available for inspection upon request. (See CN)

Other Educational Programs
Other educational programs provided by the district shall be in one of the following categories:

Support Programs (IDAB), Exceptional Programs (IDAC), and Special Programs (KFCA).

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Revised: April 26, 2011
IDAA Special Programs

See KFCA.

Approved: August 1, 1990
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Revised: June 12, 2001
Revised: April 26, 2011
In addition to the basic programs approved by the board, the district shall provide student support programs. Support program information approved by the board shall be filed with the clerk and made available to staff as needed.

**Drug Education**
All students shall be made aware of the legal, social and health consequences of drug and alcohol use. Students shall be instructed on effective techniques for resisting peer pressure to use illicit drugs or alcohol. Students shall be informed that the use of illicit drugs and the unlawful possession and use of alcohol is both wrong and harmful.

The board's comprehensive drug and alcohol abuse and prevention program shall be included as part of the district's curriculum. The curriculum at each grade level shall be age-appropriate and developmentally based.

A student who voluntarily seeks assistance, advice or counseling from school personnel regarding drugs or drug abuse shall not be disciplined by school authorities solely on the basis of seeking assistance.

**Student Mental Health**
The superintendent shall develop and implement a student mental health awareness program. If professionals necessary to carry out this program are not available within the school system, the superintendent shall identify community or area mental health agencies able to provide the necessary assistance and seek to establish a continuing cooperative relationship with the appropriate agencies.

**Dropout Prevention**
The district will have programs to prevent students from dropping out of school or to encourage dropouts to return to school.

**At-Risk Students**
The superintendent shall be responsible for developing programs for identifying and working with at-risk students.

**Guidance**
The guidance program shall be organized to meet the needs, interests and abilities of all students.

Counselor(s) shall perform guidance services consistent with district philosophy, job descriptions and board policies.

The major emphasis of the USD 305 school guidance and counseling program is to aid in the successful development of the whole student. Guidance is directed towards enhancing students’ feeling of self-worth, improving their skills in making effective decisions, assisting students in the formation of adequate interpersonal relationships, increasing understanding of educational opportunities and career options, and helping students utilize their potential in order to be successful in school and in life which includes becoming a contributing member of a multicultural society. The thrust of the program is developmental and preventive with remedial and crisis-oriented guidance and counseling as needed.
A comprehensive guidance and counseling program is an integral part of the education program and is available to all students. It includes the cooperative effort of counselors, teachers, administrators, support staff, parents and community.

**Homebound Instruction**

If a child is unable to attend school because of lengthy illness or injury, homebound instruction may be provided if the parent makes the request for homebound instruction and the family physician recommends homebound instruction in writing.

All homebound education programs are under the immediate supervision of the executive director of special education. All referrals should be made to the executive director by the building principals.

Approved: November 6, 1991
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Revised: April 26, 2011
In addition to the basic programs approved by the board, the district shall provide programs to meet exceptional needs. Program information approved by the board shall be filed with the clerk and made available to staff as needed.

Approved: June 12, 2001
Reviewed: April 26, 2011
In accordance with the provisions of federal and state law, it is the policy of this district to provide a free appropriate public education for every exceptional child (as defined by K.S.A. 72-3404) who is a resident of this district or attends a private or parochial school located in this district. Special education services are provided for such children, including individual educational programs offered in the least restrictive environment.

Child Find, Identification, and Eligibility

In accordance with procedures established in federal and state law, the district shall coordinate and maintain a system which schedules and structures available services for pupils who are referred to determine eligibility for special education services.

Actions and Due Process for Students

Parental involvement and cooperation is important to the success of these educational programs. In order to encourage the involvement and cooperation of parents in special education services and to safeguard the rights of exceptional children to a free, appropriate public education, the board utilizes and refers parents to the document “Procedural Safeguards in Parent Rights in Special Education” published by the Kansas State Department of Education.

In the provision of special education and related services, the district will implement all federal and Kansas statutes, rules, and regulations.

Approved: October 14, 2014
Revised: October 9, 2018
In accordance with the provisions of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Title II of the Americans with Disability Act, the district is committed to providing students with disabilities the opportunity to participate in and benefit from its programs and activities. Accordingly, the district will make reasonable modifications to its programs and activities to accommodate otherwise qualified students with disabilities unless such modifications would impose an undue burden on the operation of the particular program or activity or would fundamentally alter the nature or purpose of the program or activity. No district board member, employee, or contractor shall retaliate against any person because of his or her exercise of rights under Section 504.

Approved: October 14, 2014
The board shall ensure that the district’s Title I program operates in accordance with federal laws and conditions. The superintendent is responsible for administering the programs; assessing the educational needs of all students, particularly the needs of educationally disadvantaged children; developing appropriate communication channels among all parties; developing training for parents and staff; and developing appropriate evaluation procedures. To achieve those ends, USD 305 agrees to implement the following statutory requirements:

- The school district will put into operation programs, activities and procedures for the involvement of parents in all of its schools with Title I, Part A programs, consistent with section 1118 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). Those programs, activities and procedures, including the process of school review and improvement under section 1116, will be planned and operated with meaningful consultation with parents of participating children.

- Consistent with section 1118, the school district will work with its schools to ensure that the required school-level parental involvement policies meet the requirements of section 1118(b) of the ESEA, and each includes, as a component, a school-parent compact consistent with section 1118(d) of the ESEA.

- The school district will incorporate this district-wide parental involvement policy into its LEA plan developed under section 1112 of the ESEA.

- In carrying out the Title I, Part A parental involvement requirements, to the extent practicable, the school district and its schools will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, including providing information and school reports required under section 1111 of the ESEA in an understandable and uniform format and including alternative formats upon request and, to the extent practicable, in a language parents understand.

- If the LEA plan for Title I, Part A, developed under section 1112 of the ESEA, is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, the school district will submit any parent comments with the plan when the school district submits the plan to the State Department of Education.

- The school district will involve the parents of children served in Title I, Part A schools in decisions about how the 1 percent of Title I, Part A funds reserved for parental involvement is spent and will ensure that not less than 95 percent of the 1 percent reserved goes directly to the schools.

- The school district will provide such other reasonable support for parental involvement activities under section 1118 of the ESEA as the parents may request.

Parental involvement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring

a) that parents play an integral role in assisting their child’s learning;
b) that parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child’s education at school;
IDAD Title I Programs

that parents are full partners in their child’s education and are included, as appropriate, in
decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child;
that other activities, such as those described in section 1118 of the ESEA, are carried out.

Approved: May 9, 1995
Reviewed/Revised: June 12, 2001
Revised: November 25, 2003
Revised: April 26, 2011
Revised: December 13, 2011

IDAD-R Title I Programs

The board recognizes the importance of parental involvement to the success of its Title I pro-
grams. Efforts shall be made to ensure that all parents will have the same opportunities to participate in
parent activities, regardless of ethnic/racial background, socio-economic status, limited English profi-
ciency, or disabilities. In accordance with ESEA requirements, the district will

• Involve parent of students who receive Title I services in the development of the Title I Plan and
  provide parents with opportunities to review and amend the Plan.
• Assist schools in building capacity for parental involvement and increasing student achievement
  and school performance by providing coordination, technical assistance, and other support.
• Work with all school personnel to promote an understanding of the value of parent/school part-
nerships and to assist them in building effective partnerships with parents.
• Help parents understand state and local academic curriculum and requirements and student
  achievement standards and expectations through a variety of means including meetings, posting
  information on district and school websites, and sending information to parents.
• As is feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parental involvement programs and ac-
tivities with other programs of the district.
• Ensure that all communication to parents is an easy-to-understand format and, to the extent fea-
sible, is provided in the major languages represented in the community.
• Provide support based on reasonable parent requests.
• Conduct an annual Plan Evaluation Meeting with parents, staff, and administrators from each Ti-
tle I school. In this meeting, the overall Parental Involvement Plan shall be discussed, including
but not limited to the following issues:
  1. the implementation of the Parent Involvement Plan,
  2. the effectiveness of each school’s and the district’s parental involvement practices
     and policies, and
  3. the use of Title I monies for parental participation.
• Direct that each Title I school develop jointly with parents a Parent/School Compact which shall
1. describe the school’s responsibility to provide high quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive environment,
2. describe ways in which parents will be responsible for supporting their children’s learning such as monitoring attendance, homework completion, television watching, and positive use of extra-curricular time, as well as supporting positive behavior and character traits that improve student success and volunteering in their child’s school,
3. address the importance of ongoing communication between teachers and parents through parent-teacher conferences, frequent reports to parents on their children’s progress, the provision of reasonable access to staff, and opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child’s class.

- Direct that each Title I School develop a means of regular communication with parents. Through this communication, the school shall make reasonable efforts to ensure that parents are aware of opportunities for involvement in the schools’ activities.

- Direct each Title I school to implement the following:
  1. holding one or more meetings to inform parents about the Title I program and its requirements, including the Parent/School Compact,
  2. providing information about the curriculum, academic assessments used, and proficiency levels students must meet,
  3. offering training opportunities for staff and parents,
  4. coordinating with other programs,
  5. providing opportunities for parents to volunteer, participate in and observe classroom activities.
  6. engaging parents in evaluating parent involvement programs.

Approved: December 13, 2011
When individual parents, a community group, or members of the general public believe that there is a violation of Title I laws or regulations in the school district or an individual school within a school district, they have the right to file a complaint at the local, state, or national levels. Whenever there is a grievance or a complaint, the matter should be brought to the attention of local school officials to resolve the alleged violation or to promote community understanding of the issues involved in the complaint.

Procedures at the Local Level

When a complaint is to be made at the local level, the procedures are as follows:

- A written record of the complaint shall be initiated stating the nature of the complaint and signed by the individuals initiating the action;
- A hearing committee shall be appointed by the superintendent. No fewer than three people shall be assigned to the committee, preferably the principal of the school and two Title I school parents.

Within fifteen (15) days following the receipt of a complaint, a hearing concerning the complaint shall be held by the appointed committee:

Recommendations of the committee shall address the complaint; and

A copy of the committee recommendations and administrative action shall be filed with the State/Federal Programs Administration Section, Kansas State Department of Education.
The board shall ensure that the district’s Head Start and Early Head Start programs operate in accordance with federal laws and guidelines. A board member shall be appointed to the Policy Council to ensure board participation in the development and evaluation of the Head Start programs. The Head Start director is responsible for administering the district’s Head Start programs to ensure compliance with federal, state and local laws and regulations, assessing the educational needs of pre-school children, particularly the needs of economically and educationally deprived children, developing appropriate communication channels among all parties, developing inservice training for parents and staff, and implementing appropriate evaluation procedures. Annually, the program shall conduct a comprehensive self-assessment of its effectiveness and progress in meeting program goals and objectives and in implementing and complying with Federal regulations.

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Revised: December 14, 2004
Reviewed: November 13, 2007
Revised: January 26, 2010
Reviewed: April 26, 2011
Reviewed: November 10, 2015

Head Start staff, with Policy Council participation, shall conduct an annual self-assessment and a triennial community assessment to provide direction of the Head Start programs, including the program design and operation and long- and short-term planning goals and objectives.

The Head Start and Early Head Start funding applications will be prepared by the Head Start director in cooperation with the Head Start Policy Council and selected Head Start employees. All grant applications will be approved by the Head Start Policy Council before being submitted to the board. The board shall provide final determination of approval prior to the submission of such application to The Department of Health & Human Services.

The Head Start Policy Council shall have the authority, within the framework of federal guidelines, to establish the size of the Council, election procedures for parent members and the procedures for selecting community representatives.

The Head Start Policy Council shall set up and approve the program criteria defining Early Head Start and Head Start recruitment, selection, and enrollment priorities in accordance with the federal regulations.

It shall be the policy of the board to adhere to strict fiscal accountability procedures as outlined in board policies and rules. (See CF, DA)

An annual audit of the financial records shall be made. (See CF, DID)
All Head Start and Early Head Start staff shall be governed by the USD #305 Board Policy Handbook and the USD #305 Support Staff Handbook. All personnel policies specifically pertaining to Head Start and Early Head Start staff will be developed, reviewed, and approved by the Head Start Policy Council with approval from the board.

The Head Start director will share accurate and regular information for use by the governing body and the Policy Council about program planning policies and Head Start agency operations through a monthly written report that includes a financial report, program information summaries, enrollment information, and reports of meals and snacks provided through programs of the Department of Agriculture.

Throughout the year, the Head Start director will share with the board and Policy Council the annual self-assessment, including any findings and the improvement plan, the community-wide strategic planning and needs, communication and guidance from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the program information report (PIR), and progress the program has made in carrying out the programmatic and fiscal provisions of the federal grant, including implementation of corrective actions.

The Head Start director will update the board on decisions made by the Policy Council about each of the following activities:

- Activities to support the active involvement of parents in supporting program operations, including policies to ensure that the Head Start agency is responsive to community and parent needs.
- Program recruitment, selection, and enrollment priorities.
- Budget planning for program expenditures, including policies for reimbursement and participation in Policy Council activities.
- Bylaws for the operation of the Policy Council.
- Program personnel policies and decisions regarding the employment of program staff.
- Standards of conduct for program staff, contractors, and volunteers and criteria for the employment and dismissal of program staff.
- Development of procedures for election of Policy Council members.

A report meeting the requirements of the Head Start Act shall be made available to the public annually.

The board and Policy Council will review results from Federal monitoring, including appropriate follow-up activities.

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Revised: December 14, 2004
Revised: November 13, 2007
Revised: January 26, 2010
Reviewed: April 26, 2011
Reviewed: November 10, 2015
It shall be the policy of the board and the Head Start Policy Council to make every effort to act jointly, in timely fashion, and in good faith to resolve disputes.

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Revised: December 14, 2004
Reviewed: November 13, 2007
Reviewed: April 26, 2011

Procedures

An impasse procedure will begin when either group declares in writing and with reason an impasse. Within 10 working days, impasse negotiation will begin between the Head Start director and a representative of both the board and the Policy Council.

If an impasse prevails, the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) Region VII office will be notified and a committee of five members will be appointed within 7 working days. The committee will be composed of two members appointed from the Head Start Policy Council and two members appointed by the board. The fifth member and chairperson shall be designated by the ACF Regional Office. The committee will be charged to reduce the dispute to writing and attempt negotiation and resolution within 14 days.

If impasse continues to prevail, arbitration binding to both groups, will be commenced within 14 working days and concluded within 28 working days unless an extension is agreed upon by both sides. The committee shall be composed of one board appointed representative, one Head Start Policy Council appointed representative and one mutually agreed upon arbitrator.

Neither party may communicate with arbitrators once selected except at formal meetings attended by all parties. Attempts to intimidate the arbitrator, obstruct or delay the arbitrator, or failure to comply with directions or timetables shall constitute grounds for immediate exclusion of such representative from the hearing process and be grounds for default judgment against the party. The Salina Head Start program shall assume the expenses of the arbitrator. Both parties shall provide clerical and other support as needed.

Approved: February 18, 1998
Reviewed/Revised: June 12, 2001
Revised: December 14, 2004
Reviewed: November 13, 2007
Reviewed: April 26, 2011
The superintendent, the board and staff shall protect the right of privacy of students and their families in connection with any surveys or physical examinations conducted, assisted or authorized by the board or administration. The district shall provide parents notice of their rights under the Protection of Pupil Rights amendment and the Student Data Privacy Act at the beginning of each school year and at any other time the school district policies in the area are substantially changed.

Student Data Restrictions

Any student data submitted to and maintained by a statewide longitudinal student data system shall be disclosed only in accordance with the Student Data Privacy Act. Disclosure of all other student data or student record information maintained is governed by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

Annual written notice presented to parents and legal guardians of district students 1) shall require parent or guardian’s signature, and 2) shall state that student data submitted to and maintained by a statewide longitudinal data system will be disclosed only to

- the student and the parent or legal guardian of the student, provided the data pertains solely to the student,
- the authorized personnel of an educational agency or the state board of regents who require disclosures to perform assigned duties,
- the authorized personnel of any state agency or to a service provider of a state agency, educational agency, or school performing instruction, assessment, or longitudinal reporting, provided a data-sharing agreement between the educational agency and other state agency or service provider that includes the following provisions:
  - purpose, scope and duration of the data-sharing agreement;
  - that the recipient of the student data uses such information solely for the purposes specified in agreement;
  - that the recipient must comply with data access, use and security restrictions specifically described in agreement; and
  - that the student data shall be destroyed when no longer necessary for the purpose of the data-sharing agreement or upon expiration of the agreement, whichever comes first. However, a service provider engaged to perform a function of instruction may be allowed to retain student transcripts as required by applicable laws and rules and regulations. Destruction shall comply with the NISTSP800-88 standards of data destruction.

Unless an adult, student or parent or guardian of a minor student provides written consent to disclose personally identifiable student data, student data may be disclosed to a governmental entity not specified above or any public or private audit and evaluation or research organization only if the data is aggregate data. Aggregate data means data collected or reported at the group, cohort or instructional level and which contains no personally identifiable student data.
The district may disclose

- student directory information when necessary and with the written consent of the student’s parent or legal guardian;
- directory information to an enhancement vendor providing photography services, class ring services, yearbook publishing services, memorabilia services, or similar services; or
- any information requiring disclosure pursuant to state statutes.
- Student data pursuant to any lawful subpoena or court order directing such disclosures; and
- student data to a public or private post-secondary educational institution for purposes of application or admission of a student to such post-secondary educational institution with the student’s written consent.

Student Data Security Breach

If there is a security breach or unauthorized disclosures of student data or personally identifiable information of any student submitted to or maintained on a statewide student longitudinal data system, each affected student or the parent or legal guardian of the student, if a minor, shall be immediately notified and an investigation into the causes and consequences of the breach or unauthorized disclosure will be conducted.

Biometric Data

The district shall not collect biometric data from a student or use any device or mechanism to assess a student’s physiological or emotional state unless the adult student or the parent or legal guardian of the minor student consents in writing. Biometric data includes measurable biological or behavioral characteristics that can be used for automated recognition of an individual, such as fingerprints, retina and iris patterns, voiceprints, DNA sequence, facial characteristics and handwriting.

Nothing in this policy shall prohibit the collection of audio voice recordings, facial expression information and student handwriting for

- provisions of counseling or psychological services,
- conducting student threat assessments,
- completing student disciplinary investigations or hearings, or
- conducting child abuse investigations.

Select Student Surveys

No test, questionnaire, survey or examination containing any questions about a student’s or the student’s parents’ or guardians’ personal beliefs or practices on issues such as sex, family life, morality or religion shall be administered to any student unless

- the parent or guardian is notified in writing; and
- the parent or guardian of the student gives written permission for the student to participate.

Nothing shall prohibit school counselors from providing counseling services, including the administration of tests and forms as part of student counseling services. Any information obtained through such tests or counseling services shall not be stored on any personal mobile electronic device which is not owned by the school district. Storage of such information on personal laptops, tablets, phones, flash drives, external hard drives or virtual services not owned by the district is prohibited.
Students may be questioned
• to provide psychological services,
• to conduct student threat assessments,
• to complete student disciplinary investigations or hearings, or
• to conduct child abuse investigations.
Collecting of such information in these limited circumstances is permitted without prior written consent of the parent, guardian or adult student.

Approved: November 25, 2003
Revised: April 26, 2011
Revised: October 14, 2014
Revised: November 8, 2016
Summer school/extended school year may be provided by the school district. Student fees will be determined by the administration and approved by the board.

The summer school/extended school year program will be under the direction of the executive director of administrative and student support services. The summer school/extended school year administration is appointed annually by the board and is responsible for selection of summer school staff, curriculum decisions, schedules, fees and records.

Local rules and regulations for summer school/extended school year will be developed by the administration and approved by the board.

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Revised: October 20, 1993
Reviewed/Revised: June 12, 2001
Reviewed: November 13, 2007
Revised: April 26, 2011
IDCE  Enrollment in College Classes

The district may enter into an agreement for concurrent and/or dual credit with the college for the purpose of allowing students to receive dual credit.

With parental permission, eligible students who are on track to complete graduation requirements as prescribed by the board may be released by the building principal from school during the regular school day to attend an eligible postsecondary education institution (regent university, community college, technical college or private university).

Eligibility of Students

To be eligible for concurrent and/or dual credit course enrollment, students must have a 3.0 cumulative grade point average, meet the college established ACT or placement testing requirements, and be a 10th, 11th or 12th grade student or a 9th grade gifted or academically talented student. University fees for dual credit are the student’s responsibility.

Approved: March 14, 1995
Reviewed/Revised: June 12, 2001
Revised: February 27, 2007
Revised: October 28, 2008
Revised: April 26, 2011
The board encourages the development of a well-rounded athletic program in compliance with board policy, rules approved by the Kansas State High School Activities Association and consistent with budget limitations or other restrictions of the district.

The district will maintain the activities that have been approved by the board.

Requests for the addition of new activities shall be presented to the board. In determining if a request for the addition of a new activity will be granted or denied, the board will consider the following factors:

1) The level of interest on the part of students in adding the new activity.
2) The availability of interested students to compete in the activity.
3) The likelihood of competitive opportunities in the league or with other schools within a 125 mile radius of Salina.
4) The likelihood of securing a qualified coach or sponsor.
5) The Title IX implications of approving or denying the addition of the activity.
6) The costs associated with adding the new activity.
7) The availability of facilities.

Proposals for the addition of new activities should include a list of interested participants and some evidence of their availability to compete in the activity.

If the requested activity requires development of a competitive schedule with other schools, the proposal should be presented at least one year, and preferably two years, before sanctioned competition in the activity will commence.

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Reviewed: January 8, 2008
Revised: April 26, 2011
An adult education program may be initiated in accordance with the needs of the community, provided qualified instructors are available and minimum class limits are attained. Adult education programs shall be outlined in their respective handbooks or other documents following review and approval by the board. Adult education classes will normally be provided by the Salina Adult Education Center (formerly Little House Adult Learning Center) and partially funded and governed under the Workforce Investment Act, Title II: Adult Education and Family Literacy Act, administered through the Kansas Board of Regents. Regulations concerning the adult education program will be developed by the administration and approved by the board.

Approved: January 20, 1982
Revised: May 15, 1991
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Revised: April 26, 2011
Each building principal shall organize the instructional program according to the district adopted curriculum. All students will enroll in their assigned attendance center at a time designated by the superintendent. Pre-enrollment for grades 5-11 shall be developed and scheduled each spring. Class size shall be determined by class enrollment, teacher availability and budget and facility limitations. Class schedules shall be developed to meet district instructional goals and learning objectives.

Approved: May 15, 1991
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Revised: April 26, 2011
The board may consider a petition for the creation of a charter school if the petition meets all requirements of current law and regulations.

If a petition is denied, the board shall follow applicable provisions of current law.

Approved: June 12, 2001
Revised: July 12, 2005
Reviewed: April 26, 2011
Textbooks and Instructional Materials

All textbooks and instructional materials used in the district shall be subject to board approval.

Textbooks and instructional materials shall support the district’s instructional goals and learning objectives. Textbook selection criteria shall be established by the board.

Challenges to textbooks and instructional materials shall be considered in a manner prescribed by board policy.

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Revised: May 15, 1991
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Selection Criteria: Textbooks and instructional materials shall provide

- an effective education for all students;
- factual knowledge, literary appreciation, aesthetic values and ethical standards;
- practice for students to develop abilities in critical thinking and communication;
- information which helps students develop an appreciation of American cultural, ethnic and racial diversity and balanced views concerning international, national, state and local issues and problems; and
- sufficient flexibility for meeting the special needs of individuals and groups.

The superintendent shall develop selection procedures which meet the above criteria and include a review of available material by instructional staff members.

Challenges of Materials (See IKD, KN)
Any citizen or parent of any students in the district having a complaint about textbooks or other instructional materials shall first notify the teacher in writing, identifying the part or parts of the material deemed objectionable, and meet with the teacher and building principal.

The challenged materials shall not be removed from the classroom/media center as a result of the initial meeting.

Review Committees
If the complaint is not resolved and the complainant wishes to pursue the objection, the complainant must file a "Request for Reconsideration" form with the building principal. Within five school days of the filing, a building level review committee will be appointed by the building principal to review the material in question. The review committee shall consist of the principal, the library media specialist, two teachers, and two citizens. The principal will act as chairperson. The challenged materials shall not be removed from the classroom or media center by the review committee during the evaluation period, but, upon formal request from the parents of that student, the student will be supplied with substitute material for completing the course requirements.
Textbooks and Instructional Materials

The following guidelines shall apply to the evaluation process

- examine and evaluate the materials as a whole, not on the basis of passages pulled out of context;
- consider the district’s policy, procedure and philosophy for selection of textbooks and instructional materials;
- weigh strengths and weaknesses and form opinions based upon the selection criteria, the appropriateness of the materials to the reading ability and maturity level of the student, relevance to the curriculum and educational goals of the school; and
- meet to discuss the material and prepare a written report of the decision to be completed within 15 school days of the committee's appointment.

The written report shall be given to the complainant and copies directed to the executive director of school improvement and the coordinator of media services. If the decision is to withdraw or discontinue use of materials, the executive director of school improvement or coordinator of media services will consider the report in deciding on appropriateness in other schools within the district. This constitutes the first level of appeal.

If the complainant is dissatisfied with the decision, a second appeal may be filed with the executive director of school improvement within 10 school days of the complainant's receipt of the written decision. A district-wide appeal committee consisting of one principal, the executive director of school improvement, the coordinator of media services, two teachers, three certified staff members that include teachers and media specialists, and three citizens shall be appointed by the executive director of school improvement within five school days of the receipt of the second appeal to review the material in question. The building principal will act as chairperson. None of the members of the second-level appeal committee shall have served on the first-level review committee, and the staff members shall be appointed from the appropriate educational level, elementary or secondary, depending upon where the challenge has originated.

Within 15 school days of the committee’s appointment, the committee chairperson shall present a written report containing the decision to the complainant with a copy given to the superintendent. Within 10 school days of receipt, the complainant has the right to appeal this decision to the board of education by filing a written notice of appeal with the superintendent.

Within 45 days of receipt of the notice of appeal, the board of education will review the reports from the appeal committees and provide a hearing for the complainant. This level shall constitute the third and final level of appeal within the school district. The decision of the board of education shall be final.

Decisions may resolve complaints at any one of the levels as outlined in the preceding policy. Nothing in this rule shall be construed as denying a student's rights as specified in Kansas statutes and administrative regulations to opt out of certain parts of the curriculum.

Approved: January 20, 1982
Revised: May 15, 1991
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Revised: April 26, 2011
The purpose of the 1-to-1 Chromebook initiative is to create a collaborative learning environment for all learners that is consistent with advances in technology and facilitates resource sharing, critical thinking, innovation, research, creativity, communication, collaboration, increased productivity and mobile learning. It is the expectation of the board that district staff and community members will play a role in the development of these effective and high quality educational experiences.

In furtherance of this goal, the board is supplying high school students with a Chromebook personal computing device. The Chromebook will allow student access to educational applications, web-based tools and many other useful sites. The Chromebook is an educational tool not intended for gaming, social networking or high-end computing and users will be expected to follow the district’s Acceptable and Ethical Use of Technology policy (IIBG) as well as all other state and federal laws, board policies and administrative procedures. The superintendent is directed to establish and publish administrative regulations, procedures and guidelines governing the issuance, care and use of the Chromebooks. The implementation and maintenance of the 1-to-1 initiative shall comply with all federal and state laws and administrative regulations governing student use of the Internet and other technology.

Approved: May 13, 2014
Selection of Learning Materials

Library media center materials shall be selected in accordance with the principles in the Library Bill of Rights as interpreted for school libraries by the American Library Association. Selection includes the choice of new materials for purchase, determination of use to be made of gifts, and removal from the collection of materials that have become obsolete or inappropriate. Library media materials shall be evaluated before purchase, either through direct examination or by using reputable, professionally prepared selection tools. Selection is made by the library media specialist and principal of the school with due regard to suggestions from staff, students, and parents.

The media collections shall be developed systematically, be well balanced in coverage of subjects, and include various types of content, materials, and formats. Materials shall be chosen for accuracy, quality, format, and authoritativeness. They shall be chosen on various reading levels, presenting different points of view and representing fair and unbiased presentation of information. The criteria for selecting materials are based upon the needs of the curriculum, the objectives of instruction, and the interests, abilities and maturity levels of the students served.

The use of learning materials not selected according to established criteria requires prior administrative approval.

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Revised: February 3, 1993
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Procedures for Challenged Materials
See IF-R

Approved: January 20, 1982
Revised: May 18, 1983
Revised: June 19, 1991
Revised: February 3, 1993
Reviewed/Revised: June 12, 2001
Reviewed: April 26, 2011
Outside speakers approved by the administration may be invited to meet with groups of students as part of the educational process.

The board shall establish rules governing the selection and behavior of outside speakers.

Approved: May 15, 1991
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Reviewed: April 26, 2011

The building principal shall be informed whenever an outside speaker is invited into the school to participate in classroom activities. The teacher/sponsor and building principal are expected to exercise judgment regarding those who are being considered as speakers in the district.

Teachers/sponsors should encourage the use of outside speakers representing various points of view in order to help students gain a more comprehensive understanding of any topic. The ideas presented and the speaker invited to present them shall have a demonstrable relation to the curricular or extra-curricular activity in which the participating students are involved.

Prior to appearance or participation, the outside speaker shall be informed of the requirements of this policy and rules, and each speaker shall agree to abide by school and district rules and expectations.

The teacher/sponsor or any member of the school administration responsible for inviting the speaker has the right and duty to interrupt or suspend any proceedings if the speaker, by his/her conduct, is judged to have disregarded the agreement to abide by these regulations.

Approved: May 15, 1991
Reviewed/Revised: June 12, 2001
Revised: April 26, 2011
The use of community resources is encouraged where educational objectives may be advanced.

School Volunteers (See KFD)

Approved: June 12, 2001
Revised: April 26, 2011
Reviewed: November 12, 2019
Field trips and activity trips may be approved by the principal when reasonable educational objectives can be established.

Approved: April 16, 1996
Revised: May 15, 1991
Revised: February 19, 1992
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Reviewed: April 26, 2011

A field trip is defined as an extension of the classroom and conducted within the time frame of one or two days within the state or states contiguous to Kansas. Activity trips are trips that are related to extra-curricular activity.

Teachers planning to make field trips are expected to make written application to the principal stating goals and objectives, destination, means of transportation, departure and returning time, name and number of students going and names of chaperones. The principal shall require the teacher-sponsor to obtain parental approval for each student making the trip. If the trip is overnight, the following safety procedures must be followed:

- Teachers considering a field trip as part of a unit of study must have an application on the principal’s desk for his/her approval at least one week prior to the field trip. For activity trips, the principal shall be notified of all plans at the earliest possible date.
- A copy of each student's address, emergency telephone number, permission form, and medical authorization signed by parents must be on file in the principal's office and a copy must accompany the sponsor on the trip;
- The principal's file of student information cards shall be updated prior to the group's departure; and
- Personnel trained in cardio pulmonary resuscitation and emergency treatment must be designated to accompany the group for the entire trip and arrangements must be made to ensure the availability of first-aid equipment.

Approved: April 16, 1996
Revised: May 15, 1991
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Reviewed: April 26, 2011
IFCC  Extended Field Trips Out-of-State

Extended field trips for students in USD 305 must be planned carefully and designed to meet the educational objectives of the course or educational activity. Field trips must be planned in advance, and formal requests must be presented to the principal and the executive director of administrative and student services for approval. The outcomes desired or expected from the trip must be weighed against the loss of instructional time and impact on school programs, the travel time and distance involved, and the cost and expenses for the trip.

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Revised: February 27, 2007
Revised: November 13, 2007
Reviewed: April 26, 2011

IFCC-R  Extended Field Trips Out-of-State

Classes and Performances by Invitation/Application Field Trips

Requests for permission for any student or group of students to participate in out-of-state activities must be made by the teacher or sponsor on the “Field Trips Out-of-State Approval Form” and approved by the principal. Sponsors of school groups who wish to take their students on trips must work with the principal to establish a schedule. Once every four years bands, orchestras, and other large groups may take an extended field trip out of state upon invitation or acceptance of application. The high school principals will then meet to coordinate their respective schedules between schools. Trips for groups whose anticipated expenses will be under $5,000 must be approved by the building principal and the director of administrative and student support services. Groups whose anticipated expenses for the trip are $5,000 or more must also have the approval of the board of education.

Requests must be submitted to the executive director of administrative and student services by September 10 for trips that will be taken during the spring semester or following summer. Requests for fall semester must be submitted to the executive director of administrative and student services by April 10 prior to the fall semester. The final detailed itinerary for an approved activity must be submitted by the teacher or sponsor to the principal at least 30 days prior to the departure date of the proposed trip.

All extended field trips require proper adult supervision with carefully defined duties and responsibilities for the teacher and parent sponsors prior to departure. As a general guideline, one sponsor should be assigned for each group of 12 pupils and that sponsor shall be responsible for the supervision of the same group during the trip.

Planning must include consideration for the following safety procedures: a copy of each student’s address, emergency telephone number, permission form, and a notarized medical authorization signed by parents must be on file in the principal’s office and the original must accompany the sponsor on the trip and there must be access to first-aid and emergency response. The principal’s file of student information cards shall be updated prior to the group’s departure.
Qualifying/Adjudicated Field Trips

Requests for permission for any student or group of students to participate in out-of-state activities for which they have qualified in prior competition or adjudication must be made by the teacher or sponsor on the “Field Trips – Out-of-State Approval Form” and approved by the principal within 5 days of notification of qualifying. Trips for groups whose anticipated expenses will be under $5,000 must be approved by the building principal and the director of administrative and student support services. Groups whose anticipated expenses for the trip are $5,000 or more must also have the approval of the board of education.

Requests must be submitted to the executive director of administrative and student services at least 5 days prior to the trip. The final detailed itinerary for an approved activity must be submitted by the teacher or sponsor to the principal at least 5 days prior to the departure date of the proposed trip.

All extended field trips require proper adult supervision with carefully defined duties and responsibilities for the teacher and parent sponsors prior to departure. As a general guideline, one sponsor should be assigned for each group of 12 pupils and that sponsor shall be responsible for the supervision of the same group during the trip.

Planning must include consideration for the following safety procedures: a copy of each student’s address, emergency telephone number, permission form, and notarized medical authorization signed by parents must be on file in the principal’s office and the original must accompany the sponsor on the trip and there must be access to first-aid and emergency response. The principal’s file of student information cards shall be updated prior to the group’s departure.
All elementary and secondary schools will use a uniform grading system.

The uniform grading scale to be used in all classes which assign letter grades is

100-90 = A, 89-80 = B, 79-70 = C, 69-60 = D, 59-0 = F

Approved: January 20, 1982
Revised: May 15, 1991
Reviewed/Revised: June 12, 2001
Revised: April 26, 2011
Homework should be recognized as a part of the total education program of the Salina Public Schools. Homework must serve the purpose of reinforcing lessons introduced in the classroom. It must be viewed as a method to help students learn the skills and concepts of the course, not as an end in itself or as a means of discipline. When the teacher’s assistance is required, some study time should be provided during the class period.

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Revised: April 26, 2011

Homework in the Elementary Schools
It is the policy of the Salina Public Schools that most of the assigned work in the primary grades be done in the classroom, where the teacher has the opportunity to supervise and direct student activities. Modest assignments may be given to elementary students.

Homework in the Secondary Schools
As a general policy, the amount of homework will be increased as students advance from grades six through twelve.

Students carrying more than four subjects regularly requiring homework are assumed capable of carrying the load, and more time spent on homework for those students should be expected. Students should be informed of the advisability for properly budgeting of time for long-range assignments such as book reports, term or unit papers or special projects.

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Revised: April 26, 2011
Class rankings will be computed for all high school grade levels each semester.

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Reviewed: April 26, 2011
Honor Roll

Honor rolls will be prepared for grades 6-12.

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Revised: April 26, 2011

An honor roll for each secondary school will be computed for each semester based upon a 3.0 or better grade point average on a 4.0 scale. Students’ names will be published on the honor roll if they have attained a B grade average, or a 3.0 GPA for the semester, with no failing grades, subject to parental approval under the Buckley Amendment to the Education Act of 1972. (See JR et seq.)

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Revised: April 26, 2011
IHEA Make-Up Opportunities (See JBD, JDD)

Within time limits established by the administration, all teachers shall supply make-up work assignments when requested. The time limits shall be included in the staff and student handbooks each year.

Approved: May 15, 1991
Reviewed/Revised: June 12, 2001
Reviewed: April 26, 2011
The board may adopt graduation requirements exceeding the minimums set forth by state regulations. Unless otherwise provided herein, in order to qualify for graduation, the board requires each candidate to earn 24 academic credits of a type meeting state and district requirements.

Exceptions may be granted by the board to waive local graduation requirements that are in excess of the state minimum requirements for students on a case by case basis.

The board shall award a student a diploma if the student is at least 17 years old; is enrolled or resides in the district; was in custody of the Secretary of the Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC), the Secretary for the Department of Children and Families (DCF), or a federally recognized Indian tribe in this state at any time on or after the student’s 14th birthday; and has achieved at least the minimum high school graduation requirements adopted by the state board of education.

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Reviewed: August 28, 2012
Reviewed: October 8, 2013
Revised: November 10, 2015
Reviewed: November 8, 2016

### IHF-R Graduation Requirements

The educational program in Salina shall provide learning experiences for all students to acquire skills, knowledge, and attitudes which are necessary for a productive life in a changing society. The following are the requirements to obtain a high school diploma:

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(1 unit = 1 year or 2 semesters)

Credit will be awarded on the basis of satisfactory progress in learning for each semester. Individual studies must be an in-depth extension of a subject or field and will be awarded credit equivalent to a semester(s) of instruction. Transfer credits will be evaluated in accord with this system.

Transfer Students

A transfer student entering USD 305 must meet USD 305 graduation requirements to be eligible for a diploma. Students who transfer out of district during their senior year and who wish to be eligible for a USD 305 diploma must complete the USD 305 required course of study and credit requirement within that same transfer year.

Correspondence Credit

Enrollment in correspondence courses for high school credit requires approval in advance by the building principal. Correspondence courses will not be accepted as substitutes for required courses for graduation. Correspondence credit will be accepted only from schools and institutions approved by the State Board of Education.

Kansas State High School Equivalency Diploma

The board recognizes that some students may not be able to meet the graduation requirements indicated. An option available to these students will be the General Education Development test. Students passing the test will receive a Kansas State High School Equivalency Diploma. State regulations will be followed in determining eligibility for G.E.D. testing.

USD 305 Diploma Completion Program

The Diploma Completion Program is available for adult students. Students enrolled in the Diploma Completion Program must meet the Kansas State Graduation requirements of 21 units of credit as outlined in KSDE Regulation 91-31-35.

Students who are 18 years of age or older may enroll in the Diploma Completion Program provided one of the following conditions exists.

1. The student’s cohort class has already graduated; or
2. The student has accumulated 13 units of credit or fewer and his/her cohort group has completed its junior year.

All students enrolled in the Diploma Completion Program must successfully complete a minimum of .5 units of credit at the DCP to complete their graduation requirements regardless of the total number of credits completed at the time of enrollment. Only the superintendent may approve exceptions to these enrollment provisions. Such exception shall be determined on a case by case basis.

Approved: August 1, 1984

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II  Educational Testing Program  (See JR et seq.) II

The district educational testing program shall consist of multiple assessments. These assessments shall include, as a minimum, individual teacher subject matter tests, district group achievement tests, and state required tests.

Test Integrity
All staff and students are required to maintain integrity in the administration and completion of student assessments. Those who are directly or indirectly involved in the administration of assessments as part of the educational process have a professional responsibility to (1) take appropriate security precautions before, during, and after the administration of the assessment; (2) administer assessments according to prescribed procedures and conditions and notify appropriate persons if any nonstandard or delimiting conditions occur.

Reporting Testing Results
The superintendent shall report annually to the board the results of the district’s academic achievement testing program. State required test results shall be disaggregated as required by current regulation and shall be reported annually to the board, district patrons and the State Board of Education.

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IIA  Performance-Based Credits  

A student may earn credits towards high school graduation by demonstrating mastery of the course outcomes and objectives through a performance assessment provided such an assessment has been constructed by the district. The standards for passing the performance assessment shall be a demonstration of mastery (80%) of at least 80% of the essential objectives.

A written request to demonstrate mastery of a class must be submitted by January 20 for a first semester class and by September 20 for a second semester class. A student may not request a performance assessment for credit of a class in which he or she is currently enrolled or has been enrolled.

The request is to be evaluated within 20 school days by a review committee composed of a building administrator, a school counselor, a faculty member appointed by the principal and the student’s parent(s) or guardian(s).

If the request is approved, within the following 30 school days, the administrator, in consultation with the instructor, will designate up to 10 school days in which the student will complete the performance assessment that reflects mastery of course outcomes and objectives. The principal, in consultation with the instructor, will determine the setting and the timelines for the administration of the performance test.

Credit for such classes shall be awarded the appropriate letter grade based on the district grading scale. Students will be allowed only one opportunity to demonstrate mastery through the performance assessment for credit of any particular class. It will not be the responsibility of the school or the instructor to provide instructional and/or review time for the student. However, the course outcomes and objectives, as noted in the district curriculum guide, will be made available.

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The mission of the Salina Public Schools is to ensure that all students learn the skills necessary to participate successfully in the communities in which they live. In keeping with that mission, the board provides technology resources to its students and staff and supports the use of those resources for educational and administrative purposes. The technologies provided, including, but not limited to, computers, computer networks, Internet, electronic mail, online services and other applications such as social media networks and tools that facilitate access to information, resource sharing, research, collaborative learning, communications and integrated technology instruction, shall be used in support of education and other endeavors consistent with the district’s goals and objectives. All technology-based instructional materials, activities, and communication tools shall be appropriate for and within the range of the knowledge, understanding, age, and maturity of students with whom they are used.

The superintendent is directed to develop regulations, procedures and guidelines which comply with all federal, state and local laws and regulations governing schools and technology use. At a minimum, these shall insure proper and safe use of district networks and the Internet by students, district employees, partners or volunteers, and members of the community. Any use of technology provided by the district must be done in compliance with such regulations, procedures and guidelines. Failure to do so is considered a violation of this policy. USD 305 retains the right to discipline any student, up to and including expulsion, and any employee, up to and including termination, for violations of this policy and any associated procedures and regulations. Users who violate the policies, regulations or procedures governing district technology use assume any and all legal responsibility for any violation of licensing or other legal requirement associated with the use of district technology.

The district’s computer systems, electronic devices, computer networks, online services and peripherals (“district technology”) are any configuration of hardware, software and contracted third party technology service providers. District technology includes, but is not limited to, all of the computer hardware, electronic devices, operating system software, application software, stored text and data files. This includes electronic mail, local databases, externally accessed databases (such as the Internet), optical media, clip art, digital images, digitized information, cloud storage, communications technologies, and new technologies as they become available. District technology issued to any students or employees is the property of the district to be used for educational and administrative purposes only.

The use of district technology is a privilege, not a right. Persons shall have no expectation of privacy or confidentiality in the content of electronic communications or other computer files stored, sent and/or received utilizing district technology. All persons using the district systems, online services or district-provided access to the Internet are governed by board policies and district guidelines, procedures and regulations regardless of whether the equipment used is personal or owned by the district. These regulations, procedures and guidelines are provided to make all users aware of the responsibilities associated with educational, efficient, ethical and lawful use of network resources. Failure to abide by any related provisions may result in the termination of user privileges, denial of access to district technology, and disciplinary action.
All materials or devices created as part of any assigned responsibilities or activities pursuant to a user’s job duties shall be the property of the district.

Access

All users approved to use district technology must obtain an authorized account with a user ID and log-in password from management information systems (MIS). The user to whom the user-ID and password are assigned is responsible for their use or misuse. Both the user-ID and password must remain confidential, and the user shall not share either with any other person. At times, however, the building administration may need access to an individual’s user account for emergent or time-sensitive reasons. To the extent possible, written permission will be obtained from the account holder. Any user-ID and password may be terminated at any time for any reason. All user accounts are considered the property of the district.

The district expressly reserves the right at any time to review the subject, content and appropriateness of electronic communications or other computer files including any district Internet or online commercial account paid for, in whole or in part, by the district and remove them if warranted without notice of any kind. Any violation shall be reported to school administration or law enforcement officials as appropriate. To accommodate storage needs, the district may also remove any files, whether personal or work-related, stored on its network.

Content found in on-line resources may contain defamatory, inaccurate, abusive, obscene, profane, sexually-oriented, threatening, racially offensive or illegal material. The district does not condone its use and will not knowingly permit access to or usage of such material in the school environment.

Any statement of personal belief found on district technology is implicitly understood to be representative of the author’s individual point of view and not that of the district, its employees or the participating school. No representations to the contrary shall be published without written approval from the superintendent.

The district makes no guarantees that district technology will be uninterrupted or error-free; nor does it make any warranty, whether express or implied, as to the results to be obtained from use of the service or the accuracy or quality of the information obtained on or by the network. Access to district technology is provided on an “as is” basis without warranties of any kind. Neither the district nor any of its agents or employees shall be liable for any direct, indirect, incidental, special or consequential damages arising out of the use of or inability to use district technology or out of any breach of any warranty. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, nondeliveries, misdeliveries, system maintenance or service interruptions caused by its own negligence or user errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at the user’s own risk and the district denies any responsibility for any commercial transaction conducted through its systems.

Safety/Security

All users are governed by the security and safety regulations established by the district, its Internet service provider and any third-party data storage provider contracting with the district. The district shall operate a technology protection measure that blocks or filters Internet access (IIBGA).
This technology protection measure shall ensure no minor has access to visual depictions that are child pornography or that are obscene, inappropriate or harmful. The district shall make every effort to restrict access to inappropriate materials and shall monitor the online activities of the end users. Principals may file a request with MIS to unblock websites that they believe have significant educational value. If the website is determined appropriate, the site will be unblocked for educational purposes.

All users assigned a computer or other electronic device owned by the district are responsible for its security at all times. When in use, no computer or electronic device should be left unattended. In the event of loss, whether accidental, negligent or intentional, the district reserves the right to charge any authorized user of a district-owned computer or other electronic device the insurance deductible for replacement and/or refuse issuance of a replacement to the previously authorized user. Authorized users are required to contact their building administrator when any loss or damage occurs, including theft. All reports of theft, whether confirmed or suspected, shall be forwarded to appropriate law enforcement.

All student data shall be treated as confidential. All student data must be entered into the district’s database by appropriate employees only, and only school officials with a legitimate educational interest in the information may have access to a student’s educational data whether obtained through the use of district technology or otherwise (JRB).

Software/Applications
All users are prohibited from installing personal software or applications on district-owned technology equipment. Any and all software/applications utilized for the district’s educational or administrative purposes will be previewed and/or evaluated by the superintendent prior to purchase or download. Any user who fails to obtain the proper administrative approval before downloading software/applications is responsible for any loss, damage, injury or claim arising directly from the purchase, download, installation and/or use of the unauthorized software/application.

User Conduct
Proper use of district technology requires that district employees and students abide by the following guidelines. All users of district technology shall

1. Communicate using district technology in a respectful manner consistent with state laws and district policies governing the behavior of school employees and/or students and with federal laws governing copyright.

2. Use district electronic mail, rather than personal electronic mail accounts, to conduct district business or to complete educational activities.

3. Be responsible for all use of the networks under their accounts, regardless of whether access is gained with or without the person’s knowledge and/or consent.

4. Immediately notify the building administrator if the account holder suspects any unauthorized use of his/her account. The account holder shall remain liable and responsible for any unauthorized use from the time at which the account holder is aware of or reasonably should be aware of the
suspected unauthorized use until the district is notified and has a reasonable opportunity to act upon such notice.

5. Be responsible for any costs, fees, charges or expenses incurred under the person’s account in connection with the use of district technology except such costs, fees, charges and expenses as the district explicitly agrees to pay.

6. Ensure that student information shared electronically complies with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, the Kansas Student Data Privacy Act, as well as board policy regarding student records (JR).

7. Be responsible for damages or the cost of correcting any damage to district technology for attempts to harm or destroy data of another person. This includes, but is not limited to, “hacking” or creating, loading or sharing malicious software, scripts or code (e.g. executable files (*.exe), batch files (*.bat), command files (*.com), system files (*.sys)).

8. Abide by all district policies and regulations governing the use of social media.

Inappropriate Use

The following is a non-exclusive list of conduct prohibited while using district technology:

1. Generating, accessing, uploading, downloading, using, retaining or distributing any defamatory, obscene, profane, sexually-explicit, pornographic, threatening or illegal content or materials.

2. Violating any federal, state or local law or administrative regulation or failing to follow any other policies or guidelines established by the district or building administrators/supervisors.

3. Violating copyright or otherwise transmitting or using the intellectual property of another individual or organization without permission, specifically including, but not limited to, the unlawful downloading of music, movies, computer software or pictures.

4. Vandalizing, which is any unauthorized access and/or malicious attempt to damage computer hardware/software or networks or destroying the data of another user, including creating, uploading or intentionally introducing viruses.

5. Intentionally wasting limited resources, including, but not limited to, storage of excessive amounts of personal electronic mail, movies, music and picture files on district computers or servers.

6. Using district technology to create or access personal electronic mail accounts to engage in conduct that would violate any district policy.
7. Using the district’s network or computers for commercial purposes or for any personal financial
gain including, but not limited to, selling items and maintenance of a personal or business web-
site or electronic mail accounts.

8. Harassing, bullying, insulting or attacking others.

9. Accessing or transmitting electronic mail or other electronic files containing inappropriate and/or
offensive material that is aimed at members of any protected class (examples would include
jokes targeted at person(s) based upon gender, race, ethnicity, disability, etc.).

10. Using district technology to distribute messages to large groups of people for non-district pur-
poses, including, but not limited to, “everyone e-mails,” “mass e-mails,” “global e-mails,” and
“spam,” unless expressly approved by the superintendent.

11. Gaining unauthorized access to the files or other informational resources of other persons or enti-
ties without permission, whether stored on or off the district’s network.

12. Using others’ passwords without permission.

13. Invading the privacy of individuals and/or revealing personal information online about any other
district staff or student.

14. Installing equipment on or making modifications to district technology, such as altering the setup
of computers (e.g., desktops, icons, wallpapers, screensavers or installed software) without pre-
authorization from MIS.

15. Utilizing proxy sites or other means to circumvent the district’s filter and/or other security
measures.
The district shall implement and enforce both the federal and the Kansas Children’s Internet Protection Acts (CIPA). The superintendent shall develop a plan which shall be on file with the board clerk, in each school office, and on the district website. Copies shall be available to the public.

If the district is providing public access to any computer, the CIPA plan shall also implement and enforce technology protection measures to ensure no minor has access to visual depictions that are child pornography or that are obscene, inappropriate, or harmful. The superintendent shall ensure compliance with CIPA by completing Federal Communication Commission forms as required.

### Children’s Internet Protection Acts (CIPA) Plan

The USD 305 plan shall, at a minimum,

- provide reasonable public notice including at least one public hearing;
- install blocks or Internet filters to limit access and/or the transmission thereof by both minors and adults to child pornography or materials that are obscene, inappropriate or harmful;
- monitor the on-line activities of students while at school, at district-sponsored activities, or while utilizing the district’s network;
- address issues related to the safety of minors when using e-mail, chat rooms, and other electronic communication;
- educate students about appropriate on-line behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms and cyberbullying awareness and response;
- hinder unauthorized access (hacking) and other unlawful on-line activities by students;
- prevent unauthorized disclosure, use or dissemination of personal information regarding minors; and
- comply with the Children’s Internet Protection Acts.

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All computer software for instruction will be previewed and evaluated prior to purchase.

Instructional computer software must meet the following criteria:

- present high-quality curriculum information aligned with the appropriate district objectives,
- incorporate student learning strategies which have demonstrated effectiveness through electronic means,
- require active student involvement in the learning,
- make good use of the computer’s capabilities, i.e., activities which are not possible (constraints of time, resources, etc.) without technology,
- support and integrate into activities the district’s improvement targets for all schools – reading, problem solving, and writing, and
- meet, not exceed, current hardware system capabilities.

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IIBGC On-Line Learning Opportunities

Application

Students may apply for permission to enroll in an on-line course for credit. Applications for the next academic year shall be submitted to the principal no later than April 20. The student and the student’s parents shall be informed of the administrator’s decision in writing no later than June 1.

Student may not enroll in an on-line course as an alternative to any course offered by the high school except 1) as an attempt to earn credit for a class already attempted but failed or 2) as an attempt to complete a course of study during a suspension or expulsion.

Guidelines

The following guidelines shall be used by the administration:

1. Only approved courses shall be posted on student transcripts.
2. Approval of any course shall be based upon the course content and rigor, its length and scope, its method of assessing knowledge acquired by the student, the qualifications of the instructor and other appropriate factors.
3. Enrollment in an on-line course will be allowed only if an appropriately certified staff member is available and willing to supervise the student’s participation in the course.

Other Regulations or Guidelines

Approval by the administration shall also be based on Kansas State Department of Education regulations and/or guidelines in effect at the time the student request is made.

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The superintendent may develop guidelines to evaluate a portion of the instructional program each year. This evaluation may be part of the district's school improvement efforts as required by current regulation.

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The board supports the goals of providing district students with sufficient knowledge of economic systems to make informed financial choices. In furtherance of this goal, the board directs the superintendent to develop and implement a plan to incorporate outcome-based personal financial literacy education into the district’s instructional program.

The superintendent shall document district efforts to provide financial literacy education opportunities for district students and shall provide, upon request, feedback or information to the Kansas State Department of Education in such efforts.

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Semester examinations are required in all high school courses at the conclusion of the semester. All students are required to take semester examinations as scheduled unless exemptions are granted by the principal. A student who misses an examination will be required to make up the test at the earliest opportunity.

At the principal’s discretion, an exemption from second semester examinations may be granted to a student for a death in his/her immediate family, a very serious accident, injury, or incapacitating illness. The make-up test will be scheduled by the principal. If the principal grants an exemption from the examination, the student’s final grade will be awarded based upon his/her grade average earned to date. Individual problems may be referred to the superintendent for clarification.

A semester final examination shall not constitute more than 20 percent or less than 10 percent of the semester grade. A first semester exam grade will be computed into the first two quarter grades, second semester exam into third and fourth quarters, and reported on the grade report form accordingly.

All teachers are required to leave a copy of their final examinations and a scoring key with the principal at the end of the second semester in the event that make-up exam is necessary. The examination will be graded and a final grade recorded on the permanent record as soon as possible.

The structure, amount of course coverage, style, and format of the examination will be left to the discretion of the teacher.
Controversy arising from differences in values, beliefs, attitudes, and interests is inherent in a pluralistic society. An important function of public education is to provide students with an understanding of how controversial issues are dealt with in a democracy. This includes the opportunity to learn about the issues, problems, and concerns of contemporary society, to form opinions, and to participate in discussion of these issues and expression of opinion in the classroom.

The overriding educational purpose of teaching about controversial issues or using controversial materials must be student achievement in the content standards rather than reaching conclusions as to the correctness of any particular point of view. Therefore, instruction that involves controversial issues and/or materials must be within the board adopted content standards and curricula.

Such instruction must be under the direction of a teacher who is familiar with the goals, objectives, and limitations of this policy. In addition, the instruction must reflect due consideration of the maturity of the students, the values of the community, sound professional judgment, and coordination with the administration.

Study of Controversial Issues

Within this structure, teachers may use the study and discussion of controversial issues as appropriate to the attainment of course objectives directly related to content standards. Where controversial issues are taught, teachers should make material available to student concerning the various aspects of the issues. Teachers may express their own viewpoints and opinions; however, they have the obligation to be objective and to present the several sides of an issue impartially.

Use of Controversial Materials

Controversial learning resources are subject to disagreement as to the appropriateness because they refer or relate to controversial issues or present material in a manner or context which is itself controversial. Examples of such materials include, but are not limited to, those that depict explicit sexual conduct, graphic violence, drug use, or other socially undesirable behaviors, profanities, or materials that are likely to divide the community along racial, ethnic, or religious lines. If a teacher has a question as to whether a resource is controversial within the meaning of this policy, he or she shall contact the principal.

It is required that teachers work cooperatively with their principals and other administrators in the use of controversial learning resources. R, PG-13, or PG rated films and/or videos shall be considered controversial within the meaning of this policy and regulation and shall require prior approval of the principal according to the guidelines listed below. R rated films and videos shall not be used in elementary and middle schools and at the high school level only with parental permission. X rated and NC-17 rated films and videos shall not be used in USD 305.

- PG, PG-13 and R rated films and videos shall be considered controversial at the elementary and middle school levels.
- R rated films and videos shall be considered controversial at the senior high level.

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A parent, guardian or student eighteen years of age or older may remove the student from some portion or all of Human Sexuality and AIDS classes included in the district's required curriculum.

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Notice of Availability
Public notice of the availability of opt-out forms and Human Sexuality and AIDS curriculum goals and objectives shall be made by means of building newsletters.

Opt-Out Procedure
Parents, guardians, or students as named above shall obtain the opt-out request form from the building principal along with a written copy of the goals and objectives for the student’s appropriate Human Sexuality and AIDS class.

Following review of the curriculum goals, the requesting party must complete the opt-out form, stating the portion(s) of the curriculum from which the student is to be excused, signing the form, and returning it to the principal. The completed form will be kept on file in the principal’s office.

Arrangements for class reassignment of the student excused from any portion or all of the Human Sexuality and AIDS classes through this policy shall be made by the principal or his/her designee.

Annual Request Required
Opt-out requests are valid only for the school year in which they are submitted.

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Religion in Curricular or School-Sponsored Activities

No religious belief or non-belief shall be promoted or disparaged by the district or its employees. Students and staff should be tolerant of each others’ religious views. Students and staff members may be excused from participating in practices contrary to their religious beliefs unless there are clear issues of overriding concern which prevent it.

Teaching About Religion
Teachers may teach about religion, religious literature and history but are prohibited from promoting, expounding, criticizing or ridiculing a religion. Religious texts may be used to teach about religion, but the use of religious texts is prohibited if used to promote a particular religious doctrine.

Religion in the Curriculum and School Activities
In compliance with these rules, religious themes may be presented in the curriculum and as part of school activities. Music, art, literature and drama having a religious theme or basis are permitted as part of the curriculum or as part of a school activity if they are presented in a balanced and objective manner and are a traditional part of the cultural and religious tradition of a particular holiday or field of study. The emphasis on religious themes in the arts, literature and history should be only as extensive as necessary for a balanced and thorough study of these areas. These studies should never foster any particular religious tenets or demean any religious beliefs or non-beliefs.

Religious Symbols in the Classroom
The temporary use of religious symbols such as a cross, menorah, crescent, Star of David, crèche, symbols of native American religions or other symbols that are a part of a religious holiday are permitted as a teaching aid if they are displayed as an example of a holiday’s cultural and religious heritage.

Religious Holidays (See AEA)
Holidays which have a religious and a secular basis may be observed. School vacations shall have a secular designation, e.g. Winter Vacation, Spring Break.

Graduation and Other Ceremonies
The district seeks to maintain traditions significant to the community. While recognizing the significance of tradition, the board requires that graduation exercises and dedication ceremonies be secular in nature. Inspirational addresses which do not promote religion may be permitted at these ceremonies.

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A parent or guardian, or a student eighteen years of age or older, may request that the student be excused from participating in activities for religious reasons. The parent, guardian, or adult student must complete the district opt-out form for religious objections, stating the specific activity, the portion of the curriculum in which the activity exists, and the reasons for the request. The request may be granted, or denied, or partially granted and partially denied.

This policy shall not be interpreted to allow parents to prevent the dissemination of information which parents find religiously objectionable. Rather, this policy only extends to actual participation by their child in an activity, the performance of which is contrary to the child's religious teachings.

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Each teacher shall develop, maintain and follow lesson plans which conform to the approved curriculum, the district’s educational goals and the expected student learning outcomes. Principals shall establish methods to regularly review teacher lesson plans.

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With the prior approval of the principal, animals or plants may be brought to school for instructional purposes.

If someone is injured by an animal or comes into contact with a toxic plant, the incident shall be immediately reported to the administration by the supervising teacher. The principal shall notify the appropriate persons.

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To promote safety for students and instructors, staff shall adhere to standards published by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment in the document “Animals in Kansas Schools: Guidelines for Visiting and Resident Pets.”

Under no circumstances are animals to be transported on school buses.

Domesticated animals must be inoculated against rabies at the owner’s expense before the student may bring such animal to school. Animals must be adequately housed and cared for in screened cages. Students’ handling of animals and plants must be under the direct supervision of the teacher. Only the teacher or students designated by the teacher are to handle the animals.

Teachers must assume primary responsibility for the humane, proper treatment of any animal in the classroom.

Teachers must be aware of federal and state laws regulating the handling of animals. (See KSA 21-4310)

If animals are to be kept in the classroom on days when classes are not in session, the teacher must make arrangements for their feeding, care and safety.

Any experiments using live animals shall have prior approval of the principal and shall conform to the humane standards recommended in the ASPCA Resource Guide for Teachers “Guidelines for Student Experiments Involving Animals.”

If a staff member or student has been bitten or injured by an animal, the incident must be reported immediately to the school office by the supervising teacher. Principals are to assume responsibility to notify public authorities to have the animal impounded for observation. Principals will notify the parents.

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