Advantage Arts Academy
Board Policy Manual

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Administration of Medication Policy

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Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to authorize personnel of Advantage Arts Academy (the "School") to administer medication to students consistent with applicable law.

The School's Board of Directors (the "Board") acknowledges that medication should typically be administered by a student or the student's parent or guardian. However, the Board recognizes that situations may arise where the health of a student may require administration of medication during the course of a school day by School personnel.

As long as authorized personnel act in a prudent and responsible manner, Utah law provides that School personnel who provide assistance in substantial compliance with a student's licensed health care provider's written statement are not liable civilly or criminally for any adverse reaction suffered by the student as a result of taking the medication or discontinuing the administration of medication. The Board hopes that this policy will help ensure that School personnel act in a prudent and responsible manner in order to protect the health of students and the interests of School personnel.

The Board also desires to set forth policies regarding acceptable self-administration of medication by students.

Policy

Administration of Medication by School Personnel

The School will comply with applicable state and federal laws, including but not limited to Utah Code Ann. § 53G-9-502, regarding the administration of medication to students by School personnel. Accordingly, pursuant to this policy, authorized School personnel may provide assistance in non-emergency situations in the administration of medication to students of the School during periods when the student is under the School's control.

School personnel may also administer medication to students in emergency situations in accordance with the following:

(a) Glucagon. Glucagon is an emergency diabetic medication used to raise blood sugar. The School will comply with the requirements of Utah Code Ann. § 53G-9-504 regarding the emergency administration of glucagon to a student. Accordingly, the School may administer glucagon to a student if: (1) the School has received a glucagon authorization from the parent or guardian of a student with diabetes; (2) the student is exhibiting the symptoms that warrant the administration of glucagon; (3) School personnel who have been trained (as described in the statute) in the administration of glucagon are immediately available to administer the glucagon; and (4) a licensed health care professional is not immediately available. The School may not compel School personnel to become trained in the administration of glucagon nor may it obstruct School personnel from becoming trained in the administration of glucagon.

(b) Glucagon Kit. The School will comply with the requirements of Utah Code Ann. §§ 26B-

4-401, *et seq*., regarding the emergency administration of a glucagon kit to a student. Accordingly, the School may administer a glucagon kit to a student if: (1) the student has a diagnosis of diabetes by a health care provider; (2) the School has received a glucagon authorization from the parent or guardian of the student; (3) the student is showing symptoms of hypoglycemia (a potentially life-threatening condition resulting from abnormally low blood glucose levels); and (4) a School employee who has become a "qualified adult" as defined in the statute is immediately available to administer the glucagon kit. If the School has a School nurse and the School nurse is immediately available to administer a glucagon kit to a student under the circumstances described above, the School nurse should administer the glucagon kit. If the School does not have a School nurse or the School nurse is not immediately available, another School employee who is a qualified adult may administer the glucagon kit in accordance with the statute. The School may make a glucagon kit available to a School employee who becomes a qualified adult. The School may not prohibit or dissuade School employees from receiving training to become a qualified adult, nor may it prohibit or dissuade School employees who become a qualified adult from possessing or storing a glucagon kit on School property or administering a glucagon kit to any person in accordance with the statute.

(c) Injectable Epinephrine Rescue Medication. The School will comply with the requirements of Utah Code Ann. §§ 26B-4-401, *et seq.*, regarding the emergency administration of an injectable epinephrine rescue medication to a student. Accordingly, the School may administer an emergency injectable epinephrine rescue medication to a student if: (1) the student is exhibiting potentially life-threatening symptoms of anaphylaxis; (2) a physician or physician assistant is not immediately available; and (3) a School employee who has become a "qualified adult" as defined in the statute is immediately available to administer the injectable epinephrine rescue medication. The School will make an emergency injectable epinephrine rescue medication available to a School employee who becomes a qualified adult. The School may not prohibit or dissuade School employees from receiving training to become a qualified adult, nor may it prohibit or dissuade School employees who become qualified adults from possessing or storing an emergency injectable epinephrine rescue medication on School property or administering an emergency injectable epinephrine rescue medication to any person in accordance with the statute.

(d) Seizure Rescue Medication. The School will comply with the requirements of Utah Code Ann. § 53G-9-505 regarding the emergency administration of seizure rescue medication to a student. Accordingly, the School may administer seizure rescue medication to a student if: (1) the School has received a seizure rescue authorization from the parent or guardian of the student; (2) the student is exhibiting a symptom, described on the student's seizure rescue authorization, that warrants the administration of a seizure rescue medication; (3) a School employee who has become a "trained school employee volunteer" as defined in the statute is immediately available to administer the seizure rescue medication; and (4) a licensed health care professional is not immediately available to administer the seizure rescue medication. The School may not compel a School employee to become a trained school employee volunteer nor may it obstruct a School employee from becoming a trained school employee volunteer.

(e) Opiate Antagonist. In accordance with Utah Code Ann. § 26B-4-509, School personnel may administer an opiate antagonist when acting in good faith to an individual whom the person believes to be experiencing an opiate-related drug overdose.

(f) Stock Albuterol. The School will comply with the requirements of Utah Code Ann. §§

26B-4-401, *et seq*., regarding the emergency administration of stock albuterol to a student. Accordingly, the School may administer stock albuterol to a student if: (1) the student has a diagnosis of asthma by a health care provider; (2) the student has a current asthma action plan on file with the School; (3) the student is showing symptoms of an asthma emergency as described in the student's asthma action plan; and (4) a School employee who has become a "qualified adult" as defined in the statute is immediately available to administer the stock albuterol. If the School has a School nurse and the School nurse is immediately available to administer stock albuterol to a student under the circumstances described above, the School nurse should administer the stock albuterol. If the School does not have a School nurse or the School nurse is not immediately available, another School employee who is a qualified adult may administer the stock albuterol in accordance with the statute. In addition, if a School nurse is not immediately available and a student does not have a current asthma action plan, a School employee who is a qualified adult may administer stock albuterol to the student if the School employee identifies, based on their qualified adult training, that the student is experiencing an asthma emergency. The School may make stock albuterol available to a School employee who becomes a qualified adult. The School may not prohibit or dissuade School employees from receiving training to become a qualified adult, nor may it prohibit or dissuade School employees who become qualified adults from possessing or storing stock albuterol on School property or administering stock albuterol to any person in accordance with the statute.

(g) Adrenal Crisis Rescue Medication. The School will comply with the requirements of Utah Code Ann. § 53G-9-507 regarding the emergency administration of adrenal crisis rescue medication to a student. Accordingly, the School may administer adrenal crisis rescue medication to a student if: (1) the School has received an adrenal crisis rescue authorization from the parent or guardian of the student; (2) the student exhibits a symptom, described on the student's adrenal crisis rescue authorization, that warrants the administration of an adrenal cris rescue medication; (3) a School employee who has become a "trained school employee volunteer" as defined in the statute is available to administer the adrenal crisis rescue medication; and (4) a licensed health care professional is not immediately available to administer the adrenal crisis rescue medication. The School may not compel a School employee to become a trained school employee volunteer nor may it obstruct a School employee from becoming a trained school employee volunteer.

The Principal will establish administrative procedures that comply with applicable laws in order to set guidelines for when and how administration of medication under this policy will take place.

The Principal will consult with the local health department and/or a registered health care professional for assistance in developing procedures and training necessary for effective implementation of this policy. The School's Principal will ensure that School personnel and parents are provided with information about this policy as needed.

Self-Administration of Medication by Students

Students may possess and self-administer prescription medication at school in compliance with applicable law. The Principal will establish administrative procedures that comply with applicable laws in order to set guidelines for when and how this will take place.

Students are not prohibited from possessing and self-administering one day's dosage of a non-prescription medication where the student's maturity level is such that he or she can reasonably be expected to properly administer the medication on his or her own.

Observations and Medical Recommendations by School Personnel

The Principal will ensure that appropriate School personnel receive training on the provisions of Utah Code Ann. § 53G-9-203, including but not limited to training regarding medical recommendations by School employees and rules related to School employees communicating information and observations about a student's health and/or welfare.

School employees who intentionally violate Utah Code Ann. § 53G-9-203 will be subject to discipline up to and including termination.

Arrest Reporting Policy

Adopted: October 2, 2017
Revised: _____

Policy

The Board of Directors of Advantage Arts Academy (the "School") recognizes the importance of receiving information regarding arrests of employees that are not licensed by the Utah State Office of Education in order to assist the School in adequately safeguarding the safety of students.

The Principal of the School will therefore establish administrative procedures that comply with the requirements of Utah Administrative Code R277-516-4.

The Board acknowledges the requirement that Board Members report arrests and convictions as set forth in R277-516-5.C.

Articles of Incorporation

Adopted: September 26, 2016
Revised: September 5, 2017
Revised: May 9, 2018

ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT AND RESTATEMENT
OF THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
ADVANTAGE ARTS ACADEMY
A UTAH NONPROFIT CORPORATION

Advantage Arts Academy, a Utah nonprofit corporation duly incorporated on June 22, 2016, under the laws of the State of Utah, hereby amends and restates its Articles of Incorporation in accordance with the provisions of § 16-6a-1001 et seq. of the Utah Revised Nonprofit Corporation Act, as amended as follows:

1. The name of the nonprofit corporation is Advantage Arts Academy.

2. The Articles of Incorporation of the Corporation, are hereby amended and restated in their entirety, and the text of the amended and restated Articles of Incorporation is set forth below.

3. These Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation were adopted by a majority of the Corporation's board of directors on the 9th day of May, 2018, without member action; the Corporation does not have any voting members.

4. In addition to the Corporation's board of directors, no other person is required to approve the following Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, these Articles of Amendment and Restatement are hereby executed, effective as of the 9th day of May 2018.

AMENDED & RESTATEDARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
ADVANTAGE ARTS ACADEMY

The undersigned natural persons over the age of eighteen (18) years, acting as incorporators of a nonprofit corporation under the Utah Revised Nonprofit Corporation Act, adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for said corporation:

ARTICLE I
NAME

The name of this nonprofit corporation shall be Advantage Arts Academy.

ARTICLE II
DURATION

This corporation shall continue in existence perpetually unless dissolved pursuant to law.

ARTICLE III
PURPOSES

(1) To operate exclusively as a nonprofit corporation under the laws of the state of Utah.

(2) To engage in any and all activities and pursuits, and to support or assist such other organizations, as may be reasonably related to the foregoing and following purposes.

(3) To operate exclusively for charitable and educational purposes and engage in any and all other lawful purposes, activities and pursuits, which are substantially similar to the foregoing and which are or may hereafter be authorized by Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws (the "Code") and are consistent with those powers described in the Utah Revised Nonprofit Corporation Act, as amended.

(4) To solicit and receive contributions, purchase, own and sell real and personal property, to make contracts, to invest corporate funds, to spend corporate funds for corporate purposes, and to engage in any activity "in furtherance of, incidental to, or connected with any of the other purposes."

(5) No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, trustees, directors, officers, or other persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered to the corporation and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth herein.

ARTICLE IV
VOTING MEMBERS

This corporation shall not issue shares of stock evidencing membership and shall have no voting members.

ARTICLE V
POWERS

A. Powers in General. Subject to the pursuits and objectives declared in Article III and any other limitations herein expressed, this corporation shall have the power to do any and all things which a nonprofit corporation may do under the laws of the State of Utah, including, but not limited to, the following:

(1) To receive, acquire, hold, manage, administer, and expend property and funds for purposes authorized by Section 501(c)(3) of the Code;

(2) To take property and funds by will, gift, or otherwise. The corporation shall not have the power to take or hold property or funds for any purpose other than purposes authorized by Section 501(c)(3) of the Code;

(3) To hold, in its own name and right, real and personal property of every nature and description without limitation as to extent, character or amount, and with all the powers of control, management, investment, change, and disposal incident to the absolute ownership of property or funds by a private person, subject only to the terms of particular trusts and to the general trust that all its properties and funds shall be held for purposes authorized by Section 501(c)(3) of the Code;

(4) To borrow money either upon or without security, giving such promissory notes or other evidences of indebtedness and such pledges, mortgages, or other instruments of hypothecation as it may be advised;

(5) To appoint and pay officers and agents to conduct and administer the affairs of the corporation;

(6) To adopt Bylaws prescribing the duties of the officers and agents of the corporation, the detail of the organization, the time and manner of its meetings, and any and all detail incident to its organization and the efficient conduct and management of its affairs;

(7) To do any and all things which a natural person might do, necessary and desirable for the general purposes for which the corporation is organized;

(8) To receive and use funds obtained from private donations, devises and bequests, and from all lawful sources to be applied for purposes authorized by Section 501(c)(3) of the Code;

(9) No recital, expression or declaration of specific or special powers or purposes hereinabove enumerated shall be deemed exclusive, it being intended that this corporation shall have any and all other powers necessary or incidental to the accomplishment of its objects and purposes and each and all of the powers now conferred or that may hereafter be conferred by the laws of the State of Utah on nonprofit corporations.

B. Powers Relating to Specific Objects and Purposes. This corporation shall have the powers necessary or incidental to the carrying on of its objects and purpose.

C. Restrictions. Notwithstanding any statement to the contrary in these Articles of Incorporation, no part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any director or officer of the corporation or any private individual, except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the corporation affecting one or more of its purposes; and no director or officer of the corporation or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets on dissolution of the corporation. No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall be the carrying on of

propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation (except as permitted by Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or corresponding provisions or any subsequent Federal tax laws), and the corporation shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publication or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. This corporation shall not carry on, otherwise than as an insubstantial part of its activities, activities which are not in furtherance of one or more of the aforementioned purposes for which the corporation is organized. The corporation shall hold its assets subject to and in accordance with Utah Code § 53A-1a-510.5 and -517.

ARTICLE VI
PRINCIPLE OFFICE/PLACE OF BUSINESS

The principal place of business in Utah and the mailing address of the Corporation shall be Farmington, Utah. The business of the Corporation may be conducted in all states of the United States, and in all territories thereof.

ARTICLE VII
REGISTERED OFFICE/AGENT

The name of the natural person who is to serve as the Registered Agent of the Corporation is Treion Muller.

ARTICLE VIII
DIRECTORS

The number of directors of the corporation shall be no less than five (5) and no more than seven (7), as fixed from time to time pursuant to the provisions of the corporation's Bylaws. The number of directors constituting the present Board of Directors is five (5), and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as directors until their successors are selected and qualified are:

Treion Muller
Kim Dohrer
Christopher Finley
Jodi Hart Wilson
Doug James

ARTICLE IX
LIMITATIONS ON LIABILITY

The directors, officers and employees of the corporation shall not be personally liable in those capacities for the acts, debts, liabilities or obligations of the corporation.

ARTICLE X
BYLAWS

Provisions for the regulation and management of the internal affairs of the corporation shall be set forth in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE XI
AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended at any time in any manner which is permissible under the laws of the State of Utah; provided, however, that these Articles of Incorporation shall in no event be amended in any manner so as to change this corporation from a nonprofit corporation to a corporation organized or operated for pecuniary profit; nor shall the Articles of Incorporation be amended so as to make the purposes of the corporation inconsistent with the purposes as specified in Article III herein.

ARTICLE XII
DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all liabilities of the Corporation, transfer the assets of the Corporation to the Utah State Board of Education for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall distribute the assets to the federal government, or to a state or local government for a public purpose.

ARTICLE XIII
DEBTS AND OBLIGATIONS

Neither the corporation's chartering entity nor the State of Utah, including any agency of the State of Utah, is liable for the debts or financial obligations of the corporation or officers or agents of the corporation.

Assessment of Student Achievement Policy

Approved: April 24, 2023
Revised: _____

Purpose

Advantage Arts Academy (the "School") is required to measure student achievement, including by way of administering statewide assessments. When administered properly, statewide assessments give students an opportunity to demonstrate what they know and can do. In addition, the results of statewide assessments provide the School not only important data about their students' proficiency, but also valuable information that can be used to guide and improve instruction in the School.

The purpose of this policy is to help ensure that the School conducts statewide assessments in a fair and ethical manner and in compliance with applicable law and Utah State Board of Education ("USBE") rule. The School intends for this policy to comply with the requirements of Utah Administrative Code Rule R277-404.

Policy

Statewide Assessment Plan

The School shall develop a plan to administer statewide assessments. The plan shall include at least the following:

(a) The dates the School will administer statewide assessments;
(b) Professional development for an educator to fully implement the assessment system;
(c) Training for an educator, appropriate paraprofessional, or third-party proctor in the requirements of assessment administration ethics; and
(d) Training for an educator and an appropriate paraprofessional to use statewide assessment results effectively to inform instruction.

The School shall submit the plan to the USBE by September 15 each year.

At least once each year the School shall provide professional development and training on statewide assessment administration as required by R277-404. The School shall use the Standard Test Administration Testing Ethics Policy for such professional development and training.

Student Participation in Statewide Assessments

(a) With the exception of those students described in subsection (b) immediately below and exempted students, the School shall administer statewide assessments to all students enrolled in the grade level or course to which the assessment applies.
(b) A student's IEP team, English Learner Team, or Section 504 accommodation plan team shall determine an individual student's participation in statewide assessments consistent with the Utah Participation and Accommodations Policy.
(c) An educator may use a student's score on a statewide assessment to improve the student's academic grade for or demonstrate the student's competency within a relevant course. However, a student's score on a statewide assessment may not be used in determining whether the student may advance to the next grade level.
(d) The School may not provide a nonacademic reward to a student for taking a statewide assessment.

Student Exemption from Statewide Assessments

(a) A student's parent has the right to exempt the student from a statewide assessment in accordance with Utah Code § 53G-6-803 and the exemption procedures in R277-404. The School shall not impose procedures beyond those in R277-404 to exercise this right nor may the School impose any penalty or adverse consequences upon a student who is exempted.
(b) School grading, teacher evaluation, and student progress reports or grades may not be negatively impacted by students exempted from taking a statewide assessment.
(c) The School may allow a student who has been exempted from a statewide assessment to be physically present in the room during test administration. The School shall ensure that exempted students who are in attendance are provided with an alternative learning experience during test administration.

Other Requirements

The School shall comply with all applicable requirements in R277-404, including adhering to the USBE's Standard Test Administration and Testing Ethics Policy which is incorporated by reference in the rule.

Attendance Policy

Adopted: October 2, 2017
Revised: September 28, 2026

Policy

Advantage Arts Academy (the "School") is committed to providing a quality education for every student. The School firmly believes that consistent attendance teaches students responsibility. Students learn the value of being punctual and prepared. Frequent absences and tardiness result in a loss of continuity of instruction. Also, frequent absences and tardiness prove disruptive for students, teachers, and staff. Excessive unexcused absences may lead to a student's permanent dismissal from the School.

Parents are expected to take a proactive role in ensuring their children attend school. We recommend families plan their vacation schedule around the existing School calendar. When possible, medical and dental appointments should take place outside of school hours and parents should notify the School in advance of any absence. Parents and students are responsible for obtaining homework or assignments for the time period which the student is absent.

The School intends for this policy to be consistent with the provisions of Utah's compulsory education laws, Utah Code Ann. §§ 53G-6-201 through 53G-6-215, as well as Utah Administrative Code Rule R277-607.

The Principal will establish attendance procedures consistent with this policy and applicable law. The Principal will ensure that the policy and procedures are implemented consistently at the School and are publicized and distributed to parents annually.

Review and Evaluation

The School's Board of Directors shall review this policy in an open and public meeting at least every five years.

On an annual basis, the Board shall also review relevant School attendance data, evaluate the effectiveness of the School's attendance interventions, and ensure that adequate resources are allocated to support the School's attendance monitoring and intervention programs and efforts.

Attendance
Administrative Procedures

These administrative procedures are established in accordance with the Attendance Policy established by the School's Board of Directors.

Definitions

"**Absence**" or "**absent**" means the failure of a school-age child assigned to a class or class period to attend a class or class period. "Absence" or "absent" does not mean multiple tardies used to calculate an absence for the sake of a truancy..

"Chronic absenteeism" or "chronically absent" means a student misses 10% or more of days enrolled, for any reason, and makes a school aware that a beginning of tiered supports may be needed.

"**Valid excuse**" or "**excused absence**" means an absence resulting from:

a) an illness, which may be either mental or physical, regardless of whether the school-age child or parent provides documentation from a medical professional;
b) a death of a family member or close friend;
c) a scheduled family event or a scheduled proactive visit to a health care provider in accordance with Section 53G-6-803(5);
d) a family emergency;
e) an approved school activity;
f) a preapproved extended absence for a family activity or travel, consistent with school policy;
g) an absence permitted by an individualized education program or accommodation plan, developed pursuant to relevant law; or
h) mental or behavioral health of the school-age child.

The Director has the discretion to consider other absences as "valid excuses."

"Valid excuse" or "excused absence" does not mean a parent acknowledgement of an absence for a reason other than those described above.

"School-age child" means a minor who is at least six years old but younger than 18 years old and who is not emancipated.

"School day" means the portion of a day that school is in session in which a school-age child is required to be in school for purposes of receiving instruction.

"**Truant**" means a condition by which a school-age child, without a valid excuse, is absent for at least half of the school day. A school-age child may not be considered truant under the School's Attendance Policy or these procedures more than one time during one day.

Attendance Requirements: Students are expected to have no more than five (5) unexcused absences per year.

Excused Absences: An oral or written communication documenting a valid excuse must be received from the student's parents/guardian within one (1) business day of the absence in order for the absence to be excused. In the event of multiple consecutive absences, written communication must be received within one (1) business day of the student's return to school.

In the event of an unforeseeable illness or emergency, the School should be notified as soon as reasonably

possible.

Excused absences may become unexcused if the Director determines that absences have reached an excessive level and are adversely impacting the student's education.

Preapproved Extended Absence: A parent/guardian may request approval from the Director prior to a student's extended absence of up to ten (10) days per school year. The Director will approve the absence if the Director determines that the extended absence will not adversely impact the student's education.

Medical Documentation: The School may not require documentation from a medical professional to substantiate a valid excuse that is a mental or physical illness.

Make-up Work: Make-up work is permitted for students who have excused absences. The teacher will provide the student or the parent/guardian with any make-up work upon request. Make-up work must be completed within a reasonable time-frame as determined by the teacher.

Tardiness: A student is tardy if he or she is not in the assigned classroom when the late bell rings. In general, tardiness will be handled on an individual basis with the teacher. If a student is chronically tardy, then the student may be referred to the administration.

Notification of Absences and Tardies: Parents and students are responsible for tracking the total number of absences and tardies. If a student reaches five (5) or more unexcused absences, the Director will attempt to schedule a meeting with the parents to review the situation and will outline the appropriate corrective action.

Notice of Compulsory Education Violation

The School may issue a "notice of compulsory education violation" to a parent/guardian of a school-age child who is in grades 1 through 6 if the student is truant at least five (5) times during the school year.

This notice shall:

1. Direct the parent/guardian to meet with School authorities to discuss the student's attendance problem and cooperate with the administration and Board to secure regular attendance by the student;
2. Designate the School authorities with whom the parent/guardian is required to meet;
3. State that it is a class B misdemeanor for the student's parent/guardian to intentionally or recklessly fail to meet with the designated school authorities to discuss the student's attendance problems, or fail to prevent the student from being truant an additional five (5) or more times during the remainder of the school year; and
4. Be served on the parent/guardian by personal service or certified mail.

If School personnel have reason to believe that, after a notice of compulsory education violation is issued, the parent/guardian has failed to make a good faith effort to ensure that the child receives an appropriate education, the issuer of the compulsory education violation shall report to the Division of Child and Family Services the information required by Utah Code Subsection 53G-6-202(8) (also in accordance with the School's Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Policy).

Chronic Absenteeism Prevention and Intervention Program

The School's Chronic Absenteeism Prevention and Intervention Program is established to encourage good attendance, improve academic outcomes, and reduce negative behaviors. Through this program, the School hopes to create a trusting relationship between teachers, students, and parents.

The School's efforts to prevent chronic absenteeism include, but are not limited to:

- Serving students breakfast and lunch at the School each school day.
- Providing classroom and/or schoolwide rewards and/or incentives to students for good attendance.
- Notifying parents/guardians each time a student is absent.
- Contacting parents/guardians of students who reach four (4) and/or five (5) unexcused absences to try to resolve the students' attendance problems.
- Providing parents/guardians with notices of compulsory education violations, as appropriate and as outlined herein.
- Providing parents/guardians with the School's attendance policies and procedures each year at the time of registration.

The School will seek to help students struggling with absenteeism (including chronically absent students) through implementing research or evidence-based absenteeism and dropout prevention interventions. Those efforts will include documented earnest and persistent efforts to resolve a student's attendance problems through the following interventions:

- When a student's attendance is negatively affecting the student's learning, the classroom teacher will notify the student and/or the student's parent/guardian of the concern. The teacher will set up a conference with the student and/or the student's parent/guardian to identify and resolve any problems that prevent the student from attending school. The student's progress will be monitored.
- If meeting with the student and parent/guardian does not adequately address the problems and the student's learning continues to suffer, then the School counselor or Director will work with the teacher and parent/guardian in finding a solution to the problems that are preventing the student from attending to his/her learning. Efforts to resolve the problems may include, but are not limited to, the following: making adjustments to the curriculum or the schedule; counseling of the student by School authorities; mentoring the student; providing the student with increased academic support; teaching the student executive function skills such as planning, goal setting, understanding and following multi-step directions, and self-regulation; considering alternatives proposed by the parent/guardian; or providing the parent/guardian with a list of community resources to help the family.
- The Director may consult with a parent/guardian to determine if mitigating circumstances such as medical or psychological problems indicate the use of intervention methods for resolving the attendance problems.
- In the event that the preceding interventions fail, the Director will contact the parent/guardian and request a formal meeting to discuss and resolve the attendance problems. A copy of of the communication (letter, email, etc.) will be kept by the School.
- The Director will notify the student and a parent/guardian of the actions the School may take should the student be truant in the future.

Appeals Process

Parents/guardians who believe that all or part of their student's absences and/or tardies should be considered excused, or if they want to contest a notice of compulsory education, or any disciplinary action taken against their student pursuant to the School's Attendance Policy or these procedures, shall follow the School's Parent Grievance Policy.

Students with Qualified Disabilities

If students with disabilities under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, or students protected under either Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act or the Americans with Disabilities Act, have excessive absences, including but not limited to absences for mental or behavioral health reasons, and fall within the criteria of these procedures, the School will ensure that these procedures are applied in a manner consistent with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations. Excused absences for known mental or behavioral health reasons do not absolve the School of FAPE responsibilities.

Annual Report

The School shall annually report the following data separately to the State Board of Education:

1. absences with a valid excuse; and
2. absences without a valid excuse.

AAA Attendance
Administrative Procedures

Background Check Policy

Adopted: October 2, 2017
Revised: 08.22.2024

Policy

The purpose of this policy is to protect the safety, health and security of Advantage Arts Academy (the "School") students, employees, and property.

The School will comply with the provisions of Utah Code § 53G-11-401 *et seq.* and Utah Administrative Code R277-316 regarding employee background checks. In order to protect the health and safety of all students and protect the property of the School, the School requires (a) all Board members, (b) all potential employees and (c) any volunteers who will be given significant unsupervised access to a student in connection with the volunteer's assignment to submit to a criminal background check and ongoing monitoring as a condition for employment or appointment.

The Principal will establish administrative procedures consistent with this policy and applicable law.

Background Check
Administrative Procedures

These procedures are established pursuant to the Background Check Policy established by the School's Board of Directors.

Individuals Subject to Background Checks

The School requires that the following individuals submit to a criminal background check and ongoing monitoring as provided in Utah Code § 53G-11-402 as a condition for employment or appointment: (a) each employee who is not licensed by the Utah State Board of Education ("USBE"), including substitute teachers; (b) each volunteer who will be given significant unsupervised access to a student in connection with the volunteer's assignment; (c) each contract employee; and (d) each Board Member.

Additionally, each employee who is licensed by the USBE must obtain a background check and submit to ongoing monitoring as required in connection with USBE's licensure requirements.

Conducting the Background Check

Any person submitting to a background check for the School will sign a consent and waiver notifying the individual (a) that a criminal background check will be conducted, (b) who will see the information received as a result of the background check, and (c) how that information will be used.

The School will collect the following from an individual required to submit to a background check for the School:

(a) personal identifying information, including but not limited to:
    (i) current name, former names, nicknames, and aliases;
    (ii) date of birth,
    (iii) address,
    (iv) telephone number,
    (v) driver license number or other government-issued identification number,
    (vi) social security number, and
    (vii) fingerprints;
(b) a fee, subject to the "Payment of Fees for Background Check" section set forth below; and
(c) consent and waiver on a form specified by the School for the:
    (i) initial fingerprint-based background check by the FBI and the Utah Bureau of Criminal Identification; and
    (ii) retention of personal identifying information for ongoing monitoring by the School through registration with the systems described in Utah Code § 53G-11-404.

The School will then submit such individuals' personal identifying information, including fingerprints, to the Utah Bureau of Criminal Identification for (a) an initial fingerprint-based background check and (b) ongoing monitoring (if the results of the initial criminal background check do not contain disqualifying criminal history information as determined by the School).

Payment of Fees for Background Check

The School shall pay the background check fee and fingerprinting fee for non-licensed and contract employees of the School, including substitutes, and for volunteers and Board Members of the School.

Background Check Evaluation

When making decisions regarding employment or appointment based on the information received from a criminal background check, the School will consider:

(a) any convictions, including pleas in abeyance;
(b) any matters involving a felony; and
(c) any matters involving an alleged:
    (i) sexual offense;
    (ii) class A misdemeanor drug offense;
    (iii) offense against the person under Title 76, Chapter 5, Offenses Against the Person;
    (iv) class A misdemeanor property offense that is alleged to have occurred within the previous three years; and
    (v) any other type of criminal offense, if more than one occurrence of the same type of offense is alleged to have occurred within the previous eight years.

Only those convictions which are job-related for the employee, applicant, or volunteer will be considered by the School.

Opportunity to Respond to Background Check

The School will provide an individual an opportunity to review and respond to any criminal history information received as a result of submitting for a criminal background check or through ongoing monitoring.

If a person is denied employment or appointment or is dismissed from employment or appointment because of information obtained through a criminal background check or ongoing monitoring, the person may request a review of the information received and the reasons for the disqualification and shall be provided written notice of the reasons for denial or dismissal and of the individual's right to request a review of the disqualification.

Confidentiality

Information received by the School as a result of a background check will only be (a) available to individuals involved in the hiring or background investigation process for that individual and (b) used for the purpose of assisting the School in making employment-related decisions. Any person who disseminates or uses any such information for any other purpose is subject to criminal penalties and civil liability as set forth in applicable law.

Privacy Risk Mitigation Strategy

The School will employ reasonable privacy risk mitigation strategies to ensure that the School only receives notifications for individuals with whom the School maintains an authorizing relationship. Specifically, the School shall terminate ongoing monitoring for employees upon the termination their employment with the School and for Board Members upon their resignation from the Board or upon the expiration of their Board member term without renewal, unless good cause exists to maintain ongoing monitoring for such individuals (such as if they request and are approved to continue on at the School in the capacity of a volunteer).

With respect to non-Board Member volunteers, the School shall maintain a list of volunteers who are registered for ongoing monitoring, periodically consult with relevant School personnel to determine whether such individuals are still volunteering for the School, and ensure that ongoing monitoring for such individuals is terminated when appropriate. In addition, the School shall (a) upon receiving notification of criminal activity, review the current status of the individual in relation the School and (b) decline to accept and review the detail of the notification if the individual named is no longer employed or authorized to volunteer by the School.

Board Rules of Order and Procedure

Adopted: November 4, 2019
Revised: _____

Pursuant to Utah Code § 53G-5-413, Advantage Arts Academy (the "School") hereby adopts the following rules of order and procedure to maintain order and govern conduct at the meetings of the School's board of directors (the "Board").

(1) **Public Meetings**. Board meetings will be convened, and Board business will be conducted in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act.

(2) **Board Size & Quorum Requirement**. The Board consists of no fewer than (5) and no more than seven (7) members. A quorum of Board members must be present at any meeting to take official Board action. A quorum consists of a majority of the current Board members.

(3) **Meeting Agenda**. An agenda for each Board meeting will provide notice of the business to be conducted and topics to be considered by the Board.

(4) **Presenting Business**. As a general rule of order, a member of the Board should present an item of business by motion prior to voting. If the motion is seconded by another member of the board, the motion should then be considered and voted upon by the Board members present at the meeting.

(5) **Board Action & Voting**. The minimum number of "yes" votes required to pass any resolution or to take any action, unless otherwise prescribed by law or the School's Bylaws, is a majority of the voting members of the Board present at the meeting.

(6) **Public Comment**. The Board encourages public engagement and frequently schedules time to hear from members of the public. Public comment time is placed on the agenda at the Board's discretion.

The following rules apply to public comment at Board meetings:

a) Members of the public wishing to speak to the Board must include their name and the agenda item or topic they wish to address on the "Public Comment Sign Up Form" that is available prior to the meeting.

b) Speakers will be given up to three (3) minutes to address the Board. Speakers representing large groups may request up to six (6) minutes to address the Board.

c) The Board will not take public comment on personnel issues or statements regarding the character, professional competence, and the physical or mental health of an individual during a Board meeting.

d) The Board is unable to deliberate or take action on items raised during the public comment period that are not on the meeting agenda.

e) Persons who disrupt Board meetings will be removed from the meeting.

f) The Board chair, at his/her discretion, reserves the right to end public comment at any time.

(7) **Board Member Code of Conduct**

a) Members of the Board will conduct themselves in a civil and respectful manner during Board meetings and when acting in their official capacity as a member of the Board.

b) Members of the Board will abide by state and federal laws and School policies and refrain from personal or professional conduct that would bring censure, ridicule, damage, or reproach upon the Board or the School.

c) The Board only exercises its authority by taking official action through voting in a public Board meeting. Members of the Board have no individual authority to act on behalf of the Board unless expressly authorized by the Board. Individual members of the Board should not speak on behalf of the Board without prior Board approval.

d) Members of the Board will maintain the confidentiality of information obtained in closed session or other confidential information otherwise obtained in their official capacity as a member of the Board.

(8) **Governing Law**. If any provision contained in these Board Rules of Order & Procedure conflict with law or the Board's Bylaws, the applicable law or the Board's Bylaws will govern.

Budgeting Policy

Adopted: July 22, 2020
Revised: December 13, 2021

Policy

Advantage Arts Academy (the "School") will comply with the budgeting requirements of Utah law, including but not limited to Utah Code Title 53G, Chapter 7, Part 3.

The School's Director is appointed as the budget officer. Before June 1 of each year, the budget officer shall prepare a tentative budget, with supporting documentation, to be submitted to the Board of Directors.

The tentative budget and supporting documents shall include the following items:

(a) the revenues and expenditures of the preceding fiscal year;

(b) the estimated revenues and expenditures of the current fiscal year;

(c) a detailed estimate of the essential expenditures for all purposes for the next succeeding fiscal year; and

(d) the estimated financial condition of the School at the close of the current fiscal year.

The tentative budget shall be filed with the School's Director for public inspection at least 15 days before the date of the tentative budget's proposed adoption by the Board of Directors.

Before June 30 of each year, the Board of Directors will adopt a budget for the next fiscal year.

By the sooner of July 15 or 30 days of adopting a budget, the Board of Directors will file a copy of the adopted budget with the state auditor and the Utah State Board of Education (the "USBE").

Maintenance of Effort

Because the School receives federal funds, including Title I, Part A funds, the School is obligated to comply with certain maintenance of effort ("MOE") requirements. The School adopts this policy in order to ensure that the School complies with MOE requirements.

The School will not use applicable federal funds to reduce the level of expenditures from state and/or local funds for the education of students below the level of those expenditures for the preceding fiscal year. Unless an exception applies or a waiver is granted and taking into account allowable reductions, the School will budget from state and/or local funds at least the same total spent for that purpose from the same state

and/or local funds source(s) for the most recent prior year for which information is available.

The School acknowledges that if MOE requirements are not satisfied, then the USBE may penalize the School by reducing the School's federal funding by a proportional amount the following year.

Building Use Policy

Adopted: October 2, 2017
Revised: _____

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish procedures for the use of Advantage Arts Academy's (the "School") building and facilities by outside individuals and groups.

Policy

In accordance with state law, the School's facilities are available for use as a "civic center" when such use does not interfere with a School function or purpose, does not violate any applicable law or regulation, and does not otherwise impose an unreasonable burden on the School or expose the School or participants to unreasonable risk.

Any permission to use School facilities is granted pursuant to Utah Code 53A-3-413 and -414 and is considered a permit for governmental immunity purposes under Utah Code 63G-7-201(4)(c). The School therefore has full governmental immunity under the Utah Governmental Immunity Act for claims arising in connection with such use of the facilities.

Procedures

Fees for the use of facilities shall be charged as outlined in this Policy and will be collected prior to use.

A Building Use Agreement must be signed by the user prior to the date of use.

Usage time shall initially be computed from the time of requested opening to anticipated closing of the doors. Closing time shall be the time when all persons associated with the use have left the building, and the fee will be adjusted for additional time used. Persons lingering in the building are the user's responsibility.

Equipment, keys, and property shall not be loaned or removed from the building.

Facilities such as computer lab, media center, or kitchen shall not be used unless approved by the Principal and school personnel are present during the entire time of the function.

Buildings may not be used without adequate School supervision as determined by the Principal. The assigned supervisor is responsible for oversight of the facilities while in use.

In addition to the building supervision provided by the School, all use groups must provide supervision to maintain order and prevent damage to or loss of School property.

Any individual or entity using the facilities for commercial purposes must provide, before the use, a Certificate of Insurance evidencing public liability coverage of one million dollars ($1,000,000) per occurrence and naming the School as an additional insured.

The user must comply with any applicable standards of safety and behavior of the School and Utah law. Violation of any of these standards is grounds for termination of the use agreement and the immediate removal of individuals associated with the use. Violation may result in the forfeiting of all deposits, and additional charges may be assessed.

Additional fees may be charged for use of School equipment (spot lights, DVD players and televisions, microphones, etc.) and supplies.

The Principal may establish conditions of use intended to protect the facilities from damage or unreasonable wear and tear.

Users shall pay for any damage to the facilities or School equipment caused by their use.

Fees

Except where the Principal has discretion under this Policy, users will be charged fees as set forth in the Fee Schedule below, which is subject to periodic review and revision.

The school's Parent Organization and individual classes may use the facilities free of charge for qualifying school-related activities. Such use must be approved by and coordinated with the School's Principal. These activities must be approved by the Principal before notice of the event is distributed.

Charitable and non-profit rates apply to non-profit organizations such as service clubs, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, United Way, cities and counties. The Principal may grant free use of the facilities to non-profit organizations at the Principal's discretion when the use will not create additional expense for the School.

Security Deposit

At the discretion of the Principal, the user may be charged a refundable security deposit of up to $500. The Principal shall determine the amount of the security deposit based on the size of the group, the location of the activity, and the type of activity involved.

Security deposits shall be paid by the user in a separate check and deposited by the School.

Following the use period, the Principal or designee shall inspect the facility for damage or mess requiring extra cleanup time. Any such extra charges will be deducted from the security deposit, and the remaining security deposit shall be refunded to the user. Should there be no extra charges assessed, the full amount of the security deposit shall be refunded.

Personnel
At least one School staff member must be present during any use of the facilities. The Principal will set the fee based on the number and type of personnel required for a particular activity. General supervision of the facility may be assigned to a custodian, teacher, administrator or other qualified staff member.

Users must pay for any additional custodial services that are required.

At least one staff member is required for use of the kitchen.

Commercial and Charitable and Nonprofit Building use Fee Schedules

Commercial and Charitable Nonprofit Building Use Fee Schedule		
FACILITY	**Commercial**	**Charitable/Nonprofit**
Parking lot	$40/day	$10/day
Cafeteria	$125/hr	$50/hr
Multipurpose room	$125/hr	$50/hr
Kitchen (When using the kitchen facility, it is mandatory to have at least one staff member present, for which there is an additional personnel charge.)	$125/hr	$50/hr
Classroom (each)	$40/hr	$20/hr
PERSONNEL	**Commercial**	**Charitable/Nonprofit**
Building Supervisor	$35/hr	$35/hr
Additional Staff	$20/hr	$20/hr
Kitchen Staff	$20/hr	$20/hr
EQUIPMENT	**Commercial**	**Charitable/Nonprofit**
This fee is done on a case by case basis. Fees are set by Principal or designee. Fee shall be documented in Building Use Agreement	TBD	TBD

Bullying and Hazing Policy

Approved: 11.17.2025
Revised: 09.28.2026

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to prohibit bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, retaliation, and abusive conduct involving Advantage Arts Academy (the "School") students and employees. The School's Board of Directors (the "Board") has determined that a safe, civil environment in School is necessary for students to learn and achieve high academic standards and that conduct constituting bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, retaliation, and abusive conduct disrupts both a student's ability to learn and the School's ability to educate its students in a safe environment.

Policy

Prohibited Conduct

Bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, retaliation, and abusive conduct towards students and employees are against federal, state, and local policy and are not tolerated by the School. The School is committed to providing all students with a safe and civil environment in which all members of the School community are treated with dignity and respect. To that end, the School has in place policies, procedures, and practices that are designed to reduce and eliminate this conduct – including, but not limited to, civil rights violations – as well as processes and procedures to deal with such incidents. Bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, retaliation, and abusive conduct towards students and/or employees by students and/or employees will not be tolerated in the School. Likewise, abusive conduct by students or parents or guardians against School employees is prohibited by the School and will not be tolerated in the School.

In order to promote a safe, civil learning environment, the School prohibits all forms of bullying of students and School employees (a) on School property, (b) at a School-related or sponsored event, or (c) while the student or School employee is traveling to or from School property or a School-related or sponsored event.

The School prohibits all forms of bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, abusive conduct of or retaliation against students and School employees at any time and any location.

Students and School employees are prohibited from retaliating against any student, School employee or an investigator for, or witness of, an alleged incident of bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, abusive conduct, or retaliation.

Students and School employees are prohibited from making false allegations of bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, abusive conduct, or retaliation against a student or School employees.

Students and School employees are prohibited from sharing a recording of an act of bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, abusive conduct, and retaliation in order to impact or encourage future incidents. This restriction does not prevent a student or employee from sharing such a recording with a teacher or administrator as part of reporting the incident or in response to a request from a teacher or administrator for the recording.

Students and School employees are prohibited from creating or distributing sexually explicit or nonconsensual intimate images.

In addition, School employees, coaches, sponsors and volunteers shall not permit, condone or tolerate any form of hazing, bullying, cyber-bullying, or abusive conduct and shall not plan, direct, encourage, assist,

engage or participate in any activity that involves hazing, bullying, cyber-bullying, or abusive conduct.

Any bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, abusive conduct, or retaliation that is found to be targeted at a federally protected class is further prohibited under federal anti-discrimination laws and is subject to OCR compliance regulations.

Definitions

Abusive Conduct – For purposes of this policy, “abusive conduct” means verbal, nonverbal, or physical conduct of a parent or guardian or student directed toward a School employee that, based on its severity, nature, and frequency of occurrence, a reasonable person would determine is intended to cause intimidation, humiliation, or unwarranted distress. A single act does not constitute abusive conduct.

Accountability Practice – For purposes of this policy, “accountability practice” means any evidence-based practice that increases academic outcomes, decreases behavior that disrupts the learning environment, and holds students accountable for their actions by requiring them to take responsibility to repair harm and provide restitution when appropriate.

Action Plan – For purposes of this policy, “action plan” means a process to address an incident of bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, or retaliation.

Bullying – For purposes of this policy, "bullying" means student bullying and staff bullying.

Civil Rights Violations – For purposes of this policy, “civil rights violations” means violations as outlined in the following federal laws:

(1) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin);
(2) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex);
(3) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability); or
(4) Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability).

Cyber-bullying – For purposes of this policy, "cyber-bullying" means using the Internet, a cell phone, or another device to send or post text, video, or an image with the intent or knowledge, or with reckless disregard, that the text, video, or image will hurt, embarrass, or threaten an individual, regardless of whether the individual directed, consented to, or acquiesced in the conduct, or voluntarily accessed the electronic communication.

Hazing – For purposes of this policy, “hazing” means a School employee or student intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly committing an act or causing another individual to commit an act toward a School employee or student that:

(1) (a) endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a School employee or student;
(b) involves any brutality of a physical nature, including whipping, beating, branding, calisthenics, bruising, electric shocking, placing of a harmful substance on the body, or exposure to the elements;
(c) involves consumption of any food, alcoholic product, drug, or other substance or other physical activity that endangers the mental or physical health and safety of a School employee or student; or
(d) involves any activity that would subject a School employee or student to extreme mental stress, such as sleep deprivation, extended isolation from social contact, or conduct that subjects a School employee or student to extreme embarrassment, shame, or humiliation; and

(2) (a)(i) is committed for the purpose of initiation into, admission into, affiliation with, holding office in, or as a condition for membership in a School or School sponsored team, organization, program,

club, or event; or

(ii) is directed toward a School employee or student whom the individual who commits the act knows, at the time the act is committed, is a member of, or candidate for membership in, a School or School sponsored team, organization, program, club, or event in which the individual who commits the act also participates.

(3) The conduct described above constitutes hazing, regardless of whether the School employee or student against whom the conduct is committed directed, consented to, or acquiesced in, the conduct.

Incident – For purposes of this policy, “incident” means a verified incident of bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, abusive conduct, or retaliation that is prohibited in Utah Code § 53G-9-601 *et seq.*

Restorative Justice Practice – For purposes of this policy, “restorative justice practice” means a discipline practice that brings together students, school personnel, families, and community members to resolve conflicts, address disruptive behaviors, promote positive relationships, and healing.

Retaliate or Retaliation – For purposes of this policy, "retaliate or retaliation" means an act or communication intended:

(1) as retribution against a person for reporting bullying or hazing; or

(2) to improperly influence the investigation of, or the response to, a report of bullying or hazing.

School Employee – For purposes of this policy, “School employee” means an individual working in the individual’s official capacity as:

(1) a School teacher;
(2) a School staff member;

(3) a School administrator; or

(4) an individual:
(a) who is employed, directly or indirectly, by the School; and
(b) who works on the School’s campus(es).

Staff Bullying – For purposes of this policy, “staff bullying” means a School employee, with the intent to cause harm, repeatedly committing a written, verbal, or physical act against a student or another School employee, or engaging in a single egregious act toward another employee involving an imbalance of power, that:

(1) creates an environment that a reasonable person would find hostile, threatening, or humiliating; and
(2) substantially interferes with a student’s or employee’s educational or professional performance, opportunities, or benefits.

Student Bullying – For purposes of this policy, “student bullying” means one or more students, with the intent to cause harm, repeatedly committing a written, verbal, or physical act against another student, or engaging in a single egregious act toward another student involving an imbalance of power, that:

(1) creates an environment that a reasonable person would find hostile; and
(2) interferes with a student’s educational performance, opportunities, or benefits.

“Student bullying” and “staff bullying” do not mean instances of:

(1) ordinary teasing, horseplay, argument, or peer conflict;
(2) reasonable correction of behavior by a School employee; or
(3) reasonable coaching strategies and techniques by a School employee who is a coach.

Verification – For purposes of this policy, "verification" means that an alleged incident has been found to be substantiated through a formal investigation process done by the School as outlined in this policy.

Volunteer – For purposes of this policy, "volunteer" means a non-employee with significant, unsupervised access to students in connection with a School assignment.

Reporting Prohibited Conduct

Students who have been subjected to or witnessed bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, or retaliation, and students who have witnessed abusive conduct, are strongly encouraged to promptly report such prohibited conduct to any School personnel orally or in writing. School personnel who receive reports of such prohibited conduct must report them to the Principal.

School employees who have been subjected to or witnessed hazing, bullying, cyber-bullying, abusive conduct, or retaliation must report such prohibited conduct to the School's Principal orally or in writing.

Each report of prohibited conduct shall include:

(1) the name of complaining party;

(2) the name of person subjected to the prohibited conduct (if different than complaining party);

(3) the name of perpetrator (if known);

(4) the date and location of the prohibited conduct; and

(5) a statement describing the prohibited conduct, including names of witnesses (if known).

In connection with a report of prohibited conduct, students and School employees may request that their identity be kept anonymous, and reasonable steps shall be taken by the Principal and others involved in the reporting and investigation to maintain the anonymity of such individuals, if possible. School employees must take strong responsive action to prevent retaliation, including assisting students who are subjected to prohibited conduct and his or her parents or guardians in reporting subsequent problems and new instances of prohibited conduct.

The Principal or his/her designee shall promptly make a reasonably thorough investigation of all complaints of prohibited conduct, including, to the extent possible, anonymous reports, and shall, in accordance with the Consequences of Prohibited Behavior section below, administer appropriate discipline to all individuals who violate this policy. Formal disciplinary action is prohibited based solely on an anonymous report.

The Principal may report to OCR all incidents of bullying, hazing, cyber-bullying, abusive conduct, or retaliation that he/she reasonably determines may be violations of a student's or employee's civil rights.

It is the School's policy, in compliance with state and federal law, that students have a limited expectation of privacy on the School's computer equipment and network system, and routine monitoring or maintenance may lead to discovery that a user has violated School policy or law. Also, individual targeted searches will be conducted if there is reasonable suspicion that a user has violated policy or law. Personal electronic devices of any student suspected of violation of this policy will be confiscated for investigation and may be turned over to law enforcement.

Investigation of Alleged Incidents

The School will investigate all allegations of bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, retaliation, and abusive conduct in accordance with this policy and applicable law. The Principal or his/her designee will investigate

such allegations, and the School shall ensure that the investigator is provided adequate training to conduct such an investigation. The Principal or his/her designee will be the point person with training and expertise to assist, direct, and supervise training of other employees in the responsibilities set forth in this paragraph.

The School will investigate these alleged incidents by interviewing:

(1) the individual who was allegedly targeted;

(2) the individual who is alleged to have engaged in the prohibited conduct;

(3) the parents or guardians of the students who were allegedly targeted and the individual who is alleged to have engaged in prohibited conduct;

(4) any witnesses;

(5) School staff familiar with the student who was allegedly targeted;

(6) School staff familiar with the individual who is alleged to have engaged in prohibited conduct; or

(7) Other individuals who may provide additional information.

The individual who investigates an alleged incident will inform an individual being interviewed that (1) to the extent allowed by law, the individual is required to keep all details of the interview confidential; and (2) further reports of bullying will become part of the review. However, the confidentiality requirement described in this paragraph does not apply to conversations with law enforcement, requests for information pursuant to a warrant or subpoena, a state or federal reporting requirement, or other reporting required by R277-613.

In conducting this investigation, the School may (1) review disciplinary reports of involved students; and (2) review physical evidence, including video or audio, notes, email, text messages, social media, or graffiti.

The School shall keep a written record of the date and time individuals were interviewed; which individuals were interviewed (unless the individual requests to remain anonymous); and disciplinary reports and physical evidence reviewed as part of the investigation.

The School will report alleged incidents of bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, retaliation, and abusive conduct to law enforcement when the Principal reasonably determines that the alleged incident may have violated criminal law.

The School shall follow up with the parents or guardians of all parties to:

(1) inform parents or guardians when an investigation is concluded;

(2) inform parents or guardians what safety measures will be in place for their child, as determined by the investigation;

(3) provide additional information about the investigation or the resolution consistent with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, 20 U.S.C. 1232g (“FERPA”); and

(4) inform parents or guardians of the School’s Parent Grievance Policy if the parents or guardians disagree with the resolution of the investigation.

If the investigation results in a verification of an incident of bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, retaliation, or abusive conduct, the School shall create and implement an action plan for each such incident in accordance with Utah Code § 53G-9-605.5 and R277-613.

In addition, following verification of an incident of bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, retaliation, or abusive conduct, the Principal may, if he/she determines it is appropriate:

(1) use accountability practices in accordance with policies established by the School; and

(2) provide supportive services designed to preserve the student's access to educational opportunities and a sense of safety.

However, a student to whom an incident of bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, retaliation, or abusive conduct is directed is not required to participate in a restorative justice practice with an individual who is alleged to have engaged in prohibited conduct. If the School would like any student to participate in a restorative justice practice, the School will notify the student's parent or guardian of the restorative justice practice and obtain consent from the student's parent or guardian before including the student in the process.

Parental Notification

The Principal or his/her designee will timely notify a student's parent or guardian if:

(1) the student threatens suicide; or

(2) the student is involved in an incident (including if the student is subjected to the incident or is the person who caused the incident) and of the action plan to address the incident.

If the Principal or his/her designee believe that a situation exists which presents a serious threat to the well-being of a student, the Principal or his/her designee shall notify the student's parent or guardian without delay, before the end of the school day.

The Principal or his/her designee will attempt to contact the parent or guardian by telephone to provide this notification and to discuss the matter. If the parent or guardian is not available by telephone, the Principal or his/her designee will leave a voicemail and then also provide the parent or guardian the required notification by email.

The Principal or his/her designee will produce and maintain a record that:

(1) verifies that the School notified each parent or guardian as required above. If an in-person meeting takes place, the Principal or his/her designee may ask the parent or guardian to sign the record acknowledging that the notification was provided. If a telephone conversation takes place, the Principal or his/her designee may document on the record such details as the date and time of the telephone call, who was spoken to, and brief notes regarding the notification that was provided and the content of the conversation. If an email is sent, the Principal or his/her designee will retain a copy of the email; and

(2) tracks implementation of the action plan addressing the incident, if applicable.

The School will retain the record for at least as long as the student is enrolled at the School and will provide or expunge the record in accordance with Utah Code § 53G-9-604. The School will maintain the confidentiality of the record in accordance with the state and federal student data privacy laws referenced in Utah Code § 53G-9-604.

In addition to notifying the parent or guardian as set forth above, the Principal or his/her designee will provide the parent or guardian with the following:

(1) suicide prevention materials and information as recommended by the Utah State Board of Education in accordance with Utah Code § 53G-9-604(2)(b);

(2) information on ways to limit a student's access to fatal means, including firearms or medication; and

(3) information and resources on the healthy use of social media and online practices as provided in R277-613.

Action Plan to Address Incidents

Following verification of an incident of bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, retaliation, or abusive conduct, the School shall develop and implement an action plan. The action plan shall include:

(1) with respect to the targeted student and in direct coordination with the student's parent or guardian:
   (a) a tailored response to the incident that addresses the student's needs;
   (b) a mechanism to consider consequences or accommodations the student may need regarding decreased exposure or interactions with the student who caused the incident;
   (c) notification of the consequences and plan to address the behavior of the student who caused the incident, to the extent allowed by FERPA;
   (d) support measures designed to preserve the student's access to educational services and opportunities; and
   (e) to the extent available, access to other resources the parent requests for the student; and

(2) with respect to the student who caused the incident and in direct coordination with the student's parent or guardian:
   (a) a range of tailored and appropriate consequences, making reasonable effort to preserve the student's access to educational services and activities;
   (b) a process to determine and provide any needed resources related to the underlying cause of the incident;
   (c) supportive measures designed to preserve the student's access to educational services and opportunities while protecting the safety and well-being of other students; and
   (d) a process to remove the student from School in an emergency situation, including a description of what constitutes an emergency.

The School may not include in an action plan a requirement that the student to whom the incident was directed change the student's:

(1) educational schedule or placement; or

(2) participation in a School sponsored sport, club, or activity.

The School shall try to involve the parent or guardian of a student who was involved in an incident of bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, retaliation, or abusive conduct in the development and implementation of an action plan. However, if, after the School attempts to involve a parent or guardian in the development and implementation of an action plan, the parent or guardian chooses to not participate in the process, the School may develop and implement an action plan without the parent or guardian's involvement.

Communication Plan

The School shall communicate with the parent or guardian of each student involved in an incident of bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, retaliation, or abusive conduct about the implementation of the action plan. Specifically, the School shall provide regular updates on the implementation of the action plan to each such parent or guardian. The updates shall include:

(1) the outcome of the School's investigation (if not already provided at the conclusion of the investigation);

(2) a discussion of safety considerations for the student who is the subject of the incident; and

(3) an explanation of the School's process for addressing the incident.

The Principal or his/her designee shall oversee the implementation of the action plan, monitor the implementation of the communication plan/requirements within the action plan, and assist the School with case-specific needs when the School is addressing an incident of bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, retaliation, or abusive conduct.

Consequences of Prohibited Behavior

If, after an investigation, a student is found to be in violation of this policy by participating in or encouraging conduct prohibited by this policy, the student shall be disciplined by appropriate measures up to, and including, suspension and expulsion, pursuant to Utah Code § 53G-8-205 and School policy, removal from participation in School activities, and/or discipline in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights (OCR). In determining the appropriate disciplinary or other responsive action for such a student, the School shall consider all relevant circumstances, including the involved students' respective ages and development and maturity levels, the nature and impact of the prohibited conduct, the surrounding circumstances, any prior incidents or patterns of behavior, the relationship between the parties involved, and the extent to which the prohibited conduct disrupted or interfered with the orderly operation of the School. Discipline may only be imposed on a student after appropriate due process has been provided.

If, after an investigation, a School employee is found to be in violation of this policy, the employee shall be disciplined by appropriate measures, which may include termination, reassignment or other appropriate action.

School officials have the authority to discipline students for off-campus or online speech that causes or threatens a substantial disruption to School operations, including violent altercations or a significant interference with a student's educational performance and involvement in School activities.

Grievance Process for School Employees

As explained above, a School employee who has experienced abusive conduct must report the abusive conduct to the School Principal orally or in writing. If the School employee is not satisfied with the Principal or designee's investigation of the abusive conduct and/or the resulting disciplinary action (or recommended disciplinary action) against the perpetrator, the School employee may address/raise the issue in accordance with the School's Staff Grievance Policy.

Grievance Process for Parents and Guardians

A parent or guardian of a student who caused an incident of bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, retaliation, or abusive conduct may appeal one or more of the consequences included in an action plan in accordance with the School's Parent Grievance Policy.

Additional Provisions

The Principal will ensure compliance with OCR regulations when civil rights violations are reported, as follows:

(1) Once the School knows or reasonably should know of possible student-on-student bullying, cyber-bullying, or hazing, the School must take immediate and appropriate action to investigate.

(2) If it is determined that the bullying, cyber-bulling, or hazing of a student did occur as a result of the student's membership in a protected class, the School shall take prompt and effective steps reasonably calculated to:
(a) end the bullying, cyber-bullying, or hazing;
(b) eliminate any hostile environment; and

(c) prevent its recurrence.

(3) These duties are the School's responsibilities even if the misconduct is also covered by a separate anti-bullying policy and regardless of whether the student makes a complaint, asks the School to take action, or identifies the bullying, cyber-bullying, or hazing as a form of discrimination.

The Principal will take reasonable steps to ensure that any person subjected to prohibited conduct will be protected from further hazing, bullying, cyber-bullying, abusive conduct, and retaliation and that any student or School employee who reports such prohibited conduct will be protected from retaliation.

If the Principal believes that any person who was subjected to or who caused conduct prohibited by this policy would benefit from counseling, the Principal may refer such individuals for counseling.

If the Principal believes that it would be in the best interests of the individuals involved, the Principal may involve the parents or guardians of a student who was subjected to or a student who caused hazing, bullying, cyber-bullying, or retaliation in the process of responding to and resolving conduct prohibited by this policy.

Incidents of bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, and retaliation will be reported in the School's student information system as required.

Student Assessment

The Principal or his/her designee will assess the prevalence of bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, and retaliation in the School, specifically locations where students are unsafe and additional adult supervision may be required, such as playgrounds, hallways, and lunch areas.

Training

The Principal will ensure that School students, employees, coaches, and volunteers receive training on bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, retaliation, and abusive conduct from individuals qualified to provide such training. The training shall meet the standards established by the Utah State Board of Education's rules and include information on:

(1) bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, retaliation, and abusive conduct;

(2) discrimination under the following federal laws:
  (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964;
  (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972;
  (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; and
  (d) Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990;

(3) how bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, retaliation, and abusive conduct are different from discrimination and may occur separately from each other or in combination;

(4) how bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, retaliation, and abusive conduct are prohibited based upon race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or religion;

(5) the right of free speech and how it differs for students, employees, and parents or guardians; and

(6) safe digital citizenship.

The training will also complement the suicide prevention program required for students under R277-620 and the suicide prevention training required for licensed educators consistent with Section 53G-9-704(1),

and also include information on when issues relating to R277-613 may lead to student or employee discipline.

The training shall be offered to:

(1) new school employees, coaches, and volunteers within the first year of employment or service;

(2) all School employees, coaches, and volunteers at least once every three years after the initial training; and

(3) all students (regardless of whether they are involved in athletics or extracurricular activities or clubs) at a frequency determined by the Principal.

In addition to the training requirements described above, any student, employee, or volunteer coach participating in a School sponsored athletic program, both curricular and extracurricular, or extracurricular club or activity, shall, prior to participating in the athletic program or activity, participate in bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, retaliation, and abusive conduct prevention training. This training shall be offered to new participants on an annual basis and to all participants at least once every three years. The School will inform student athletes and extracurricular club members of prohibited activities under R277-613 and potential consequences for violation of the law and the rule.
The School will maintain training participant lists or signatures and provide them to the Utah State Board of Education upon request.

Liaison to Utah State Board of Education

The Principal or his/her designee shall act as the School's liaison to the Utah State Board of Education regarding bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, abusive conduct, and retaliation.

Distribution of Policy and Signed Acknowledgement

The School will inform students, parents or guardians, School employees, and volunteers that hazing, bullying, cyber-bullying, abusive conduct, and retaliation are prohibited by distributing a copy of this policy to such individuals annually. A copy of this policy will also be posted on the School's website and included in any student conduct or employee handbooks issued by the School.

On an annual basis, School employees, students who are at least eight years old, and parents or guardians of students shall sign a statement indicating that they have received this policy.

Annual Reporting

In accordance with Utah Code 53G-9-606 and R277-613, the School shall annually report the following information to the Utah State Board of Education on or before June 30:

(1) a copy of this policy;

(2) the School's implementation of the signed statement requirement described in Utah Code § 53G-9-605;

(3) verification of the School's training of its employees relating to bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, retaliation, and abusive conduct described in Utah Code § 53G-9-607;

(4) incidents of student bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, and retaliation; and

(5) the number and type of incidents described in subsection (4) immediately above that include a student who was alleged bullied, cyber-bullied, hazed, or retaliated against based on the student's

actual or perceived characteristics, including disability, race, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity, or sexual orientation, including the federal reporting requirements for civil rights violations.

Bylaws

Adopted: September 26, 2016
Revised: May 8, 2017

AMENDED AND RESTATED BYLAWS
OF
ADVANTAGE ARTS ACADEMY

ARTICLE 1
NAME, PURPOSE

1. The name of the organization is **Advantage Arts Academy** (the "corporation").

2. The corporation was formed to manage, operate, guide, direct and promote the corporation, a Utah Public Charter School. The corporation is organized under the Utah Nonprofit Corporation Act for public purposes and is not organized for the private gain of any person.

ARTICLE II
MEMBERS

The corporation shall have no members. Any action which would otherwise by law require approval by a majority of all members or approval by the members shall require only approval of the Board. All rights which would otherwise by law vest in the members shall vest in the board.

ARTICLE III
MEETINGS OF DIRECTORS

1. **Annual Meeting**. The Board of Directors of the corporation (the "Board") shall hold an annual meeting for the purposes of organization, selection of Directors and officers, and the transaction of other business.

2. **Regular Meetings**. Regular meetings will be held as scheduled by the Board, with a published schedule and proper notice.

3. **Special Meetings**. Special meetings of the Board for any purpose(s) may be called at any time by the President, Secretary, or one-third of the members of the Board.

4. **Electronic Meetings**. In accordance with applicable state law and Board policy, any meeting of the Board may be held by telephone conference or a similar communication method as long as all Board members participating in the meeting can hear one another, and any such participation shall constitute presence in person at the meeting.

5. **Notice**. Special meetings and regular meetings of the Board may be held only after each Director has received notice of at least twenty-four (24) hours by a documentable form of communication.

ARTICLE IV
BOARD OF DIRECTORS, OFFICERS

1. **Board Role, Size, Composition**. The Board is responsible for overall policy and direction of the school and delegates responsibility for day-to-day operations to the Director/Principal and committees established by the Board. The Board shall consist of no fewer than five (5) and no more than seven (7) directors. The Board members shall receive no compensation other than reasonable expenses.

2. **Meetings**. The Board shall meet at an agreed upon time and place.

3. **Terms**. Board members shall serve three (3) year terms. However, in order to ensure that the terms of Board members are staggered to provide continuity in the Board, the terms for the initial Board of Directors shall be as follows: the Board member initially elected to serve as Board President shall serve a five (5) year term; the Board member initially elected to serve as Board Vice President shall serve a four (4) year term; the Board members initially elected to serve as Secretary and Financial Coordinator shall serve three (3) year terms; and Board members not initially elected to Board officer positions shall serve two (2) year terms. Board members are eligible for re-election.

4. **Quorum**. A quorum consists of a majority of the current Board members. A quorum of Board members must be present, in person or by electronic means, at any meeting of the Board before business can be transacted or motions made or passed.

5. **Officers and Duties**. There shall be four officers of the Board consisting of a President, a Vice-President, Secretary, and Financial Coordinator. The officers shall be elected to serve a one (1) year term by a majority vote of the Board at the annual meeting of the Board. The individuals elected to these offices shall hold their respective offices until their resignation, removal or other disqualification from service, or until the expiration of their office's term. No Board member may hold more than one office at any given time. Officers' duties are as follows:

(a) The President shall convene regularly scheduled Board meetings, shall preside or arrange for other members of the executive committee to preside at each meeting in the following order: Vice-President, Secretary and Financial Coordinator.

(b) The Vice-President will chair committees on special subjects as designated by the board.

(c) The Secretary shall be responsible for keeping records of Board actions, including overseeing the taking of minutes at all board meetings, sending out meeting announcements, distributing copies of minutes and the agenda to each Board member, and assuring that corporate records are maintained.

(d) The Financial Coordinator shall ensure a financial report is presented at each Board meeting. The Financial Coordinator shall chair the finance committee, assist in the preparation of the budget, help develop fundraising plans, and make financial information available to Board members and the public.

6. **Vacancies**. Vacancies on the Board will exist (1) on the death, resignation, or dismissal of any member, or (2) when the term of a current Board member has expired.

7. **Board Elections**. In order to fill a vacancy on the Board, the Board will solicit nominations and letters of application from the school community or members of the community at large.

The Board may then elect an approved applicant to fill the vacancy. Board members will be elected by the vote of a majority of the remaining members of the Board.

8. Resignation, Termination and Absences. Resignation from the Board must be in writing and received by the Secretary. If the resignation is effective at a future time, a successor may be selected before such time, to take office when the resignation becomes effective. A Board member may be removed with or without cause by the vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the remaining directors.

ARTICLE V
COMMITTEES

The Board may create committees as needed to fulfill its responsibilities.

ARTICLE VI
DIRECTOR AND STAFF

Director/Principal. The Director/Principal is hired by the Board. The Director/Principal has the day-to-day responsibility of managing the school, including carrying out the school's goals and Board policy. The Director/Principal will attend all Board meetings, report on the progress of the school, answer questions of Board members and carry out the duties described in the job description. The Board can designate other duties as necessary.

ARTICLE VII
INDEMNIFICATION

1. Indemnification of Directors and Corporation Agents. The corporation hereby declares that any person who serves at its request as a Director, officer, employee, Chair, or member of any committee, or on behalf of the organization as a trustee, Director, or officer of another organization, whether for profit or not for profit, shall be deemed the corporation's agent for the purposes of this Article and to the extent allowed by law, shall be indemnified by the corporation against expenses (including attorney's fees), judgment, fines, excise taxes, and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by such person who was or is a party or threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending, or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative by reason of such service, provided such person acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in the best interest of the corporation and, with respect to any criminal action or proceedings, had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful. Except as provided in Article VII, Section 3, below, termination of such action, suit, or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent, shall not of itself create either a presumption that such person did not act in good faith and in a manner which he reasonably believed to be in the best interest of the corporation or, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, a presumption that such person had reasonable cause to believe that his conduct was unlawful.

2. Indemnification Against Liability to the Corporation. No indemnification shall be made with respect to any claim, issue, or matter as to which a person covered by Article VII, Section 1 shall have been adjudged to be liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of his/her duty to the corporation unless and only to the extent that the court in which such action, suit, or proceeding was brought shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of the liability, but in view of all the circumstances of a case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnification for such expenses which such court deems proper.

3. **Indemnification of Criminal Actions**. No indemnification shall be made in respect of any criminal action or proceeding as to which a person covered in Article VII, Section 1 shall have been adjudged to be guilty unless and only to the extent that the court in which such action or proceeding was brought shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of guilt, but in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is entitled to indemnification for such expenses, or fines which such court shall deem proper.

4. **Period of Indemnification**. Any indemnification pursuant to this Article shall: (a) be applicable to acts or omissions which occurred prior to the adoption of this Article, and (b) continue as to any indemnified party who has ceased to be a Director, officer, employee, or agent of the corporation and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs and personal representatives of such indemnified party. The repeal or amendment of all or any portion of these Bylaws which would have the effect of limiting, qualifying, restricting any of the powers or rights of indemnification provided or permitted in this Article shall not solely by reason of such repeal or amendment, eliminate, restrict, or otherwise affect the right or power of the corporation to indemnify any person, or affect any right of indemnification of such person, with respect to any acts or omissions which occurred prior to such repeal or amendment

7. **Advances of Costs and Expenses**. The corporation may pay costs and expenses incurred by a Director, officer, employee or agent in defending a civil or criminal action, suit or proceeding, in advance of the final disposition of the action, suit or proceeding upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the person that he or she shall repay the amount advanced if it is ultimately determined that he or she is not entitled to be indemnified by the corporation as authorized by these Bylaws.

7. **Personal Liabilities of Directors and Officers**. No Director or officer of the corporation shall be personally liable to the corporation for civil claims arising from acts or omissions made in the performance of his or her duties as a Director or officer, unless the acts or omissions are the result of his or her fraud, or malicious or willful misconduct, or the illegal use of alcohol or a controlled substance.

ARTICLE VIII
AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be amended when necessary by the vote of a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Board.

Dated: May 8, 2017.

Capitalization and Expense Policy

Adopted: October 2, 2017
Revised: September 28, 2026

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to allow for accounting to depreciate rather than expense qualified inventory items.

Policy

Items, including associated components necessary to use the item, which (a) have a fair market value over $10,000.00 and (b) have a useful life of more than three (3) years shall be depreciated rather than expensed. The period of time items will be depreciated will be based on the length of the item's useful life.

Cash Handling Policy

Adopted: October 2, 2017
Revised: _____

Policy

Advantage Arts Academy (the "School") adopts this policy to ensure that the School utilizes sound internal controls and properly handles cash received by School personnel.

Policy

The Principal will designate at least two (2) School employees who are authorized to handle cash paid to the School, and only those employees may handle cash for the School. The Principal will ensure that all employees who are authorized to handle cash receive appropriate annual training.

All cash received by the School must be properly documented.

All cash received must be deposited no later than once every three (3) banking days. Two individuals should prepare each deposit using tamper resistant deposit bags.

The Principal may establish additional procedures associated with the handling of cash that are not inconsistent with this policy or applicable laws and regulations.

No School employee should handle cash associated with a non-school-sponsored activity in their capacity as a School employee. In the event such an individual does handle such cash, they must make it clear to the organization sponsoring the activity that they are not acting as a School employee.

Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Policy

Adopted: October 2, 2017
Revised: 09.22.2025

Purpose

Advantage Arts Academy (the "School") takes seriously the legal responsibility of its personnel to protect the physical and psychological well-being of its students. We believe that the School's personnel have an important role to play in the elimination of child abuse because they are in a unique position to observe children over extended periods of time on a daily basis.

Policy

School personnel shall report suspected child abuse and neglect in accordance with Utah Code § 80-2-602, § 53E-6-701, and Utah Administrative Code Rule R277-401. The law provides serious penalties for failure to fulfill one's duty to report.

Whenever any School employee, contracted or temporary employee, or volunteer has reason to believe that a child is, or has been, the subject of abuse, or neglect, or observes a child being subjected to conditions or circumstances which would reasonably result in abuse, or neglect, he/she shall immediately report the suspected abuse or neglect to the nearest peace officer, law enforcement agency, or the Division of Child and Family Services.

In addition, whenever any School employee, contracted or temporary employee, or volunteer has reasonable cause to believe that a student may have been physically or sexually abused by a School employee or volunteer, he/she shall immediately report that belief and all other relevant information to the Director. The Director, after having received such a report or otherwise having his/her own reasonable cause to believe that a student may have been physically or sexually abused by a School employee or volunteer, shall immediately report that information to the Utah State Board of Education.

All reports made regarding child abuse or neglect shall be documented in writing.

The Principal shall establish administrative procedures that comply with the provisions of Utah Code § 53E-6-701, Utah Code § 80-2-602 et seq., and Utah Administrative Rule R277-401 and will help the School's personnel to understand and fulfill their legal responsibilities concerning child abuse and neglect.

Administrative Procedures
Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Procedures

These procedures are established pursuant to the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Policy adopted by the Board of Directors.

1. If a School employee or volunteer ***has reason to believe*** that a child is, or has been, the subject of abuse or neglect, or observes a child being subjected to conditions or circumstances which would reasonably result in such, the person shall immediately make an oral report to the nearest peace officer, law enforcement agency or Division of Child and Family Services ("DCFS"). The person shall also make a report to the School's Director, but the requirement to notify the Director does not satisfy the person's personal duty to report to law enforcement or DCFS.

    a. The oral report to law enforcement or DCFS may be made with the Director present, but must be made by the person making the report.

    b. The reporting person must record the name of the individual and the agency contacted to make the required report.

    c. The reporting person must complete and provide the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Form to the Director within twenty-four (24) hours. The Director will keep the form in a separate file, and it shall not be placed in the student's permanent file. The form should also be sent to the agency to which the oral report was given.

    d. The School will preserve the anonymity of the person making the report and any others involved in any investigation.

2. To determine whether or not there is ***reason to believe*** that abuse or neglect has occurred, school employees may (but are not required to) gather information only to the extent necessary to determine whether a reportable circumstance exists.

    a. Investigations by staff prior to submitting a report shall not go beyond what is minimally necessary to support a reasonable belief that a reportable problem exists.

    b. It is not the responsibility of the Director or any other school employee to prove who the abuser is or that the child has been abused or neglected, or to determine whether the child is in need of protection.

    c. School employees shall not contact the parents, relatives, friends, neighbors, etc. for the purpose of determining the cause of the injury and/or apparent neglect.

    d. School employees shall not conduct interviews with the child or contact the suspected abuser.

    e. Notes of voluntary or spontaneous statements by the child shall be given to the investigational agency.

3. Investigations of reports of abuse for children seventeen (17) years of age and younger are the responsibility of DCFS.

    a. School employees shall not contact the child's parents, relatives, friends, neighbors, etc. for the purpose of determining the cause of the injury and/or apparent neglect.

b. School personnel shall cooperate with DCFS and share all information with DCFS that is relevant to DCFS's investigation of an allegation of abuse or neglect. Additionally, School employees shall cooperate with DCFS and law enforcement employees authorized to investigate reports of alleged child abuse and neglect, including:

i. allowing appropriate access to students;
ii. allowing authorized agency employees to interview children consistent with DCFS and local law enforcement protocols;
iii. making no contact with the parents or legal guardians of children being questioned by DCFS or law enforcement authorities; and
iv. maintaining appropriate confidentiality.

c. If school officials are contacted by parents about child abuse reports, school personnel shall not confirm or deny that a contact or investigation is taking place. A school employee should refer the caller to law enforcement or DCFS.

4. If the suspected perpetrator of child abuse or neglect is a School employee or volunteer, that report shall be made immediately to the Director. The Director shall then immediately report the allegation to the Utah State Board of Education. Steps shall be taken to ensure that further abuse or neglect is prevented by the suspected perpetrator.

5. Persons making reports or participating in good faith in an investigation of alleged child abuse or neglect are immune from any civil or criminal liability that otherwise might arise from those actions, as provided by law.

6. The Director shall annually (a) provide each School employee with the School's Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Policy and Procedures, including a copy of the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Form and (b) notify each School employee of the mandatory reporting requirements of this Policy and Procedure and Utah Code § 53E-6-701 and § 80-2-602.

7. The School, under the direction of the Director, will provide School personnel once every three years with training and instruction on child sexual abuse and human trafficking prevention and awareness, including (a) responding to a disclosure of child sexual abuse in a supportive, appropriate manner; (b) identifying children who are victims or may be at risk of becoming victims of human trafficking or commercial sexual exploitation; (c) the mandatory reporting requirements of this Policy, Utah Code § 53E-6-701 and § 80-2-602; and (d) appropriate responses to incidents of sexual extortion, including connecting victims with support services. Newly hired staff will be provided with the same training and the written policy at the beginning of their employment.

8. The School, under the direction of the Director, will provide the parents or guardians of elementary school students with training and instruction once every three years on child sexual abuse and human trafficking prevention and awareness, including (a) recognizing warning signs of a child who is being sexually abused or who is a victim or may be at risk of becoming a victim of human trafficking or commercial sexual exploitation; (b) effective, age-appropriate methods for discussing the topic of child sexual abuse with a child; and (c) resources available for victims of sexual extortion.

9. The training and distribution of materials will be documented.

10. Educational neglect means that, after receiving a notice of compulsory education violation under Utah Code Section 53G-6-202, the parent or guardian fails to make a good faith effort to ensure that the child receives an appropriate education.

a. When School personnel have reason to believe that a child may be subject to educational neglect, school personnel shall submit the report described in Utah Code Subsection 53G-6-202(8) to DCFS.

b. When School personnel have a reason to believe that a child is subject to both educational neglect and another form of neglect or abuse, School personnel may not wait to report the other form of neglect or abuse pending preparation of a report regarding educational neglect.

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Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Form

Oral report made to Director: Date: _____ Time:_____

Child's Information:
Name: _____ Age: _____ Birth Date:_____Sex:___
Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Information:
Father Name:_____
Father Address:_____
Father Telephone: _____
Mother Name:_____
Mother Address:_____
Mother Telephone: _____
Guardian/Caretaker Name:_____
Guardian/Caretaker Address:_____
Guardian/Caretaker Telephone: _____

Circumstances leading to the suspicion that the child is a victim of abuse or neglect:
_____
_____

Time and date of observations: _____
Additional information: _____
_____

Oral report made to:
Agency: _____
Individual's Name: _____
Date:_____ Time:_____

Written report sent to:
Agency: _____
Individual's Name: _____
Date:_____ Time:_____

Reporting Individual: **Director:**

Name:_____ Name:_____
Signature:_____ Signature:_____
Date: _____ Date: _____

<u>Do not place this form in the student's file.</u>

Civil Rights Policy

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Policy Against Discrimination, Harassment and Sexual Harassment

It is policy of Advantage Arts Academy (the "School") not to discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, national origin, creed, religion, age, marital status, or disability in its educational programs, activities, or employment policies as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. The policy against non-discrimination applies in all aspects of the School's programs and activities, including but not limited to admissions and the administration of discipline.

It shall be a violation of this policy for any student or employee of the School to harass a student or an employee through conduct or communication in any form as defined by this policy or to retaliate against any individual for filing, receiving, investigating, or providing information concerning any complaint alleging violation of a federal civil rights law under this policy.

This policy will be posted on the School's website and distributed as part of the annual online registration process.

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964

Title VI of the Civil Rights Acts of 1964 is a federal law that prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin. In compliance with Title VI, the School prohibits all discriminatory practices, including but not limited to the following:

1. Preventing a person from enrolling in a school, class, or extracurricular school activity based on race, color, or national origin.

2. Arbitrarily placing a student in a school or class with the intent of separating the student from the general population of students because of the student's race, color, or national origin.

3. Setting higher standards or requirements as a prerequisite before allowing minorities to enroll in a school, class, or activity.

4. Unequally applying disciplinary action based on a student's race, color, or national origin.

5. Failing to provide the necessary language assistance to allow limited English proficient students the same opportunity to learn as English proficient students.

6. Administering tests or other evaluative measures, which by design or by grading do not allow minority students the same opportunity to present a true measure of their abilities.

7. Providing advice or guidance to minority with the intent to direct minority students away from schools, classes, or educational activities based on their race, color, or national origin.

8. Providing instructional and related services to minority students that are inferior to those provided to non-minority students.

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 is a federal law that prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in providing educational programs and services.

It is policy of the School not to discriminate against any student, employee, or applicant on the basis of sex. The School will ensure that no student will be excluded from participating in or having access to any course offerings, student athletics, or other school resources based on unlawful discrimination. The School will take all necessary steps to ensure that each employee's work environment is free of unlawful discrimination based on sex. No employee of the School, including any person representing the School, shall intimidate, threaten, harass, coerce, discriminate against, or commit or seek reprisal against anyone who participates in any aspect of the discrimination complaint process associated with this policy.

The School Principal will designate a Title IX Coordinator and provide notice of the name and contact information on the School's website and otherwise as appropriate.

<u>Response to Sexual Harassment</u>

The School will respond promptly in a manner that is not deliberately indifferent to any actual knowledge of sexual harassment in its educational program.

Therefore, in the event of any actual knowledge of sexual harassment, the Title IX Coordinator will promptly contact the complainant to discuss the availability of supportive measures, consider the complainant's wishes with respect to supportive measures, inform the complainant of the availability of supportive measures with or without the filing of a formal complaint, and explain to the complainant the process for filing a formal complaint.

The School will thereafter treat complainants and respondents equitably by offering

supportive measures to a complainant and by following the grievance process defined below for formal complaints of sexual harassment.

"Actual knowledge" means notice of sexual harassment or allegations of sexual harassment to the School's Title IX Coordinator or any official of the School who has authority to institute corrective measures on behalf of the School, or to any employee of the School. Imputation of knowledge based solely on vicarious liability or constructive notice is insufficient to constitute actual knowledge. This standard is not met when the only official of the School with actual knowledge is the respondent. The mere ability or obligation to report sexual harassment or to inform a student about how to report sexual harassment, or having been trained to do so, does not qualify an individual as one who has authority to institute corrective measures on behalf of the School. "Notice" as used in this paragraph includes, but is not limited to, a report of sexual harassment to the Title IX Coordinator.

"Complainant" means an individual who is alleged to be the victim of conduct that could constitute sexual harassment.

"Respondent" means an individual who has been reported to be the perpetrator of conduct that could constitute sexual harassment.

"Sexual harassment" means conduct on the basis of sex that satisfies one or more of the following:
(a) An employee of the School conditioning the provision of an aid, benefit, or service of the School on an individual's participation in unwelcome sexual conduct;
(b) Unwelcome conduct determined by a reasonable person to be so severe, pervasive, and objectively offensive that it effectively denies a person equal access to the Schools education program; or
(c) "Sexual assault" as defined by 20 U.S.C. 1092(f)(6)(A)(v), "dating violence" as defined in 34 U.S.C. 12291(a)(10), "domestic violence" as defined in 34 U.S.C. 12291(a)(8), or "stalking" as defined in 34 U.S.C. 12291(a)(30).

"Supportive measures" are individualized services reasonably available that are non-punitive, non-disciplinary, and not unreasonably burdensome to the other party while designed to ensure equal educational access, protect safety, or deter sexual harassment. The School will make supportive measures available to complainants and respondents, as appropriate, which may include measures such as:

- No-contact orders
- Leaves of absence
- Class schedule changes, teacher reassignment, or other academic adjustments
- Increased monitoring of certain areas

Personnel; Training Requirements

No individual designated by the School as a Title IX Coordinator, investigator, decision-maker, or the facilitator of an informal resolution process will have a conflict of interest

or bias for or against complainants or respondents generally or an individual complainant or respondent.

The School will ensure that any individual designated by the School as a Title IX Coordinator, investigator, decision-maker, or the facilitator of an informal resolution process will receive training on the applicable definition of sexual harassment; the scope of the School's educational program and activities; how to conduct an investigation and grievance process including hearings, appeals, and informal resolution processes, as applicable; and how to serve impartially, including by avoiding prejudgment of the facts at issue, conflicts of interest, and bias.

The School will ensure that investigators receive training on issues of relevance to create an investigative report that fairly summarizes relevant evidence.

Any materials used to train a Title IX Coordinator, investigator, decision-maker, or the facilitator of an informal resolution process must not rely on sex stereotypes and must promote impartial investigations and adjudications of formal complaints of sexual harassment.

Grievance Process Time Frames

The School will promptly carry out the grievance process for formal complaints of sexual harassment. Unless reasonable cause exists, the School will conclude the grievance process of a formal complaint of sexual harassment within forty-five (45) calendar days of receipt of a formal complaint. Informal resolution processes will be concluded within forty-five (45) calendar days of when the School obtains the parties' voluntary, written consent to the informal resolution process.

The grievance process for formal complaints of sexual harassment may be temporarily delayed, and time frames may be extended by the School for good cause with written notice to the complainant and the respondent that describes the reasons for the delay or extension. Good cause may include considerations such as the absence of a party, a party's advisor, or a witness; concurrent law enforcement activity; or the need for language assistance or accommodation of disabilities.

Notice of Formal Complaints of Sexual Harassment

Upon receipt of a formal complaint of sexual harassment, the School will provide the following written notice to the parties who are known:

(a) Notice of the School's grievance process for formal complaints, including any informal resolution process;

(b) Notice of allegations of sexual harassment potentially constituting sexual harassment as defined in 34 C.F.R. § 106.30, including sufficient details known at the time and with sufficient time for the respondent to prepare a response before any initial

review. Sufficient details include the identities of the parties involved in the incident, if known; the conduct allegedly constituting sexual harassment under 34 C.F.R. § 106.30; and the date and location of the alleged incident, if known.

The written notice will include a statement that the respondent is presumed not responsible for the alleged conduct and that a determination regarding responsibility is made at the conclusion of the grievance process.

The written notice will inform the parties that they may have an advisor of their choice, who may be, but is not required to be, an attorney, and may inspect and review evidence.

The written notice will inform the parties that they are prohibited from knowingly making false statements or knowingly submitting false information during the grievance process.

If, during the course of an investigation, the School decides to investigate allegations about the complainant or respondent that are not included in the notice provided above, the School will provide notice of the additional allegations to the parties whose identities are known.

Grievance Process for Formal Complaints of Sexual Harassment

A "formal complaint" means a document, including an electronic submission, filed by a complainant or signed by the Title IX Coordinator alleging sexual harassment against a respondent and requesting that the recipient investigate the allegation of sexual harassment. Formal complaints should be filed with the Title IX Coordinator.

In response to a formal complaint of sexual harassment, the School will follow the grievance process set forth below and in accordance with 34 C.F.R. § 106.45. The grievance process for formal complaints will treat complainants and respondents equitably. Before the imposition of any disciplinary sanctions or other actions that are not supportive measures against a respondent in connection with a formal complaint, the School will follow this policy and applicable legal requirements.

The grievance process for formal complaints will provide remedies to a complainant where a determination of responsibility has been made against the respondent. Such remedies may include the same individualized services included in the supportive measures. However, such remedies need not be non-disciplinary or non-punitive and need not avoid burdening the respondent.

The grievance process for formal complaints will involve an objective evaluation of all relevant evidence, including both inculpatory and exculpatory evidence, and provide that credibility determinations may not be based on a person's status as a complainant, respondent, or witness.

The grievance process for formal complaints will be conducted with a presumption that

the respondent is not responsible for the alleged conduct until a determination regarding responsibility is made at the conclusion of the grievance process.

Following a determination of responsibility for sexual harassment, the School will take prompt remedial action, including appropriate disciplinary actions. These actions may include, for a respondent who is a student, disciplinary actions in accordance with the School's Student Conduct and Discipline Policy, which may include suspension or expulsion. These actions may include, for a respondent who is an employee, discipline up to and including termination.

The standard of evidence to be used to determine responsibility is the preponderance of the evidence standard. This standard will be applied to all formal complaints of sexual harassment, including formal complaints against both students and employees.

The grievance process for formal complaints will not require, allow, rely upon, or otherwise use questions or evidence that constitute, or seek disclosure of, information protected under a legally recognized privilege, unless the person holding such privilege has waived the privilege.

The School will investigate the allegations in a formal complaint of sexual harassment. If the conduct alleged in the formal complaint would not constitute sexual harassment as defined in 34 C.F.R. § 106.30 even if proved, did not occur in the School's educational program, or did not occur against a person in the United States, then the School must dismiss the formal complaint with regard to that conduct for purposes of sexual harassment under Title IX. Such a dismissal does not preclude action under another provision of the School's policies.

The School may also dismiss a formal complaint of sexual harassment, or any allegations in the complaint, if at any time during the investigation (a) a complainant notifies the Title IX Coordinator in writing that the complainant would like to withdraw the formal complaint or any allegations therein; (b) the respondent is no longer enrolled or employed by the School; or (c) specific circumstances prevent the School from gathering evidence sufficient to reach a determination as to the formal complaint or allegations therein.

Upon dismissal of a formal complaint of sexual harassment as provided above, the School will promptly send written notice of the dismissal and reason(s) therefore simultaneously to the parties.

The School may consolidate formal complaints as to allegations of sexual harassment against more than one respondent, or by more than one complainant against one or more respondents, or by one party against the other party, where the allegations of sexual harassment arise out of the same facts or circumstances.

When investigating a formal complaint of sexual harassment and throughout the grievance process, the School will do the following:

(a) Ensure that the burden of proof and the burden of gathering evidence sufficient to reach a determination regarding responsibility rest on the School and not on the parties provided that the School cannot access, consider, disclose, or otherwise use medical and psychological records of the party without the party's consent, as provided in 34 C.F.R. § 106.45(b)(5)(i);

(b) Provide an equal opportunity for the parties to present witnesses, including fact and expert witnesses, and other inculpatory and exculpatory evidence;

(c) Not restrict the ability of either party to discuss the allegations under investigation or to gather and present relevant evidence;

(d) Provide the parties with the same opportunities to have others present during any grievance proceeding, including the opportunity to be accompanied to any related meeting or proceeding by the advisor of their choice, who may be, but is not required to be, an attorney, and not limit the choice or presence of advisor for either the complainant or respondent in any meeting or grievance proceeding; however, the School may establish restrictions regarding the extent to which the advisor may participate in the proceedings, as long as the restrictions apply equally to both parties;

(e) Provide, to a party whose participation is invited or expected, written notice of the date, time, location, participants, and purpose of all hearings, investigative interviews, or other meetings, with sufficient time for the party to prepare to participate;

(f) Provide both parties an equal opportunity to inspect and review any evidence obtained as part of the investigation that is directly related to the allegations raised in a formal complaint, including the evidence upon which the recipient does not intend to rely in reaching a determination regarding responsibility and inculpatory or exculpatory evidence whether obtained from a party or other source, so that each party can meaningfully respond to the evidence prior to conclusion of the investigation. Prior to completion of the investigative report, the School will send to each party and the party's advisor, if any, the evidence subject to inspection and review in an electronic format or a hard copy, and the parties will have at least ten (10) days to submit a written response, which the investigator will consider prior to completion of the investigative report. The School will make all such evidence subject to the parties' inspection and review available at any hearing to give each party equal opportunity to refer to such evidence during the hearing, including for purposes of cross-examination; and

(g) Create an investigative report that fairly summarizes relevant evidence and, at least ten (10) days prior to the time of determination regarding responsibility, send to each party and the party's advisor, if any, the investigative report in an electronic format or a hard copy, for their review and written response.

The School will not conduct a hearing on formal complaints of sexual harassment. After the School has sent the investigative report as provided above and before reaching a

determination regarding responsibility, the decision-maker(s) will afford each party the opportunity to submit written, relevant questions that a party wants asked of any party or witness, provide each party with the answers provided, and allow for additional, limited follow-up questions from each party. Questions and evidence about the complainant's sexual predisposition or prior sexual behavior are not relevant, unless such questions and evidence about the complainant's prior sexual behavior are offered to prove that someone other than the respondent committed the conduct alleged by the complainant, or if the questions and evidence concern specific incidents of the complainant's prior sexual behavior with respect to the respondent and are offered to prove consent. The decision-maker(s) will explain to the party proposing the questions any decision to exclude a question as not relevant.

The decision-maker(s), who cannot be the same person(s) as the Title IX Coordinator or the investigator(s), must issue a written determination regarding responsibility. To reach this determination, the School must apply the standard of evidence described above. The written determination must include the following:

(a) Identification of the allegations potentially constituting sexual harassment as defined in 34 C.F.R. § 106.30;

(b) A description of the procedural steps taken from the receipt of the formal complaint through the determination, including any notifications to the parties, interviews with parties and witnesses, site visits, methods used to gather other evidence, and hearings held;

(c) Findings of fact supporting the determination;

(d) Conclusions regarding the application of the School's policies to the facts;

(e) A statement of, and rationale for, the result as to each allegation, including a determination regarding responsibility, any disciplinary sanctions the School imposes on the respondent, and whether remedies designed to restore or preserve equal access to the School's education program will be provided by the School to the complainant; and

(f) The School's procedures and permissible bases for the complainant and respondent to appeal.

The School will provide the written determination to the parties simultaneously. The determination regarding responsibility becomes final either on the date that the School provides the parties with the written determination of the result of an appeal, if an appeal is filed, or if an appeal is not filed, the date on which an appeal would no longer be considered timely.

The Title IX Coordinator (and the School Principal, if the Title IX Coordinator is not the School Principal) is responsible for effective implementation of any remedies.

Nothing in this Policy precludes the School from removing a respondent from the School's education program or activity on an emergency basis, provided that the School undertakes an individualized safety and risk analysis, determines that an immediate threat to the physical health or safety of any student or other individual arising from the allegations of sexual harassment justifies removal, and provides the respondent with notice and an opportunity to challenge the decision immediately following the removal. This provision may not be construed to modify any rights under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, or the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Nothing in this this Policy precludes the School from placing a non-student employee respondent on administrative leave during the pendency of a grievance process under this Policy. This provision may not be construed to modify any rights under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 or the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Appeals

The School will offer both parties an appeal from a determination regarding responsibility, and from the School's dismissal of a formal complaint of any allegations therein, on the following bases: (a) Procedural irregularity that affected the outcome of the matter; (b) New evidence that was not reasonably available at the time the determination regarding responsibility or dismissal was made, that could affect the outcome of the matter; and (c) The Title IX Coordinator, investigator(s), or decision-maker(s) had a conflict of interest or bias for or against complainants or respondents generally or the individual complainant or respondent that affected the outcome of the matter.

Appeals must be submitted to the Title IX Coordinator in writing within ten (10) business days of receipt of the written determination regarding responsibility.

As to all appeals, the School will (a) Notify the other party in writing within five (5) business days when an appeal is filed and implement appeal procedures equally for both parties; (b) Ensure that the decision-maker(s) for the appeal is not the same person as the decision-maker(s) that reached the determination regarding responsibility or dismissal, the investigator(s), or the Title IX Coordinator; (c) Ensure that the decision-maker(s) for the appeal complies with the standards for decision-makers set forth above and in in 34 C.F.R. § 106.45(b)(1)(iii); (d) Give both parties a reasonable, equal opportunity to submit, within ten (10) business days, a written statement in support of, or challenging, the outcome; (e) Issue, within ten (10) business days of receipt of both parties' written statements, a written decision describing the result of the appeal and the rationale for the result; and (f) Provide the written decision simultaneously to both parties.

Informal Resolution

The School will not require as a condition of enrollment or continuing enrollment, or

employment or continuing employment, or enjoyment of any other right, waiver of the right to an investigation and adjudication of formal complaints of sexual harassment as provided above. Similarly, the School will not require parties to participate in an informal resolution process and may not offer an informal resolution process unless a formal complaint is filed.

However, at any time prior to reaching a determination regarding responsibility the School may facilitate an informal resolution process, such as mediation, that does not involve a full investigation and adjudication, provided that the School:

(i) Provides to the parties a written notice disclosing: the allegations; the requirements of the informal resolution process, including the circumstances under which it precludes the parties from resuming a formal complaint arising from the same allegations, provided, however, that at any time prior to agreeing to a resolution, any party has the right to withdraw from the informal resolution process and resume the grievance process with respect to the formal complaint; and any consequences resulting from participating in the informal resolution process, including the records that will be maintained or could be shared;

(ii) Obtains the parties' voluntary, written consent to the informal resolution process; and

(iii) Does not offer or facilitate an informal resolution process to resolve allegations that an employee sexually harassed a student.

Recordkeeping

The School will maintain for a period of seven years records of:

(a) Each sexual harassment investigation including any determination regarding responsibility and any audio or audiovisual recording or transcript required, any disciplinary sanctions imposed on the respondent, and any remedies provided to the complainant designed to restore or preserve equal access to the School's education program;

(b) Any appeal and the result therefrom;

(c) Any informal resolution and the result therefrom; and

(d) All materials used to train Title IX Coordinators, investigators, decision-makers, and any person who facilitates an informal resolution process. The School will make these training materials publicly available on its website.

For each response to sexual harassment required above and under 34 C.F.R. § 106.44, the School will create, and maintain for a period of seven years, records of any actions, including any supportive measures, taken in response to a report or formal complaint of

sexual harassment. In each instance, the School will document the basis for its conclusion that its response was not deliberately indifferent, and document that it has taken measures designed to restore or preserve equal access to the School's education program. If the School does not provide a complainant with supportive measures, then the School will document the reasons why such a response was not clearly unreasonable in light of the known circumstances. The documentation of certain bases or measures does not limit the School in the future from providing additional explanations or detailing additional measures taken.

Retaliation

The School and its personnel will not intimidate, threaten, coerce, or discriminate against any individual for the purpose of interfering with any right or privilege secured by Title IX or its regulations, or because the individual has made a report or complaint, testified, assisted, or participated or refused to participate in any manner in an investigation, proceeding, or hearing. Intimidation, threats, coercion, or discrimination, including charges against an individual for policy violations that do not involve sex discrimination or sexual harassment, but arise out of the same facts or circumstances as a report or complaint of sex discrimination, or a report or formal complaint of sexual harassment, for the purpose of interfering with any right or privilege secured by Title IX or its regulations, constitutes retaliation. The School will keep confidential the identity of any individual who has made a report or complaint of sex discrimination, including any individual who has made a report or filed a formal complaint of sexual harassment, any complainant, any individual who has been reported to be the perpetrator of sex discrimination, any respondent, and any witness, except as may be permitted by the FERPA statute, 20 U.S.C. 1232g, or FERPA regulations, 34 CFR part 99, or as required by law, or to carry out the purposes of 34 CFR part 106, including the conduct of any investigation, hearing, or judicial proceeding arising thereunder. Complaints alleging retaliation may be filed according to the School's grievance procedures for sex discrimination.

The exercise of rights protected under the First Amendment does not constitute prohibited retaliation.

Charging an individual with a policy violation for making a materially false statement in bad faith in the course of a grievance proceeding does not constitute prohibited retaliation, provided, however, that a determination regarding responsibility, alone, is not sufficient to conclude that any party made a materially false statement in bad faith.

Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 are federal laws that prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability. The School does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission or access to, or treatment or

employment in, its programs and activities. Because of the affirmative obligation under Section 504 to provide a free appropriate public education as well as to avoid harassment and discrimination based on disability, the School Principal may establish additional procedures regarding issues related to compliance with Section 504.

Other Complaint Procedures

Any person who believes he or she has been the victim of discrimination or harassment by another student or an employee of the School, or any third person with knowledge of conduct that may constitute discrimination or harassment should immediately report the alleged acts to the School principal. Notice of sexual harassment should be given to the Title IX Coordinator designated by the School Principal.

If the complaint is against the School Principal, the complaint should be submitted to the president of the School's Board of Directors.

The School is committed to investigating all complaints of discrimination or harassment under federal civil rights laws and will take action to stop any harassment or discrimination that is discovered.

The Principal will establish a process for handling complaints alleging harassment or discrimination under federal civil rights laws that complies with applicable legal requirements.

Any complaints related to the School's lunch program will be reported to the Utah State Office of Education, Child Nutrition Programs.

Compliance Officer

The School Principal is the designated compliance officer for all federal civil rights matters under any of the foregoing federal laws and shall coordinate the School's efforts to comply with federal civil rights laws. Any questions concerning this policy should be directed to the School's principal.

Concussion and Head Injury Policy

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Policy

The purpose of this policy is to protect the safety and health of Advantage Arts Academy (the "School") students. The School recognizes that concussions and head injuries are commonly reported injuries in children and adolescents who participate in sports and other recreational activities. The School acknowledges that the risk of serious injuries is significant when a concussion or head injury is not properly evaluated and managed, especially when the individual continues to participate in physical activities after the injury.

Accordingly, the School will comply with the provisions of Utah Code § 26-53-101 through -301 and R277-614 regarding the protection of athletes with head injuries. In order to protect the health and safety of its students, the School directs the Principal to establish administrative procedures consistent with this policy and applicable law.

Conflict of Interest Policy

Adopted: October 2, 2017
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Purpose

The purpose of this Conflict of Interest Policy is to protect Advantage Arts Academy (the "School") when it contemplates any transaction or arrangement that could benefit the private interest of an officer or director of the School. This policy is intended to supplement but not replace any applicable state and federal laws governing conflict of interest applicable to nonprofit or charitable organizations or charter schools organized and operating in the State of Utah.

Policy

Compensation

A director shall not have any direct or indirect pecuniary interest in a contract or other arrangement with the School. A director shall not furnish directly and for compensation any labor, equipment, or supplies to the School.

Duty to Disclose

In connection with any actual or possible conflict of interest, an interested person must disclose the existence of a pecuniary or financial interest in any contract or other arrangement with the School. An "interested person" is any director who has a direct or indirect financial interest in a contract or other arrangement with the School. A person has a financial interest if the person has, directly or indirectly, through business, investment, or family: (i) an ownership or investment interest in any entity with which the School has a transaction or arrangement; (ii) a compensation arrangement with the School or with any entity or individual with which the School has a transaction or arrangement, or; (iii) a potential ownership or investment interest in, or compensation arrangement with, any entity or individual with which the School is negotiating a transaction or arrangement. Compensation includes direct or indirect remuneration as well as gifts or favors that are not insubstantial.

Conflict of Interest Determination

After disclosure of the financial interest to the Board of Directors and discussion of all material facts, the interested person shall leave the meeting while the Board discusses the situation and determines whether a conflict of interest exists. The interested person must abstain from voting on the issue.

The meeting minutes shall contain the names of the persons who disclosed or otherwise were found to have a financial interest in connection with an actual or possible conflict of interest, the nature of the financial interest, the names of all directors present at the meeting, and a record of any action taken by the Board.

Credit Card Policy

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Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to authorize the Principal to obtain credit cards for employees of Advantage Arts Academy (the "School") and to establish procedures for use of credit cards to make purchases for the School.

Policy

Credit Card Account

Academica West has established a corporate credit card account under which the School can have individual credit cards issued for authorized School employees.

The School will be billed monthly for charges associated with purchases made with cards issued to School employees. The School will be responsible for full payment of all such charges each month and will reimburse Academica West for any costs associated with unpaid charges from purchases by School employees.

The total credit limit for all cards issued to School employees will be $10,000. However, in the event a purchase needs to be made that exceeds this amount, the credit limit may be temporarily increased to $15,000 with the approval of the Principal, Board Chair, and Board Financial Coordinator in order to make the purchase and then decreased back to the normal limit as soon as practicable.

Procedures for Issuing Cards

The Principal will be issued a credit card and may authorize other School employees to receive credit cards. The Principal will coordinate the issuance of credit cards to School employees with Academica West.

The Principal will ensure that all employees to whom cards are issued are aware of and receive appropriate training regarding the policies and procedures applicable to their use of the card.

Procedures for Making Purchases

School credit cards issued to School employees under this policy may only be used for legitimate business purposes. School credit cards may not be used for cash advances or ATM transactions for any reason. School credit cards may not be used for the

purchase of alcohol. School credit cards are not intended for purchases that can otherwise be paid for by check using standard payment methods, including purchases from vendors that do not accept checks, purchases during travel, or emergency purchases.

The person to whom a School credit card is issued and whose name is on the card (the "cardholder") is solely responsible for all purchases on the card and for ensuring that the credit card number is not used by unauthorized personnel. As such, the cardholder shall not share their card number with anyone. In addition, the credit card should not be stored in an online account that anyone other than the cardholder has access to.

All purchases with a School credit card must be authorized in accordance with the School's Purchasing and Disbursement Policy and must comply with all applicable procurement requirements. Documentation of purchase approvals will be retained.

The cardholder is responsible for receiving, printing and retaining all receipts related to purchases made with the School credit card. The cardholder shall label all receipts with a description of what it is for to ensure proper coding. All receipts must be submitted to Academica West within one week of the closing date of the account statement.

Upon the termination of a cardholder's employment for any reason, their School credit card must be cancelled immediately and returned to the Principal.

All purchases made with School credit cards will be reconciled by Academica West monthly in order to ensure that all receipts are present and that all purchases have been made in accordance with School policies.

Violation of policies and procedures regarding use of School credit cards, including not retaining documentation of purchases or making personal purchases, may result in card cancellation, disciplinary action, or criminal prosecution. If the School disputes a purchase made with the School credit card, the School may dispute the charge and may hold the cardholder responsible for the charge.

The Principal and Academica West will develop an internal review plan to periodically select School credit card statements to verify that School policies and procedures are being followed and that purchases are appropriate, documented, and coded to the proper funding sources.

If a School credit card is lost or stolen, the cardholder must immediately contact the Principal, and the Principal will notify Academica West to have the card cancelled.

Credit Evaluation Standards and Guidelines Policy

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Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure equity and fairness to all students when evaluating credit earned at institutions other than Advantage Arts Academy (the "School") and to be in compliance with Utah State Rule R277-705-3.

Policy

1. Pursuant with Utah Code § 53A-13-108.5, the School shall accept student credit and grades at face value from public and non-public schools accredited by Northwest Accreditation Commission ("NAC") and by regional or third party accrediting associations recognized by NAC.

2. Requests for acceptance of credit from a school that is not accredited will be referred to the Credit Evaluation Committee for credit determination. The School's Credit Evaluation Committee findings will be based on the following forms of evidence:

    a. Course title and description
    b. List of instructional materials used
    c. Student achievement (progress)
        i. Formative evaluations (sample)
        ii. Summative evaluations (sample)
    d. Correlation of course objectives with the Utah State Core Curriculum standards and objectives
    e. Course length and student attendance
        i. Number of days the class met
        ii. Normal class length
        iii. Number of classes attended by the student
    f. Grading criteria used
    g. Teacher name, qualifications, certifications, endorsements, etc.
    h. Course requirements for credit (representative sample of student work)
    i. Copy of student records
    j. In addition to the forms of evidence listed above, students seeking credit may be required to demonstrate competency through end-of-level testing approved by the School in areas where competency tests are available.

3. The School will have the final decision-making authority for the awarding of credit and grades from non-accredited sources consistent with state law and due process.

4. Costs associated with the determination of credit, including competency level testing, will be borne by the parent/guardian of the student requesting credit consideration.

5. Students released for home instruction do not earn School credits. If students re-enter the School, requests for credit for home instruction studies will be evaluated under the provisions of this policy.

Donations and Fundraising Policy

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Policy

Although Advantage Arts Academy (the "School") does not typically engage directly in fundraising, it may do so on certain occasions in order to help advance the School's mission. The School encourages the contributions of gracious donors who have the resources and the inclination to make donations for the benefit of the School and its students. This policy establishes guidelines and standards for the School's acceptance of donations and gifts as well as for when the School engages in or sponsors fundraising activities.

Donations and Gifts

The School may not transfer or expend donated property in a manner contrary to donor restrictions imposed as a condition of making the donation. The Principal is also responsible for ensuring that donor restrictions of accepted donations are complied with and that compliance can be verified. The Principal will ensure that charitable donation receipts are provided to donors as necessary.

The Principal must approve voluntary donations from private individual or organization in excess of $1,000 and any donation involving donor restrictions prior to accepting the donation. The Board of Directors must approve any voluntary donations from private individual or organization in excess of $10,000. The School may not accept donations with the condition that the donation provide direct benefit to specific School employees, students, vendors, or service providers, or that the School purchase a specific brand of goods with the donated funds.

If advertising or other services are offered to a donor in exchange for a donation or gift, the School will objectively value the donation or gift in order to ensure the School receives at least fair value.

The Principal must ensure that any applicable fiscal policies of the School are complied with in connection with donations. The School will comply with other applicable laws and regulations, including but not limited to procurement requirements, rules related to construction of improvements, IRS regulations, and Title IX requirements.

Fundraising

Fundraising is defined as an organized effort to solicit individuals, businesses or foundations for money or in-kind gifts to be given directly to the School.

For the purposes of this policy, "school sponsored" means activities that are expressly authorized by the School's Principal or Board of Directors that support the School or authorized curricular clubs, activities, sports, classes, or programs that are themselves school sponsored. School-sponsored activities must be managed or supervised by School employees. Activities sponsored by the School's parent organization are not school-sponsored activities, but the parent organization may be involved in and provided assistance in connection with school-sponsored activities.

The following guidelines must be followed in connection with School fundraising:

1. The fundraising activity must be undertaken with the intent of obtaining a benefit consistent with the School's mission.
2. The fundraising activity must not violate the School's charter, Board policies, or applicable law.
3. Proposals for fundraising activities must be submitted to the School's Principal for approval.
4. The Principal may restrict the time, place, and manner of any approved fundraising activity.
5. Fundraising activities should be planned and scheduled in a manner that does not create conflict, confusion, or excessive fundraising pressures on students, families or potential donors.
6. Fundraising activities that may expose the School to risk of financial loss or liability if the activity is not successful should not be approved.
7. The participation of School employees, students and parents in any fundraising activity must be voluntary. However, School employees may be assigned to supervise students in connection with School-sponsored fundraising activities in connection with their employment. Such employees may be compensated for such work as appropriate as determined by the Principal.
8. Students may not be required to participate in a fundraising activity as a condition for belonging to a team, club or group, and a student's fundraising efforts may not affect his or her participation time or standing in any team, club or group.
9. Competitive enticements for student participation in fundraising efforts are generally discouraged, and any such rewards or prizes must be approved by the Principal.
10. The Principal will ensure that the School's Fee Waiver Policy is complied with in connection with all School-sponsored fundraising activities that involve fees. Any fee waivers must be granted in accordance with the Fee Waiver Policy.

11. All funds raised through school-sponsored fundraising activities are considered public funds and will be handled accordingly. The Principal will ensure that all other applicable fiscal policies are complied with in connection with fundraising activities.
12. Any fundraising activities that are related to the School but not school sponsored, such as fundraising activities of the parent organization, should clearly inform School patrons that the activity is not school sponsored. School employees may participate in such activities as volunteers but must not represent that they are acting as employees or representatives of the School.
13. The Principal will ensure that charitable donation receipts are provided as necessary.
14. The School's employer identification number and sales tax exemption number may only be used by School personnel in connection with school-sponsored activities. No other entity, including the School's parent organization, may use these numbers.
15. Any School employee involved in managing or overseeing non-School-sponsored fundraising must disclose to the Principal any financial or controlling interest in or access to bank accounts of the fundraising organization or company.
16. The School may cooperate with outside entities such as the parent organization in connection with non-school-sponsored fundraising activities. The School may allow these groups to use School facilities at little or no charge. At the Principal's discretion, the School may provide some level of support or pay for portions of these activities. The details of the arrangements for non-school-sponsored fundraising activities shall be understood and agreed to by the Principal and the representatives of the outside entity. This must take into consideration the School's fiduciary responsibility for the management and use of public funds and assets.
17. The School is committed to principles of gender equity and compliance with Title IX guidance. The School commits to use all facilities, unrestricted gifts and other available funds in harmony with these principles. The School reserves the right to decline or restrict donations, gifts, and fundraising proceeds, including those that might result in gender inequity or a violation of Title IX. Fundraising opportunities should be equitable for all students, comply with Title IX, and be in harmony with Article X of the Utah Constitution.

The Principal will ensure that School employees receive appropriate training in connection with these policies. Training shall be provided at least annually to employees whose job duties are affected by the School's fiscal policies.

The Board will review this policy periodically and as necessary to ensure that adequate controls are in place.

Dress Code Policy

Adopted: October 2, 2017
Revised: _____

Purpose

Advantage Arts Academy (the "School") believes that a mandatory school dress code helps enhance the school environment and that it promotes safety and an atmosphere conducive to appropriate discipline with a minimum need for ongoing intervention, thereby increasing learning opportunities for students by removing many of the distractions and negative or disruptive connotations associated with various types of clothing.

Policy

The Principal will assemble a committee to determine the School's dress code. The dress code should be supportive of the purposes set forth above, yet easily understood by parents and students and not overly complicated, restrictive or burdensome to families. The dress code committee may modify the dress code from year to year in order to address changes in style and other factors. However, the key provisions of the dress code, including allowable pant and shirt colors and styles, should typically remain largely consistent from year to year in order to avoid placing undue burden on families.

All students of the School are required to comply with the dress code. Parents are responsible for ensuring that their children wear the appropriate clothing to school.

Dual Enrollment Policy

Adopted: October 2, 2017
Revised: _____

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to articulate Advantage Arts Academy's (the "School") position on the dual enrollment of private school and home schooled students in the School.

Policy

Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. § 53A-11-102.5, students may be dually enrolled in both the School and in a private school or home school under the conditions set forth herein.

A parent seeking to dually enroll a student must certify that the student will receive instruction (a) in the subjects the State Board of Education requires to be taught in public schools and (b) for the same length of time as minors are required to receive instruction in public schools, as provided by rules of the State Board of Education.

All students of the School must be enrolled in the School for at least ¾ of each school day. Therefore, no student of the School will be allowed to dually enroll if they do not plan to attend at least ¾ of each school day.

Requests for dual enrollment should be provided to the Principal using the Application for Home School Dual Enrollment.

Students who are dually enrolled in the School and in a private school or home school will only take the state standardized tests and other assessments for the subjects for which they receive instruction at the School.

Effective Educator Standards

Adopted: November 4, 2019

Purpose

Advantage Arts Academy (the "School") believes that each of its students should have the opportunity to learn from an effective educator. The School tries to recruit, prepare, and retain effective educators as a way in which to boost the academic success of its students. The purpose of this policy is to help ensure that the School's licensed educators meet the Utah Effective Educator Standards applicable to them as set forth in Utah Administrative Code Rule R277-530.

Policy

Application of Effective Educator Standards

The Effective Educator Standards in Utah Administrative Code Rule R277-530 are comprised of three separate sets of standards: Effective Teaching Standards, Educational Leadership Standards, and Educational School Counselor Standards. The Effective Educator Standards apply to licensed educators at the School as follows:

(a) Administrators are responsible for meeting the Effective Teaching Standards and demonstrating the traits, skills, and work functions in the Educational Leadership Standards;
(b) Counselors are responsible for meeting the Effective Teaching Standards and Educational Leadership Standards and demonstrating the traits, skills, and work functions in the Educational School Counselor Standards; and
(c) Teachers are responsible for demonstrating the skills and work functions in the Effective Teaching Standards.

Implementation of the Effective Educator Standards

The School shall, under the direction of the Principal, help its licensed educators meet the applicable Effective Educator Standards by using the Effective Educator Standards as a basis when doing the following:

(a) Developing professional learning experiences and professional learning plans for educators' relicensing;
(b) Establishing a collaborative professional culture in order to facilitate student learning;
(c) Adopting formative and summative educator assessment systems; and
(d) Implementing induction and mentoring activities for beginning teachers and administrators.

The Principal shall determine the manner in which the activities described above are conducted and the frequency in which they occur.

Charter School Administrators

The School understands that under Utah law a charter school administrator is not required to be licensed. In the event a School administrator is not licensed, he or she is still expected to work towards meeting the Effective Teaching Standards and demonstrating the traits, skills, and work functions in the Educational Leadership Standards.

Electronic Meetings Policy

Adopted: October 2, 2017
Approved: 08.22.2024

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish the means and procedures by which the Board of Directors (the "Board") may conduct electronic meetings in accordance with the provisions of the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act (the "Act"), including Utah Code Ann. § 52-4-207.

Policy

Definitions

The Board adopts for application in this policy the definitions in the Act at § 52-4-103.

Electronic Meetings

The Board may, from time to time as needed, convene and conduct electronic meetings. For the purpose of this policy, an "electronic meeting" is defined as a Board meeting that some or all Board members attend through an electronic video, audio, or both video and audio connection, as provided in the Act at § 52-4-207.

The Board will establish one or more anchor locations for an electronic meeting, unless the following two circumstances exist:

a. All Board members attend the electronic meeting remotely through an electronic video, audio, or both video and audio connection; and
b. The Board has not received a written request, at least 12 hours before the scheduled meeting time, to provide an anchor location for members of the public to attend in person the open portions of the electronic meeting.

For an electronic meeting where the Board provides an anchor location, the following apply:

a. The anchor location will be:
    i. The building where the Board would normally meet if they were not holding an electronic meeting; or
    ii. Another location that is reasonably as accessible to the public as the building described in subsection (i) above.
b. The Board will provide space and facilities at the anchor location so that interested persons and the public may attend and monitor the open portions of the electronic meeting.
c. If public comments will be accepted during the electronic meeting, the Board will provide space and facilities at the anchor location so that interested persons and the public may attend, monitor, and participate in the open portions of the meeting.

Board members who are able to both hear and verbally participate in the meeting electronically are considered present for purposes of determining the presence of a quorum at an electronic meeting.

The Board shall take all votes by roll call during an electronic meeting, with the exception of a unanimous vote.

Notice

Prior to conducting an electronic meeting, the Board shall provide advance notice of the meeting in accordance with the Act.

Notice shall be provided to all Board members, as well as to members of the public in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

Each notice shall describe the means of communication, anchor location (if applicable) and the means by which members of the public will be able to monitor and, when permitted and appropriate, participate in the electronic meetings.

Electronic Resources Policy

Adopted: October 2, 2017
Revised: September 28, 2026

Purpose

Advantage Arts Academy (the "School") recognizes the value of computer and other electronic resources to facilitate student learning and help the School's employees accomplish the School's mission. The School has therefore made substantial investments to establish a network and provide various electronic resources for its students' and employees' use. Because of the potential harm to students and the School from misuse of these resources, the School requires the safe and responsible use of computers; computer networks, including e-mail and the Internet; and other electronic resources. This policy is intended to ensure such safe and responsible use and to comply with Utah Administrative Rule R277-495, Utah Code § 53G-7-227, Utah Code § 53G-7-1001 *et seq*., the Children's Internet Protection Act, and other applicable laws.

Electronic Devices

The School recognizes that various forms of electronic devices are widely used by both students and employees and are important tools in today's society. The School seeks to ensure that the use of electronic devices, both privately-owned devices and devices owned by the School, does not cause harm or otherwise interfere with the learning, safety, or security of students or employees. The Principal shall therefore establish reasonable rules and procedures regarding the use of electronic devices at School and School-sponsored activities in compliance with applicable laws.

Internet Safety

It is the School's policy to: (a) prevent user access over its computer network to, or transmission of, inappropriate material via Internet, electronic mail, or other forms of direct electronic communications; (b) prevent unauthorized access and other unlawful online activity; (c) prevent unauthorized online disclosure, use, or dissemination of personal identification information of minors; and (d) comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act (section 254(h) of title 47, United States Code). The Principal shall establish rules and procedures to accomplish these objectives and ensure compliance with applicable laws.

Student Acceptable Use of School Electronic Resources

The School makes various electronic resources available to students. These resources include computers and other electronic devices and related software and hardware as well as the School's network and access to the Internet. The School's goal in providing such electronic resources to students is to enhance the educational experience and promote the accomplishment of the School's mission.

Electronic resources can provide access to a multitude of information and allow communication with people all over the world. Along with this access comes the availability of materials that may be considered inappropriate, unacceptable, of no educational value, or even illegal.

The Principal shall ensure that rules and procedures regarding students' use of the School's electronic resources are established and clearly communicated to students and their parents/guardians. The

Principal will ensure that safeguards are in place to restrict access to inappropriate materials and that the use of the Internet and other electronic resources is monitored. The Principal shall ensure that students receive appropriate training regarding these rules and procedures.

Staff Acceptable Use of School Electronic Resources

Improper use of the School's electronic resources by employees has the potential to negatively impact students, damage the School's image, and impair the School's electronic resources. Therefore, this policy is intended to govern employees' and volunteers' use of the School's electronic resources, and employees must agree to these terms as a condition of employment. The Principal shall establish rules and procedures regarding employees' use of the School's electronic resources.

Availability of Rules and Procedures

The Principal shall ensure that all rules and procedures established pursuant to this policy are available for review at the School.

Review and Approval

This policy will be reviewed and approved at least every three years to ensure that it continues to meet the School's needs.

Electronic Resources
Administrative Procedures

These procedures are established in order to comply with and implement the Electronic Resources Policy adopted by the School's Board of Directors.

Electronic Devices

Definitions

"**Electronic device**" means a device that is used for audio, video, or text communication or any other type of computer or computer-like instrument including but not limited to: a cellphone or smartphone, a smart or electronic watch, a tablet, or a virtual reality device.

"**Instructional time**" means the hours during the School day designated by the School for class instruction.

"**Privately-owned electronic device**" means an electronic device that is not owned or issued by the School to a student or employee, including any emerging technology (which includes any device that has or will be able to act in place of or as an extension of an individual's cellphone).

"**School day**" means the hours that make up the School day according to the School's schedule.

"**School-owned electronic device**" means an electronic device that is owned, provided, issued, or lent by the School to a student or employee.

"**School-sponsored activities**" means field trips, curricular and extracurricular activities, and extended School-sponsored trips or activities, including School-provided transportation to and from such activities.

Student Use of Electronic Devices

Electronic devices may only be possessed and used by students during the School day and during School-sponsored activities in accordance with the following standards:

- Electronic devices may not be used to view, access, download, store, or transmit pornography or other obscene or inappropriate material.
- Electronic devices may not be used to bully, threaten, humiliate, embarrass, harass, or intimidate other students, teachers, volunteers, School guests, or School employees.
- Electronic devices may not be used in ways that violate local, state, or federal laws.
- Electronic devices may not be used during quizzes, tests, and standardized assessments except as otherwise provided herein.
- Electronic toys are not allowed in the School.
- Students may have privately-owned electronic devices at School during the School day. However, privately-owned electronic devices must remain out of sight in a bag or backpack and be turned off or set to a mode where notifications can't be received during the School day, unless an exception provided herein applies.
- Students may not use or respond to privately-owned electronic devices during the School day, unless an exception provided herein applies.

Exceptions

The Principal may give permission for a student to possess and use a privately-owned electronic device during the School day and during School-sponsored activities for good cause if the device does not distract from the instructional or educational process and is not otherwise used inappropriately.

Parents may request that the Principal allow a student to possess and use a privately-owned electronic device on active mode at all times during the School day and during School-sponsored activities, with the exception of during tests and standardized assessments, for good cause, including medical needs or unusual family situations. Students may use a privately-owned electronic device to address a medical necessity.

A student may possess and use a privately-owned electronic device on active mode at all times during the regular School day and during School-sponsored activities, including during assessments, if such an accommodation is specified in a written Section 504 plan, an Individualized Education Plan, or in connection with other legitimate circumstances determined by the Principal.

Privately-owned electronic devices may be possessed and used in the event of an emergency during the limited period of the emergency in order to protect the safety of a student or School employee, visitor or volunteer. This includes using a privately-owned electronic device to respond to an imminent threat to health or safety of an individual or to respond to a School-wide emergency. During a school-wide emergency, students' use of privately-owned electronic devices should not be excessive to avoid overloading cell towers/the cellular network (so that they remain open and effective for first responders).

Students may also use a privately-owned electronic device during the School day and during School-sponsored activities to use the SafeUT Crisis Line.

Parents may make other individualized requests for exceptions to these procedures to the Principal.

Consequences for Violation

A student will receive one warning prior to discipline for violating these procedures unless the violation involves cheating or constitutes a violation of the School's Student Conduct and Discipline Policy or Bullying and Hazing Policy or at the discretion of the Principal. On the second violation of these procedures, if the violation involves a privately-owned electronic device, the privately-owned electronic device will be confiscated, labeled, and held in a secure location. The Principal, teachers, and other individuals designated by the Principal may confiscate privately-owned electronic devices under these procedures.

Despite the foregoing, a privately-owned electronic device may be confiscated after an initial or other violation of these procedures if the violation is deemed serious by the Principal, teacher, or another individual designated by the Principal. Serious violations include but are not limited to a student using a privately-owned electronic device to:

- Threaten, harass, bully, or intimidate another person;
- Access pornography or obscene material;
- Engage in academic dishonesty;
- Participate in criminal behavior; or
- Repeatedly or egregiously disrupt classroom or other School instruction.

An individual other than a student that finds or confiscates a privately-owned electronic device may search the device for the purpose of determining the device's owner. Students may not search privately-owned electronic devices that do not belong to them. Privately-owned electronic devices that are used inappropriately may be subject to search by the Principal or other individuals designated by the Principal if

there is a reasonable suspicion that the device contains obscene or pornographic material or has been used to cheat or to threaten, embarrass, harass, or intimidate other students, teachers, volunteers, School guests, or School employees. School-owned electronic devices may be searched at any time by School officials, with or without cause.

The School is not responsible for loss, damage or theft of any privately-owned electronic devices. The School will make reasonable efforts to notify parents/guardians if the School has confiscated a student's privately-owned electronic device. Parents/guardians who show identification may retrieve confiscated electronic devices during School hours or by appointment. *The School will retain un-retrieved privately-owned electronic devices until the end of the School year, at which time the devices will be disposed of in a manner that ensures that no data stored on the device may be retrieved.*

The Principal may, subject to applicable law, impose additional disciplinary consequences for a student's violation of these procedures, considering the nature of the violation and other disciplinary actions in which the student has been involved. Such disciplinary actions may include:

- Loss of the privilege to possess or use electronic devices
- Disciplinary letter to the student's parent/guardian that is placed in the student's file
- Detention
- In-School suspension
- Suspension
- Expulsion
- Loss of the privilege of participating in School-sponsored activities or of receiving honor recognition

The School may contact law enforcement if School employees believe that a student has used an electronic device in connection with a violation of criminal law, and criminal penalties may arise from inappropriate use of electronic devices.

Notice of the Policy and Procedures

The School will make the Electronic Resources Policy and these procedures accessible on the School's website, including in the same location as the School's Data Governance Plan required in R277-487.

Complaints about the policy and these procedures or their enforcement, or complaints about observed behavior regarding the policy and these procedures, should be addressed in accordance with the School's grievance policies.

Creative and Innovative Uses for Electronic Devices

Teachers and other School employees are encouraged to use electronic devices creatively in order to effectively communicate with students and parents/guardians and to enhance instruction. Creative uses might include notifying absent students of assignments, communicating with parents when students excel or if they are behind or absent, notifying students and parents of news articles or events that would enhance the learning experience, providing feedback to students on tests and assignments, parents notifying the School when students are absent or tardy.

Other Provisions

Picture taking or sound or video recording by students is prohibited in School unless authorized by a teacher or the Principal. Picture taking or sound or video recording by students is prohibited in private areas of the School such as locker rooms, counseling sessions, washrooms, and dressing areas. Violations of this may subject students to discipline, and any suspected illegal activity may be reported to law enforcement.

Students bring privately-owned electronic devices on School property at their own risk. The School is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged privately-owned electronic devices.

Students are responsible for their privately-owned electronic devices and may be subject to discipline if their device is misused by another.

Parents, guests and visitors to the School may use privately-owned electronic devices at School and at School-sponsored activities only in accordance with rules established by the Principal. Such individuals who use the School's electronic resources, including the School's equipment, services, or connectivity, whether on or off School property, may not use such resources to access inappropriate material or information.

Internet Safety

The School has established a policy to: (a) prevent user access over its computer network to, or transmission of, inappropriate material via Internet, electronic mail, or other forms of direct electronic communications; (b) prevent unauthorized access and other unlawful online activity; (c) prevent unauthorized online disclosure, use, or dissemination of personal identification information of minors; and (d) comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act (section 254(h) of title 47, United States Code).

Definitions

Key terms are as defined in the Children's Internet Protection Act.

"Technology Protection Measure" means a specific technology that blocks or filters Internet access to visual depictions that are:

1- Obscene, as that term is defined in section 1460 of title 18, United States Code.
2- Child Pornography, as that term is defined in section 2256 of title 18, United States Code; or
3- Harmful to minors.

"Harmful to Minors" means any picture, image, graphic image file, or other visual depiction that:

1- Taken as a whole and with respect to minors, appeals to a prurient interest in nudity, sex, or excretion;
2- Depicts, describes, or represents, in a patently offensive way with respect to what is suitable for minors, an actual or simulated sexual act or sexual contact, actual or simulated normal or perverted sexual acts, or a lewd exhibition of the genitals; and
3- Taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value as to minors.

"Sexual Act" and **"Sexual Contact"** have the meanings given such terms in section 2246 of title 18, United States Code.

Access to Inappropriate Material

To the extent practical, the School will employ technology protection measures (or "Internet filters") to block or filter Internet access to—or other forms of electronic communications containing—inappropriate information over the School's network or by School-owned electronic devices.

Specifically, as required by the Children's Internet Protection Act, blocking shall be applied to visual depictions of material deemed obscene or child pornography, or to any material deemed harmful to minors.

Subject to staff supervision, technology protection measures may be disabled or, in the case of minors, minimized only for bona fide research or other lawful purposes. Procedures for disabling or otherwise modifying any technology protection measures shall be the responsibility of the Principal or designated

representatives.

Inappropriate Network Usage

To the extent practical, steps shall be taken to promote the safety and security of users of the School online computer network when using electronic mail, chat rooms, instant messaging, social media, and other forms of direct electronic communications.

Specifically, as required by the Children's Internet Protection Act, prevention of inappropriate network usage includes: (a) unauthorized access, including so-called "hacking" and other unlawful activities and (b) unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors.

Education, Supervision and Monitoring

It shall be the responsibility of all School employees to educate, supervise and monitor appropriate usage of the School's online computer network and access to the Internet in accordance with the Electronic Resources Policy and these procedures, the Children's Internet Protection Act, the Neighborhood Children's Internet Protection Act, and the Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act. This includes educating students about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms, as well as cyberbullying awareness and response. The School will also provide information regarding these matters to parents/guardians.

Student Acceptable Use of School Electronic Resources

The School makes various electronic resources available to students. These resources include computers and other electronic devices and related software and hardware as well as the School's network and access to the Internet. The School's goal in providing such electronic resources to students is to enhance the educational experience and promote the accomplishment of the School's mission.

Electronic resources can provide access to a multitude of information and allow communication with people all over the world. Along with this access comes the availability of materials that may be considered inappropriate, unacceptable, of no educational value, or even illegal. The School has initiated safeguards to restrict access to inappropriate materials, and use of the Internet and other electronic resources is monitored as well.

In order to use the School's electronic resources, students must be willing to abide by the rules of acceptable use. Use of the School's electronic resources is a privilege, and students have no expectation of privacy in connection with their use of the School's electronic resources.

Students who abuse this privilege by actions such as damaging the School's electronic resources; violating copyrights; bullying, hazing, intimidation, humiliation, harassment and threats; accessing pornography or other obscene or inappropriate material; inappropriate language; gambling; unauthorized games; hacking; invasion of the reasonable expectations of privacy of students or employees; or other unauthorized or inappropriate use, will be subject to discipline. Violation of policies and rules regarding use of the School's electronic resources may also result in confiscation of School-issued devices and denial of access to the School's electronic resources. This may result in missed assignments, inability to participate in required assignments and assessments, and possible loss of credit or academic grade consequences.

The School may contact law enforcement if School employees believe that a student has used School electronic resources in connection with a violation of criminal law, and criminal penalties may arise from inappropriate use of electronic resources. This applies to use of the School's electronic resources at any time and place, whether on or off School grounds.

Students are personally responsible for School electronic resources provided to them and the students and their parents/guardians may be held responsible for loss or damage to such electronic resources.

Parents play an important role in helping students understand what does and does not constitute acceptable use.

The School may establish agreements for students to sign acknowledging that they understand the rules for use of the School's electronic resources.

Staff Acceptable Use of School Electronic Resources

These procedures apply to employees' and volunteers' use of the School's electronic resources, and employees must agree to these terms as a condition of employment.

At-Will Employment

Nothing in the Electronic Resources Policy or these procedures is intended to create additional rights for any employee or to otherwise alter or amend the at-will nature of the employment relationship between the School and any employee.

The School's Rights

It is the School's policy to maintain an environment that promotes safe, ethical and responsible conduct in all activities involving the use of the School's electronic resources. The School recognizes its legal and moral obligation to protect the well-being of students and to preserve the integrity of its electronic resources. The School's rights in connection with its electronic resources include but are not limited to the following:

1. All data, files, programs, and materials downloaded with or used, sent, received, or stored upon the School's electronic resources are the School's property, and the School may deal with such items as it deems appropriate.
2. The School may log network use and monitor server space utilization by users and assumes no responsibility or liability for files deleted due to violation of server space allotments.
3. The School may remove a user account on the network with or without notice.
4. The School may monitor all user activities on the School's electronic resources, including but not limited to real-time monitoring of network activity and/or maintaining a log of Internet activity for later review.
5. The School may provide internal and external controls of network usage as appropriate and feasible, including but not limited to restricting online destinations through software or other means.
6. The School may limit or restrict, with or without notice, access to the School's electronic resources for those who do not abide by the Electronic Resources policy or these procedures or other direction governing the use of the School's electronic resources.
7. The School may determine, in its sole discretion, what materials, files, information, software, communications, and other content or activity are permitted or prohibited.
8. The School may delete or remove, with or without notice, any files, programs, data or other materials from any of the School's electronic resources.
9. The School may provide additional policies or guidelines regarding acceptable use of electronic resources.

Employees' Responsibilities Regarding Students' Use of Electronic Resources

Employees who supervise students, control electronic resources, or otherwise have the ability to observe student use of School electronic resources are responsible for educating students on appropriate use of the School's electronic resources. Such employees shall make reasonable efforts to monitor such use to ensure that it is consistent with applicable rules. Employees should make reasonable efforts to become familiar with the Internet and the use of the School's electronic resources to help ensure effective monitoring, instruction, and assistance.

User Responsibilities

Use of the School's electronic resources is a privilege intended to help employees fulfill their responsibilities and promote the School's mission. In order to maintain this privilege, users must agree to comply with the Electronic Resources Policy and these procedures. Users who are aware of any violation of the policy or these procedures by any employee must report the violation to the Principal. Employees are responsible for any School electronic resources issued to them at all times and may be held responsible for any inappropriate use, regardless of the user.

Employees may use privately-owned electronic devices at School or at School-sponsored activities in accordance with rules and procedures established by the Principal. Employees may not use privately-owned electronic devices at School or at School-sponsored activities to access inappropriate matter.

Violation of the policy or these procedures is grounds for discipline, up to and including termination. The School may also notify law enforcement as appropriate, and such actions may subject an employee to criminal penalties.

Acceptable Use

Standards for acceptable use of the School's electronic resources include but are not limited to the following:

1. All use of the School's electronic resources, including but not limited to use of computers and other electronic devices, use of e-mail, and network and Internet access must be consistent with the School's mission.
2. Network accounts are to be used only by the authorized user of the account for the authorized purpose.
3. Users must take reasonable steps to protect the privacy of students, School employees and other members of the School community and must strictly maintain the confidentiality of information regarding such individuals.
4. Use of the School's electronic resources, whether inside or outside the School, must comply with the School's employee handbook, as established from time to time.
5. Employees must comply with applicable copyright laws, ethical rules, and other applicable laws and regulations.
6. Users must exercise appropriate professional judgment and common sense when transporting files to and from school, keeping in mind copyright and other legal issues, as well as ensuring that the non-School computers to or from which files are being transferred are employing appropriate virus-control technologies.
7. Users must exhibit professionally appropriate behavior when using the School's electronic resources in order to professionally represent and preserve the image the School.
8. Users must take reasonable precautions to protect the School's electronic resources in order to reduce repair costs, maintain the integrity of the network, and protect the School's assets. Employees who damage School electronic resources may be financially responsible for the cost of repair or replacement.
9. From time to time, the School will make determinations on whether specific uses of the School's electronic resources are consistent with the intent of the policy and these procedures.

Unacceptable Use

The following uses of the School's electronic resources are prohibited:

1. Excessive use of the School's electronic resources for personal matters. "Excessive use" includes but is not limited to use of electronic resources in a manner that interferes with an employee's performance of work-related responsibilities or with the functioning of the School's electronic resources.
2. Use of the School's electronic resources in connection with social networking sites for non-academic purposes is prohibited.
3. Use of the School's electronic resources for commercial or for-profit purposes.
4. Use of the School's electronic resources for product advertisement or political lobbying.
5. Personal electronic devices may only be connected to the School's network with appropriate authorization.
6. Intentionally seeking information on, obtaining copies of, or modifying files, other data, or passwords belonging to other users, or impersonating or misrepresenting other users of the School's network.
7. Unauthorized use or disclosure of personal student information in violation of R277-487 and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 34 CFR, Part 99.
8. Use of the School's electronic resources in a manner that disrupts the use of the network by others.
9. Destroying, modifying, or abusing the School's electronic resources in any way.
10. Use of the School's electronic resources in a manner that threatens or impairs the integrity or security of the network.
11. Use of the School's electronic resources for hate mail, chain letters, harassment, discriminatory remarks, and other antisocial behaviors.
12. Downloading or installation of any software, including shareware and freeware, for use on the School's electronic resources without the approval of the Principal or designee.
13. Use of any software on the School's electronic resources in violation of the applicable license or use agreement.
14. Use of the School's electronic resources to access, process, store, send or receive pornographic, sexually explicit or otherwise inappropriate material (as determined by the Principal).
15. Use of the School's electronic resources for downloading entertainment software, files or other material not related to the mission of the School. This prohibition pertains to freeware, shareware, copyrighted commercial and non-commercial software, and all other forms of software and files not directly related to the instructional and administrative purposes of the School.
16. Downloading, copying, otherwise duplicating, and/or distributing copyrighted materials without the specific written permission of the copyright owner, except that duplication and/or distribution of materials for educational purposes is permitted when such duplication and/or distribution would fall within the Fair Use Doctrine of federal copyright law.
17. Use of the School's electronic resources for any unlawful purpose.
18. Use of the School's electronic resources to intentionally access, process, store, send or receive materials containing profanity, obscenity, racist terms, or other harassing, abusive, intimidating, threatening, discriminatory or otherwise offensive language or images.
19. Use of the School's electronic resources for playing games unless it is for instructional purposes or otherwise approved by the Principal or designee.
20. Participating in activities, including but not limited to the preparation or dissemination of content, which could damage the School's professional image, reputation and/or financial stability.
21. Permitting or granting access to the School's electronic resources, including but not limited to granting use of an e-mail or network account or password, to another individual, including but not limited to someone whose access has been denied or terminated.
22. Portable data storage devices may only be used to backup or transport files and data between computers and use of such devices for the operation of unauthorized portable applications is prohibited.

23. Establishing connections to live communications, including text, voice, or video, may only be done in a manner approved by the Principal or designee.
24. Malicious use of the School's electronic resources to develop programs that harass other users or infiltrate a computer or computing system and/or damage the software components of a computer or computing system.

Disclaimer

1. The School cannot be held responsible for information that is retrieved via the network.
2. Pursuant to the Electronic Communications Privacy Act of 1986 (18 U.S.C. § 2510, et seq.), notice is hereby given that there are no facilities provided by the School's system for sending or receiving private or confidential electronic communications. System administrators have access to all mail and will monitor messages. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities will be reported to the appropriate authorities.
3. The School is not responsible for any damage users may suffer, including loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, or service interruptions caused by the School's negligence or your errors or omissions.
4. Use of any information obtained is at the user's own risk.
5. The School makes no warranties (expressed or implied) with respect to:
    - The content of any advice or information received by a user, or any costs or charges incurred as a result of seeing or accepting any information;
    - Any costs, liability, or damages caused by the way the user chooses to use his or her access to the network.
6. The School reserves the right to change its policies and rules at any time.

Privacy

Use of and access to the School's electronic resources is provided to employees as a tool for the School's business. The School reserves the right to monitor, inspect, copy, review, store or remove, at any time, without prior notice, any and all usage of the School's electronic resources such as the network and the Internet, including but not limited to e-mail, as well as any and all materials, files, information, software, electronic communications, and other content transmitted, received or stored in connection with this usage. All such information, content, and files are the property of the School. Employees should have no expectation of privacy regarding them. Network administrators may review files and intercept communications for any reason, including but not limited to maintaining system integrity and ensuring employees are using the system consistently with the Electronic Resources Policy and these procedures.

Training

The School will provide, within the first 45 days of each school year, a School-wide or in-classroom training to employees and students that covers:

- The contents of the Electronic Resources Policy and these procedures;
- The importance of digital citizenship;
- The School's conduct and discipline related consequences as related to a violation of the Electronic Resources Policy and these procedures;
- The School's general conduct and discipline policies;
- The benefits of connecting to the Internet and utilizing the School's Internet filters while on School property; and
- Any specific rules governing the permissible and restricted uses of privately-owned electronic devices while in a classroom.

Each educator who allows the use of a privately-owned electronic device in the classroom must clearly

communicate to parents and students the conditions under which the use of such a device is allowed.

The School will provide an annual notice to all parents of the location of information for in-home network filtering options (https://consumerprotection.utah.gov/edu/filtering.html) as provided for in Utah Code § 76-5c-402.

Emergency Response Plan Policy

Adopted: October 2, 2017
Revised: _____

Policy

It is the policy of Advantage Arts Academy (the "School") to develop and maintain an up-to-date plan for responding to emergencies involving the School. Accordingly, the School's Principal will ensure that the School adopts and keeps updated an Emergency Response Plan that provides adequately for the safety of students and staff members.

Employee Compensation During School Closure and Other Extraordinary Circumstances Policy

Adopted: June 1, 2020
Revised: _____

Policy

Advantage Arts Academy's (the "School") Board of Directors (the "Board") adopts this policy in order to authorize compensation to employees during school closure and other temporary extraordinary circumstances when employees are not able to perform all of the duties that they would normally be assigned to do and/or work all of the hours they would normally be scheduled to work in exchange for their agreed-upon compensation.

The Board delegates to the Principal the authority to assess all relevant factors, including but not limited to the anticipated availability and security of state and federal funding over the short and long term, and implement this policy when the situation warrants.

This policy may be applied retroactively.

Continued Employment and Compensation

The Board recognizes that closures and other temporary extraordinary circumstances impact normal school operations in many different ways, some of which are not foreseeable. The School nonetheless intends to keep employees employed and engaged in serving the School's students to the maximum extent possible during such circumstances. The School also desires to pay employees in full, as provided for in their employment agreements, to the maximum extent possible during such circumstances, including by providing paid time off when necessary.

Paid Time Off

Criteria for Paid Time Off

All of the following criteria must be met before paid time off may be given to an employee under this policy for any portion of an employee's compensation:

- The employee and the Principal or the Principal's designee have explored all reasonable alternatives for the employee to provide services in connection with their current position(s) and have determined that there are none;
- The employee and the Principal or the Principal's designee have determined that the employee has completed all possible training and professional development opportunities that can be conducted online or through self-directed opportunities; and

- The employee and the Principal or the Principal's designee have determined that there are no other reasonable work opportunities available for the employee—including work opportunities in other programs and work from home.

Substitute teachers are not eligible for paid time off under this policy. However, the school will explore opportunities for substitute teachers to provide services for their regular rate of pay during a closure or other extraordinary circumstances.

Documentation

For each employee receiving paid time off under this policy, the Principal and the employee will identify the expectations for what duties the employee will perform, the hours the employee will work, and the amount of paid time off the employee will receive.

Other Paid Time Off and Leave

This policy does not apply to or affect other paid time off or leave an employee may receive or be eligible for under other School policies or applicable law.

Compensation Expenditures Charged to Federal & State Grants & Programs

Compensation-related expenditures for employees who qualify for paid time off under this policy will be charged to the employee's regular position and program. This includes compensation-related expenditures for Federal and State grants and programs.

Only the portion of the employee's compensation that would normally be associated with a program will be charged to such program. Compensation charged to a program during extraordinary circumstances, including paid time off under this policy, will be calculated based upon the employee's employment agreement and normal average hours per day/week the employee worked before the extraordinary circumstances occurred.

If an employee is not able to complete all of his or her normal average hours by working in the employee's regular position and program but is able to make up the difference by working in a different program, the School will charge the employee's compensation to both programs in accordance with the hours the employee worked in each program. However, the employee will not be compensated beyond the normal average hours that the employee worked before the extraordinary circumstances began.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if an employee receives paid time off under this policy and that paid time off is charged to the employee's regular position and program, the employee may not be compensated for additional time worked in another program.

Maximum Compensation

The School will pay employees in full, as provided in employment agreements, for all

work performed under extraordinary circumstances, including any overtime as required by law.

However, paid time off under this policy is intended to make employees whole and reduce the financial burden caused by the extraordinary circumstances. This policy is not intended to provide an employee with a windfall.

Therefore, an employee's total compensation that includes paid time off under this policy may not exceed the amount provided for in the employee's employment agreement and may not exceed what the employee typically earned prior to when the extraordinary circumstances began.

The School will treat all employees the same under this policy, regardless of whether they are compensated through Federal or State grants or programs.

Employee Handbook Policy

Adopted: October 2, 2017
Revised: _____

Policy

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that Advantage Arts Academy (the "School") operates in accordance with applicable employment laws.

The School's Principal will adopt and keep updated an Employee Handbook and establish administrative procedures that comply with federal and state employment laws.

Administrative Procedures
Employees Engaging in Private Activities Related to Public Education

Purpose

Advantage Arts Academy (the "School") recognizes that its employees may have opportunities to engage with students in private activities related to public education that are not sponsored by the School. The School supports its employees participating in such activities so long as they are done appropriately.

These procedures are intended to help ensure that any private, but public education-related activity involving School employees is conducted in a manner that complies with state law and rules, including R277-107, and maintains the integrity of the public education system. These procedures outline expectations for School employees who sponsor or participate in private activities related to public education and delineate boundaries between public employment and private enterprise.

Definitions

For purposes of these procedures:

"Employee" means a person who is employed on a full-time, part-time, or contract basis by the School.

"Private, but public education-related activity" means any type of private activity for which:
a. An employee of the School receives compensation; and
b. The principal clients are students at the School.

"Private, but public education-related activity" may include:
a. Tutoring;
b. Lessons;
c. Clinics;
d. Camps; or
e. Travel opportunities.

General Rules for School Employee Participation in Private, But Public Education-Related Activities

Employees may participate in a private, but public education-related activity in accordance with R277-107 and these procedures.

1. Separation of Private and Public Roles

    a. Employees who participate in a private, but public education-related activity must ensure that such participation is separate and distinguishable from their employment with the School. For example, such employees may not:
        i. Contact students at the School during School hours to promote such private activities; or
        ii. Use student education records, School resources, or information gained through employment with the School in connection with such private activities, unless that information is readily available to the general public.

2. Prohibited Use of School Time and Resources

a. Employees who participate in a private activity or a private, but public education-related activity may not use School time or resources to:
    i. Discuss, promote, or prepare for such private activities; or
    ii. Organize or advertise such private activities.

3. Permissible Activities by Employees

    a. Employees who participate in a private, but public education-related activity may:
        i. Offer such private activities to students outside of regular School hours;
        ii. Discuss such private activities with students or parents outside of the classroom and regular School hours;
        iii. Use student directories or online resources which are available to the general public; or
        iv. Advertise or promote such private activities in accordance with the rules in R277-107-3 and -4, including in School publications that allow commercial advertising.

4. Equity and Access

    a. Employees may not condition credit or participation in a School program or activity on a student's participation in such activities as clinics, camps, private programs, or travel activities that are not equally and freely available to all students.
    b. Employees may not state or imply to any person that participation in a regular School activity or program is conditioned on participation in a private activity.

5. Student-Initiated Educational Opportunities

    a. Nothing in these procedures prohibit students from requesting or petitioning the School for academic credit for educational experiences obtained outside of School consistent with School policy and applicable state law.

6. Contracts Governing Private, But Public Education-Related Activities

    a. Contracts between an employee and a sponsor of a private, but public education-related activity shall be signed by the employee and include the acknowledgments set forth in R277-107-6.
    b. An employee shall provide the School with a signed copy of all contracts between the employee and a sponsor of a private, but public education-related activity. The School shall maintain a copy of such contracts in the employee's personnel file.

Enrollment and Lottery Policy

Adopted: October 2, 2017
Revised: September 28, 2026

Purpose

Advantage Arts Academy (the "School") believes that it is important to conduct its lottery and the enrollment of students in a fair, consistent, and legal manner. This policy is intended to establish the guidelines for how these processes will be handled.

Policy

The School will follow applicable laws and Utah State Board of Education rules in connection with its lottery and the enrollment of students.

Application

Students will apply for admission to the School electronically.

The applications of students that are not accepted will be purged prior to each new open enrollment period rather than carried over to the following year, so new applications must be submitted each year for students seeking admission to the School.

In order to determine how many spots will be available the following year, students who are enrolled in the School may be asked, prior to each open enrollment period, to indicate whether they intend to attend the School the following year. Currently enrolled students are not required to submit an application each year.

Lottery

In the event that more students apply during an enrollment period than there are available spots in any given grade, as determined by the Principal, students will be selected by a computer-generated random-draw lottery in accordance with state guidelines.

Open Enrollment

The School will begin accepting applications in approximately December of the prior year. The first lottery will be held in approximately January of each year. Additional lotteries will be held as needed until the desired enrollment numbers are reached.

The open enrollment period will remain open and the School will continue to accept applications until all available spots have been filled. The School may, at the Principal's discretion, continue to enroll students from the lottery throughout the school year to fill spots that open when students withdraw.

The School will publicize on its website the dates of enrollment periods so that all interested parents will have an opportunity to submit an application for their student(s).

Preferential Enrollment

The School will offer preferential enrollment to certain categories of students as permitted under applicable law.

Preferential enrollment will first be given first to the children or grandchildren of any founding parents Founding parents are those individuals that have made a significant contribution to the establishment of the charter as determined by the Board of Directors. Founder status will not be conferred based on donations made to the School.

Preferential enrollment will next be given to the children or grandchildren of the Board of Directors.

Preferential enrollment will next be given to siblings of students currently or previously enrolled in the School.

Preferential enrollment will be given next to children of School employees.

Preferential enrollment will be given next to students who reside within a two-mile radius of the School and whose school of residence is at capacity.

No students will be given priority notice or guaranteed admission to the School.
The School will not make enrollment decisions or give preference to any student on any basis prohibited by applicable state or federal law, including Utah Code § 53G-6-403(3)(a), federal civil rights laws, and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 ("IDEA").

Past Disciplinary and Misconduct Issues

Any student seeking enrollment in the School who was previously suspended or expelled from another school for serious misconduct may not be admitted to the School until a thorough review of the student's prior conduct is evaluated by the School's administration and the School's administration approves the student to be admitted. In addition, the School may not enroll a student from another school unless the student record from the previous school, including the discipline file (if applicable), is received or the School's administration reviews the data gateway for any safe-school violation, reintegration, or threat assessment.

In accordance with Utah Code § 53G-8-205(3), the School may deny admission to students who were expelled from the School or any other school during the preceding twelve (12) months.

Consistent with Utah Administrative Code Rule R277-472-7, the School may deny admission to students who have disciplinary procedures pending at their previous school until previous allegations have been resolved. The School generally recognizes and honors disciplinary actions imposed on a student by another school. Accordingly, the School may deny admission to a student who is currently under suspension or expulsion from another school.

In accordance with Utah Code § 53G-6-403(3)(b), the School may deny admission to students who (i) have committed serious infractions of the law or school policies, including policies of the School; (ii) have been guilty of chronic misbehavior which would, if it were to continue after the student was admitted to the School, endanger persons or property, cause serious disruptions in the School, or place unreasonable burdens on School staff; or (iii) have any school safety incidents or safe-school violations.

Parents of students seeking admission to the School must disclose in their application information about their student's past serious disciplinary actions and criminal convictions. If this information is not disclosed, if materially false or misleading information is provided in the application, or if information that would have been relevant to the School's enrollment decision is omitted, and the School discovers the omission or misrepresentation after the student has been enrolled in the School, the School may place the student's enrollment under review while the School investigates the matter. Following the investigation, the School may take appropriate action in accordance with this and other School policy, which may include but is not

limited to continued enrollment, continued enrollment subject to conditions, or recission of the student's enrollment if the School determines that the undisclosed information would have provided a lawful basis to deny admission at the time of the application. Parents of students whose enrollment has been rescinded consistent with this paragraph may appeal the decision in accordance with the School's Parent Grievance Policy.

During the investigation process mentioned above, the School may restrict a student's attendance at the School if deemed necessary by the School to protect student safety or facilitate the review.

Situations involving students receiving special education and related services under the IDEA shall be handled in a manner consistent with applicable laws and School policy.

Ethics Policy

Adopted: October 2, 2017
Revised: _____

Purpose

Advantage Arts Academy (the "School") adopts this policy to ensure that individuals associated with the School, including Board Members and employees, conduct themselves consistent with high standards of ethics and with applicable law.

Policy

Any allegation of a violation of this policy should be reported to the School's Board of Directors in accordance with the School's Staff Grievance Policy or Parent Grievance Policy, as applicable. The Board will ensure that all allegations of ethics violations are promptly investigated and that appropriate action is taken based on the results of the investigation.

No Board Member or School employee may violate Utah Code 76-8-105, which precludes the solicitation or receipt of a bribe.

No Board Member or School employee may violate the Utah Public Officers' and Employees' Ethics Act (Utah Code 67-16-1, et seq.), which, among other requirements, precludes Board Members and School employees from:

(a) accepting employment or engaging in any business or professional activity that he/she might reasonably expect would require or induce him/her to improperly disclose controlled information that he/she has gained by reason of his/her official position;

(b) disclosing or improperly using controlled, private, or protected information acquired by reason of his/her official position or in the course of official duties in order to further substantially his/her personal economic interest or to secure special privileges or exemptions for himself/herself or others;

(c) using or attempting to use his/her official position to:
(i) further substantially his/her personal economic interest; or
(ii) secure special privileges or exemptions for himself/herself or others;

(d) accepting other employment that he/she might expect would impair his/her independence of judgment in the performance of his/her public duties;

(e) accepting other employment that he/she might expect would interfere with the ethical performance of his/her public duties; or

(f) except as otherwise allowed in the law, knowingly receiving, accepting, taking, seeking, or soliciting, directly or indirectly for himself/herself or another a gift of substantial value or a substantial economic benefit tantamount to a gift:

(i) that would tend improperly to influence a reasonable person in the person's position to depart from the faithful and impartial discharge of the person's public duties;

(ii) that he/she knows or that a reasonable person in that position should know under the circumstances is primarily for the purpose of rewarding him/her for official action taken; or

(iii) if he/she recently has been, is now, or in the near future may be involved in any governmental action directly affecting the donor or lender, unless a disclosure of the gift, compensation, or loan and other relevant information has been made in the manner provided in Utah Code 67-16-6.

Licensed educators of the School must comply with Utah Educator Standards contained at R277-515-3 pertaining to the ethical conduct required of all licensed educators in the state of Utah.

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Policy

Adopted: October 2, 2017
Revised: 01.13.2025

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to protect the privacy of Advantage Arts Academy (the "School") students and their families in accordance with applicable law.

Policy

The School shall protect the privacy of its students and their families and shall support parental involvement in the education of their children by complying with state and federal law concerning family educational rights and privacy, including but not limited to the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA") and Utah Code § 53E-9-201 *et seq*.

The School's Principal shall establish administrative procedures that provide standards under Utah law for the protection of student and family privacy within the School, including in the curriculum, in School activities, in the administration of psychological or psychiatric examinations, tests, or treatments to students, and in any survey, analysis, or evaluation of students that seek protected information. The procedures shall also address the management of student education records under FERPA, including rules regarding parental access to and the School's disclosure of such education records.

Administrative Procedures
Family Educational Rights and Privacy

These procedures are established pursuant to the Board's Family Educational Rights and Privacy Policy.

Activities Prohibited Without Prior Written Consent

Prior Written Consent Requirement

Any School employee or agent who plans to administer to a student in any grade any psychological or psychiatric examination, test, or treatment, or any survey, analysis or evaluation that has the purpose or evident intended effect of causing the student to reveal information, whether the information is personally identifiable or not, concerning the student's or any family member's:

(a) political affiliations or, except as provided under Utah Code § 53G-10-202 or rules of the Utah State Board of Education, political philosophies;
(b) mental or psychological problems;
(c) sexual behavior, orientation, gender identity, or attitudes;
(d) illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
(e) critical appraisals of individuals with whom the student or family member has close family relationships;
(f) religious affiliations or beliefs;
(g) legally recognized privileged and analogous relationships, such as those with lawyers, medical personnel, or ministers; or
(h) income, except as required by law;

shall obtain prior written consent from the student's parent or guardian at least two (2) weeks before the test/treatment/survey/analysis/evaluation is administered or the information listed above is sought, unless the employee or agent must seek this type of private information due to an emergency, or unless a student spontaneously discloses the information.

The prohibitions above also apply within the curriculum and other School activities.

If the School chooses to administer any of the surveys listed below, the School shall, on an annual basis, obtain prior written consent for the survey(s) from students' parents or guardians at the time students register with the School:

(a) surveys related to an early warning system described in Utah Code § 53F-4-207;
(b) surveys that include social emotional learning questions; and
(c) the school climate survey described in Utah Code § 53G-8-802.

Parental Notice and Consent Checklist

For a consent from a student's parent or guardian to be valid, the consent must be in writing and signed. In addition, prior to the written consent being signed by a parent or guardian, a written

notice shall be given to the parent or guardian that includes:

(a) notice that the parent has a reasonable opportunity to obtain written information concerning:
    (i) relationships and other information that may be examined or requested in the test, treatment, survey, analysis, or evaluation to be administered;
    (ii) how the test, treatment, survey, analysis, or evaluation will be administered;
    (iii) why (*i.e.*, the purpose) the test, treatment, survey, analysis, or evaluation is needed; and
    (iv) who will have access to the information gathered from the test, treatment, survey, analysis, or evaluation to be administered;

(b) if it is a survey that is to be administered, notice:
    (i) that a copy of the survey is available at the School and online (a link to the survey shall be included in the notice);
    (ii) of the intended purpose and use of the data collected through the survey;
    (iii) of the types of persons or governmental entities that share the data collected from the survey (including a list of recipients who will receive the student-level data), or receive the data collected from the survey from a governmental entity on a regular or contract basis; and
    (iv) of the record series as defined in Utah Code § 63G-2-103 in which the data is or will be included, if applicable.

A general consent used to approve admission to School or involvement in special education, remedial education, or a School activity does not constitute written consent for these purposes.

Duration of Parental Authorization

Unless otherwise agreed to by a student's parent or guardian and the person requesting written consent, the authorization is valid only for the activity for which it was granted. However, a written withdrawal of authorization submitted to the School Principal by the authorizing parent or guardian terminates the authorization.

Waiver of Parental Notice Period

A parent or guardian may waive the 2-week notice period by signing and returning a written waiver to the School.

Well-Being of a Student

If a School employee or agent believes that a situation exists that presents a serious threat to the well-being of a student, that employee or agent shall notify the student's parent or guardian without delay. If, however, the matter has been reported to the Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS), it is the responsibility of DCFS to notify the student's parent or guardian of any possible investigation, prior to the student's return home from School.

Risk of Suicide

If a School employee, agent, or School resource officer (if any) believes a student is at risk of attempting suicide, physical self-harm, or harming others, the School employee, agent, or School resource officer may intervene and ask a student questions regarding the student's suicidal thoughts, physically self-harming behavior, or thoughts of harming others for the purposes of:

(a) referring the student to appropriate prevention services; and
(b) informing the student's parent or guardian.

Student Education Records Management

Inspecting and Reviewing Education Records

Parents or guardians have the right to inspect and review their student's education records, subject to certain exceptions. If the education records of a student contain information on more than one student, the parent or guardian may inspect and review or be informed of only the specific information about their student.

- The School will grant a request by a parent or guardian for access to the education records of their child within a reasonable period of time, but in no case more than forty-five (45) days after the request has been received by the School.

Amending Education Records

Parents or guardians have the right to challenge and request the School to amend any portion of their student's education record that they believe is inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of the privacy rights of the student.

- The School shall consider the request and decide whether to amend the records within a reasonable amount of time. If the Principal decides not to amend the record as requested, the Principal shall inform the parent or guardian of the decision and of their right to a hearing.
- Upon request of a parent or guardian, the School shall provide an opportunity for a hearing to challenge the content of the student's education records on the grounds that the information contained in the education records is inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of the privacy rights of the student.
- Such hearing shall be informal and shall be conducted by an individual who does not have a direct interest in the outcome of the hearing.
- If, as result of the hearing, the School decides that the challenged information is inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of the privacy rights of the student, the record should be amended accordingly and the parent or guardian informed in writing.
- If, as result of the hearing, the School decides that the challenged information is not inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of the privacy rights of the student, it shall inform the parent or guardian of their right to place a statement in the record, commenting on the challenged information in the record or stating why they disagree with the decision. Any such document must remain with the contested part of the record for as long as the record is maintained, and shall be disclosed whenever the portion of the record to which the statement relates is disclosed.

Disclosing Education Records

The School shall not disclose personally identifiable information from a student's education records without first obtaining parental consent, except as provided by law. Such exceptions under FERPA include, but are not limited to, disclosures:

- To School officials within the School who have legitimate educational interests;
- To a contractor, consultant, volunteer or other party to whom the School has outsourced a service or function provided that the outside party::
    - Performs an institutional service or function for which the School would otherwise use employees;
    - Is under the direct control of the School with respect to the use and maintenance of education records; and
    - Is subject to the requirements of 34 CFR § 99.33(a) governing the use and redisclosure of personal identifiable information from education records.
- To an authorized caseworker or other representative of the Department of Health and Human Services, but only as described in Utah Code § 53E-9-308(3);
- To other schools that have requested the records and in which the student seeks or intends to enroll, or where the student is already enrolled, so long as the disclosure is for purposes related to the student's enrollment or transfer;
- In response to valid court orders or subpoenas;
- To appropriate parties in connection with an emergency if knowledge of the information is necessary to protect the health or safety of the student or other individuals;
- To officials in the juvenile justice system as permitted by law;
- To the Comptroller General of the United States, the Attorney General of the United States, the Secretary, or State and local educational authorities in connection with an audit and evaluation of federally or state supported education programs, or for the enforcement of, or compliance with, federal legal requirements relating to those programs;
- To the applicable entities/agencies within the Department of Homeland Security for foreign students attending the School under a visa; or
- To the Attorney General of the United States in response to an *ex parte* order in connection with the investigation or prosecution of terrorism crimes.

The School may disclose a student's directory information without parental consent for appropriate reasons if it has given the parent or guardian proper annual notice of their right to request that their student's directory information not be released by the School and the parent or guardian has not notified the School that they do not want the student's directory information to be released.

- The following information relating to students may be declared directory information from time to time:

    (a) name, address, e-mail address, and telephone number;
    (b) date and place of birth;
    (c) major field of study;
    (d) participation in officially recognized activities and sports;
    (e) weight and height of members of athletic teams;
    (f) dates of attendance;

(g) degrees, honors, and awards received;
(h) most recent previous education agency or institution attended;
(i) photograph;
(j) grade level; and
(k) parent names and contact information.

- The School shall not release directory information to any individual or organization for commercial use.

Parent or Guardian Right to Access Education Records

The School shall give full rights to student education records to either parent or guardian, unless the School has been provided with evidence that there is a court order or other legally binding instrument relating to matters such as divorce, separation, or custody that specifically revokes or limits these rights.

Confidentiality of Student Information

The School and all employees, volunteers, third party contractors, or other agents of the School shall protect the privacy of the student and the student's family through compliance with the protections established under state and federal law, including FERPA and the student privacy and data protection statutes in Title 53E, Chapter 9 of the Utah Code.

Access to confidential student information will be limited to individuals with a legitimate educational interest in the data. The Principal will determine which individuals have a legitimate educational interest in having access to particular data. In general, this will include the Principal, other administrative personnel such as an assistant administrator or counselor, members of the School's front office staff, members of the School's special education staff (in accordance with special education regulations regarding school records), teachers (typically for students in their classes, but sometimes other students as well), and third parties with which the School has contracted to perform special tasks for the School. The School will ensure that all individuals who have access to student information will understand how, where, and when they can access this data and will commit to fulfill their obligations to protect the confidentiality of the information.

Data Collection and Storage Procedures

The School will ensure that its school enrollment verification data, student performance data, and personally identifiable student information are collected, maintained, and transmitted in a secure manner and consistent with sound data collection and storage procedures.

Physical Protection
Any physical documents containing confidential student information will be stored in a secured, locked location. Access to the storage location will be determined by the Principal.

Technological Protection
The School will ensure that appropriate technological protections are in place, as described below, whenever the School gathers, transmits, or stores confidential information electronically.

The School currently uses Aspire as its Student Information System. This is the primary location in which the School will store electronic data. This program provides a secure location for the maintenance and transmission of confidential student information. The School also uses the Aspire online registration system for the registration and enrollment of all new and returning students entering the School. In the event the School decides to use a Student Information System other than Aspire, the School will ensure that the system is approved by USBE and is adequately secure.

All confidential student information that is stored electronically will be in a location that is password protected. Such data will not be stored on local device drives or on removable data storage media.

The School will ensure that its network, including servers and wireless access components, employs industry standard security measures.

School personnel will not share log in information for any system in which confidential student information is stored unless authorized by the Principal.

Confidential student information will only be transmitted through secure means such as MoveIt and, where practical, will not be transmitted via e-mail in an unencrypted format.

Personnel Responsibilities
School personnel are responsible for entering student data into the School's Student Information System. This includes information obtained through the Aspire online registration system and other data gathered throughout the course of the school year. School personnel also manage the maintenance and reporting of records and data required by governmental entities.

Third Party Access to Confidential Information

The School's Educational Services Provider, Academica West, will have access to the personally identifiable student data and school enrollment verification data collected and maintained by the School in connection with legitimate educational purposes of the School.

Data Breach

The School will notify the parent or guardian of a student if there is a release of the student's personally identifiable student data due to a security breach. The School will also notify the State Superintendent of significant data breaches of student data as required in R277-487.

Training

On an annual basis, the School shall provide appropriate student data privacy training to its employees, aides, and volunteers who are authorized by the School to have access to education records as defined in FERPA. The training shall cover federal and state student data privacy laws and rules. The School shall ensure that its authorized employees sign a statement certifying that they have completed the training and understand student privacy requirements. The School shall create and maintain a list of the authorized employees and provide it to the Board of Directors as required in Utah Code § 53E-9-204.

The School shall also provide its employees with appropriate training on IT security matters.

Where required by R277-487, educators at the School shall also complete the student data security and privacy training for educators developed by the State Superintendent as a condition of re-licensure.

Fee Waiver Policy

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Purpose

Advantage Arts Academy (the "School") must abide by the Utah State Board of Education rules which direct the School's Board of Directors (the "Board") to implement a policy regarding student fees in the event the School elects to charge such fees. The purpose of this policy is to provide educational opportunities for all students. This allows the School to establish a reasonable system of fees, while prohibiting practices that would exclude those unable to pay from participation in school-sponsored activities.

Policy

Under the direction of the Board, the School's principal (the "Principal") is authorized to administer this policy and is directed to do so fairly, objectively, and without delay, and in a manner that avoids stigma and unreasonable burdens on students or parents/guardians.

Definitions

"Common education expense"

(a) means an expense the School incurs that is related to the delivery of instruction for all courses, unrelated to a specific course, program, or activity; and
(b) includes the employment of educators and staff, the provision of capital facilities, and operation and maintenance costs.

"Course" or "class"

(a) means an activity, a course, or a program that the School:
    (i) intends to deliver instruction;
    (ii) provides, sponsors, or supports; and
    (iii) conducts primarily during school hours.
(b) includes a course in which a student is required to enroll as a condition of participation in a separate extracurricular activity.

"Discretionary project" means a project that a student completes in lieu of or in addition to a required classroom project in accordance with Section 53G-7-503.

"Extracurricular activity"

(a) means an activity or a program that:
    (i) is not a course; and
    (ii) the School provides, sponsors, or supports.
(b) does not include a noncurricular club as defined in Section 53G-7-701.

"Fee" means a charge, expense, deposit, rental, or payment:

(a) regardless of how the School terms, describes, requests, or requires the charge, expense, deposit, rental, or payment, directly or indirectly;
(b) in the form of money, goods, or services; and
(c) that is a condition to a student's full participation in or admission to an activity, course, or program that the School provides, sponsors, or supports.

"Fee" includes:

(a) payments to a third party that provides a part of a School activity, class, or program; and
(b) a fine other than a fine described below.

"Fee" does not include:

(a) a student fine that the School approves for:
    (i) failing to return School property;
    (ii) losing, wasting, or damaging private or School property through intentional, careless, or irresponsible behavior, including defacing or damaging School property as described in Utah Code 53G-8-212; or
    (iii) improper use of School property, including a parking violation;
(b) a payment for School breakfast or lunch;
(c) a deposit that:
    (i) is a pledge securing the return of School property; and
    (ii) the School refunds upon the return of School property;
(d) a charge for insurance, unless the insurance is required for a student to participate in an activity, course, or program; or
(e) money or another item of monetary value that a student or the student's family raises through fundraising.

"Non-waivable charge" means a cost, payment, or expenditure that:

(a) is a personal discretionary charge or purchase, including:
    (i) a charge for insurance, unless the insurance is required for a student to participate in an activity, class, or program; or
    (ii) except when requested or required by the School, a charge for a personal consumable item such as a yearbook, class ring, letterman jacket or sweater, or other similar item;
(b) is subject to sales tax as described in Utah State Tax Commission Publication 35, Sales Tax Information for Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools; or
(c) by Utah Code, federal law, or State Board of Education rule is designated not to be a fee, including:
    (i) a school uniform as provided in Utah Code § 53G-7-801;
    (ii) a school lunch; or
    (iii) a charge for a replacement for damaged or lost School equipment or supplies.

"Provided, sponsored, or supported by the School"

(a) means an activity, class, program, club, camp, clinic, or other event that:
    (i) is authorized by the School; or
    (ii) satisfies at least one of the following conditions:
        (A) the activity, class, program, club, camp, clinic, or other event is managed or supervised by the School, or a School employee in the employees School employment capacity;
        (B) the activity, class, program, club, camp, clinic, or other event uses, more than inconsequentially, the School's facilities, equipment, or other School resources; or
        (C) the activity, class, program, club, camp, clinic, or other event is supported or subsidized, more than inconsequentially, by public funds, including the School's activity funds or minimum school program dollars.
(b) does not include an activity, class, or program that meets the criteria of a noncurricular club as described in Title 53G, Chapter 7, Part 7, Student Clubs.

“Provision in lieu of fee”

(a) means an alternative to fee payment; and
(b) may include a plan under which fees are paid in installments or under some other delayed payment arrangement or a service in lieu of fee payment agreement.

"Requested or required by the School as a condition to a student's participation" means something of monetary value that is impliedly or explicitly mandated or necessary for a student, parent, or family to provide so that a student may:

(a) fully participate in school or in a School activity, class, or program;
(b) successfully complete a School class for the highest grade; or
(c) avoid a direct or indirect limitation on full participation in a School activity, class, or program, including limitations created by:
    (i) peer pressure, shaming, stigmatizing, bullying, or the like; or
    (ii) withholding or curtailing any privilege that is otherwise provided to any other student.

“School activity clothing” means special shoes or items of clothing that:

(a) meet specific requirements, including requesting a specific brand, fabric, or imprint;
(b) the School requires a student to provide and to wear for an activity-, course-, or program-related activity; and
(c) that the student rents while participating in the activity, or become the property of the student upon exiting the activity, course, or program.

“School activity clothing” does not include:

(a) a school uniform; or
(b) clothing that is commonly found in students’ homes.

“School equipment” means a machine, equipment, facility, or tool that:

(a) is durable;
(b) is reusable;
(c) a secondary school owns; and
(d) a student uses as part of an activity, course, or program in a secondary school.

"Something of monetary value"

(a) means a charge, expense, deposit, rental, fine, or payment, regardless of how the payment is termed, described, requested or required directly or indirectly, in the form of money, goods or services; and

(b) includes:

(i) charges or expenditures for a School field trip or activity trip, including related transportation, food, lodging, and admission charges;

(ii) payments made to a third party that provide a part of a School activity, class, or program;

(iii) classroom textbooks, supplies or materials;

(iv) charges or expenditures for school activity clothing; and

(v) a fine, except for a student fine specifically approved the School for:

(A) failing to return School property;

(B) losing, wasting, or damaging private or School property through intentional, careless, or irresponsible behavior; or

(C) improper use of School property, including a parking violation.

(c) does not include a payment or charge for damages, which may reasonably be attributed to normal wear and tear.

“Textbook”

(a) means instructional material necessary for participation in an activity, course, or program, regardless of the format of the material;

(b) includes:

(i) a hardcopy book or printed pages of instructional material, including a consumable workbook; or

(ii) computer hardware, software, or digital content.

“Waiver” means a full release from:

(a) a requirement to pay a fee; and

(b) any provision in lieu of fee payment.

General School Fees Provisions

The School may only charge a fee for an activity, class, or program provided, sponsored, or supported by the School that is noticed and authorized by School policies and state law.

If the School imposes a fee:

(a) the fee shall be directly related to the expense incurred by the School in providing for a student the activity, course, or program for which the School imposes a fee;

(b) the fee shall be equal to or less than the expense described immediately above; and

(c) the School may not impose an additional fee or increase a fee to supplant or subsidize another fee that the School is prohibited from charging, including the normal expense of delivering instruction in a course.

The School may not sell textbooks or otherwise charge a fee for textbooks.

All fees are subject to the fee waiver requirements of this policy.

The School shall not charge a fee that is general in nature and for a service or good that does not

have a direct benefit to the student paying the fee. In addition, the School may not charge a fee for a common education expense.

The School may not charge students in grades K-6 fees to participate in the School's remediation programs.

Fees for Classes & Activities During the Regular School Day

The School may not charge a fee in kindergarten through sixth grade for materials, textbooks, supplies, or for any class or regular school day activity (except for discretionary projects), including assemblies and field trips.

Elementary students cannot be required to provide their own student supplies. However, the School or teacher may provide to a student's parent a suggested list of student supplies for use during the regular school day so that a parent or guardian may furnish, only on a voluntary basis, those supplies for student use. The list provided to a student's parent or guardian must include the following language before identifying the supplies:

> "NOTICE: THE ITEMS ON THIS LIST WILL BE USED DURING THE REGULAR SCHOOL DAY. THEY MAY BE BROUGHT FROM HOME ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS, OTHERWISE, THEY WILL BE FURNISHED BY THE SCHOOL."

Fees for Optional Projects

The School may require students at any grade level to provide materials or pay for an additional discretionary project if the student chooses a project in lieu of, or in addition to a required classroom project. A student may not be required to select an additional project as a condition to enrolling, completing, or receiving the highest possible grade for a course. The School will avoid allowing high cost additional projects, particularly when authorizing an additional discretionary project results in pressure on a student by teachers or peers to also complete a similar high cost project.

Fees for Activities Outside of the Regular School Day

Fees may be charged in all grades for any School-sponsored activity that does not take place during the regular school day if participation in the activity is voluntary and does not affect the student's grade or ability to participate fully in any course taught during the regular school day. Fee waivers are available for such fees.

A fee related to an extracurricular activity may not exceed the maximum fee amounts for the extracurricular activity adopted by the Board, as provided below.

Activities that use the School facilities outside the regular school day but are not provided, sponsored, or supported by the School (i.e., programs sponsored by the parent organization and/or an outside organization) may charge for participation, and fee waivers are not available for these charges.

An activity, class, or program that is provided, sponsored, or supported by the School outside of

the regular School day or School year calendar is subject to this policy and state law regardless of the time or season of the activity, class, or program.

Fee Schedule

The Board will approve a Fee Schedule at least once each year on or before June 1. The Fee Schedule will establish the maximum fee amount per student for each activity and the maximum total aggregate fee amount per student per school year. No fee may be charged or assessed related to an activity, class, or program provided, sponsored, or supported by the School, including for an extracurricular activity, unless the fee has been set and approved by the Board, is equal to or less than the established maximum fee amount for the activity, and is included in the approved Fee Schedule.

The School will encourage public participation in the development of the Fee Schedule and related policies.
Before approving the School's Fee Schedule, the School will provide an opportunity for the public to comment on the proposed Fee Schedule during a minimum of two public Board meetings. In addition to the standard notice of Board meetings under the Open and Public Meetings Act, the School will provide notice of these Board meetings using the same form of communication regularly used by the administration to communicate with parents.

After the Fee Schedule is adopted, the Board may amend the Fee Schedule using the same process.

Maximum Fee Amounts

In connection with establishing the Fee Schedule, the Board will establish a per student annual maximum fee amount that the School may charge a student for the student's participation in all courses, programs, and activities provided, sponsored, or supported by the School for the year. This is a maximum total aggregate fee amount per student per School year.

The Board may establish a reasonable number of activities, courses, or programs that will be covered by the annual maximum fee amount.

Notice to Parents

The Principal will annually provide written notice of the School's Fee Schedule and Fee Waiver Policy to the parent or guardian of each student in the School by ensuring that a written copy of the School's Fee Schedule and Fee Waiver Policy is included with all registration materials provided to potential or continuing students each year. The Fee Schedule shall clearly identify any fee for each activity, course, or program alongside the description of the activity, course, or program.

The School will also post the following on its website each school year:

(a) The School's Fee Schedule, including maximum fee amounts, and Fee Waiver Policy;
(b) The School's fee waiver application;
(c) The School's fee waiver decision and appeals form; and
(d) The School's fee notice(s) for families.

Donations

The School may not request or accept a donation in lieu of a fee from a student or parent unless the activity, class, or program for which the donation is solicited will otherwise be fully funded by the School and receipt of the donation will not affect participation by an individual student.

A donation is a fee if a student or parent is required to make the donation as a condition to the student's participation in an activity, class, or program.

The School may solicit and accept a donation or contribution in accordance with the School's policies, including the Donation and Fundraising Policy, but such requests must clearly state that donations and contributions by a student or parent are voluntary.

If the School solicits donations, the School: (a) shall solicit and handle donations in accordance with policies and procedures established by the School; and (b) may not place any undue burden on a student or family in relation to a donation.

Fee Collection

The School may pursue reasonable methods for obtaining payment for fees and for charges assessed in connection with a student losing or willfully damaging school property.

The School may not exclude students from school, an activity, a class, or a program that is provided, sponsored, or supported by the School during the regular school day; refuse to issue a course grade; or withhold official student records, including written or electronic grade reports, class schedules, diplomas, or transcripts, as a result of unpaid fees.

The School may withhold the official student records of a student responsible for lost or damaged School property consistent with Utah Code § 53G-8-212 until the student or the student's parent has paid for the damages, but may not withhold a student's records required for student enrollment or placement in a subsequent school.

A reasonable charge may be imposed by the School to cover the cost of duplicating, mailing, or transmitting transcripts and other school records. No charge may be imposed for duplicating, mailing, or transmitting copies of school records to an elementary or secondary school in which the student is enrolled or intends to enroll.

Consistent with Utah Code § 53G-6-604, the School will forward a certified copy of a transferring student's record to a new school within 30 days of the request, regardless of whether the student owes fees or fines to the School.

Students shall be given notice and an opportunity to pay fines prior to withholding issuance of official written grade reports, diplomas and transcripts. If the student and the student's parent or guardian are unable to pay for damages or if it is determined by the School in consultation with the student's parents that the student's interests would not be served if the parents were to pay for the damages, then the School may provide for a program of voluntary work for the student in lieu of the payment. A general breakage fee levied against all students in a class or school is not

permitted.

Fee Refunds

Student fees are non-refundable.

Budgeting and Spending Revenue Collected Through Fees

The School will follow the general accounting standards described in Rule R277-113 for treatment of fee revenue.

The School will establish a spend plan for the revenue collected from each fee charged. The spend plan will (a) provide students, parents, and employees transparency by identifying a fee's funding uses; (b) identify the needs of the activity, course, or program for the fee being charged and include a list or description of the anticipated types of expenditures, for the current fiscal year or as carryover for use in a future fiscal year, funded by the fee charged.

School Fee Collections & Accounting Procedures

It is the responsibility of the Principal to ensure that all student fees collected are in compliance with the Fee Schedule and applicable financial policies and procedures.

Fees must be received and deposited in a timely manner.

Money may only be collected by staff authorized by the Principal. Students may not collect fees.

The School may not use revenue collected through fees to offset the cost of fee waivers by requiring students and families who do not qualify for fee waivers to pay an increased fee amount to cover the costs of students and families who qualify for fee waivers. However, the School may notify students and families that the students and families may voluntarily pay an increased fee amount or provide a donation to cover the costs of other students and families.

Fee Waiver Provisions

To ensure that no student is denied the opportunity to participate in a class or activity that is provided, sponsored, or supported by the School because of an inability to pay a fee, the School provides fee waivers or other provisions in lieu of a fee. Fee waivers or other provisions in lieu of a fee payment will be available to any student whose parent cannot pay a fee.

All fees are subject to waiver.

Non-waivable charges are not subject to waiver.

Fee Waiver Administration

The Principal or a designee will administer this policy and will review and grant fee waiver requests. The process for obtaining waivers or pursuing alternatives will be administered in

accordance with this policy, fairly, objectively, and without delay, and in a manner that avoids stigma, embarrassment, undue attention, and unreasonable burdens on students and parents.

The School will not treat a student receiving a fee waiver or provision in lieu of a fee waiver differently from other students. The process for obtaining waivers or pursuing alternatives will create no visible indicators that could lead to identification of fee waiver applicants.

The process for obtaining waivers or pursuing alternatives will comply with the privacy requirements of The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, 20 U.S.C. 1232g (FERPA).The School may not identify a student on fee waiver to students, staff members, or other persons who do not need to know. As a general rule, teachers and coaches do not need to know which students receive fee waivers. Students may not assist in the fee waiver approval process.

Fee Waiver Eligibility

A student is eligible for a fee waiver if the School receives verification that:

(a) In accordance with Utah Code § 53G-7-504(4), family income falls within levels established annually by the State Superintendent and published on the Utah State Board of Education website;
(b) The student to whom the fee applies receives Supplemental Security Income (SSI). If a student receives SSI, the School may require a benefit verification letter from the Social Security Administration;
(c) The family receives TANF or SNAP funding. If a student's family receives TANF or SNAP, the School may require the student's family to provide the School an electronic copy or screenshot of the student's family's eligibility determination or eligibility status covering the period for which the fee waiver is sought from the Utah Department of Workforce Services;
(d) The student is in foster care through the Division of Child and Family Services or is in state care. If a student is in state care or foster care, the School may rely on the youth in care required intake form or school enrollment letter provided by a caseworker from the Utah Division of Child and Family Services or the Utah Juvenile Justice Department; or
(e) The student qualifies for McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act assistance. If a student qualifies for McKenney-Vento, verification is obtained through the School's McKinney-Vento liaison.

The School will not maintain copies of any documentation provided to verify eligibility for a fee waiver.

The School will not subject a family to unreasonable demands for re-qualification.

The School may grant a fee waiver to a student, on a case-by-case basis, who does not qualify for a fee waiver under the foregoing provisions but who, because of extenuating circumstances, is not reasonably capable of paying the fee.

The School may charge a proportional share of a fee or a reduced fee if circumstances change for a student or family so that fee waiver eligibility no longer exists.

The School may retroactively waive fees if eligibility can be determined to exist before the date of the fee waiver application.

Fee Waiver Approval Process

The School will inform patrons of the process for obtaining waivers and will provide a copy of the standard fee waiver application on the School's website.

The Principal or a designee will review fee waiver applications within five (5) school days of receipt. If the School denies a request for a fee waiver, the School will provide the decision to deny a waiver in writing and will provide notice of the procedure for appeal in the form approved by the Utah State Board of Education.

Any requirement that a student pay a fee will be suspended during any period in which the student's eligibility for a waiver is being determined or during the time a denial of waiver is being appealed.

Each year the School will maintain documentation regarding the number of School students who were given fee waivers, the number of School students who worked in lieu of fee waivers, the number of School students who were denied fee waivers, the total dollar value of student fees waived by the School, and the total dollar amount of all fees charged to students at the School, as this information may be requested by the Utah State Board of Education as part of its monitoring of the School's school fees practices.

The School shall also submit school fee revenue information in the Utah Public Education Financial System as provided in R277-113.

Appeal Process

Denial of eligibility for a waiver may be appealed in writing to the Principal within ten (10) school days of receiving notice of denial. The School shall contact the parent within two (2) weeks after receiving the appeal and schedule a meeting with the Principal to discuss the parent's concerns. If, after meeting with the Principal, the waiver is still denied, the parent may appeal, in writing, within ten (10) school days of receiving notice of denial to the Board.

In order to protect privacy and confidentiality, the School will not retain information or documentation provided to verify eligibility for fee waivers.

Alternatives to Fees and Fee Waivers

The School may allow a student to perform service or another approved task (as described in Utah Code § 53G-7-504(2)) in lieu of paying a fee or, in the case of an eligible student, in lieu receiving a fee waiver, but such alternatives may not be required. If the School allows an alternative to satisfy a fee requirement, the Principal will explore with the interested student and his or her parent/guardian the alternatives available for satisfying the fee requirement, and parents will be given the opportunity to review proposed alternatives to fees and fee waivers.

The School may allow a student to perform service in lieu of paying a fee or receiving a fee waiver if: (a) the School establishes a service policy or procedure that ensure that a service assignment is appropriate to the age, physical condition, and maturity of the student; (b) the School's service policy or procedure is consistent with state and federal laws, including Section 53G-7-504 regarding the waiver of fees and the federal Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. 201; (c) the service can be performed within a reasonable period of time; and (d) the service is at least equal to the minimum wage for each hour or service.

A student who performs service may not be treated differently than other students who pay a fee.

The service may not create an unreasonable burden for a student or parent and may not be of such a nature as to demean or stigmatize the student.

The School will transfer the student's service credit to another LEA upon request of the student.

The School may make an installment payment plan available for the payment of a fee. Such a payment plan may not be required in lieu of a fee waiver.

The School may provide optional individual fundraising opportunities for a student to raise money to offset the cost of the student's fees as provided in R277-408.

Fee Waivers for School Trips

Students may be granted a fee waiver for no more than two School-sponsored trips per school year. A student who has been granted a fee waiver for one School-sponsored trip may request a fee waiver for a second School-sponsored trip during the same school year. The fee waiver request for a second School-sponsored trip shall be accompanied by an action plan, developed in consultation with and approved by the Principal, that addresses how the student or family will contribute to the School or community through one or more of: (a) participation in approved fundraising; (b) approved custodial work or service in lieu of fees consistent with R277-407 and the Fair Labor Standards Act; (c) installment-payment arrangements for ancillary trip costs not covered by waiver; or (d) other contributions specified in the action plan.

The fee waiver request for a second School-sponsored trip shall be granted upon Principal approval of the action plan unless documentation establishes the student's participation would impose an undue financial burden on the School beyond fee-waiver expectations.

For purposes of this section, "trip" and "action plan" have the meanings assigned to those terms in Utah Code § 53G-7-504.

Annual Review, Approval, and Training

The Board will review and approve this policy annually.

The School will develop a plan for at least annual training of School employees on fee-related policies specific to each employee's job functions.

Financial Reporting Policy

Adopted: October 2, 2017
Revised: September 28, 2026

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that Advantage Arts Academy (the "School") practices sound financial reporting in accordance with state and federal law and applicable accounting standards.

Policy

The School will ensure that financial reporting for the School is performed in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and that audits of the School's financial reporting are performed in accordance with Generally Accepted Auditing Standards (GAAS) and Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards (GAGAS).

The School will provide financial reporting in a manner consistent with the basis of accounting as required by GAAP, as applicable to the School.

The School will provide reconciliation between the accrual basis of accounting and modified accrual basis of accounting, as applicable.

The School will provide data and information consistent with budgeting, accounting (including the uniform chart of accounts for LEAs), and auditing standards for Utah LEAs provided online annually by the Utah State Superintendent of Public Education.

Government Records Access Management Act (GRAMA) Policy

Adopted: October 2, 2017
Revised: October 1, 2018

Policy

The purpose of this policy is to establish criteria for managing, classifying, accessing, disposing and retaining records of Advantage Arts Academy (the "School") in compliance with the Government Records Access and Management Act (GRAMA). It is the policy of the School's Board of Directors to provide fair and timely public access to information contained in the School's records and at the same time protect individual privacy rights in relation to personal data gathered by the School. This policy does not apply to student records. Student records are governed by the Family Education Privacy Act (FERPA) and the School's FERPA Policy.

Records Officer

The School's Principal is designated as the Records Officer for all records requests. The Principal may delegate responsibility for complying with GRAMA and responding to records requests to other individuals as appropriate.

The records officer shall perform the duties set forth in Utah Code § 63G-2-103 and review and respond to requests for access to records.

Records Classification

As records requests are made, the records officer shall evaluate School records and make designations and classifications as set forth in Utah Code § 63G-2-307.

Records shall be classified under the following general categories:

- Public records as described in Utah Code § 63G-2-301;
- Private records as described in Utah Code § 63G-2-302;
- Controlled records as described in Utah Code § 63G-2-304;
- Protected records as described in Utah Code § 63G-2-305; and
- Limited records as described in Utah Code § 63G-2-201 (3)(b).

Record Access

A person requesting a record must make a written request directed to the records officer. Upon request, records classified as public may be inspected by any person during normal working hours in accordance with Utah Code § 63G-2-201.

Upon request, private, controlled and protected records shall be disclosed in accordance with Utah Code § 63G-2-202.

The records officer (or designee) shall respond to requests for access to records within established time limits described in Utah Code § 63G-2-204.

Fees

The records officer (or designee) may charge up to ten cents (10¢) per page to cover the actual costs, as described in Utah Code § 63G-2-203(1), of duplicating a record.

Fees for duplication and compilation of a record may be waived by the records officer under certain circumstances described in Utah Code § 63G-2-203(4).

Appeals

If a requester is dissatisfied with the records officer's (or designee's) initial decision, the requester may appeal the decision in writing to the School's Board President according to time limits and provisions of Utah Code § 63G-2-401.

If the denial of access is affirmed in whole or part, the requester may then appeal the decision to the State Records Committee as outlined under Utah Code § 63G-2-403, or petition for judicial review in district court as provided in Utah Code § 63G-2-404.

An individual may contest the accuracy or completeness of a document pertaining to that individual pursuant to Utah Code § 63G-2-603. The request should be made to the records officer (or designee).

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

The Board of Directors will approve minutes of board meetings at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board as set forth on the annual board meeting calendar.

Health and Safety Policy

Adopted: October 2, 2017
Revised: _____

Policy

It is the policy of Advantage Arts Academy (the "School") to develop and maintain up-to-date procedures to ensure the health and safety of students and staff of the School. Accordingly, the School's Principal will ensure that the School adopts and keeps updated procedures that provide adequate protection for the health and safety of students and staff members.

Home School Student Participation in Statewide Assessments Policy

Adopted: October 2, 2017
Revised: September 22, 2020

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to set forth the responsibilities of Advantage Arts Academy (the "School") in the event a home school student requests to participate in statewide assessments at the School.

Policy

A home school student may participate in statewide assessments at the School if each of the following conditions are met:

(1) The student is a Utah resident as defined in Utah Code Ann. § 53G-6-302 and proof of residency has been provided to the School;

(2) The student has satisfied the home schooling requirements of Utah Code Ann. § 53G-6-204 and a copy of the certificate from a local school board excusing the student from attendance at school during the applicable school year has been provided to the School;

(3) The request for the student to participate in statewide assessments at the School is provided to the School at least thirty (30) days prior to the opening of the applicable state assessment window; and

(4) The parent or guardian of the student, or a responsible adult designated by the student's parent or guardian, will remain at the School in a designated area while school personnel administer and proctor the test. The parent or guardian of the student agree that they will not participate in the monitoring or proctoring of the student's statewide assessments testing at the School.

The School will respond to a home school student's request to participate in statewide assessments at the School in a timely manner. If the request is approved, the School will notify the student's parent or guardian of the date(s) and time(s) of the applicable statewide assessments testing at the School in which the student may participate and any other information deemed relevant by the School.

The School may not require a home school student to pay a fee for participating in statewide assessments at the School that is not charged to traditional students.

A home school student or the student's parent or guardian may request from the School an annual schedule of statewide assessments dates at the School, the location of the School campus(es) at which home school students may be tested, and a copy of the School's written policies for home school student participation in statewide assessments at the School. The School will provide such requested information in a timely fashion.

The School will comply with Utah Administrative Code R277-404 and the Standard Test Administration and Testing Ethics Policy described therein when administering statewide assessments to its students and home school students who participate in statewide assessments at the School in accordance with this policy and applicable law.

The School intends for this policy to be consistent with the provisions of Utah Administrative Code R277-604-4.

Hotline Complaint Policy

Approved: November 17, 2025

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to outline, in accordance with Utah Administrative Code R277-123-7, how Advantage Arts Academy (the "School") responds to and resolves Utah State Board of Education ("USBE") public education hotline complaints received as referrals from the USBE Internal Audit Department.

Policy

After the School receives a hotline complaint, if contact information for the complainant is available, designated School personnel will contact the complainant promptly and document (a) the School personnel that contacted the complainant; (b) the type of contact made (phone, email, etc.); (c) the date of the contact; and (d) the resolution of the concern or action steps to be taken.

The School will make at least two good faith attempts to contact a complainant when contact information is available.

The School will investigate, respond to, and attempt to resolve hotline complaints in accordance with the requirements set forth in R277-123-7 and School policy. If the School determines that a hotline complaint should have been addressed by way of the School's applicable grievance policy, the School may inform the USBE Internal Audit Department. To the extent allowed by R277-123 and applicable law, complainants should not use the hotline to bypass the School's grievance policies.

Information Technology Security Policy

Adopted: October 2, 2017
Revised: _____

Purpose

Advantage Arts Academy (the "School") has a duty to ensure the security of the School's computer equipment, systems, and networks so that the sensitive data maintained or stored on them is protected. The purpose of this policy is to explain how the School will perform this duty in compliance with state and federal law.

Policy

The School will protect sensitive data, including personally identifiable student data, in accordance with reasonable data industry best practices and state and federal law. Applicable state and federal law includes but is not limited to the Utah Student Data Protection Act, the Utah Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, Utah Administrative Code Rule R277-487 Public School Data Confidentiality and Disclosure, the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, and the Government Records Access and Management Act.

Information Technology Systems Security Plan

Utah Administrative Code Rule R277-487 requires the School to, among other things, have an Information Technology Systems Security Plan that addresses the following:

(1) System Administration;
(2) Network Security;
(3) Application Security;
(4) Endpoint, Server, and Device Security;
(5) Identity, Authentication, and Access Management;
(6) Data Protection and Cryptography;
(7) Monitoring, Vulnerability, and Patch Management;
(8) High Availability, Disaster Recovery, and Physical Protection;
(9) Incident Responses;
(10) Acquisition and Asset Management; and
(11) Policy, Audit, and E-Discovery Training.

The Principal shall establish an administrative Information Technology Systems Security Plan that complies with Utah Administrative Code Rule R277-487 and other applicable law.

The Information Technology Systems Security Plan shall work in conjunction with this policy and the School's Student Data Privacy and Security Policy, Data Governance Plan, metadata dictionary, and any other School policy, procedure, or plan concerning data privacy and security.

Training

On an annual basis, the School shall provide appropriate training to its employees, aides, and volunteers regarding information technology security matters.

Investment Policy

Adopted: June 4, 2018
Revised: _____

Purpose

Advantage Arts Academy (the "School") shall invest its cash assets in such a manner as to comply with the requirements of the State Money Management Act (the "Act") as set forth in Utah Code Ann. § 51-7-1 et seq.

Although certain market conditions may allow for short-term investment of funds in a vehicle other than the Utah Public Treasurers Investment Fund ("PTIF"), the primary purpose of this policy is for the investment of funds for periods of 24 months or longer.

The objectives of this investment policy include the following:

A. To provide for the safety of principal, preservation of capital, and mitigation of risk.

B. To provide for the liquidity necessary to match the School's cash requirements.

C. To increase interest income through higher yielding investments.

Policy

The School shall make investment decisions as follows:

A. All investment activities shall be conducted with the same degree of judgment and care, which an ordinary reasonable person exercises in the management of their own affairs.

B. Professionals retained by the School as defined in the Act, so long as they are acting in accordance with the Act and this investment policy and exercise due diligence, shall be relieved of personal responsibility for credit or market price changes, provided that deviations are reported to the Board of Directors in a timely fashion and appropriate action, if necessary, is taken to control adverse developments.

C. Individuals involved in the School's investments shall refrain from personal business activity in conflict with proper execution of this investment policy.

D. The Board of Directors shall manage investment activities authorized by the Act in consultation with the School's financial advisor. The Board of Directors shall

maintain a system of internal controls so that School funds are protected at all times from loss, theft, and fraud.

E. The Board of Directors shall name a financial institution with a Utah office as the custodian for all investments made by the School other than PTIF investments, which are held by financial institutions designated by the State Treasurer. In addition, the School shall purchase investments only from those certified dealers and registered agents that have registered with the State Money Management Council.

F. To the extent possible, the School shall attempt to match investments with anticipated cash requirements, although the PTIF is preferred for periods up to two years.

G. Transfers into and out of the School's investment accounts to accomplish the objectives of this policy may be made when approved by either: (i) an authorized member of the School's Board of Directors; or (ii) both the Director and the School's Management Company. Any transfer approved by both the Director and the School's Management Company shall be reported to the School's Board of Directors at the first Board of Directors meeting subsequent to the approved transfer.

Language Access Policy

Approved: April 24, 2023
Revised: _____

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to help ensure that Advantage Arts Academy (the "School") provides access to its services, programs, and activities to persons who have limited English proficiency and understand languages other than English.

Definitions

For purposes of this policy, the following terms have the following meanings:

"Primary language" means the first language spoken by a student and a student's parent/guardian.

"Interpretation" means simultaneous communication between a speaker of English and a speaker of another language.

"Translation" means written communication wherein the written words of one person are communicated to others in writing in a different language.

Policy

Language Access Coordinator

The School's Director shall designate a Language Access Coordinator who is responsible for implementing this policy at the School and ensuring that any necessary training on the policy is provided. The Language Access Coordinator may also recommend updates or changes to this policy in an effort to make the policy more effective.

Notification to Employees

The School shall notify its employees of this policy, the rights of parents/guardians and students to receive language assistance services, and the proper procedures to access language assistance services as outlined in this policy.

Determination of Primary Language

Within thirty (30) calendar days of a student's enrollment (or re-enrollment) in the School, the School shall determine the primary language spoken by the student and the student's parent/guardian, and if such language is not English, whether the student and parent/guardian require language assistance to communicate effectively with the School.

The School shall maintain a current record of the primary language of each parent/guardian of students enrolled in the School.

Obligation to Provide Language Assistance Services

The School shall, consistent with this policy and applicable law, provide translation and interpretation services to students and parents/guardians who require language assistance in order to communicate effectively with the School.

Interpretation Services

The School shall provide interpretation services during regular business hours to parents/guardians and their students who require such services in order to communicate with the School regarding critical information about the students' education. Depending upon availability, such interpretation services may be provided at the School, a reasonable location agreed upon by the School and a student's parent/guardian, or virtually.

The School shall provide the interpretation services described above for School activities, including but not limited to:

(a) classroom activities;
(b) impromptu and scheduled office visits or phone calls;
(c) enrollment or registration processes;
(d) the Individualized Education Program (IEP) process;
(e) student educational and occupational planning processes;
(f) fee waiver processes;
(g) parent engagement activities;
(h) student disciplinary meetings;
(i) community councils (if any);
(j) board meetings;
(k) other School activities; and
(l) other interactions between the parents/guardians of a student learning English and educational staff at the School.

Translation Services

The School shall provide translations of School materials to parents/guardians and their children who require them to communicate effectively with the School, and such materials include, but are not limited to:

(a) registration or enrollment materials, including home language surveys and English learning program entrance and exit notifications;
(b) assignments and accompanying materials;
(c) report cards or other progress reports;
(d) student discipline policies and procedures;
(e) grievance procedures and notices of rights and nondiscrimination;
(f) parent or family handbooks;
(g) requests for parent permission; and
(h) any other guidance, including guidance on when oral interpretation is preferable to written translation, to improve instruction and assistance by teachers, counselors, and administrators to a student learning English and the student's parents/guardians and family.

Centrally Produced Critical Communications

The School shall identify documents that it distributes or electronically communicates to parents/guardians containing critical information regarding their child's education, including, but not limited to, documents pertaining to:

(a) registration, application, and selection;
(b) standards and performance (e.g., standard text on report cards);
(c) conduct, safety, and discipline;
(d) special education and related services; and
(e) transfers and withdrawals.

The School shall procure translations of the applicable critical communications listed above in a timely manner, in each of the covered languages, and work to make such translations available to parents/guardians and students of the School.

Student-Specific Critical Documents

Where required under this policy, the School shall provide parents/guardians with a translation of important documents that contain individual, student-specific information regarding, but not limited to, their student's:

(a) health;
(b) safety;
(c) legal or disciplinary matters; and
(d) entitlement to public education or placement in any special education, English language learner or non-standard academic program.

Qualifications of Interpreters and/or Translators

Individual interpreters and translators provided by the School do not have to be certified unless certification is required by law. However, they should be competent and, where possible, have experience providing interpretation or translation services for school activities and materials listed in this policy. Where deemed appropriate by the School's Director or Language Access Coordinator, the School may utilize online translation services such as Google Translate or Microsoft Translator to translate School materials or documents described in this policy.

The School shall follow its Special Education Policies and Procedures Manual when providing interpretation and translation services for students with disabilities.

Complaints

If any parent/guardian or student feels that they are not receiving the language assistance services set forth in this policy, they may address those concerns through the School's Parent Grievance Policy.

Annual Review of Policy

The School shall review this policy for efficacy on an annual basis. As part of this review, and for purposes of evaluating the effectiveness of this policy, the School may consult with its stakeholders and community members, refugee resettlement agencies, immigration services organizations, ethnic based community organizations.

LEA-Specific Educator License Policy

Adopted: June 1, 2020
Revised: June 20, 2022

Purpose

Advantage Arts Academy (the "School") is committed to employing educators who are properly licensed and qualified for their positions. This policy is adopted in accordance with Rule R277-301 and governs the School's application for LEA-specific educator licenses and its employment of educators on such licenses.

The School acknowledges that the purpose of LEA-specific educator licenses is to allow the School to hire otherwise qualified educators during the period that they are preparing and completing requirements to qualify for an associate educator license or a professional educator license.

Policy

Applying for an LEA-Specific Educator License

The School's administration will propose to the Board of Directors (the "Board") candidates for an LEA-specific educator license as the need arises.

When the administration proposes a candidate for an LEA-specific license, they will follow the procedures below and provide the Board with an explanation and rationale for requesting an LEA-specific educator license under the criteria contained in this policy.

When the Board determines that it is appropriate under this policy, the Board will approve the request for an LEA-specific educator license in a public meeting. Approval will take place no more than 60 days prior to submitting the application to the USBE on behalf of the candidate.

The Board will apply for the LEA-specific educator license for one, two, or three years as requested by the administration and approved by the Board, and in accordance with R277-301-7.

The School may not issue an LEA-specific license area of concentration to an educator for the license areas identified in R277-301-7, including special education, pre-school special education, deaf education, school psychologist, school social worker, audiologist, speech language therapist, or speech language pathologist.

In accordance with R277-301-8, the Board may request an eminence designation for an LEA-Specific license, license area, or endorsement for a teacher whose employment with the School is no more than 37% of a teacher's regular instruction load.

Criteria for Employing Educators with an LEA-Specific Educator License

The School will use the following processes and consider the following criteria in determining whether to employ an educator and apply for an LEA-specific educator license:

1. Vet each candidate and contact references in order to verify that they are a strong candidate. In particular, ensure that the candidate does not have any prior misconduct that would impair their success in teaching.

2. Interview each candidate and verify that they support the School's focus.

3. Consider the extent to which each candidate has training in the content area and the ability to facilitate student learning in that content area.

4. Consider the extent to which each candidate has experience and the ability to effectively teach courses.

5. Consider whether the LEA-specific educator license is sought in a content area in which there is a shortage of qualified educators in the state.

When an LEA-specific license, license area, or endorsement is sought for an educator for a subject that comprises less than 50% of the educator's course load, the following criteria will also be considered:

1. Consider whether the educator is a certified teacher in other content areas.

2. Consider whether the number of periods to be taught under the LEA-specific license, license area, or endorsement constitutes a full teaching load.

3. Consider whether the School currently employs or is hiring a teacher who does not have a degree or endorsement in the content area but who can also teach other areas in which they are licensed.

4. Consider whether the educator has demonstrated proficiency in teaching these courses.

5. Consider whether the administration has identified other qualified candidates with the necessary dual licensing.

The School will also ensure that a candidate for an LEA-specific educator license has completed (or will timely complete) the required criminal background check and educator ethics review described in R277-301-7.

Educator Preparation and Support

Within the first year of employment, the School will train each educator holding an LEA-specific educator license on:

(a) educator ethics;

(b) classroom management and instruction;

(c) basic special education law and instruction; and

(d) the Utah Effective Teaching Standards described in R277-530.

Website Posting

This policy will be posted on the School's website.

The School will also prominently post the following information on its website:

(a) disclosure of the fact that the School employs individuals holding LEA-specific licenses, license areas, or endorsements;

(b) an explanation of the types of licenses issued by the USBE;

(c) the percentage of the types of licenses, license areas, and endorsements held by educators employed in the School based on the employees' FTE as reported to the USBE Superintendent; and

(d) a link to the Utah Educator Look-up Tool provided by the USBE Superintendent in accordance with Subsection R277-312-7(6).

Library Materials Policy

Adopted: August 29, 2022
Revised: 03.12.2025

Purpose

The purpose of this policy and its accompanying procedures is to help ensure that Advantage Arts Academy (the "School") provides appropriate library materials that support and enhance student academic learning and personal development.

This policy and its accompanying procedures are intended to satisfy the requirements of Utah Administrative Code Rule R277-628 with respect to materials in the School's library collection.

Policy

The School's library shall promote intellectual and academic freedom by providing students with thoughtful access to a wide range of balanced, relevant, age-appropriate materials. The library shall serve as a learning environment for students and help them acquire the critical thinking and problem-solving skills needed in a pluralistic society. The library shall provide students an opportunity to learn beyond their regular classroom instruction.

The School shall comply with state and federal law and Utah State Board of Education rule in connection with its library collection and program. The School's library collection shall not contain any "sensitive material" as that term is defined by Utah Code § 53G-10-103; that is, the School's library collection shall not contain any instructional material that is pornographic or indecent material as that term is defined in Utah Code § 76-10-1235.

The School's criteria for selecting and removing materials from its library collection, as well as the School's process for handling challenges of such materials, shall be consistent with this policy, the School's Selection, Approval, and Purchase of Instructional Materials Policy, applicable law and rule, and the School's mission and vision.

Procedures

The Principal shall establish administrative procedures that set forth the criteria and process by which the School will select, remove, and handle challenges of materials in the School's library collection.

Administrative Procedures
Library Materials Procedures

These procedures are established in accordance with the Library Materials Policy adopted by the School's Board of Directors.

I. Selection of Materials for School's Library Collection

a. The School's librarian will select all library materials, including from materials provided as gifts or donations to the School's library. The selection of library materials will be consistent with the School's Library Materials Policy, the School's Selection, Approval, and Purchase of Instructional Materials Policy, and will be performed under the direction and with the approval of the Principal.
b. In addition to the criteria outlined in the School's Selection, Approval, and Purchase of Instructional Materials Policy, the following selection criteria will be used:
    i. Overall purpose and educational significance;
    ii. Legality;
    iii. Age and developmental appropriateness;
    iv. Timeliness and/or permanence;
    v. Readability and accessibility for intended audience;
    vi. Artistic quality and literary style;
    vii. Reputation and significance of author, producer, and/or publisher;
    viii. Variety of format with efforts to incorporate emerging technologies; and
    ix. Quality and value commensurate with cost and/or need.
c. The librarian may seek recommendations and work collaboratively with parents, patrons, and others in the School community during the selection process.
d. The School's library collection will reflect a diversity of ideas, varying viewpoints, and adhere to applicable law.
e. Any electronic databases and other web-based searches and content will be filtered through the School's state-required internet filter.

II. Library Collection Maintenance

a. Library materials will be maintained consistent with the criteria listed above and applicable state and federal laws, including Utah Code § 53G-10-103.
b. The librarian or another employee designated by the School's Principal will inventory the School's library collection and equipment annually or at another time interval determined by the Principal. The inventory may be used to:
    i. Determine losses and remove damaged or worn materials to be considered for replacement;
    ii. Deselect and remove materials that are inconsistent with the law or that are no longer relevant to the curriculum or of interest to students; or
    iii. Identify gaps or deficits in the School's library collection.

III. Challenges to Library Materials

a. Stakeholders may challenge a library material on the basis that it constitutes sensitive material by initiating a sensitive material review by the School in accordance with the School's Selection, Approval, and Purchase of Instructional Materials Policy and its accompanying Sensitive Material Review Procedures. "Stakeholder" for purposes of challenging library materials means:

i. A parent of a student who is enrolled in the School;
ii. A student who is enrolled in the School;
iii. An employee of the School; or
iv. A member of the School's Board of Directors.

b. Stakeholders shall follow the School's Sensitive Material Review Procedures when challenging a library material.

Meal Charge Procedures

I. Purpose

Advantage Arts Academy ("the School") participates in the National School Breakfast Program ("SBP") and National School Lunch Program ("NSLP"). The School provides meals to its students pursuant to these programs and offers free or reduced-price meals to eligible students. Participating students who are not eligible for free or reduced-price meals may receive meals at the School at the normal paid rate.

These procedures address how the School will handle situations where students eligible to receive reduced-price or paid rate meals at school do not have money in their account or in hand to pay for the cost of a meal at the time of meal service. These procedures also address, among other things, where families can find assistance with applying for free or reduced-price school meals, notification and collection of unpaid meal charges, and how the School will communicate these procedures to families and School personnel.

II. Information about Free or Reduced-Price Meals

A. Prior to or at the beginning of each school year, the School will provide to the parent or guardian of each student:
   (i) Information about school meals, including prices for the meals and acceptable methods of paying for the meals;
   (ii) Information about the SBP and NSLP, including how students qualify for free or reduced-priced meals under the programs; and
   (iii) An application for free or reduced-priced meals under the SBP and NSLP.

B. The School will provide the information and application as follows:
   (i) Through posting the information and applications on the School's website and through emailing parents a link to the information and applications on the School's website. The School will also provide hard copies of the information and applications to all parents who request hard copies.
   (ii) The School will not provide the information and application at the end of the school year for the next school year, but will provide the information and application on or after July 1 of each year.

C. Completed applications should be returned to the School as soon as possible, but completed applications will be accepted by the School throughout the year. Parents or guardians should contact the School's front office at 801-878-8622 for questions about or assistance with applying for free or reduced-priced school meals.

III. Students Unable to Pay for Meals

A. Students who are unable to pay for a meal at the time of meal service, either because they don't have sufficient money in their meal account or on their person, will still be allowed to charge the meal to their meal account.

B. Students who have qualified for free meals under the SBP and NSLP are not required to pay for reimbursable meals at the School.

C. Per Utah Code § 53F-2-423, students who have qualified for reduced-price meals under the

NSLP are not required to pay for reimbursable lunches at the School.

IV. Alternate Meals

A. Students whose meal account balance is negative in the amount of -$20.00 or more will not be allowed to charge a regular reimbursable meal to their account. However, under such circumstances, the School will offer such students an alternate meal for lunch. The alternate lunch meal will consist of milk, a roll, and some fruit. The School will charge a student's meal account $1 for alternate meals.

B. This section does not apply to students who have qualified for free meals under the SBP and NSLP, as such students are not required to pay for reimbursable meals at the School and will never be denied a regular reimbursable meal by the School.

C. Per Utah Code § 53F-2-423, this section also does not apply to students who have qualified for reduced-price meals under the NSLP, as such students are not required to pay for reimbursable lunches at the School and will never be denied a regular reimbursable lunch by the School.

V. Notifications Regarding Balances; Collection Efforts

A. The School will notify parents or guardians of low meal account balances by email, telephone, and/or written letters and request that additional payment on the account be made prior to the account reaching a negative balance.

B. The School will notify parents or guardians of negative meal account balances. When a student's meal account has a negative balance, the School will notify the student's parent or guardian of the negative account balance by email, telephone, and/or written letters. Specifically, the School may send parents or guardians weekly emails when meal account balances are from -$.01 to -$10.00 and make regular phone calls when meal account balances are from -$10.00 to -$35.00. In such communications the School will request parents or guardians to make payment on the accounts as soon as possible.

C. When a student's meal account reaches a negative balance of at least -$35.00, the School will continue to notify parents or guardians as described above and may also turn the account over to collections.

D. The School may contact parents or guardians of students with delinquent meal accounts to inquire if the household might be eligible for free or reduced-price meal benefits under SBP and NSLP.

E. The front office at the School is generally responsible for managing meal account balances and balance notifications and can be reached at 801-878-8622 for questions or concerns related to such matters.

F. The front office at the School is generally responsible for managing the School's collection efforts and can be reached at 801-878-8622 for questions or concerns related to such matters.

G. The School will maintain documentation of the balance notifications and collection efforts

described above, as this may be requested as part of federal or state audits.

VI. Communication of Procedures

A. Prior to or at the beginning of each school year, and upon a student transferring to the School during the school year, the School will provide to the parent or guardian of each student a written copy of these procedures by including them in the registration materials and by providing them at back-to-school night. The School will also provide a written copy of these procedures to all parents who request a copy.

B. In order to ensure that these procedures are applied consistently and correctly, the School will also annually provide a copy of these procedures to all School personnel who are responsible for or involved in:
   (i) Collecting payment for meals at the time of meal service;
   (ii) Notifying parents or guardians of low or negative meal account balances;
   (iii) Collection efforts for delinquent meal accounts;
   (iv) Distributing these procedures and the information described in Section II; and
   (v) Enforcing any aspect of these procedures.

C. The School will post these procedures on its website and may also choose to provide additional copies to parents or guardians of students whose meal accounts reach a negative balance.

D. The School will maintain documentation of the communication methods described above, as this may be requested as part of federal or state audits.

E. Students, parents, and the School community were involved in developing these communication procedures.

VII. Review of Procedures

A. The School will review these procedures annually and revise them as it deems necessary.

Paid Parental, Postpartum Recovery, Adoption, and Foster Leave

In accordance with Utah Code § 53G-11-209, the School offers qualified employees paid parental leave, postpartum recovery leave, adoption leave, and foster leave.

Definitions

For purposes of this policy:

"Adoption leave" means paid leave hours the School provides to an adoption leave eligible employee.

"Adoption leave eligible employee" means a School employee who:
(a) receives regular paid personal time off (PTO) benefits from the School; and
(b) is legally adopting a young child, unless the employee is the spouse of the young child's pre-existing parent.

"Child" means an individual younger than 18 years old.

"Foster leave" means paid leave hours the School provides to a foster leave eligible employee.

"Foster leave eligible employee" means a School employee who:
(a) receives regular paid personal time off (PTO) benefits from the School; and
(b) is the foster parent of a child.

"Parental leave" means paid leave hours the School provides to a parental leave eligible employee to bond with a child or incapacitated adult, including a child or incapacitated adult for whom the parental leave eligible employee is appointed the legal guardian.

"Parental leave eligible employee" means a School employee who receives regular paid personal time off (PTO) benefits from the School and is:
(a) a birth parent as defined in Utah Code § 81-13-101;
(b) legally adopting a child, unless the employee is the spouse of the child's pre-existing parent;
(c) the intended parent of a child born under a validated gestational agreement in accordance with Title 81, Chapter 5, Part 8, Gestational Agreement; or
(d) appointed the legal guardian of a child or incapacitated adult.

"Postpartum recovery leave" means paid leave hours the School provides to a postpartum recovery leave eligible employee to recover from childbirth that occurs at 20 weeks or greater gestation.

"Postpartum recovery leave eligible employee" means a School employee who:
(a) receives regular paid personal time off (PTO) benefits from the School; and
(b) gives birth to a child.

"Qualified employee" means:
(a) a parental leave eligible employee;
(b) a postpartum recovery leave eligible employee;
(c) an adoption leave eligible employee; or
(d) a foster leave eligible employee.

"Qualified leave" means:
(a) parental leave;
(b) postpartum recovery leave;
(c) adoption leave; or

(d) foster leave.

"Retaliatory action" means to do any of the following regarding an employee:
(a) dismiss the employee;
(b) reduce the employee's compensation;
(c) fail to increase the employee's compensation by an amount to which the employee is otherwise entitled to or was promised;
(d) fail to promote the employee if the employee would have otherwise been promoted; or
(e) threaten to take an action described immediately above.

"Young child" means an individual younger than six years old.

Postpartum Recovery Leave

The School allows a postpartum recovery leave eligible employee to use up to three calendar weeks of postpartum recovery leave for recovery from childbirth that occurs at 20 weeks or greater gestation.

Postpartum recovery leave as described above:
(a) shall be used starting on the day on which the postpartum recovery leave eligible employee gives birth, unless a health care provider certifies that an earlier start date is medically necessary;
(b) shall be used in a single continuous period, unless otherwise authorized in writing by the Principal; and
(c) runs concurrently with FMLA leave, if applicable to the postpartum recovery leave eligible employee.

A postpartum recovery leave eligible employee's postpartum recovery leave does not increase if the postpartum recovery leave eligible employee has more than one child born from the same pregnancy.

Parental Leave

The School allows a parental leave eligible employee to use up to 15 contracted workdays of parental leave for:
(a) the birth of the parental leave eligible employee's child;
(b) the adoption of a child; or
(c) the appointment of legal guardianship of a child or incapacitated adult.

Parental leave as described above:
(a) may not be used before the day on which:
    (1) the parental leave eligible employee's child is born;
    (2) the parental leave eligible employee adopts a child; or
    (3) the parental leave eligible employee is appointed legal guardian of a child or incapacitated adult.
(b) may not be used more than six months after the date described immediately above;
(c) shall be used in a single continuous period, unless:
    (1) by mutual written agreement between the School and the parental leave eligible employee; or
    (2) a health care provider certifies that intermittent leave is medically necessary due to a serious health condition of the child;
(d) runs concurrently with FMLA leave, if applicable to the parental leave eligible employee; and
(e) runs consecutively to postpartum recovery leave, if applicable to the parental leave eligible employee.

A parental leave eligible employee's parental leave does not increase if the parental leave eligible employee:
(a) has more than one child born from the same pregnancy;
(b) adopts more than one child; or
(c) is appointed legal guardian of more than one child or incapacitated adult.

A parental leave eligible employee may not use more than 15 contracted workdays of parental leave within a single 12-month period, regardless of whether during that 12-month period the parental leave eligible employee:

(a) becomes the parent of more than one child;
(b) adopts more than one child; or
(c) is appointed legal guardian of more than one child or incapacitated adult.

Adoption Leave

The School allows an adoption leave eligible employee to use up to 15 contracted workdays of adoption leave for adopting a young child, unless the employee is the spouse of the young child's pre-existing parent.

Adoption leave as described above:
(a) may not be used before the day on which the adoption leave eligible employee adopts a young child;
(b) may not be used more than six months after the date described immediately above;
(c) shall be used in a single continuous period, unless:
    (1) by mutual written agreement between the School and the adoption leave eligible employee; or
    (2) a health care provider certifies that intermittent leave is medically necessary due to a serious health condition of the young child;
(d) runs concurrently with FMLA leave, if applicable to the adoption leave eligible employee; and
(e) runs consecutively to parental leave taken for the adoption of a child.

An adoption leave eligible employee's adoption leave does not increase if an adoption leave eligible employee adopts more than one young child. Accordingly, an adoption leave eligible employee may not use more than 15 contracted workdays of adoption leave within a single 12-month period, regardless of whether during that 12-month period the adoption leave eligible employee adopts more than one young child.

If a young child is legally adopted by two adoption leave eligible employees, the adoption leave eligible employees are entitled to use a single 15-contracted-workday period of adoption leave, which the employees may allocate between themselves. Adoption leave eligible employees who intend to allocate adoption leave as described in this paragraph shall provide notice of this intent in the manner and before the deadline described in the "Notice of Plan to Take Leave" section below.

Foster Leave

The School allows a foster leave eligible employee to use up to 20 contracted workdays of foster leave for the placement of a foster child in the employee's care.

Foster leave as described above:
(a) may not be used before the day on which a child is placed in foster care with a foster leave eligible employee;
(b) may not be used more than six months after the date described immediately above;
(c) may not be used after the child is no longer placed in foster care with the foster leave eligible employee;
(d) may be used intermittently; and
(e) runs concurrently with FMLA leave, if applicable to the foster leave eligible employee.

A foster leave eligible employee's foster leave does not increase if a foster leave eligible employee has more than one child placed in foster care with the foster leave eligible employee. Accordingly, a foster leave eligible employee may not use more than 20 contracted workdays of foster leave within a single 12-month period, regardless of whether during that 12-month period more than one child is placed in foster care with the foster leave eligible employee.

If a child is placed in foster care with two foster leave eligible employees, the foster leave eligible employees are entitled to use a single 20-contracted-workday period of foster leave, which the employees may allocate between themselves. Foster leave eligible employees who intend to allocate foster leave as described in this paragraph shall provide notice of this intent in the manner and before the deadline described in the "Notice of Plan to Take Leave" section below.

A qualified employee may not use:

(a) both foster leave and parental leave with respect to the same child; or
(b) both foster leave and adoption leave with respect to the same young child.

Leave Period

The maximum amount of postpartum recovery leave available to qualified employees under this policy is three calendar weeks. Any non-contracted workdays (such as weekends, holidays, days during summer break, etc.) that occur after a qualified employee's postpartum recovery leave has begun count toward the three-calendar-week leave period.

The maximum amount of parental leave available to qualified employees under this policy is 15 contracted workdays. Weekends, holidays, and other non-contracted workdays that occur after a qualified employee's parental leave has begun do not count toward the 15-contracted-workday leave period, except that non-contracted workdays (Monday through Friday) occurring during an employee's summer break count toward the 15-contracted-workday leave period.

The maximum amount of adoption leave available to qualified employees under this policy is 15 contracted workdays. Weekends, holidays, and other non-contracted workdays that occur after a qualified employee's adoption leave has begun do not count toward the 15-contracted-workday leave period, except that non-contracted workdays (Monday through Friday) occurring during an employee's summer break count toward the 15-contracted-workday leave period.

The maximum amount of foster leave available to qualified employees under this policy is 20 contracted workdays. Weekends, holidays, and other non-contracted workdays that occur after a qualified employee's foster leave has begun do not count toward the 20-contracted-workday leave period, except that non-contracted workdays (Monday through Friday) occurring during an employee's summer break count toward the 20-contracted-workday leave period.

Notice of Plan to Take Leave

Qualified employees shall give the School's Principal notice at least 30 days before the day on which the qualified employee plans to:
(a) begin using qualified leave; and
(b) stop using qualified leave.

If circumstances beyond the qualified employee's control prevent the qualified employee from giving notice as described above, the qualified employee shall give the School each notice described above as soon as reasonably practicable.

All such notices shall be reviewed by the Principal. If the employee providing notice does not meet the definition of a qualified employee under this policy (and is therefore not entitled to qualified leave), the Principal shall inform the employee. Employees may be required to provide documentation supporting the need for qualified leave.

Other Leave

Except with respect to FMLA leave, the School may not charge qualified leave against a qualified employee's regular paid personal time off (PTO) or any other leave a qualified employee is entitled to under the School's leave policies.

Employee Benefits During Leave

During the time a qualified employee uses qualified leave, the qualified employee shall continue to receive all employment related benefits and payments at the same level that the qualified employee received immediately before beginning the qualified leave, provided that the qualified employee pays any required employee contributions.

Employee Position after Leave

Following the expiration of a qualified employee's qualified leave, the School shall ensure that the qualified employee may return to:

(a) the position that the qualified employee held before using qualified leave; or
(b) a position within the School that is equivalent in seniority, status, benefits, and pay to the position that the qualified employee held before using qualified leave.

Despite the foregoing, if during the time a qualified employee uses qualified leave, the School experiences a reduction in force and, as part of the reduction in force, the qualified employee's employment would have been terminated had the qualified employee not been using the qualified leave, the School may terminate the qualified employee's employment in accordance with any applicable process or procedure as if the qualified employee were not using the qualified leave. In addition, upon termination of a qualified employee's employment (for any reason), the employee is not entitled to be paid for any unused qualified leave.

Retaliatory Action

The School may not interfere with or otherwise restrain a qualified employee from using qualified leave in accordance with this policy. In addition, the School may not take retaliatory action against a qualified employee for using qualified leave in accordance with Utah Code § 53G-11-209.

Part-Time Qualified Employees

In the event a qualified employee of the School is also a part-time employee, the employee shall be allowed to use the amount of qualified leave available to the qualified employee under this policy on a pro rata basis.

Paid Professional Hours for Educators Policy

Adopted: 01.13.2025
Revised:

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish the parameters by which Advantage Arts Academy (the "School") will provide paid professional hours to its educators.

Definitions

For purposes of this policy:

"Educator" means full-time and part-time educators employed by the School in the following positions:

(a) general education teachers;
(b) special education teachers;
(c) counselors;
(d) administrators;
(e) specialists;
(f) student support (may include librarians, instructional coaches, or other certified positions that work 50% or more in a School building);
(g) psychologists;
(h) speech language pathologists; and
(i) audiologists.

"Paid professional hours" means hours outside of an educator's contracted hours.

"Program funds" means funds allocated to the School in accordance with Utah Code § 53F-7-203 to provide paid professional hours to the School's educators.

"Qualifying time" means the hours spent engaged in professional learning, including:

(a) time spent traveling for the professional learning; and
(b) time engaged in the professional learning.

Policy

The School shall follow Utah Code § 53F-7-203 and Utah Administrative Code R277-629 regarding providing paid professional hours from program funds to the School's educators.

Allowable Uses of Program Funds

Program funds for paid professional hours shall be used to provide educators with the knowledge and skills necessary to enable students to succeed in a well-rounded education and to meet the challenging state academic standards. Accordingly, program funds may be used by the School to provide paid professional hours to its educators for the:

(a) activities described in Utah Code § 53F-7-203(4)(b), including but not limited to qualifying time for professional learning as determined between an educator and the School's Principal; and
(b) professional learning expenses described in Utah Code § 53F-7-203(4)(c).

The School shall not use program funds to cover costs that are not outlined in Utah Code § 53F-7-203, including indirect costs.

The maximum number of paid professional hours from program funds that an educator may receive from the School in one fiscal year is 32.

Educator Responsibilities

As a condition to receiving program funds, an educator shall, except as provided in Utah Code § 53F-7-203(5)(b)(i):
(a) on or before September 30 of each year, create a plan, in consultation with the School's Principal, on how the educator plans to use the paid professional hours; and
(b) before the end of a given fiscal year, provide a written statement to the School's Principal of how the educator used the paid professional hours.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, all educators' plans regarding their proposed use of paid professional hours are subject to review by the School's Principal. The Principal has discretion to approve or deny an educator's plan to the extent allowed by law. Educators may not receive paid professional hours until their plan has been approved by the Principal.

Timing and Method of Payment of Paid Professional Hours

The School's Principal shall decide, in consultation with the School's accounting and payroll staff, the timing and method in which paid professional hours will be paid out to the School's educators. However, the School shall pay out an educator's paid professional hours by June 30 annually.

Paid professional hours for an educator's qualifying time for professional learning shall be paid out at the educator's approximate contracted hourly rate for the most recent school year. Program funds used to pay for an educator's professional learning expenses shall count toward the educator's paid professional hours allocation and shall be paid out in an amount and manner that ensures the School's paid professional hours allocation for the educator is not exceeded.

The School may, in the Principal discretion, pro-rate program funds for an educator's paid professional hours if the educator's employment with the School ends before the end of the School year.

Parent and Family Engagement Policy

Approved: November 5, 2018
Reapproved: June 28, 2021
Revised: October 24, 2022

Purpose

In support of strengthening student academic achievement, Advantage Arts Academy (the "School") receives Title I, Part A funds and must jointly develop with, agree on with, and distribute to parents and family members of participating children a written parent and family engagement policy that contains information required by Section 1116 of the Every Student Succeeds Act (the "ESSA"). This policy establishes the School's expectations and objectives for meaningful parent and family involvement, describes how the School will implement a number of specific parent and family engagement activities, and is incorporated into the School's plan submitted to the state pursuant to Section 1112 of the ESSA. The purpose of an effective parent and family engagement policy is to improve all students' academic achievement.

Policy

The School agrees to implement the following requirements as outlined by Section 1116 of the ESSA:

- Involve parents, in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of programs under Title I, Part A, including the planning, review, and improvement of this policy and the joint development of the targeted assistance or schoolwide program plan.
- Update this policy periodically to meet the changing needs of parents and the School, distribute it to the parents and family members of participating children, and make this policy available to the local community.
- Provide full opportunities, to the extent practicable, for the participation of parents and family members with limited English proficiency, parents and family members with disabilities, and parents and family members of migratory children, including providing information and school reports required under Section 1111 of the ESSA in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, in a language parents understand.
- If the targeted assistance or schoolwide program plan under Section 1114(b) of ESSA is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, submit any parent comments with such plan when the School submits the plan to the state.
- Be governed by the following statutory definition of parent and family engagement and will carry out programs, activities, and procedures in accordance with this definition:

Parent and family engagement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:

- *That parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;*
- *That parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school;*
- *That parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees (if any) to assist in the education of their child; and*
- *The carrying out of other activities, such as those described in Section 1116 of the ESSA.*

Required Policy Components

Below is a description of how the School will implement or accomplish each of the following components required by Section 1116 of the ESSA:

- Joint Development of Policies, Plans, Compact, and Programs. The School will take the following actions to involve parents and family members in an organized, ongoing, and timely manner in the planning, review, and improvement of Title I policies, plans, compact, and programs:
  - Distribute a copy of this policy and the school-parent compact to parents and family members at the beginning of each school year through appropriate channels, such as the registration packet. The policy and school-parent compact will also be posted on the School's website.
  - Notify parents and family members of an annual meeting where parents and family members will be informed about the School's participation in and the requirements of Title I programs.
  - Hold other parent and family meetings at flexible times during the school year to provide parents and family members with ongoing information, training, and materials to help them work with their children in the areas such as literacy, numeracy, and technology.
  - Hold parent-teacher conferences at least annually, where student achievement, behavior, and/or the school-parent compact will be reviewed and discussed.
  - The School and state websites will provide parents with information related to expected student proficiency levels.
  - The School website will provide parents with a description and explanation of the School's curriculum, mission, calendar information, policies, and opportunities for school and parent interaction.
  - Conduct an annual review and evaluation of this policy, the school-parent compact, and targeted assistance or schoolwide program plan. As part of the annual review and evaluation, the School will consider, and implement if appropriate, any suggestions or feedback provided by parents and family members on how the School can improve this policy and the associated compact and plan. Suggestions or feedback may be provided to the School in the form of results from the School's needs assessment

and evaluation given to parents, comments made by parents and family members in meetings at the School and during parent-teacher conferences, or through other means. The annual review and evaluation of this policy will also include identifying such things as barriers to parent engagement (especially engagement of parents who are economically disadvantaged, disabled, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, or are of any racial or ethnic minority background); needs of parents and family members to enable them to assist with the learning of their children; and strategies to support successful school and family interactions.

- Communications. The School will take the following actions to provide parents and family members timely information about the Title I programs in which the School participates:
    - Distribute a copy of the updated version of this policy and the school-parent compact to parents and family members at the beginning of each school year through appropriate channels, such as the registration packet.
    - Provide information related to the Title I programs, meetings, and other activities to the parents of participating children in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, in a language that the parents can understand.

- School-Parent Compact. The School's school-parent compact outlines how parents, the entire School staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the School and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the state's high standards. The School will review the school-parent compact with parents of participating children by doing the following:
    - Distributing a copy of the updated version of the school-parent compact to parents and family members at the beginning of each school year through appropriate channels, such as the registration packet.
    - Obtaining all parties' signatures (electronic or written) on each school-parent compact on an annual basis.
    - Encouraging parents to review the school-parent compact with their children on a regular basis.
    - Considering, and implementing, if appropriate, any suggestions or feedback provided by parents and family members on how the School can improve its school-parent compact.

- Reservation of Funds. The School currently does not receive Title I allocations of $500,000 or more. In the event the School's Title I allocations reach or exceed $500,000 in the future, the School will follow the requirements in Section 1116(a)(3) of the ESSA.

- Coordination of Services. The School will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parent and family engagement programs and activities

with other federal, state, and local programs, including public preschool programs, and conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children.

- Building Capacity of Parents. The School will build the parents' capacity for strong parent and family engagement to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the School and the community to improve student academic achievement through the following:
    - Providing opportunities for discussion with parents about the School's curriculum, forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and achievement levels of the challenging state academic standards.
    - Engaging parents with materials and training to help parents to work with their child to improve their child's achievement, such as literacy training and using technology (including education about the harms of copyright piracy), as appropriate, to foster parent and family engagement.
    - Giving parents information at parent-teacher conferences about their student's state core testing and other appropriate curriculum based assessments.
    - Providing progress reports to parents to communicate their student's academic performance throughout the school year.
    - Facilitating communication between parents and School personnel through the School's LAND Trust Committee.
    - Scheduling School meetings, as well as parent-teacher conferences, in a way that will maximize parent and family member involvement and participation.
    - Gathering, on an annual basis, input from parents through a variety of methods. For example, parent surveys, needs assessments, conversation, parent-teacher conferences, and School activities.
    - Providing assistance to parents, as appropriate, in understanding topics such as the following:
        - The challenging state's academic standards;
        - The state and local academic assessments, including alternate assessments;
        - The requirements of Title I, Part A;
        - How to monitor their child's progress; and
        - How to work with educators to improve the achievement of their child.

- Building Capacity of School Staff. The School will, with the assistance of parents, provide training to educate teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, principals/directors and other School leaders, and other staff on the value and utility of contributions of parents; how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners; how to implement and coordinate parent programs; and how to build ties between parents and the School. The

School may accomplish this training through in-person trainings and/or through the utilization of online print and video resources. The School may also provide other reasonable support for parent and family engagement activities under Section 1116 as parents may reasonably request.

Parents and Family Members of Children Learning English

Any time this policy references “parents,” “family,” or “family members,” it includes parents and family members of students who are English language learners, regardless of the prevalence of children English language learners in the geographic area in which the School is located.

The School may seek assistance from community organizations to assist the School in communicating with parents and family members of students who are English language learners. If the School provides such assistance, it will try to determine the method of communication preferred by the parents and family members of students who are English language learners.

Review

The School will annually review and evaluate this policy, the school-parent compact, and the targeted assistance or schoolwide program plan to determine their effectiveness in improving the academic quality of the School and academic achievement of its students. Results of the annual review and evaluation will be used to design strategies for more effective parent and family engagement.

Parent-School Compact

Adopted: October 2, 2017
Revised: _____

Parent/Guardian Responsibilities

I want my child to achieve, therefore I will:

- Read with my child for 30 minutes each night.
- Make certain my child attends school regularly and on time.
- Attend parent-teacher conferences and communicate regularly with my child's teacher to ensure his/her academic success.
- Support the school and staff in maintaining proper discipline including compliance with the school's dress code.
- Encourage positive attitudes toward school.
- Use the Student Information System to keep abreast of my student's grades and progress.
- Maintain communication with the school and teacher by reading and responding to email, notes home, phone calls, etc. as necessary.
- Drive safely and courteously during pick-up and drop-off and follow established procedures.

Student Responsibilities

It is important that I learn, therefore I will:

- Attend school regularly and on time.
- Complete assignments and homework.
- Be prepared for class, bringing homework and supplies to school each day.
- Work to the best of my ability.
- Work cooperatively with classmates, teachers and staff.
- Respect other people, my school, and myself.
- Follow all school rules and accept responsibility for my own actions.
- Help create a learning environment free of distractions by refraining from bullying and disruptive or distracting behavior.
- Follow all schools rules and abide by the dress code.

Teacher Responsibilities

It is important that my students achieve, therefore I will:

- Hold high expectations for all students, believing all students can learn.
- Provide high-quality instruction in a supportive and non-threatening environment.
- Provide meaningful homework.
- Communicate regularly with my students and their families through conferences, email, blog, notes, phone calls, etc.

- Provide opportunities for parents to assist in the classroom or at school in meaningful ways.
- Utilize assessment and progress data to inform instruction.
- Participate in on-going professional development to increase and enhance instructional strategies.

Administrator Responsibilities

I support this compact, therefore I will:

- Provide a positive and equitable learning environment for all children.
- Encourage our staff to provide parents with the information about the total school program.
- Encourage our staff to provide avenues for positive and meaningful parent involvement.
- Provide meaningful opportunities for parents to receive the information and training needed to effectively become involved in planning and decision-making in support of their student's education.

Parent Grievance Policy

Adopted: October 2, 2017
Revised: _____

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to clarify for parents a process by which concerns can be addressed. The Board of Directors of Advantage Arts Academy (the "School") values open communication between parents, faculty, staff, administration, and the Board. The Board encourages active parent participation in their children's education, and hopes that parents will feel empowered to voice their opinions, volunteer in and out of the classroom for the School, and work as a team to provide the best education for their children. The Board also believes that individuals can generally resolve their own disputes through open, respectful communication. If a situation arises that cannot be resolved between the parties involved, then this policy will be used. The purpose of this policy is to ensure that parents understand how to pursue the resolution of grievances, concerns and disputes involving the School.

Policy

Concerns Involving School Personnel

A parent who has a complaint involving a teacher, staff member or member of the School's administration (including the Principal) must first address the issue with the other individual involved and work reasonably and in good faith to resolve the concern.

A parent that is not able to resolve the dispute himself or herself may then raise the issue with the School's Principal. The parent should first send to the Principal a written complaint specifying the individual(s) involved, details of the incident(s) giving rise to the complaint, including dates and approximate times, details of an attempt to rectify the situation, and the requested solution. After sending the written complaint, the parent and the Principal should schedule a time to discuss the concern in person or via telephone.

If a parent's complaint involves the Principal, the parent must first address the issue with the Principal and work reasonably and in good faith to resolve the problem. The parent is not required to send the Principal a written complaint in this situation.

In the event the parent and the Principal are unable to resolve a complaint and the parent wishes to bring the issue to the Board's attention, the complaint may be directed to the Board in writing. Complaints shall specify the individual(s) involved, details of the incident(s) giving rise to the complaint, including dates and approximate times, details of attempts to resolve the problem, and the requested solution. The Board will then

consider the complaint and take whatever action it deems appropriate.

Concerns Involving Board Policy

If a parent has a concern regarding Board policy, the parent may communicate with the Board Chair in writing via email or certified mail with proof of receipt. A parent may address the Board during the "public comment" portion of a Board of Directors meeting, if available. Parents may also request to be added to the Board meeting agenda by contacting the President of the Board of Directors at least three (3) working days prior to the scheduled meeting date. However, the Board President has discretion over the Board meeting agenda items and may elect not to place the item on the agenda.

Concerns that involve administrative practices or procedures should be addressed with the Principal rather than the Board.

Pest Management Policy

Adopted: October 2, 2017
Revised: _____

Policy

Advantage Arts Academy (the "School") is committed to providing a safe environment for our students and staff. We recognize that it is important to protect students from exposure to both pests and pesticides. The School has therefore adopted the Integrated Pest Management ("IPM") approach to pest control in accordance with Utah state law. IPM is an ecologically-based pest management strategy that seeks to provide long-term solutions to pest problems with minimum impact on human health and the environment. The IPM approach minimizes the exposure of students and staff to pesticides by incorporating a variety of non-chemical and chemical methods to prevent and eradicate pests. The Principal is responsible for ensuring that the IPM approach is implemented in accordance with Utah Administrative Code R392-200-7(12).

Political Signs on School Property Policy

Adopted: October 2, 2017
Revised: _____

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to address the posting of political signs on Advantage Arts Academy's (the "School") property.

Policy

In accordance with Utah Code 20A-17-103, the School will not allow the posting of any political signs on School property.

Procurement Policy

Adopted: June 19, 2017
Revised: September 28, 2026

Policy

Advantage Arts Academy (the "School") will follow applicable state and federal laws in connection with the procurement of services, supplies and equipment, including but not limited to the provisions of the Utah Procurement Code at Utah Code § 63G-6a-101, *et seq.* and the administrative rules in Title R33 of the Utah Administrative Code.

Procurement Processes

The School will follow the procurement processes below unless an exception applies.

Quotes or Bids Not Required

No procurement process is required for purchases of items up to $5,000. The School may make such purchases from any vendor without obtaining competitive bids or quotes. However, the School may only purchase up to $10,000 worth of items each costing $5,000 or less from one vendor at one time without obtaining competitive bids or quotes. The School may also only purchase up to $50,000 worth of items each costing $5,000 or less from one vendor during one year without obtaining competitive bids or quotes.

Quotes or Bids Required

For small purchases as defined in R33-105, which will typically include purchases of items between $5,000.01 and $50,000 other than professional services or construction projects, the School will determine minimum specifications, provide the specifications to multiple vendors, obtain at least two competitive bids or quotes that include minimum specifications and purchase from the responsible vendor offering the lowest bid or quote meeting the specifications. The School will also record and maintain as a governmental record the names of the vendors offering bids or quotes and the date and amount of each bid or quote.

Formal Procurement Process Necessary

For purchases of items over $50,000 other than professional services or construction projects, the School will conduct a formal procurement process, such as an Invitation for Bids or a Request for Proposals.

Professional Services

For small purchases of professional service providers and consultants as defined in R33-105, which will typically include purchases of such services up to $100,000 per project, the School will first review the qualifications of at least three companies, firms, providers, and/or individuals; rank them from highest to lowest; begin direct negotiation with the highest ranked; and if an agreement cannot be reached with the highest ranked, move to the next highest until an agreement is reached. Obtaining competitive bids or quotes for the above-described small purchases is not required.

For small purchases of design professional services as defined in R33-105, which will typically include purchases of such services up to $100,000 per project, the School will first review the qualifications of at least three design professional firms and then select one through direct negotiation. The School will also include minimum specifications when doing a small purchase of design professional services as defined in R33-105. Obtaining competitive bids or quotes for the above-described small purchases is not required.

However, if the cost of a professional service provider's, consultant's, or design professional's services exceeds $100,000, the School will conduct a formal procurement process for such services, such as an Invitation for Bids or a Request for Proposals.

Construction Projects

For small purchases of construction projects as defined in R33-105, the School may procure a small construction project up to $25,000 from a contractor without obtaining competitive bids or quotes after documenting that all building code approvals, licensing requirements, permitting, and other construction related requirements are met. When procuring a small construction project costing between $25,000.01 and $100,000, the School will obtain at least two competitive bids or quotes that include minimum specifications and will award the project to the contractor with the lowest bid or quote that meets the specifications after documenting that all applicable building code approvals, licensing requirements, permitting, and other construction related requirements are met.

The School will include minimum specifications when doing a small purchase of a construction project as defined in R33-105. Contractors selected by the School to do a small construction project must certify that they are capable of meeting the minimum specifications of the project.

If the cost of a construction project exceeds $100,000, the School will conduct a formal procurement process, such as an Invitation for Bids or a Request for Proposals.

Other Requirements

The School will not artificially divide purchases or otherwise take steps in order to avoid the requirement to obtain competitive bids or quotes or conduct a formal procurement process.

School personnel will comply with the provisions of the Procurement Code prohibiting the acceptance of gratuities or kickbacks from vendors during the procurement process.
The School's contracts with vendors, including any renewal or extension periods, will not have a term that is longer than five years unless an exception applies or the School complies with the requirements of the Procurement Code governing any contract with a term that is longer than five years.

The School will comply with the requirements of the Procurement Code in connection with any construction or real property improvements undertaken by the School.

When entering into a contract, the School will ensure that the contract includes appropriate language regarding the scope of work to be performed, adequately addresses any applicable federal requirements, and includes language regarding data privacy and use, where appropriate. The School will ensure that the appropriate legal review of contract language is performed prior to entering into the contract.
When the School uses federal grant funds to procure goods or services, the School will comply with applicable federal law and regulations, including the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, 2 C.F.R. Part 200. To the extent federal procurement requirements are more restrictive than Utah law or this policy, the more restrictive federal requirements shall govern the procurement of goods or services purchased with federal grant funds.Any alleged violations of this policy or applicable law shall be reported in writing to the School's Director or Board of Directors.

Review

The School shall review this policy annually.

Proper Use of Public Funds and Assets Policy

Adopted: March 6, 2023

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish that Advantage Arts Academy (the "School") will not misuse its public funds or assets to try to persuade students to enroll in the School or participate in any of the School's programs.

Policy

The School shall comply with Utah Administrative Code Rule R277-417 regarding providing incentives, disbursements, or equipment to its students or potential students.

The School may use public funds to provide its students with equipment as set forth in R277-417. However, if the School or a third-party provider of the School purchases equipment and provides the equipment to a student or a student's parent or guardian, the equipment remains the property of the School. Upon receipt of such equipment, the student and the student's parent or guardian shall take reasonable precautions to protect the equipment. If the equipment is damaged or lost while under the care of the student or the student's parent or guardian, they may be financially responsible for the cost of repair or replacement.

The School shall use, manage, and dispose of equipment and other assets in accordance with applicable law and rule.

Public Code of Conduct Policy

Adopted: March 2, 2020

Purpose

Advantage Arts Academy (the "School") values and appreciates all of its students, staff members, parents, and other community members. The School is committed to maintaining an orderly, positive, and safe educational environment for all who come onto School property. The School has policies governing the conduct of its staff members and students. Such policies establish the standards of conduct that staff members and students must abide by and the disciplinary measures for staff members and students if they violate such standards. The purpose of this policy is to establish the standards of conduct that members of the public, including parents, must abide by while on School property and the penalties for violating such standards.

Policy

Definitions

Members of the public – for purposes of this policy, "members of the public" means any person who is not a staff member or student.

School property – for purposes of this policy, "School property" means any of the buildings, grounds, or other property owned, leased, or rented by the School.

Staff member – for purposes of this policy, "staff member" means an employee or contractor of the School.

Student – for purposes of this policy, "student" means any child enrolled in the School as well as any person over the age of 18 that is still enrolled in the School.

Acceptable Conduct on School Property

Members of the public who come to the School during school hours shall first check in at the main office. Members of the public attending activities on School property that are open to the general public, such as parent-teacher conferences, extracurricular activity events, or other public events, are not required to check in at the main office. Any unauthorized member of the public on School property shall be reported to the School's Principal or his/her designee. Unauthorized members of the public shall be asked to leave School property. The School may contact law enforcement for help if deemed necessary.

While on School property, members of the public shall:

- Conduct themselves with dignity and respect.
- Communicate with and treat others in a civil and courteous manner.

- Treat School property properly.
- Abide by state and federal laws and local ordinances.
- Abide by applicable School policies and rules.
- Drive safely and courteously during pick-up and drop-off and follow established pick-up and drop-off procedures.

Unacceptable Conduct on School Property

While on School property, members of the public shall not:

- Use foul, profane, vulgar, or abusive language.
- Physically harm another person.
- Intimidate, harass, bully, or threaten another person.
- Distribute or wear clothing or materials that are obscene, advocate illegal action, appear libelous, obstruct the rights of others, or are disruptive to the school environment.
- Discriminate against another person on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, age, citizenship status, genetic information, gender identity, or sexual orientation.
- Obstruct the free movement of another person against that person's will.
- Possess, consume, sell, or distribute alcoholic beverages, controlled substances, or be under the influence of either.
- Possess or use weapons in an illegal manner.
- Refuse to comply with any reasonable order or request of staff members given in the performance of their School duties.
- Violate state law or local ordinances applicable to School property, including Utah Code § 53G-8-603 (Criminal trespass upon school property); Utah Code § 76-9-102 (Disorderly conduct); Utah Code § 76-9-106 (Disrupting the operation of a school); and Salt Lake County Ordinance 10.32.010 (Unlawful acts in or about schools, colleges or universities). Examples of violations include:
    - Injuring another person or threatening to do so;
    - Damaging School property or the property of a staff member, student, or any other person lawfully on School property.
    - Committing any crime.
    - Entering or remaining on School property without authorization, especially if notice against entry or remaining has been given by the School's Principal or his/her designee.
    - Refusing to comply with the lawful order of a law enforcement officer to leave School property.
    - Creating a hazardous or physically offensive condition for no legitimate purpose.
    - Engaging in fighting or in violent, tumultuous, or threatening behavior.
    - Making unreasonable noises.
    - Obstructing vehicular or pedestrian traffic.

- Annoying, disturbing, or otherwise preventing the orderly conduct or operation of School classes, programs, or other activities.
- Annoying, disturbing, assaulting, or molesting any School student or staff member.
- Loitering.
- Engaging in conduct or speech that is lewd, wanton, or lascivious.
- Parking or moving a vehicle in the immediate vicinity of or on School property for the purpose of annoying or molesting School students or employees, or in an effort to induce, entice, or invite School students or employees into or on the vehicle for immoral purposes.

- Violate any federal or state law, local ordinance, or School policy or rule.
- Incite another person to commit any of the conduct prohibited by this policy.

Enforcement and Consequences

The School's Principal or his/her designee is responsible for handling situations involving unacceptable conduct by members of the public. Staff members or members of the School's Board of Directors may also assist in handling such situations in the absence of the School's Principal or his/her designee. The School's Principal or his/her designee, or any staff member or Board member in the absence of the School's Principal or his/her designee, shall take any reasonable action (including having a member of the public removed from School property and/or securing help from law enforcement if deemed necessary) in such situations to ensure the safety of those on School property and to prevent substantial disruptions of School activities. If a staff member or Board member takes such action he or she shall notify the School's Principal or his/her designee as soon as reasonably practicable.

Members of the public who engage in unacceptable conduct may be penalized by the School, up to and including being banned from coming onto School property in the future on a temporary or permanent basis. The School's Principal or his/her designee shall determine what type of ongoing consequence, if any, should be imposed on a member of the public for violating this policy.

If a member of the public's unacceptable conduct constitutes a violation of law, the School also reserves the right to also pursue criminal prosecution and/or civil litigation, as applicable, against the member of the public.

Communication of Policy

The School's Principal shall inform staff members of this policy. In addition, the School shall post in a conspicuous place on School property the rules and requirements pertaining to members of the public, including acceptable and unacceptable conduct on School property as outlined in this policy.

Public Education Materials Development Policy

Approved: March 20, 2023
Revised: _____

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish rules related to the sharing of public education materials developed by employees with Advantage Arts Academy (the "School") funds or on contract time. The School intends for this policy to comply with the applicable requirements in Utah Administrative Code Rule R277-120.

Policy

Definitions

For purposes of this policy, "public education materials" means courseware and materials developed with School funds or on contract time and includes, but is not limited to:

(a) syllabi;
(b) instructional materials;
(c) modules;
(d) textbooks, including teacher's editions;
(e) student guides;
(f) supplemental materials;
(g) formative and summative assessment supports;
(h) laboratory activities;
(i) simulations;
(j) musical or dramatic compositions;
(k) audio, video, or photographic material;
(l) manuals;
(m) codes; and
(n) software.

For purposes of this policy, "sensitive materials" means the same as that term is defined in Utah Code § 53G-10-103.

Public Education Materials Developed with School Funds or on Contract Time

All public education materials developed by School employees with School funds or on contract time shall, upon review and approval of the School's Director, be eligible to be shared with third parties under a Creative Commons attribution license ("CC-BY license"). Public education materials developed by School employees with School

funds or on contract time that have not been reviewed and approved for sharing by the School's Director shall not be shared with third parties for their personal use.

The CC-BY license covering public education materials developed by School employees with School funds or on contract time shall include the name of the School and the author(s). Third parties who use the public education materials shall (1) provide proper attribution to the School and author(s); (2) provide a link to the CC-BY license; and (3) indicate if any changes were made to the materials.

All public education materials developed by School employees with School funds or on contract time shall be the property of the School, subject to the CC-BY licensing described above. With the exception of other educators in Utah public schools, the School may charge third parties for using public education materials developed by School employees with School funds or on contract time. The School shall not charge other educators in Utah public schools for using public education materials developed by School employees with School funds or on contract time.

Consistent with R277-120, no School employee shall sell for personal gain public education materials developed with School funds, with funds from the Utah State Board of Education, or on contract time. School employees who violate this provision may be in violation of the Utah Public Officers' and Employees' Ethics Act.

School employees are prohibited from developing sensitive materials with School funds.

Public Education Materials Developed Without School Funds

School employees may develop public education materials using their own personal time and resources, and they may share such materials through a CC-BY license or otherwise share (or sell) the materials without permission from the School. However, Utah licensed educators (1) may only share public education materials that are consistent with the Utah Professional Educator Standards contained in Utah Administrative Code Rule R277-217; and (2) may not share materials that advocate illegal activities or materials that are inconsistent with the educator's legal and role model responsibilities.

Purchasing and Disbursement Policy

Adopted: June 19, 2017
Revised: November 4, 2019

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to enable the administration to make minor purchases that are necessary for the day-to-day operation of Advantage Arts Academy (the "School"), without approval of the Board of Directors (the "Board").

Purchasing

The responsibility for approving purchases is delegated to the Principal of the School by the Board as set forth below.

- All purchases up to $5,000 must be approved by the Principal;
- All purchases between $5,000 and $7,500 must be approved by either the Board President *or* Board Treasurer;
- All purchases between $7,500 and $15,000 must be approved by the Board President *and* the Board Treasurer; and
- All purchases above $15,000 must be approved by a majority vote of the Board.

Employee purchases that require reimbursement are discouraged.

Purchases that require the use of a credit card should follow the process established by this policy and utilize a purchase order when feasible.

Disbursements

The responsibility for disbursement is delegated to the School's management company and Principal as set forth below.

Disbursements will be charged to one of two School accounts: (i) the General Operating Account; and (ii) the Petty Cash Account. The School's management company is responsible for disbursements charged to the General Operating Account, and the School's Principal is responsible for disbursements charged to the Petty Cash Account.

Disbursements are handled in such a manner as to ensure that the proper funds and accounts are charged; that the disbursement is used only for authorized purposes; and that laws, rules and regulations governing the disbursements and handling of public funds are followed.

General Operating Account

The following controls are established to ensure that all payments charged to the General Operating Account are made on a timely basis and in accordance with all purchase orders and contracts:

- A purchase order shall be completed prior to disbursing funds for a purchase unless the disbursement is made in accordance with the terms of an ongoing contract that has been previously approved by the Board.
- A purchase order shall be authorized by the individual(s) listed above based on the purchase amount.
- Following proper authorization, purchase orders are reviewed by the School's management company.
- The School's management company must be given a valid invoice and properly completed purchase order prior to making payment.
- Disbursements are to be made primarily by check with counter signatures to provide additional control.

Petty Cash Account

In addition to the General Operating Account, the Board may approve a Petty Cash Account with corresponding checks and a debit card to be utilized at the discretion of the Principal. The purpose of the Petty Cash Account is to provide a convenient way to pay for small expenses while minimizing exposure of School funds to the risk of misuse or theft.

Blank warrants/checks and/or a debit card for the Petty Cash Account may be kept in locked storage under the control of the Principal or designated alternate. Disbursements charged to the Petty Cash Account shall be made in accordance with the following provisions to ensure payments are properly authorized and recorded:

- In general, the Petty Cash Account should maintain a balance between $500 and $2,000.
- Access to the Petty Cash debit card is limited to the School's Principal or a designated alternate.
- Access to blank checks is limited to the School's Principal or a designated alternate. When blank checks are received; the date, quantity, and inclusive serial numbers are recorded and added to the total balance on hand. When a blank check is used, the stub along with a copy of the receipt is to be signed by the Principal and forwarded to the management company. The use of these blank checks should be kept to an absolute minimum.
- The School's Principal or designated alternate is responsible for: (i) maintaining records and receipts for each transaction charged to this account; and (ii) entering the information into the School's accounting software on a regular basis. Information should be uploaded in a timely manner to allow the School's

management company adequate time to provide accurate monthly financial reports to the Board.

- The School's Principal or designated alternate is responsible for replenishment of the account when petty cash is low. To replenish petty cash, the Principal must request the School's management company to transfer funds.

Recording Transactions

Purchase orders and requisition requests must identify the fund, function, location, program, and object or revenue code to which the purchase is to be booked. Accounting staff will periodically review this information to ensure that expenditures are booked accurately.

Religion and Education Policy

Adopted: October 2, 2017
Revised: September 28, 2026

Purpose

It is the policy of Advantage Arts Academy (the "School") to recognize, protect, and accommodate the rights of religious practice and expression guaranteed by state and federal laws and by the constitutions of Utah and the United States.

The purpose of this policy is to help School personnel protect and accommodate individual religious belief and rights of conscience in the School.

Policy

The School's Board of Directors expects School personnel to foster mutual understanding and respect for all individuals and beliefs. Study about religion is an important part of a complete education and is necessary to achieving an understanding of history, societies, and cultures throughout the world. School curricula – including activities, discussions, assignments, displays, and performances – may refer to religious thought and expression, provided such references are designed to achieve specific educational objectives.

School personnel should neither promote nor disparage any religious, agnostic or atheistic belief or religion in general. Teaching about religion should be objective, thus avoiding any implication that religious doctrines have the endorsement of school authority. School personnel should recognize that religious holidays are observed in various ways, or not observed at all, based upon the influence of ethnic tradition, family style, or religious conviction.

The School shall ensure that:

(a) a student may express the student's beliefs about religion in homework, artwork, and other written or oral assignments free from discrimination based on the religious perspective of the student's submissions; and
(b) home and classroom work is:
    (i) not penalized or rewarded on the basis of religious perspective; and
    (ii) judged by ordinary academic standards of substance, relevance, and other legitimate pedagogical objectives; and
(c) notification of the constitutional freedoms described in this Policy is provided to school officials, employees, and students.

Students may refrain from participation in any aspect of school that violates a religious belief or right of conscience of the student or of the student's parent or guardian.

The School shall not, in any aspect of school:

(a) require or incentivize a student to affirm or deny the student's or the student's parent or guardian's religious belief or right of conscience;
(b) engage a student in a practice that violates or is contrary to the student's or the student's parent or guardian's religious belief or right of conscience; or
(c) penalize or discriminate against a student for refraining from participation due to the student's or the

student's parent or guardian's religious belief or right of conscience.

A student's parent or guardian may waive the student's participation in any aspect of school (e.g., activities, discussions, and assignments) that the parent or guardian feels would violate the parent or guardian's or the student's right of conscience or religious belief. Such waivers must be communicated in a timely manner to the appropriate School authorities.

The School's Principal will adopt administrative procedures to implement this policy.

Salary Supplement for Highly Needed Educators Program Policy

Adopted: 05.13.2025
Revised: 06.23.2026

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to describe how Advantage Arts Academy (the "School") administers the Salary Supplement for Highly Needed Educators ("SHiNE") Program. This policy is meant to comply with the requirements of Utah Code § 53F-2-504.

Definitions

"Eligible teacher" means a teacher who:

(a) has a qualifying assignment;
(b) qualifies for the teacher's assignment in accordance with an LEA's policy; and
(c) is a new employee or has not received an unsatisfactory rating on the teacher's three most recent evaluations.

"Qualifying assignment" means a teacher who is assigned to a high-needs area.

"High-needs area" means at least two and up to five teaching assignments that an LEA designates in a policy as challenging to fill or retain.

Policy

High-Needs Areas

The following teaching assignments are designated as high-needs areas at the School:

(a) Special Education (K-6); and
(b) Elementary Teachers (K-6).

Process for Determining if a Teacher is an Eligible Teacher

The School's Principal or his/her designee shall perform due diligence in determining whether a teacher meets the definition of eligible teacher as set forth in this policy. Due diligence includes, at a minimum, verifying that a teacher:

(a) is assigned to teach in one of the high-needs areas listed above;
(b) has a professional educator license in one of the high-needs areas listed above; and
(c) is a new employee of the School or is not a new employee of the School but has not received an unsatisfactory rating on the teacher's three most recent evaluations from the School.

On an annual basis, the School's Principal or his/her designee shall create a list of all teachers who have been determined to meet the definition of eligible teacher under this policy.

Process for Certifying a List of Eligible Teachers to be Awarded a Salary Supplement

On an annual basis, the School's Principal or his/her designee shall review the list of all teachers who have been determined to meet the definition of eligible teacher under this policy and shall make any changes to the list he/she feels is necessary. The list is considered certified by the School's Principal or his/her

designee when he/she finalizes the list with accounting or human resources.

Salary Supplement Amount

All teachers at the School determined to be eligible teachers under this policy (i.e., all teachers on the certified list described above) shall receive a salary supplement under the SHiNE Program in an amount consistent with this policy and the funds allocated to and received by the School under the SHiNE Program.

Eligible teachers who are assigned 1.0 FTE in a high needs area shall receive the full salary supplement. Eligible teachers who are assigned less than 1.0 FTE in a high needs area shall receive a prorated salary supplement based on the percentage of their FTE in the high needs area. However, if an eligible teacher's employment with the School ends before the salary supplement is paid, the teacher shall receive only a prorated portion of the salary supplement based on the portion of the school year the teacher worked at the School.

In addition, an eligible teacher who begins employment with the School after the certified list described above has been finalized shall not be entitled to a salary supplement. However, the Principal may, in the Principal's sole discretion and subject to available SHiNE Program funding, award such teacher a prorated salary supplement based on the portion of the school year the teacher worked at the School.

The School may increase the amount of funds the School provides to eligible teachers if the School:

(a) first ensures proper distribution of funds the School receives under the SHiNE Program to the School's eligible teachers; and
(b) experiences a carry forward or leftover balance.

Appeals

If the School's Principal or his/her designee determines that a teacher does not meet the definition of eligible teacher and therefore does not qualify for a salary supplement under the SHiNE Program, the teacher may appeal that decision in writing to the School's Board of Directors (the "Board") if the teacher:

(a) believes he/she does meet the definition of eligible teacher under this policy; or
(b) has a teaching assignment at the School that is substantially equivalent to a high-needs area and otherwise meets the definition of eligible teacher under this policy.

When submitting an appeal, a teacher is required, at minimum, to provide transcripts and other documentation to the Board in order for the Board to determine if the teacher is an eligible teacher with a qualifying teaching background.

The Board shall make a decision on the appeal within thirty (30) school days.

Administrative Procedures

Each school year the Principal shall establish, through administrative procedures, the salary supplement amount that each eligible teacher will receive for that school year.

Updating Policy

The School shall update this policy annually and provide notice of any changes to the policy to teachers within the School.

Revenue Recognition Policy

Adopted: October 2, 2017
Revised:

Purpose

To specify the approach taken in recognizing revenues received by Advantage Arts Academy (the "School"), and to specify the priority under which revenues will be allocated to associated expenses.

The principal source of operating funds the School receives is derived from federal, state, and local funds.

Policy

Federal Funding – The School receives federal charter school grants, which are paid through the Utah State Office of Education (the "USOE"). Funds are generally received on a reimbursement basis and, accordingly, revenues related to these federal grants are recognized when qualifying expenses have been incurred and when all other grant requirements have been met.

State Funding – The School receives funding from the State of Utah as administered by the USOE based on the number of students enrolled in the School. The State provides unrestricted funding for normal school operations and restricted funds for specific school-related activities or functions. Unrestricted funding is recognized as revenue when received.

Contributions and Donated Services (local and other) – Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received. Contributions of services are recognized as revenue at the time the service is rendered when specialized skills are required and when the School would otherwise purchase the services. Temporarily restricted contributions are recognized as revenue when the terms of the restrictions are met. Permanently restricted contributions represent the cumulative amount of endowment contributions received. Endowment contributions are principal amounts donated with the agreement that only future earnings on the principal be available for the operations of the School. All contributions are considered to be available for unrestricted use unless specifically restricted by the donor.

Selection, Approval, and Purchase of Instructional Materials Policy

Approved: 08.22.2024
Revised: November 17, 2025

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish the parameters by which Advantage Arts Academy (the "School") will select, approve, and purchase instructional materials. The purpose of this policy and accompanying procedures is to also set forth the School's process for reviewing challenges to instructional materials.

Definitions

"Instructional materials" are the resources used by educators to deliver curriculum or support student learning. These materials may be commercially available or School-created and include such materials as textbooks, reading materials, videos, digital materials, websites, online applications, and live presentations. "Instructional materials" do not include learning material used in a concurrent enrollment, advanced placement, or international baccalaureate program or class, or another class with required instructional material that is not subject to selection by the School.

"Sensitive material" means an instructional material that constitutes objective sensitive material or subjective sensitive material. "Sensitive material" does not include the instructional material outlined in Utah Code § 53G-10-103(1)(h)(ii).

"Objective sensitive material" means an instructional material that constitutes pornographic or indecent material, as that term is defined in Utah Code §76-5c-208, under the non-discretionary standards described in Utah Code § 76-5c-207(1)(a)(i), or (ii), or (iii).

"Subjective sensitive material" means an instructional material that constitutes pornographic or indecent material, as that term is defined in Utah Code § 76-5c-208, under the following factor-balancing standards:

(a) material that is harmful to minors under Utah Code §76-5c-101;
(b) material that is pornographic under Utah Code §76-5c-101; or
(c) material that includes certain fondling or other erotic touching under Utah Code §76-5c-207(1)(a)(i)(C)-(D).

"School community parent" means a parent who has a student currently attending the School, or will have a student enrolled in the School within one year, where the challenged instructional material is being reviewed in accordance with this policy and Utah Code § 53G-10-103(4).

"School setting" means the School's classrooms, library, and property. "School setting" also includes School-sponsored or required activities, including assemblies, guest lectures, live presentations, or other events.

"Stakeholder" for purposes of this policy means:

(a) an employee of the School;
(b) a student who is enrolled in the School;
(c) a parent of a child who is enrolled in the School; or
(d) a member of the School's Board of Directors.

Policy

The School shall comply with the requirements of Utah law and Utah State Board of Education ("USBE") rule regarding the selection, approval, purchase, and review of instructional materials, including but not limited to Utah Administrative Code R277-468 and R277-469, Utah Code § 53G-10-103 and, when applicable, Utah Code § 53G-5-404.

The School's purpose in managing the selection, approval, purchase, and review of instructional materials is to implement, enrich, and support the School's educational program. It is also to prioritize protecting students from the harmful effects of illicit pornography over other considerations in evaluating instructional materials.

Criteria for Instructional Materials

Instructional materials should contribute to the intellectual development and positive character of students. Instructional materials used by the School shall:

(a) be consistent with the Utah Core standards;
(b) be consistent with the principles of individual freedom as defined in Utah Code § 53G-10-206;
(c) not constitute sensitive material as defined in Utah Code § 53G-10-103;
(d) not be prohibited discriminatory practice as described in Utah Code § 53B-1-118; and
(e) comply with all other applicable state laws and USBE rules.

Selection and Approval of Instructional Materials by the Principal

The Board of Directors (the "Board") delegates to the School Principal the authority and responsibility to select and approve instructional materials for the School, except under circumstances where the Board is specifically required by law or a different School policy to approve instructional materials.

The Principal shall select and approve instructional materials that meet the criteria set forth in this policy. When considering instructional materials, the Principal may review the USBE's recommended instructional materials (RIMs) , but the Principal is not required to select RIMs if there are other instructional materials available that meet the criteria set forth in this policy.

The Principal shall involve School community parents and instructional staff in the consideration of instructional materials. The Principal has discretion as to how to involve such parents and instructional staff in this process.

Selection and Approval of Instructional Materials by the Board

If the Board is required by law or School policy to approve instructional materials for use in the classroom, the Board shall do the following (in order) prior to approving the instructional materials:

(a) post the recommended instructional materials online to allow for public review or, for copyrighted material, make the instructional materials available at the School for public review; and
(b) hold at least two Board meetings where the recommended instructional materials is on the agenda and allow an opportunity at those Board meetings for School educators and parents

of students enrolled in the School to express views and opinions on the recommended instructional material.

The Board may approve the recommended instructional materials in an open and regular Board meeting after the requirements above have been satisfied. The vote to approve the recommended instructional materials may occur at the second of the two Board meetings described in subsection (b) above.

In accordance with Utah Code § 53G-5-404(13), the requirements in this section apply only if the Board is approving instructional materials. The requirements do not apply if the Board is not approving instructional materials and instead only the Principal is selecting and approving instructional materials (which Utah Code § 53G-5-404(13) refers to as "learning material"). In addition, the requirements in this section do not apply to educators' selection of supplemental materials or resources.

Any instructional materials approved by the Board shall meet the criteria set forth in this policy.

Purchase of Instructional Materials

The School shall follow its Purchasing and Disbursement Policy in connection with the purchase of any instructional materials, regardless of whether the instructional materials are selected and approved by the Principal or by the Board. The School shall identify all costs associated with instructional materials prior to purchasing the instructional materials, including any implementation and professional development costs.

Educator Selection of Additional Supplemental Materials or Resources

Despite the foregoing, educators at the School may select and use supplemental materials or resources in their classroom to augment instructional materials already selected and approved by the Principal or the Board so long as each of the following are satisfied:

(a) the educator has reviewed the supplemental materials or resources in their entirety prior to using them in the classroom;
(b) the supplemental materials or resources meet the criteria set forth in this policy; and
(c) the supplemental materials or resources have not previously been prohibited by the Principal or the Board.

Contract Requirements

If the School contracts with a third party to provide online or digital materials, the School shall include in the contract a requirement that the provider give notice to the School any time that the provider makes a material change to the content of the online or digital materials, excluding regular informational updates on current events. The School shall also comply with applicable requirements in R277-469 related to School contracts with publishers for instructional materials.

Sensitive Material Review Procedures

Sensitive materials are prohibited in the School setting. In accordance with Utah law, USBE rule, and the School's administrative procedures, stakeholders may initiate a sensitive material review by the School if they feel an instructional material used by the School constitutes sensitive material.

The Principal shall establish administrative procedures that set forth how stakeholders may initiate a sensitive material review by the School and the review process the School will follow. The administrative procedures shall comply with applicable Utah law and USBE rule.

Administrative Procedures
Sensitive Material Review

These procedures are established in accordance with the Instructional Materials Policy adopted by the School's Board of Directors.

Sensitive Material Review Process

Stakeholders may initiate a sensitive material review by the School if they feel an instructional material used by the School constitutes sensitive material.

However, notwithstanding the foregoing, if a stakeholder makes three unsuccessful challenges during a given academic year, that individual may not trigger a sensitive material review during the remainder of the given school year. An "unsuccessful challenge" means an allegation that a given instructional material constitutes sensitive material that the School concludes to be erroneous, either on direct review or on appeal to the Board, resulting in the retention of the given instructional material.

Stakeholders may allege that an instructional material used by the School constitutes sensitive material by submitting the Sensitive Material Review Request Form accompanying these procedures. Upon receipt of the completed form by a stakeholder, the School shall:

Step One – Initial Review

(a)(i) Make an initial determination as to whether the allegation presents a plausible claim that the challenged instructional material constitutes sensitive material, including whether the allegation includes excerpts and other evidence to support the allegation. The Principal shall designate two or more School employees to make this initial determination for the School (the Principal can be one of the two employees if he/she desires); and

(ii) If the School's initial determination is that that the allegation presents a plausible claim that the challenged instructional material constitutes sensitive material as described above, the School shall immediately remove the challenged material until the School completes the School's full review of the challenged material as set forth below;

Step Two – Objective Sensitive Material Standards Review (if necessary)

(b)(i) If the School's initial determination is that the allegation presents a plausible claim that the challenged instructional material constitutes sensitive material, engage in a review of the allegations and the challenged instructional material using the objective sensitive material standards. The Principal shall designate three or more individuals to conduct this review, one of which must be a School community parent (the School employees who conducted the initial review may also be designated to conduct this review); and

(ii) If the School determines that the challenged instructional material constitutes objective sensitive material, the School shall ensure that the material remains inaccessible to students in any School setting;

Step Three - Subjective Sensitive Material Standards Review (if necessary)

(c) If, and only if, the School determines that the challenged instructional material does not constitute objective sensitive material, the School shall:

(i) Review the allegations and the challenged instructional material under the subjective material standards to determine if an instructional material is subjective sensitive material. The Principal shall designate three or more individuals to conduct this review, but at least two of the individuals must be School community parents (the individuals who conducted the objective sensitive material standards review may also be designated to conduct this review,

but at least two of the individuals must be School community parents);

(ii) Allow student access to the challenged instructional material during the School's subjective sensitive material review if the student's parent gives consent regarding the specific challenged instructional material; and

(iii) If the School determines that the challenged instructional material constitutes subjective sensitive material, ensure that the material is inaccessible to students in any School setting, including the termination of the parent consent option described above.

Miscellaneous Review Rules

Neither the individuals responsible for procurement of the challenged instructional materials nor the stakeholder who is challenging the instructional materials may serve on any of the review committees described in the steps above.

If the School requires a School employee to participate on a sensitive materials review committee requiring engagement outside of contract hours, the School shall compensate the employee for the employee's time participating on the committee.

Communication

Soon after the completion of a sensitive material review, the School shall communicate its final determination (regardless of in which step the final determination comes) in writing to the stakeholder who requested the review.

The School shall also communicate to the USBE each stakeholder sensitive material review request, the final determination by the School on each request, and the School's rationale for its final determination on each request. The Principal shall communicate this information to the USBE on behalf of the School using the form provided by the USBE:

(a) within 30 school days of the final determination; or

(b) if an appeal is in process, at the conclusion of the appeal.

Appeal

A stakeholder may appeal the School's decision to the Board regarding a sensitive material review by submitting to the Board President the Sensitive Material Appeal Request Form within fourteen days of receiving the School's decision. A stakeholder may file such an appeal regardless of whether the School removed or retained the challenged instructional material. The Board shall vote in a public board meeting to decide the outcome of a sensitive material review appeal. In the board meeting, the Board shall clearly identify:

(a) the Board's rational for its decision; and

(b) the Board's determination on each component of the statutory and any additional policy standards used by the Board to reach the Board's conclusion.

Removing Instructional Materials That Constitute Sensitive Material

Removing Instructional Material if State Threshold is Met

In accordance with Utah Code § 53G-10-103(7), the School shall remove instructional material from student access upon being notified by the USBE that the following number of LEAs in the state have determined that the instructional material constitutes objective sensitive material:

(a) at least three school districts; or
(b) at least two school districts and five charter schools.

However, removal from student access under these circumstances is subject to the USBE voting to overturn the application of the statewide removal requirement with respect to the instructional material. If the USBE votes to overturn the application of the statewide removal requirement with respect to the instructional material, the statewide removal requirement no longer applies and the School may choose to return access to the instructional material to its students.

Removing Instructional Material After Sensitive Material Review

The School shall follow the applicable removal requirements described in Steps One through Three of the School's sensitive material review process. In addition, if at the completion of the sensitive material review process the School makes a final determination that an instructional material constitutes sensitive material, the School shall permanently remove the instructional material.

Disposal of Instructional Material

When permanently removing instructional material because it constitutes sensitive material, the School shall:

(a) physically remove the sensitive material from the School;
(b) remove all access by students to the sensitive material;
(c) communicate with the relevant vendors and publishers regarding the School's decision;
(d) legally dispose of the sensitive material; and
(e) not sell or distribute the sensitive material.

Sensitive Material Review Request Form

Information about Instructional Material Requested to be Reviewed:

1) Title:
2) Author:
3) Publisher:
4) Do you believe this instructional material constitutes sensitive material as that term is defined in Utah Code § 53G-10-103? Yes No

Information about Requestor:

1) Name:
2) Phone:
3) Address:
4) Email:
5) Are you a student of Advantage Arts Academy? Yes No
6) Are you a parent of a student of Advantage Arts Academy? Yes No
7) Are you an employee of Advantage Arts Academy? Yes No
8) Are you a board member of Advantage Arts Academy? Yes No

Information about Review Request:

1) Was this instructional material recommended, assigned, used, or made available through the school? If so, please explain.

2) In your opinion, how does this instructional material constitute sensitive material? Please provide examples, page numbers, links, or other information to help in locating or identifying the content you believe qualifies as sensitive material. Please attach any images or other corroborating evidence. You may attach additional pages as needed.

Requestor's Signature:_____ Date: _____

After you submit this Form, you will receive an acknowledgment of receipt and an estimated timeline for when a decision will be made by the School. The School generally completes its review and makes its final decision between thirty to sixty (30-60) days after its receipt of a request for review.

Sensitive Material Appeal Request Form

Instructions:

A requestor must submit this Form along with a copy of the School's written decision on the sensitive material review request within fourteen (14) days of receiving the School's written decision.

Information about Requestor:

1) Name:
2) Phone:
3) Address:
4) Email:
5) Date you received the School's written decision on your sensitive material review request: _____
6) Are you a student of Advantage Arts Academy? Yes No
7) Are you a parent of a student of Advantage Arts Academy? Yes No
8) Are you an employee of Advantage Arts Academy? Yes No
9) Are you a board member of Advantage Arts Academy? Yes No

Information about Challenged Instructional Material:

1) Title:
2) Author:
3) Publisher:
4) Please provide a written statement setting forth your rationale for appealing the School's decision regarding the challenged instructional material (attach additional pages as needed).

Requestor's Signature:_____ Date: _____

After you submit this Form, you will receive an acknowledgment of receipt and an estimated timeline for when a decision will be made by the Board in a public board meeting. The Board generally tries to make its decision at a public board meeting between thirty to sixty (30-60) days after its receipt of an appeal.

Service Animal Policy

Adopted: February 3, 2020
Revise: 05.13.2025

Purpose

Advantage Arts Academy (the "School") adopts this policy to ensure that individuals with disabilities are able to participate in and benefit from School services, programs, and activities, and to ensure that the School does not discriminate against individuals on the basis of disability. As provided by the Americans with Disabilities Act, as amended (the "Act"), and its accompanying regulations, and as provided in Utah Code § 26B-6-801 through -805, individuals with disabilities will be permitted to bring their service animals on School property in accordance with this policy.

Policy

Individuals with disabilities, including students, employees, and visitors, will be permitted to be accompanied by their service animal in School facilities and vehicles, on School grounds, and at School functions in accordance with applicable law and this policy. Pets and other animals, except as allowed for pre-approved educational purposes, are restricted from the School. The School's Principal is responsible for the administration of this policy.

Definition of Service Animal

"Service animal" includes any dog that:

(a) is trained, or is in training, to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability; and

(b) performs work or tasks, or is in training to perform work or tasks, that are directly related to the individual's disability, including:
- (i) assisting an individual who is blind or has low vision with navigation or other tasks;
- (ii) alerting an individual who is deaf or hard of hearing to the presence of people or sounds;
- (iii) providing non-violent protection or rescue work;
- (iv) pulling a wheelchair;
- (v) assisting an individual during a seizure;
- (vi) alerting an individual to the presence of an allergen;
- (vii) retrieving an item for the individual;
- (viii) providing physical support and assistance with balance and stability to an individual with a mobility disability; or
- (ix) helping an individual with a psychiatric or neurological disability by preventing or interrupting impulsive or destructive behaviors.

"Service animal" does not include:

(a) an animal other than a dog, whether wild or domestic, trained or untrained; or

(b) an animal used solely to provide:
- (i) a crime deterrent;
- (ii) emotional support;

(iii) well-being;
(iv) comfort; or
(v) companionship.

Guidelines and Procedures

Due to the School's need to accommodate a variety of disabilities and conditions, the Principal should be notified when an individual with a disability desires to be accompanied by a service animal on School property or during a School function.

In response to this notification, the Principal may ask the following two questions:

(a) Is the animal required because of a disability?

(b) What work or task has the service animal been trained to perform for the person with the disability?

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Principal shall not ask the questions above if it is readily apparent that the animal is trained to do work or perform tasks for an individual with a disability (e.g., the service animal is observed by the Principal or other School personnel guiding an individual who is blind or has low vision, pulling a person's wheelchair, or providing assistance with stability or balance to an individual with an observable mobility disability).

The Principal shall request proof that the service animal complies with applicable animal control and public health requirements, including those related to licensure and/or rabies immunization, required by the municipality in which the individual with a disability resides.

Control and Management

A service animal must be under the control of its handler at all times while on School property or at a School function.

A service animal shall have a harness, leash, or other tether, unless either the handler is unable because of a disability to use a harness, leash, or other tether, or the use of a harness, leash, or tether would interfere with the service animal's safe, effective performance of work or tasks, in which case the service animal must be otherwise under the handler's control (e.g., voice control, signals, or other effective means).

Care and Supervision

Service animals must be housebroken.

The School, including classroom staff, is not responsible for the care or supervision of a service animal. The School is not responsible for providing a staff member to walk the service animal or to provide any care or assistance to the animal unless otherwise required by law.

The owner or handler of the service animal shall be solely responsible for:

(a) supervision and care of the service animal, including feeding, exercising, clean-up, stain removal, and veterinary care; and

(b) restraint of the service animal at all times.

Liability

The owner or the handler of a service animal is liable for any and all damages to property or injuries to persons caused by the service animal.

Removal or Exclusion of Service Animal

The School may deny a request for use of a service animal or ask an individual with a disability to remove a service animal from School property, a School vehicle, or a School function if:

(a) the service animal is out of control and the service animal's handler does not take effective action to control it;

(b) the presence of the service animal will require a fundamental alteration of the program or will significantly disrupt or interfere with the education process;

(c) the handler fails to submit proof of compliance with local animal control and public health requirements, including those related to current licensing and/or rabies immunization, when the service animal is to be used regularly at the School; or

(d) the service animal is not housebroken.

If the service animal is properly removed or prohibited, the School will continue to give the individual with a disability the opportunity to participate in the School services, programs, or activities without having the service animal on the premises.

Conflicting Disabilities

Individuals with disabilities that are adversely impacted by service animals should contact the Principal. Such individuals will be asked to provide documentation that identifies their disabilities and their need for accommodations. The Principal will strive to facilitate a process to resolve the situation in a manner that considers the conflicting needs and reasonable accommodations of the disabled individuals involved. However, the Principal may exclude the service animal if it poses a direct threat to the health or safety of others.

Reasonable Modifications

The School shall make reasonable modifications to this policy to permit the use of a miniature horse by an individual with a disability if the miniature horse has been individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of the individual with a disability. In determining whether such reasonable modifications to this policy can be made, the School shall consider the assessment factors in 28 CFR § 35.136(i)(2).

Sex Education Instruction Policy

Adopted: October 2, 2017 (Human Sexuality Instruction Policy)
Revised: September 28, 2026

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that any sex education instruction or instructional program taught at Advantage Arts Academy (the "School") is compliant with state law.

Policy

The School will comply with applicable state law regarding the presentation of sex education instruction or instructional programs.

"Sex education instruction or instructional programs" means any course material, unit, class, lesson, activity or presentation that, as the focus of the discussion, provides instruction or information to students about: sexual abstinence, human development, including conception, fetal development, pregnancy, and birth; human reproductive anatomy and physiology; healthy dating practices, marriage, and parenthood, in accordance with the success sequence as defined in Utah Code § 53G-10-402; adoption in accordance with Utah Code § 53G-10-404; information about contraceptive methods or devices in accordance with Utah Code § 53G-10-402(2)(b) and (c); chronic, infectious, and acute diseases and conditions of the reproductive system, including sexually transmitted infections and diseases; or refusal skills, as defined in Utah Code § 53G-10-402. While these topics are most likely discussed in courses such as health education, health occupations, human biology, physiology, parenting, adult roles, psychology, sociology, child development, and biology, this policy applies to any course or class in which these topics are the focus of discussion.

The Principal shall establish administrative procedures to help the School comply with the requirements related to sex education instruction or instructional programs under Utah law.

Review

Every two years the Board of Directors will (a) review this policy; and (b) review data for the county in which the School is located regarding teen pregnancy, child sexual abuse, sexually transmitted diseases and sexually transmitted infections, and the number of pornography complaints or other instances reported in the School.

Sexual Abuse and Molestation Prevention Policy

Adopted: October 2, 2017
Revised: October 26, 2020

Policy

Advantage Arts Academy (the "School") takes seriously the responsibility of its personnel to protect the physical and psychological well being of its students. We believe that the School's personnel have an important role to play in the elimination of child abuse because they are in a unique position to observe children over extended periods of time on a daily basis.

Sexual abuse takes the form of inappropriate sexual contact or interaction for the gratification of the actor who is in a position of responsibility with respect to the student. Sexual abuse includes sexual assault, exploitation, molestation or injury.

Reporting by School Personnel

Utah law requires that whenever any person, including any school employee, contracted or temporary employee, or volunteer who has reason to believe that a child has been subjected to incest, molestation, sexual exploitation, sexual abuse, physical abuse, or neglect, or observes a child being subjected to conditions or circumstances which would reasonably result in sexual abuse, physical abuse, or neglect, he/she shall immediately notify the nearest peace officer, law enforcement agency, or the Division of Child and Family Services. The law provides serious penalties for failure to fulfill one's duty to report. School personnel and volunteers must comply with these provisions of Utah law and the School's Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Policy.

Reporting by Students and Parents

Reports of sexual abuse should typically be made to the Principal, who is the designated individual to receive and investigate complaints of these matters. However, students and parents may make reports to any School employee, and that employee is responsible for conveying the report to the Administration or, if the report involves the Administration, to the Board of Directors. Reports may be made verbally, but all reports will be documented in writing.

Investigation & Follow Up

The School takes allegations of sexual abuse involving School personnel seriously. Once an allegation is reported, the School will promptly, thoroughly, and impartially begin an investigation to determine whether there is a reasonable basis to believe that sexual abuse has been committed. When it is appropriate considering the nature of the

allegations, an internal team may conduct the investigation. However, when the report involves potentially criminal conduct, the School will refer the reports to law enforcement and cooperate fully with any investigation conducted by law enforcement or regulatory agencies.

The School reserves the right to place the subject of the investigation on an involuntary leave of absence, reassign that person to responsibilities that do not involve personal contact with individuals or students, or terminate employment.

To the fullest extent possible, but consistent with the legal obligation to report suspected abuse to appropriate authorities, the School will endeavor to keep the identities of the alleged victims and investigation subject confidential.

If the investigation substantiates the allegation, appropriate disciplinary actions will be taken, including but not limited to the termination of the actor's relationship with the School.

Signs of Abuse

There are a number of red flags that suggest someone is being sexually abused. They take the form of physical or behavioral evidence.

Physical evidence of sexual abuse includes, but is not limited to:

- Sexually transmitted diseases;
- Difficulty walking or moving normally;
- Stained, bloody or torn undergarments;
- Genital pain or itching; and
- Physical injuries involving the external genitalia.

Behavioral signals suggestive of sexual abuse include, but are not limited to:

- Fear or reluctance about being left in the care of a particular person;
- Recoiling from being touched;
- Bundling oneself in excessive clothing, especially night clothes;
- Discomfort or apprehension when sex is referred to or discussed; and
- Nightmares or fear of night and/or darkness.

Additionally, adult perpetrators of abuse often display warning signs, including:

- Overly affectionate behavior such as prolonged hugging and touching;
- Engaging in nonprofessional behavior such as telling sexual jokes and sexual teasing; and
- Seeking to extend their contact with certain students beyond the day.

Retaliation Prohibited

We prohibit any retaliation against anyone, including an employee, volunteer, board member, student or individual, who in good faith reports sexual abuse, alleges that it is being committed or participates in the investigation. Intentionally false or malicious accusations of sexual abuse are prohibited.

Screening Prospective Employees

The School's administration must take reasonable effort when screening prospective School employees. In addition to conducting required criminal background checks, each applicant and former employer(s) of applicants should be asked, before an offer of employment is extended, whether the applicant has ever been investigated or accused of sexual misconduct.

Training

The Administration will provide School personnel every other year with training and instruction on child sexual abuse and human trafficking prevention and awareness, including (a) responding to a disclosure of child sexual abuse in a supportive, appropriate, manner; (b) identifying children who are victims or may be at risk of becoming victims of human trafficking or commercial sexual exploitation; and (c) the mandatory reporting requirements in the School's Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Policy and Utah Code Sections 53E-6-701 and 62A-4a-403.

The administration will provide the parents or guardians of elementary school students with training and instruction every other year on child sexual abuse and human trafficking prevention and awareness, including (a) recognizing warning signs of a child who is being sexually abused or who is a victim or may be at risk of becoming a victim of human trafficking or commercial sexual exploitation and (b) effective, age-appropriate methods for discussing the topic of child sexual exploitation.

Administration will communicate this policy to personnel, volunteers, and students annually. Documentation of the communication of this policy will be maintained.

Staff Code of Conduct Policy

Adopted: October 2, 2017
Revised: November 4, 2019

1. PURPOSE AND PHILOSOPHY

The Board of Directors of Advantage Arts Academy (the "School") is committed to establishing and maintaining appropriate standards of conduct between staff members and students. These standards of conduct are also known as professional boundaries. Staff members shall maintain professional and appropriate demeanor and relationships with students, both during and outside of school hours, as well as both on and off campus, that foster an effective, non-disruptive and safe learning environment.

2. DEFINITIONS

a) "Boundary violation" means crossing verbal, physical, emotional, or social lines that staff must maintain in order to ensure structure, security, and predictability in an educational environment.

i) A "boundary violation" may include the following, depending on the circumstances:
(1) isolated, one-on-one interactions with a student out of the line of sight of others;
(2) meeting with a student in rooms with covered or blocked windows;
(3) telling risqué jokes to, or in the presence of a student;
(4) employing favoritism to a student;
(5) giving gifts to individual students;
(6) staff member initiated frontal hugging or other uninvited touching;
(7) photographing an individual student for a non-educational purpose or use;
(8) engaging in inappropriate or unprofessional contact outside of educational program activities;
(9) exchanging personal email or phone numbers with a student for a non-educational purpose or use;
(10) interacting privately with a student through social media, computer, or handheld devices; and
(11) discussing an employee's personal life or personal issues with a student.

ii) "Boundary violation" does not include:
(1) offering praise, encouragement, or acknowledgment;
(2) offering rewards available to all who achieve;
(3) asking permission to touch for necessary purposes;
(4) giving a pat on the back or a shoulder;
(5) giving a side hug;
(6) giving a handshake or high five;
(7) offering warmth and kindness;

(8) utilizing public social media alerts to groups of students and parents; or
(9) contact permitted by an IEP or 504 plan.

b) “Grooming” means befriending and establishing an emotional connection with a child or a child's family to lower the child's inhibitions for emotional, physical, or sexual abuse.

c) “Sexual conduct” includes any sexual contact or communication between a staff member and a student including but not limited to:

i) “Sexual abuse” means the criminal conduct described in Utah Code Ann. §76-5-404.1(2) and includes, regardless of the gender of any participant:
(1) touching the anus, buttocks, pubic area, or genitalia of a student;
(2) touching the breast of a female student; or
(3) otherwise taking indecent liberties with a student;
(4) with the intent to:
(a) cause substantial emotional or bodily pain; or
(b) arouse or gratify the sexual desire of any individual.

ii) “Sexual battery” means the criminal conduct described in Utah Code Ann. §76-9-702.1 and includes intentionally touching, whether or not through clothing, the anus, buttocks, or any part of the genitals of a student, or the breast of a female student, and the actor’s conduct is under circumstances the actor knows or should know will likely cause affront or alarm to the student touched; or

iii) A staff member and student sharing any sexually explicit or lewd communication, image, or photograph.

d) “Staff member” means an employee, contractor, or volunteer with unsupervised access to students.

e) “Student” means a child under the age of 18 or over the age of 18 if still enrolled in a public secondary school.

3. POLICY

Staff members shall act in a way that acknowledges and reflects their inherent positions of authority and influence over students.

a) Staff members shall recognize and maintain appropriate personal boundaries in teaching, supervising and interacting with students and shall avoid boundary violations including behavior that could reasonably be considered grooming or lead to even an appearance of impropriety.

b) A staff member may not subject a student to any form of abuse including but not limited to:
i) physical abuse;

ii) verbal abuse;
iii) sexual abuse; or
iv) mental abuse.

c) A staff member shall not touch a student in a way that makes a reasonably objective student feel uncomfortable.

d) A staff member shall not engage in any sexual conduct toward or sexual relations with a student including but not limited to:
   i) viewing with a student, or allowing a student to view, pornography or any other sexually explicit or inappropriate images or content, whether video, audio, print, text, or other format;
   ii) sexual battery; or
   iii) sexual assault.

e) Staff member communications with students, whether verbal or electronic, shall be professional and avoid boundary violations.

f) A staff member shall not provide gifts, special favors, or preferential treatment to a student or group of students.

g) A staff member shall not discriminate against a student on the basis of sex, religion, national origin, gender identity, sexual orientation, or any other prohibited class.

h) Staff member use of electronic devices and social media to communicate with students must comply with School policy, be professional, pertain to school activities or classes, and comply with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

i) A staff member may not use or be under the influence of alcohol or illegal substances during work hours on school property or at school sponsored events while acting as a staff member. Additionally, a staff member may not use any form of tobacco or electronic cigarettes on school property or at school sponsored activities in an employment capacity.

j) A staff member shall cooperate in any investigation concerning allegations of actions, conduct, or communications that, if proven, would violate this policy.

k) The School recognizes that familial relationships between a staff member and a student may provide for exceptions to certain provisions of this policy.

l) Conduct prohibited by this policy is considered a violation of this policy regardless of whether the student may have consented.

4. REPORTING

a) A staff member who has reason to believe there has been a violation of this policy shall immediately report such conduct to an appropriate supervisor or school administrator. If a staff member has reason to believe that the Principal has violated this policy, the staff member shall immediately report the conduct to the president of the Board of Directors.

b) In addition to the obligation to report suspected child abuse or neglect to law enforcement or the Division of Child and Family Services under Utah Code Ann. §62A-4a-403 and the School's Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Policy:

   i) a staff member who has reasonable cause to believe that a student may have been physically or sexually abused by a school staff member shall immediately report the belief and all other relevant information to the Principal; and

   ii) if the staff member suspected to have abused a student holds a professional educator license issued by the Utah State Board of Education, the Principal shall immediately report that information to the Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission;

   iii) a person who makes a report under this subsection in good faith shall be immune from civil or criminal liability that might otherwise arise by reason of that report.

c) A staff member who has knowledge of suspected incidents of bullying shall immediately notify the School's administrator in compliance with the School's Bullying and Hazing Policy.

d) Failing to report suspected misconduct as required herein is a violation of this policy, the Utah Educator Standards, and in some instances, state law, and may result in disciplinary action.

5. TRAINING

a) Within 10 days of beginning employment with the School a staff member shall receive training regarding this policy and shall acknowledge in writing having received training and understanding the policy.

b) The School will annually provide training to staff regarding this policy.

c) Staff members will annually sign a statement acknowledging that the staff member has received training and has read and understands this policy.

6. VIOLATIONS

A staff member found in violation of this policy will be subject to disciplinary action.

Staff Grievance Policy

Adopted: October 2, 2017
Revised: _____

Purpose

The Board of Directors ("Board") of Advantage Arts Academy (the "School") values open communication between faculty, staff, administration, and the Board. The Board also believes that individuals can generally resolve their own disputes through open, respectful communication. If a situation arises that cannot be resolved between the parties involved, then this policy will be used. The purpose of this policy is to ensure that staff members understand how to pursue the resolution of grievances, concerns and disputes involving other School employees.

The Board wishes to emphasize that the School is an at-will employer, and this policy is not intended to modify the at-will employment relationship between the School and its employees.

Policy

A staff member who has a complaint regarding another staff member must first address the issue with the other employee involved and work reasonably and in good faith to resolve the concern.

A staff member that is not able to resolve the dispute himself or herself may then raise the issue with the School's Principal.

If a staff member's complaint involves the Principal, the staff member must first address the issue with the Principal and work reasonably and in good faith to resolve the problem.

A staff member should not direct complaints to the Board unless and until he or she has worked in good faith to resolve the issues with the other individual and with the School's Principal.

In the event the staff member and the Principal are unable to resolve a complaint and the staff member wishes to bring the issue to the Board's attention, the complaint may be directed to the Board in writing. Complaints shall specify the individual(s) involved, details of the incident(s) giving rise to the complaint, including dates and approximate times, details of attempts to resolve the problem, and the requested solution. The Board will then consider the complaint and take whatever action it deems appropriate.

This policy does not confer upon any employee of the School any additional rights. Accordingly, the existence of this policy does not preclude the School from terminating any employee for any lawful reason even if the employee is pursuing the resolution of a grievance.

Additionally, this policy is not intended to discourage an employee from reporting to the appropriate individual(s) a legal violation committed by another employee and does not limit a School employee's right to appropriately report a legal violation committed by another employee.

Student Conduct and Discipline Policy

Adopted: October 2, 2017
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1. PURPOSE, BELIEFS, AND PHILOSOPHY

1.1 Purpose

The purpose of Advantage Arts Academy's (the "School") Student Conduct and Discipline Policy is to help all students develop positive relationships with other students and adults, take responsibility for their actions and learning, and develop the self-discipline necessary to create an environment that is characterized by physical and emotional safety in order to enhance learning for everyone.

The School will foster a School and community-wide expectation of good citizenship for students and a sense of responsibility in the School community for rules and standards of behavior.

The School will promote and require:

- student responsibility for learning and behavior in all grades;
- student conduct that produces a proper learning environment and respect for the personal, civil, and property rights of all members of the School community;
- parents of all students to assume proper responsibility for their students' behavior and to cooperate with School authorities in encouraging student self-discipline and discouraging behavior that is disruptive to the School's educational program.

1.2 Beliefs and Expectations

The School's beliefs and expectations set a positive and inviting culture for dealing with student behavior issues.

Beliefs:

- Punishment alone will not change behavior
- Much aggressive behavior is a relationship problem, not a behavior problem
- Adults must model the behaviors they expect from the students
- We expect conflicts, but we expect conflicts to be resolved and relationships mended

Expectations:

- Students will show respect for other students
- Students will show respect for adults
- Students will show respect for the building
- Adults will show respect for students
- Students will develop self-discipline

1.3 Procedural Philosophy

The School recognizes that establishing a procedural philosophy consistent with the desired positive school environment is as important as following legal and due process procedures. The School's policy sets forth appropriate legal and due process procedures and will be followed within the context of the procedural philosophy outlined below:

Procedures:

When students are involved in conflicts with other students, they will, when appropriate:

- Work together to resolve the conflict
- Work to repair the relationship and build trust
- Be subject to additional consequences if they exhibit unsafe behaviors during the conflict

When students are involved in a conflict with or feel they have been treated unfairly by a member of the staff or a volunteer, they will:

- Report their feelings to their parent or to the administrator or counselor, who will work together to set up a conference with the student, the parent, an administrator or counselor, and/or the adult involved in order to resolve the conflict and mend the relationship

When students flagrantly disregard the safety of others, show blatant disrespect to others, or consistently behave in a disrespectful or unsafe way:

- The student will be subjected to consequences and positive behavior support to ensure that the student will make better choices in the future. Consequences might include:
    - In-School Suspension
    - Out-of-School Suspension
    - Expulsion
    - Restitution
    - Repayment for damages
- The student will work to earn back the trust of the School community by actions such as:
    - Genuine apology to injured or affected parties
    - Demonstration of appropriate behaviors following the incident
    - Repair or replace any damaged items

Due process to protect the rights of students will include:

- All students will be treated with dignity and respect as they go through correction procedures. The administration will see to it that their rights are protected through the process. If parents feel their student has not been treated fairly, they may address those concerns in accordance with this policy or the School's Parent Grievance Policy, as applicable.
- Parents will be notified when students are involved in situations that are deemed to be serious.
- Parents and students will be notified of the expectations, possible consequences, and the procedures involved in this policy at the beginning of each school year.

2. ENVIRONMENT

2.1 Safe School Environment

It is the School's policy to promote a safe and orderly school environment for all students and employees. Accordingly, the School holds all students, employees, and other adults to the highest standards of behavior in the classroom, on School grounds, in School vehicles, and during School-sponsored activities. Criminal acts or disruptive behavior of any kind will not be tolerated, and any individual who engages in such activity will be subject to disciplinary action, criminal

prosecution, or both.

2.2 Discrimination Prohibited

It is the School's policy to provide equal educational and employment opportunity for all individuals. Therefore, the School prohibits all discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, disability, or veteran status. Complaints of discrimination or unfair application of this policy should be submitted pursuant to the School's applicable Grievance Policy.

3. DEFINITIONS

3.1 Suspension

For purposes of this policy, suspension means: (a) an in-school suspension that is a temporary removal of a student from the student's regular classroom for disciplinary reasons for at least half a school day but remains under the direct supervision of School personnel; or (b) an out-of-school suspension that is the removal of a student from School grounds for disciplinary reasons unless the student removed is: (i) served solely under a Section 504 plan, where an out-of-school suspension is the excluding of the student from school for disciplinary purposes for one day or longer; or (ii) a student with disabilities under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, where an out-of-school suspension is the temporary removal of the student from the student's regular school for disciplinary reasons to another setting.

A student who is suspended for ten (10) or fewer school days may, at the Principal's discretion, have access to homework, tests, and other schoolwork through a home study program but will not be allowed to attend classes or participate in any School activities during the period of suspension.

A student who is suspended for more than ten (10) school days shall be provided, or at least offered, alternative education services by the School, but such students will not be allowed to attend classes or participate in any School activities during the period of suspension.

3.2 Expulsion

For purposes of this policy, expulsion means a disciplinary removal from the School for more than ten (10) school days without an offer of alternative education services. An expulsion may be for a fixed or indefinite period of time. If a student is expelled from the School, that student's status as an enrolled student of the School is terminated. Expelled students are excluded from all School programs or activities for the period of expulsion.

3.3 Change of Placement for Students with Disabilities under IDEA and Section 504

For purpose of the removal of a student with a disability from the student's current educational placement, a "change of placement" occurs if (a) the removal is for more than ten (10) consecutive school days or (b) the student is subjected to a series of removals that constitute a pattern because they total more than ten (10) school days in a school year or because of factors such as the length of each removal, the total amount of time the student is removed, and the proximity of the removals to one another. Any "change of placement" requires compliance with the procedures outlined in Section 10 of this policy.

3.4 Disruptive Student Behavior

For purposes of this policy, "disruptive student behavior" means the behavior identified as grounds for suspension or expulsion described in Section 4.1, below.

3.5 Parent

For purposes of this policy, “parent” means (i) a custodial parent of a school-age child; (ii) a legally appointed guardian of a school-age child; or (iii) any other person purporting to exercise any authority over the child which could be exercised by a person described above.

3.6 Qualifying Minor

For purposes of this policy, “qualifying minor” means a school-age child who: (i) is at least nine years old; or (ii) turns nine years old at any time during the school year.

3.7 School Year

For purposes of this policy, "school year" means the period of time designated as the school year by the Board of Directors (the “Board”) in the calendar adopted each year.

3.8 School-age Child

For purposes of this policy, “school-age child” means a minor who: (i) is at least six years old but younger than 18 years old; and (ii) is not emancipated.

4. GROUNDS FOR SUSPENSION, EXPULSION, OR CHANGE OF PLACEMENT

4.1 Suspension

4.1.1 A student may be suspended from School for the following reasons:

[a] frequent or flagrant willful disobedience, defiance of proper authority, or disruptive behavior, including, but not limited to: fighting; gang activity; noncompliance with School dress code; harassment, including sexual, racial, or religious harassment; the use of foul, profane, vulgar or abusive language; or other unreasonable and substantial disruption of a class, activity, or other function of the School;

[b] willful damage to or defacement of School property;

[c] behavior or threatened behavior that poses an immediate and significant threat to the welfare, safety, or morals of other students or School personnel or to the operation of the School;

[d] possession, distribution, control, use, sale, or arranging for the sale of an alcoholic beverage as defined in Utah Code Ann. § 32B-1-102;

[e] possession, distribution, control, use, sale, or arranging for the sale of cigars, cigarettes, electronic cigarettes, or tobacco, as defined by Utah Code Ann. § 76-10-101;

[f] possession, distribution, control, use, sale, or arranging for the sale of contraband, including but not limited to real, look-alike or pretend weapons, fireworks, matches, lighters, alcohol, tobacco, mace, pepper spray, laser pointers, pornography, illegal drugs and controlled substances, drug paraphernalia, or any other material or item that has caused or will imminently cause substantial disruption to school operations;

[g] inappropriate use or possession of electronic devices in class or in any other way that substantially disrupts the educational environment;

[h] any criminal activity;

[i] any serious violation involving weapons, drugs, or the use of force, including those actions prohibited in Section 4.1.2 below, that threatens harm or causes harm to the School or School property, to a person associated with the School, or property associated with any such person, regardless of where it occurs; or

[j] bullying or hazing as defined in Utah Code Ann. § 53G-9-601 and/or the School's Bullying and Hazing Policy.

4.1.2 A student shall be suspended or expelled from School for the following reasons:

[a] a serious violation affecting another student or a staff member, or a serious violation occurring in a School building, in or on School property, or in conjunction with a School-sponsored activity, including:

(i) the possession, control, or actual or threatened use of a real weapon, explosive, or noxious or flammable material;

(ii) the actual use of violence or sexual misconduct, including but not limited to such violence or sexual misconduct related to hazing;

(iii) the actual or threatened use of a lookalike weapon with intent to intimidate another person or to disrupt normal School activities; or

(iv) the sale, control, or distribution of a drug or controlled substance as defined in Utah Code Ann. § 58-37-2, an imitation controlled substance defined in Utah Code Ann. § 58-37b-2, or drug paraphernalia as defined in Utah Code Ann. § 58-37a-3;

[b] the commission of an act involving the use of force or the threatened use of force which if committed by an adult would be a felony or class A misdemeanor; or

[c] making a false report of an emergency at the School or another school under Utah Code Ann. § 76-9-202(2)(d).

4.2 Expulsion

A student may be expelled from School for any violation listed under Section 4.1 of this policy if

the violation is serious or persistent.

4.3 Weapons – Mandatory Expulsion for One Year – Utah Code Ann. § 53G-8-205(2)(b); 20 U.S.C. § 7151

4.3.1 Any student who commits an act for which mandatory suspension or expulsion is provided under Section 4.1.2, above, involving a real or lookalike weapon, explosive, or noxious or flammable material shall be expelled from School and all School programs and activities for a period of not less than one (1) year, subject to the following:

[a] Within forty-five (45) days after the expulsion, the student shall appear before the Case Management Team ("**CMT**"), which shall be comprised of the Principal, a Board member, and a teacher selected by them, accompanied by a parent; and

[b] The CMT shall determine:

(i) what conditions must be met by the student and the student's parent for the student to return to School;

(ii) if the student should be placed on probation in a regular school setting consistent with Utah Code Ann. § 53G-8-208, and what conditions must be met by the student in order to ensure the safety of students and faculty at the School; and

(iii) if it would be in the best interest of both the School and the student to modify the expulsion term to less than a year, conditioned on approval by the Board and giving highest priority to providing a safe school environment for all students.

[c] For purposes of this policy, the term "firearm", "explosive", and "noxious or flammable material" include but are not limited to: guns, starter pistols, cap guns, bombs, bullets and ammunition, gasoline or other flammable liquids, mace, pepper spray, matches, and lighters.

4.3.2 Students with Disabilities under IDEA and Section 504

Whenever a student receiving special education and related services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act ("IDEA") or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act is determined to have carried a weapon to School or a School-sponsored activity, the procedures outlined in Section 10 of this policy must be followed.

4.4 Drugs and Controlled Substances – Mandatory Suspension or Expulsion – Utah Code Ann. § 53G-8-205(2)(a)

4.4.1 A student shall be suspended or expelled from the School for any of the following reasons:

[a] use, control, possession, distribution, sale, or arranging for the sale of an illegal drug or controlled substance (which includes alcohol), an imitation controlled substance, or drug paraphernalia in a School building, in a School vehicle, on School property, or in conjunction with any School-sponsored activity;

[b] misuse or abuse, distribution, sale or arranging for the sale of prescription medication at School or a

School-sponsored activity; or

[c] misuse or abuse of over-the-counter remedies, or sharing, distribution, sale, or arranging for the sale of over-the-counter remedies. A student may possess and use over-the-counter remedies at School only in amounts not to exceed the recommended daily dose including, but not limited to: aspirin, ibuprofen, Tylenol (acetaminophen), cough drops, allergy medication, cough syrup and mouthwash.

4.4.2 Students with Disabilities under Section 504

Any student identified as being disabled under either Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act or the Americans with Disabilities Act who currently is engaging in the illegal use of drugs or alcohol shall be suspended or expelled to the same extent as non-disabled students for the possession, use, control, distribution, sale, or arrangement of the sale of illegal drugs, alcohol, or controlled substances on School property or in conjunction with any School-sponsored activity.

4.4.3 Drug Testing

[a] Any student who is reasonably suspected of violating Section 4.4 may be subject to a drug test for cause, arranged and paid for by the School.

[b] Any student who has been suspended or expelled for a violation of Section 4.4 may be required to provide a clean drug test and evidence of completion of drug assessment and/or drug counseling programs as a condition of readmission to School. Testing and counseling required as a condition of readmission rather than for the purpose of providing justification for the initial suspension or expulsion shall be arranged and paid for by the student's parent.

[c] Students who refuse to submit to required drug testing and counseling programs or to cooperate with School officials with respect to the sharing of appropriate information, may be expelled from the School.

[d] Any student who is suspended or expelled for violation of Section 4.4 may be subject to random drug testing, at any time and for any reason, for a period of one year from the date of offense. If the student tests positive, he/she may be expelled from all School programs or activities. Any student who refuses consent for random drug testing under these conditions shall be expelled from all School programs or activities.

4.4.4 Students with Disabilities under IDEA

Whenever a student receiving special education and related services under IDEA knowingly possesses or uses illegal drugs or sells or solicits the sale of a controlled substance while at School or a School-sponsored activity, the procedures outlined in Section 10 of this policy must be followed.

4.5 Gangs

For purposes of this policy, "gang" means any ongoing organization, association or group of three or more persons, whether formal or informal, having as one its primary activities the commission of criminal acts, which has a unique name or identifiable signs, symbols, or marks, and whose members individually or collectively engage in criminal or violent behavior to persons or property, or who create an unreasonable and substantial disruption or risk of disruption of a class, activity, program, or other function of a school.

4.5.1 Gang Activity and Apparel Prohibited

Students who engage in any form of gang activity on or about School property, or at any School-sponsored activity may be suspended or expelled under the terms of this policy. For the purposes of this policy, "gang activities" include, but are not limited to any of the following:

[a] Wearing, possessing, using, distributing, displaying, or selling any clothing, jewelry, apparel, emblems, badges, tattoos or manner of grooming, accessories, symbols, signs, or other thing which is evidence of membership in or affiliation with any gang;

[b] Committing any act or omission or using any speech, either verbal or nonverbal, (flashing signs, gestures, hand shakes, etc.) that demonstrates membership in or a affiliation with a gang;

[c] Soliciting others for membership in a gang;

[d] Requesting any person to pay for "protection", claiming "turf", or otherwise intimidating, bullying, retaliating against, threatening, abusing, or harassing any person;

[e] Possessing a weapon, controlled substances, drug paraphernalia, or other contraband;

[f] Committing any illegal act; or

[g] Encouraging or inciting another person to act with physical violence upon any other person or cause damage to property.

4.5.2 Confiscation of Gang Items

Subject to the search and seizure provisions of this policy, gang paraphernalia, apparel, or weapons may be confiscated by School officials at any time.

4.5.3 Consultation with Law Enforcement Authorities

School officials shall consult with local law enforcement authorities and gang detectives whenever they have questions regarding gang-related clothing, apparel, or other gang activity.

4.6 Bullying, Cyber-Bullying, Harassment, Hazing, and Abusive Conduct

Bullying, cyber-bullying, harassment, hazing, and abusive conduct of students and employees are against federal law, state law, and School policy, and are not tolerated by the School. It is the School's intent to respond to school-related incidents by implementing prevention efforts where victims can be identified and assessed, and perpetrators educated, in order to create a safer school that provide a positive learning environment.

School administration has the authority to discipline students and employees for off-campus speech that causes or threatens a substantial disruption on campus, at School activities, or causes or threatens a significant interference with a student's educational performance or involvement in School activities.

Additional information regarding these issues are contained in the School's Bullying and Hazing Policy, which is available on the School's website.

4.7 Possession or Use of Electronic Cigarette Products

4.7.1 Students are prohibited from possessing or using electronic cigarette products, as defined by Utah Code Ann. § 76-10-101, on School property.

4.7.2 The Principal or their designee shall request the surrender of or confiscate electronic cigarette products as provided in Section 16 of this policy.

4.7.3 The Principal will ensure that any surrendered or confiscated electronic cigarette product is destroyed or disposed of. However, the Principal may allow the release of any surrendered or confiscated electronic cigarette product to local law enforcement if School personnel have a reasonable suspicion that the electronic cigarette product contains an illegal substance and local law enforcement requests that the School release it to them as part of an investigation or action.

5. AUTHORITY TO SUSPEND OR EXPEL

5.1 Authority to Suspend for Ten (10) School Days or Less for Regular Education Students

The Principal has the authority to suspend a regular education student for up to ten (10) school days. In considering whether to suspend a student, the Principal shall consider all relevant factors, including but not limited to, the severity of the offense, the student's age, disability, academic status and disciplinary record, parental capabilities, and community resources.

5.2 Authority to Suspend and Duration of Suspension for Students with Disabilities

The Principal has the authority to suspend a student with disabilities (504 or IDEA) for not more than ten (10) consecutive school days, and additional removals of not more than ten (10) total school days in that same school year for separate incidents of misconduct as long as those removals do not constitute a pattern resulting in a change of placement. The School need not provide services during periods of removal of ten (10) days cumulative or less if services are not provided to a student without disabilities who has been similarly suspended.

5.3 Authority to Suspend for Longer than Ten (10) School Days or Expel for Regular Education Students

Subject to the requirements for due process set forth in Section 9, below, the Principal may suspend a regular education student for longer than ten (10) school days and up to one (1) year or expel a regular education student.

Expulsions shall be reviewed by the CMT and the conclusions reported to the Board at least once each year if the parent of the expelled student has expressed a desire for the student to return to the School.

5.3.1 Parental Responsibility

If a student is suspended for a period longer than ten (10) days or expelled, the student's parent is responsible for undertaking an alternative education plan that will ensure that the student's education continues during the period of expulsion. The parent shall work with designated School officials to determine how the student's education will continue through private education paid for by the parents, an alternative program offered by the local school district, or other alternatives which will reasonably meet the educational needs of the student. Costs of educational services which are not provided by the School are the responsibility of the student's parent.

5.3.2 The parent and designated School officials may enlist the cooperation of the Division of Child and Family Services, the juvenile court, law enforcement, or other appropriate government agencies in determining how to meet the educational needs of the student.

5.3.3 The School shall contact the parent of each student under age 16 who has been suspended for longer than ten (10) school days or expelled from all School programs and services at least once a month to determine the student's progress if the parent of the expelled student has expressed a desire for the student to return to the School.

5.4 Authority to Institute Change of Placement for Student with Disabilities

Where the student is receiving special education services or accommodations on the basis of disability under IDEA, 504, or ADA, procedures outlined in the State of Utah Special Education Rules shall be followed, including prior written notice to parents regarding their procedural due process rights, before any long-term disciplinary action or change of placement takes place.

5.5 Reinstatement of Students who Have Been Suspended

In accordance with Utah Code Ann. § 53G-8-206, a suspended student may not be readmitted to the School until (a) the student and the parent have met with a designated School official to review the suspension and agreed upon a plan to avoid the recurrence of the problem; or (b) in the discretion of the Principal, the parent of the suspended student and the student have agreed to participate in such a meeting. This provision is subject to the requirements in Section 5.2 and 5.3.

6. PROCEDURES FOR ADDRESSING DISRUPTIVE STUDENT BEHAVIOR – Utah Code Ann. § 53G-8-210

6.1 Efforts to Resolve Disruptive Student Behavior Problems

6.1.1 Information About Resources. The School will provide to a parent of a student who engages in disruptive student behavior a list of resources available to assist the parent in resolving the student's disruptive behavior problem.

6.1.2 Procedures for Resolving Problems. The Principal or a teacher or counselor designated by the Principal will work with students who engage in disruptive student behavior according to the procedures identified in Section 7, below, in an attempt to help the student's behavior to improve and to prevent problems from escalating. Incidents of disruptive student behavior and attempts to resolve behavior issues will be documented. The notices of disruptive student behavior described in Section 6.2 and 6.3 below are issued at the discretion of the Principal and are not required to be issued prior to suspending or expelling a qualifying minor.

6.2 Notice of Disruptive Student Behavior

6.2.1 Authorization and Criteria. The Principal is authorized to issue notices of disruptive student behavior to qualifying minors who:

[a] engage in "disruptive student behavior" that does not result in suspension or expulsion three times during the school year; or

[b] engage in disruptive student behavior that results in suspension or expulsion once during the school year.

6.2.2 Contents of Notice. A notice of disruptive student behavior will:

[a] require the qualifying minor and a parent of the qualifying minor to whom the notice is issued to (i) meet with School authorities to discuss the qualifying minor's disruptive student behavior; and (ii) cooperate with the Principal and the Board in correcting the student's disruptive student behavior; and

[b] be mailed by certified mail to, or served in person on, a parent of the qualifying minor.

6.2.3 Contesting Notice. A qualifying minor, or a qualifying minor's parent, may contest a notice of disruptive student behavior by requesting in writing, within ten (10) business days after receipt of the notice, a meeting with the CMT at which the parent and the CMT will discuss the facts related to the student's behavior, the basis of the parent's concerns with or objections to the issuance of the notice, and efforts that have been made to address the behavior problems.

6.3 Habitual Disruptive Student Behavior Notice

6.3.1 Authorization and Criteria. The Principal may issue a "habitual disruptive student behavior notice" to a qualifying minor who:

[a] engages in disruptive student behavior that does not result in suspension or expulsion at least six times during the school year;

[b] (i) engages in disruptive student behavior that does not result in suspension or expulsion at least three times during the school year; and (ii) engages in disruptive student behavior that results in suspension or expulsion at least once during the school year; or

[c] engages in disruptive student behavior that results in suspension or expulsion at least twice during the school year.

6.3.2 Notice to Parents. Within five (5) days after the day on which a habitual disruptive student behavior notice is issued, the Principal shall provide documentation to a parent of the qualifying minor who receives the notice of the efforts made by a School representative under Section 7, below.

6.4 Responses to School-Based Behavior

6.4.1 Definitions.

[a] "Mobile crisis outreach team" means a crisis intervention service for minors or families of minors experiencing behavioral health or psychiatric emergencies.

[b] "Restorative justice program" means a school-based program or a program used or adopted by a school that is designed to enhance school safety, reduce school suspensions, and limit referrals to court, and is designed to help minors take responsibility for and repair the harm of behavior that occurs in school.

[c] "Youth court" means the same as that term is defined in § 80-6-901, including that it is a diversion program that provides an alternative disposition for cases involving minors who have committed minor offenses in which youth participants, under the supervision of an adult coordinator, may serve in various capacities within the courtroom, acting in the role of jurors, lawyers, bailiffs, clerks, and judges.

6.4.2 Alternative School-Related Interventions. The Board may establish or partner with a certified youth court program or establish or partner with a comparable restorative justice program. The School may refer a student to youth court or a comparable restorative justice program in accordance with § 53G-8-211.

6.4.3 Referrals of Minors. A qualifying minor to whom a habitual disruptive student behavior notice is issued under Section 6.3.1 may not be referred to the juvenile court. The School will follow § 53G-8-211 with respect to referring a minor who is alleged to have committed an offense on School property when School is in session or during a School-sponsored activity. In accordance with § 53G-8-211:

[a] if the alleged offense on School property is a class C misdemeanor, an infraction, or a status offense, the minor shall be referred:

(i) to an evidence-based alternative intervention, including:

(1) a mobile crisis outreach team;

(2) youth services center, as defined in § 80-5-102;

(3) a certified youth court, as defined in § 80-6-901, or comparable restorative justice program;

(4) an evidence-based alternative intervention created and developed by the School or other governmental entities as set forth in § 53G-8-211(3)(a)(v); or

(5) a tobacco cessation or education program if the offense is a violation of § 76-10-105; or

(ii) for prevention and early intervention youth services, as described in § 80-5-201, by the Division of Juvenile Justice and Youth Services if the minor refuses to participate in an evidence-based alternative intervention described above.

[b] Except as provided in Subsection [c] below, if a minor is alleged to have committed an offense

on School property that is a class C misdemeanor, an infraction, or a status offense, the minor may be referred directly to a law enforcement officer or agency or a court only if:

(i) the minor allegedly committed an offense on School property on a previous occasion; and

(ii) the minor was referred to an evidence-based alternative intervention, or to prevention or early intervention youth services, as described in Subsection [a] above for the previous offense.

[c] If a minor is alleged to have committed a traffic offense that is an infraction, the minor may be referred directly to a law enforcement officer or agency, a prosecuting attorney, or a court for the traffic offense.

[d] If a minor is alleged to have committed an offense on School property that is a class B misdemeanor or a class A misdemeanor, the minor may be referred directly to a court or to the evidence-based alternative interventions in Subsection [a] above.

[e] If a minor is alleged to have committed a drug possession offense on School property and the minor has allegedly committed a drug possession offense on School property on at least two previous occasions, the minor shall be referred directly to a court.

[f] If a student allegedly commits an offense described in this Section on School grounds when School is in session or at a School-sponsored activity and that information is reported to, or known by, a School employee, the School employee shall notify the Principal. After receiving such a notification, the Principal shall notify:

(i) a law enforcement officer or agency if the Principal may refer the offense to a law enforcement officer or agency as explained above in this Section;

(ii) other School personnel if the Principal determines that other School personnel should be informed; and

(iii) the student's parent.

The Principal may not disclose to the student, or to the student's parent, the identity of the School employee who made the initial notification under Subsection (f) above. The identity of a School employee who notifies the Principal under Subsection (f) above shall be kept confidential, except that the identity of a School employee may be disclosed to a law enforcement officer or agency for purposes of an investigation or prosecution.

6.4.4 Referral of Students for Firearm Offense. If a student brings a firearm or weapon to the School, the student shall be referred directly to a law enforcement officer or agency, a prosecuting attorney, or a court.

7. ALTERNATIVES TO EXPULSION, OR CHANGE OF PLACEMENT FOR FREQUENT OR FLAGRANT DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR – Utah Code Ann. § 53G-8-207

A continuum of intervention strategies shall be available to help students whose behavior in School repeatedly falls short of reasonable expectations. Prior to suspending a student for more

than ten (10) school days or expelling a student for repeated acts of willful disobedience, defiance of authority, or disruptive behavior which are not so extreme or violent that immediate removal is warranted, good faith efforts shall be made to implement a remedial discipline plan to allow the student to remain in the School.

7.1 Before referring the student for long-term suspension, expulsion or change of placement under this Section, School staff should demonstrate that they have attempted some or all of the following interventions:

7.1.1 Talking with the student;

7.1.2 Class schedule adjustment;

7.1.3 Phone contact with the parent;

7.1.4 Informal parent/student conferences;

7.1.5 Behavioral contracts;

7.1.6 After-school make-up time;

7.1.7 Short-term in-school suspension;

7.1.8 Short-term at-home suspensions;

7.1.9 Appropriate evaluation;

7.1.10 Home study;

7.1.11 Alternative programs; or

7.1.12 Law enforcement assistance as appropriate.

7.2 Parental Attendance with Student – Utah Code Ann. § 53G-8-207(1)-(2).

As part of a remedial discipline plan for a student, the School may require the student's parent, with the consent of the student's teachers, to attend class with the student for a period of time specified by a designated School official. If the parent does not agree or fails to attend class with the student, the student shall be suspended in accordance with the provisions of this policy.

8. DUE PROCESS FOR SUSPENSIONS OF TEN (10) SCHOOL DAYS OR LESS

The following procedure shall apply to all students facing suspension of ten (10) school days or less:

8.1 The Principal shall notify the student's custodial parent of the following without delay: that the student has been suspended, the grounds for the suspension, the period of time for which the student is suspended, and the time and place for the parent to meet with the Principal to review the suspension.

8.2 The Principal shall also notify the non-custodial parent, if requested in writing, of the suspension.

8.2.1 Section 8.2 does not apply to the portion of School records which would disclose any information protected under a court order.

8.2.2 The custodial parent is responsible to provide the School a certified copy of any court order under Subsection 8.2.1.

8.3 The Principal shall document the charges, evidence, and action taken.

8.4 Unless one of the exceptions below applies, before a suspension begins the student shall be given notice of the charges, provided with an explanation of the evidence, and given an opportunity to present his/her version of the incident to the Principal. The student shall be requested to present his/her version of the incident in writing. Students with disabilities or young students who are unable to write their own statements shall be accommodated through the use of tape recorder, scribe, etc.

8.4.1 In general, the notice and informal conference described in Section 8.4 above shall precede the student's removal from the School.

8.4.2 If, in the judgment of the Principal, notice and an informal conference is not possible because the student poses a danger to a person or property or an ongoing threat of substantially disrupting the academic process, he/she may be removed immediately. However, in such cases, the necessary notice and informal conference shall follow as soon as possible.

9. DUE PROCESS FOR SUSPENSIONS OF MORE THAN TEN (10) SCHOOL DAYS AND EXPULSIONS

The following procedure shall apply to all students facing suspension of more than ten (10) school days or expulsion:

9.1 The Principal shall first follow the due process procedures set forth in Section 8 above. If, after following the due process procedures in Section 8, the Principal believes that a student should be suspended for more than ten (10) school days or expelled, the Principal may make the initial decision and shall meet with the student's parent to discuss the charges against the student and the proposed discipline within five (5) school days after the suspension or expulsion began. If requested in writing, the Principal shall also notify the non-custodial parent of the suspension or expulsion as outlined in Section 8.2 of this policy. A suspension may not extend beyond ten (10) school days unless the student and the student's parent have been given a reasonable opportunity to meet with the Principal and respond to the allegations and proposed disciplinary action.

9.2 Notice to Student and Parent

During the meeting required in Section 9.1, the Principal shall provide the student's parent with written notice that includes all of the following elements (or, if the student's parent refuses to meet, the Principal shall send the notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the student's parent within ten (10) school days after the suspension or expulsion began):

9.2.1 a description of the alleged violation(s) or reason(s) giving rise to disciplinary action;

9.2.2 the penalty being imposed (duration of suspension or expulsion);

9.2.3 a statement that a due process hearing may be requested by providing the Principal with written notice within ten (10) school days of the parent's receipt of the notice;

9.2.4 a statement that, if a due process hearing is requested, the Board, even though less than a quorum, will conduct the hearing, with or without the help of a hearing officer;

9.2.5 a statement that the suspension or expulsion is taking effect immediately and will continue for the stated period unless a due process hearing is requested in a timely manner and the Board (even though less than a quorum) determines otherwise;

9.2.6 the mailing date of the notice; and

9.2.7 a statement that, if a hearing is not requested within ten (10) school days after receipt of the notice, the Principal's decision to suspend or expel the student will be final, and the parent's right to oppose the decision will be waived.

9.3 Hearing Procedures

If a Due Process Hearing is requested in response to the notice sent pursuant to Section 9.2 of this policy, the following procedures shall apply:

9.3.1 After receipt of the request, the School shall schedule a hearing as soon as possible but not later than ten (10) school days following receipt of the request unless the student's parent agrees otherwise.

9.3.2 A written Hearing Notice shall be sent to the parent informing the parent that the Due Process Hearing will be conducted before the Board (even though less than a quorum) and of the following information:

[a] the date, place, and time of the hearing;

[b] the circumstances, evidence, and issues to be discussed at the hearing;

[c] the right of all parties to have legal counsel present;

[d] the right of all parties to present evidence;

[e] the right of all parties to cross-examine witnesses subject to the presiding Board member's or hearing officer's determination that this right should be limited to protect student witnesses from retaliation, ostracism or reprisal; and

[f] the right of all parties to examine all relevant records.

9.3.3 The Board (even though less than a quorum) shall conduct the Due Process Hearing on the record and shall:

[a] ensure that a written record of the Hearing is made, a copy of which shall be provided to all parties upon request, with the cost borne by the School;

[b] consider all relevant evidence presented at the Hearing;

[c] allow the right to cross-examination of witnesses, unless the presiding Board member or hearing officer determines that this right should be limited to protect student witnesses from ostracism, retaliation or reprisal;

[d] allow all parties a fair opportunity to present relevant evidence; and

[e] issue a written decision including findings of fact and conclusions.

9.3.4 Hearing Rules

Formal Rules of Evidence do not apply to the Due Process Hearing, and no discovery is permitted. However, the following rules will apply:

[a] parties may have access to information contained in the School's files to the extent permitted by law;

[b] hearings shall be closed to the press and the public;

[c] documents, testimony, or other evidence submitted by the parties after the hearing will not be considered by the Board (even though less than a quorum) or hearing officer; and

[d] the Board (even though less than a quorum) or hearing officer may excuse witnesses or parties or suspend or terminate a hearing if persons involved in the hearing are abusive, disorderly, disruptive, or if they refuse to abide by the rules and orders of the Board or hearing officer.

10. DUE PROCESS FOR CHANGE OF PLACEMENT OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Where the student is receiving special education services or accommodations on the basis of disability under IDEA, 504 or ADA, procedures outlined in the Utah State Board of Education ("USBE") Special Education Rules shall be followed, including prior written notice to parents regarding their procedural due process rights, before any long-term disciplinary action or change of placement takes place.

10.1 Required Services

10.1.1 504 and ADA Students

When a determination is made that the conduct of a 504 or ADA student (but not a student who is disabled under IDEA) is not a manifestation of the student's disability pursuant to Section 10.5, the student shall be subject to the same disciplinary consequences as regular education students, up to and including expulsion from School; however, the School must continue to provide education services in accordance with guidelines established by the USBE.

10.1.2 IDEA

A school need not provide services during periods of removal to a student with a disability under IDEA who has been removed from his or her current placement for ten (10) school days or less in that school year if services are not provided to a student without disabilities who has been similarly

removed.

If a student with a disability under IDEA has been removed from his or her current placement for more than ten (10) school days in the same school year, for the remainder of the removals the School shall provide services to the extent necessary to enable the student to progress in the general curriculum and appropriately advance toward achieving the goals set out in the student's IEP. School personnel, in consultation with the student's special education teacher, determine the extent to which services are necessary to enable the student to appropriately progress in the general curriculum and advance toward achieving the goals set out in the student's IEP.

10.2 Change of Placement for Weapons, Drugs, or Serious Bodily Injury

A student's IEP team may order a change in placement of a student with a disability to an appropriate interim alternative educational setting for the same amount of time that a student without a disability would be subject to discipline, but for not more than forty-five (45) school days, if:

10.2.1 The student carries a weapon to or possesses a weapon at School, on School premises, or to or at a School-sponsored activity; or

10.2.2 The student knowingly possesses or uses illegal drugs or sells or solicits the sale of a controlled substance while at School, on School premises, or at a School-sponsored activity; or

10.2.3 The student has inflicted serious bodily injury upon another person while at School, on School premises, or at a School-sponsored activity.

10.3 Change of Placement Due to Student's Serious Misconduct

School officials may request an expedited due process hearing in order to change the placement of a student with a disability to an appropriate interim alternative educational setting, recommended by the student's IEP team, for not more than forty-five (45) school days. A hearing officer may order such a change, if he/she:

10.3.1 Determines that School officials have demonstrated by substantial evidence that maintaining the current placement of a student is substantially likely to result in injury to the student or others;

10.3.2 Considers the appropriateness of the student's current placement;

10.3.3 Considers whether School officials have made reasonable efforts to minimize the risk of harm in the student's current placement, including the use of supplementary aids and services; and

10.3.4 Determines that the interim alternative educational setting being recommended by School officials (1) has been selected so as to enable the student to continue to progress in the general curriculum, although in another setting, and to continue to receive those services and modifications, including those described in the student's current IEP, that will enable the student to meet the goals set out in that IEP: and (2) includes services and modifications designed to address the behavior at issue so that it does not recur.

10.4 Parental Notice

As soon as a decision is made by School officials to remove a student with a disability from his/her current placement for more than ten (10) school days, the student's parents must be notified of that decision and of all procedural safeguards outlined by law and School policy.

10.5 IEP Meetings for Manifestation Determination

10.5.1 Immediately, if possible, but in no case later than ten (10) school days after the date on which the decision is made to remove the student from the current placement, a review must be conducted of the relationship between the student's disability and the behavior subject to the disciplinary action.

10.5.2 The manifestation review must be conducted by the student's IEP team and other qualified School personnel.

10.5.3 In conducting the manifestation review, the IEP team may determine that the behavior of the student was not a manifestation of student's disability only if the IEP team:

[a] First considers, in terms of behavior subject to disciplinary action, all relevant information, including:

(i) Evaluation and diagnostic results, including the results or other relevant information supplied by the parents of the student;

(ii) Observations of the student; and

(iii) The student's IEP and placement; and

[b] Then determines whether:

(i) The conduct in question was caused by or had a direct and substantial relationship to the child’s disability; or

(ii) The conduct in question was the direct result of the School’s failure to implement the student’s IEP.

10.5.4 If the IEP team determines that either of the standards above was met, the behavior must be considered a manifestation of the student's disability.

10.5.5 Determination that Behavior was not Manifestation of Disability

If the result of the manifestation review is a determination that the behavior of a student with a disability was not a manifestation of the student's disability, the relevant disciplinary procedures applicable to students without disabilities may be applied to the student in the same manner in which they would be applied to students without disabilities, except that a free appropriate public education must still be made available to the student if the student is suspended or expelled from School.

10.5.6 Determination that Behavior was Manifestation of Disability

If the result of the manifestation review is a determination that the behavior of a student with a

disability was a manifestation of the student's disability, the student must remain in or be returned to the prior placement.

10.6 IEP Meetings for Functional Behavioral Assessments

10.6.1 Post-Discipline Functional Behavioral Assessments

If School officials have not conducted a Functional Behavioral Assessment and implemented a behavioral intervention plan for the student before the behavior that results in a removal from School for longer than ten (10) school days or a change of placement to an interim alternative educational setting, School officials shall convene an IEP meeting to develop an assessment plan and appropriate behavioral interventions to address that behavior.

10.6.2 Pre-Discipline Behavioral Intervention Plans
If the student already has a behavioral intervention plan, the IEP team shall review the plan and modify it, as necessary, to address the behavior.

10.7 Placement During Appeals and Stay Put

10.7.1 If a parent requests a due process hearing to challenge the interim alternative educational setting or the manifestation determination, the student must remain subject to the disciplinary action pending the decision of the hearing officer or until the expiration of the forty-five (45) school-day period, whichever occurs first, unless the parent and School officials agree otherwise.

10.7.2 If a student is placed in an interim alternative educational setting and School personnel propose to change the student's placement after expiration of the interim alternative placement, during the pendency of any proceeding to challenge the proposed change in placement the student must remain in the current placement (the student's placement prior to the interim alternative education setting), unless School officials succeed in getting an order through an expedited hearing as described in Section 10.3.

11. ADMINISTRATIVE STUDENT CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE PLAN(S)

11.1 Elements of Plan(s)

The Principal will develop, with input from administration, instruction and support staff, students, parents, and other community members, a Student Conduct and Discipline Plan(s). The plan(s) shall be comprehensive, clearly written, consistently enforced, and include the following elements:

11.1.1 written standards for student behavior expectations, including schoolwide and classroom management;

11.1.2 effective instructional practices for teaching student expectations;

11.1.3 systematic methods for reinforcing expected behaviors;

11.1.4 uniform and equitable methods for correcting student behavior;
11.1.5 procedures for re-teaching behavior expectations followed by effective, evidence-based

interventions matched to student needs before suspension or court referral;

11.1.6 direction to determine the range of behaviors and establish the continuum of administrative procedures that may be used by School personnel to address student behavior; and

11.1.7 procedures for responding to reports received through the SafeUT Crisis Line under Utah Code Ann. § 53H-4-210.

11.2 Plan(s) Consistent with this Policy

The administrative Student Conduct and Discipline Plan(s) shall be consistent with this policy. It shall also be consistent with the School's Plan for Harassment and Discrimination Free Learning, which shall be developed by the Principal in accordance with § 53G-8-802 and R277-609.

12. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Participation in interscholastic athletics and other extracurricular activities is not a constitutionally protected civil right. Therefore, students who are suspended or expelled may lose the privilege of participation during the period of suspension/expulsion and may not be allowed to invoke due process procedures to challenge the denial of extracurricular participation.

13. RE-ADMISSION OF EXPELLED STUDENTS AND DENIAL OF ADMISSION BASED ON PRIOR EXPULSION – Utah Code Ann. § 53G-8-205(3)

A student who is expelled from the School can only be re-admitted to the School through the School's standard lottery procedures.

A student may be denied admission to the School if he or she was expelled from the School or any other school during the preceding 12 months.

14. INVESTIGATIONS

Whenever the Principal has reason to believe that School rules or policies have been broken, he or she shall proceed with an investigation. However, if the Principal believes that laws have been broken or child abuse has occurred, he/she shall request appropriate authorities to conduct the investigation.

14.1 General Investigation Guidelines for Principal

The Principal has the authority and duty to conduct investigations and to question students pertaining to infractions of School rules, whether or not the alleged conduct is a violation of criminal law. The Principal shall conduct investigations according to the following general guidelines:

14.1.1 The Principal shall conduct investigations in a way that does not unduly interfere with School activities.

14.1.2 The Principal shall separate witnesses and offenders in an attempt to keep witnesses from collaborating their statements and have all parties provide separate statements concerning the incident

under investigation; written statements are preferable, if possible.

14.1.3 The Principal shall advise students suspected of wrongdoing orally or in writing of the nature of the alleged offense.

14.1.4 Students must be provided an opportunity to give their version of the incident under investigation; however, refusals to respond or provide information should be respected.

14.1.5 When questioning students as part of an investigation, School staff should have another adult present whenever possible.

14.1.6 The Principal shall accommodate students with disabilities and young children unable to write their own statements through use of tape recorders, scribes, etc.

14.1.7 All students involved in the investigation shall be instructed that retaliation is prohibited. Any act of reprisal against any person who has testified, assisted, or participated in any manner in an investigation, proceeding, or hearing is strictly prohibited and subject to disciplinary action.

14.1.8 When the investigation is completed and if it is determined that disciplinary action may be in order, due process requirements must be met. Specifically, the student must be given proper notice of the charges against him/her and the disciplinary action being recommended, as well as a fair opportunity to present his or her version of the facts.

14.2 Coordination with Law Enforcement

The Principal has the responsibility and the authority to determine when the help of law enforcement officers is necessary, as outlined in this policy and Utah State law.

14.2.1 The School administration may invite law enforcement officials to the School to:

[a] conduct an investigation of alleged criminal conduct on the School premises or during a School-sponsored activity;

[b] maintain a safe and orderly educational environment; or

[c] maintain or restore order when the presence of such officers is necessary to prevent injury to persons or property.

14.2.2 Investigation of Criminal Conduct

During an investigation for violation of School rules, it may become evident that the incident under investigation may also be a violation of criminal law. If the School official has reason to suspect that a criminal act has been committed and, in the opinion of the Principal, law enforcement should be notified, the following procedure should be followed:

[a] The Principal shall request that law enforcement officers conduct an investigation during school hours and question students who are potential witnesses to the alleged criminal behavior.

[b] The School official shall inform the student's parent as soon as possible that the student may

have committed a criminal act and that law enforcement authorities will be involved in the investigation.

[c] Unless circumstances dictate otherwise, questioning of the student by School officials shall not begin or continue until the law enforcement officers arrive.

[d] Reasonable attempts shall be made to contact the student's parents who, unless an emergency exists, shall be given the opportunity to meet with the student and to be present with the student during questioning by law enforcement authorities.

[e] The Principal shall document the contact or attempted contact with the student's parents. If the Principal cannot contact the student's parent, or if the parent is unable to be present with the student for questioning, the Principal shall be present and document generally what occurs during the interview.

[f] The student shall not be questioned by law enforcement unless or until he/she has received Miranda warnings from the officer.

[g] If the parent or student refuses to consent to questioning by law enforcement authorities, the law enforcement authorities shall determine the course of action to be pursued.

14.2.3 Investigation Initiated by Law Enforcement Authorities

School officials shall cooperate with law enforcement authorities who are carrying out official duties such as investigating crimes, serving subpoenas, etc.

[a] When law enforcement officers can show a need to do so, they shall be permitted to conduct an investigation on School grounds during School hours.

[b] Such a need will ordinarily be shown if delay in police investigation might result in danger to a person, flight from jurisdiction by a person reasonably suspected of a crime, or destruction of evidence. In such cases:

(i) The officers shall be required to get prior approval of the Principal or other designated person before beginning an investigation on School premises.

(ii) The Principal shall document the circumstances warranting the investigation as soon as practical.

(iii) Alleged criminal behavior related to the School environment brought to the Principal's attention by law enforcement officers shall be dealt with under the provisions of Section 14.1.

(iv) Law enforcement officials (investigating School-related or student-related crimes) may not have access to student education records, aside from directory information, unless they have a subpoena or court order or permission from a parent.

14.2.4 Release of Student to Law Enforcement Official

[a] Students may not be released to law enforcement authorities voluntarily by School officials unless the

student has been placed under arrest or unless the parent and the student agree to the release.

[b] When students are removed from School for any reason by law enforcement authorities, every reasonable effort shall be made to contact the student's parent immediately except in cases of child abuse and neglect. Such effort shall be documented.

[c] The Principal shall immediately notify the Board of the removal of a student from School by law enforcement authorities.

[d] Where it is necessary to take a student into custody on School premises, the law enforcement officer shall contact the Principal and relate the circumstances necessitating such action.

[e] Whenever the need arises to make arrests or take students into custody on School premises, the Principal shall make reasonable efforts to consult and confer with the law enforcement officers as to how an arrest is to be made.

[f] When possible, the Principal shall have the student summoned to the Principal's office before the student is taken into custody.

[g] When a student has been taken into custody or arrested on School premises without prior notification to the Principal, the School staff present shall encourage the law enforcement officers to tell the Principal of the circumstances as quickly as possible. If the officers decline to tell the Principal, the School staff members present shall immediately notify the Principal.

14.2.5 Quelling Disturbances of School Environment

Law enforcement officers may be requested to assist in controlling disturbances of the School environment that a Principal has found to be unmanageable by School personnel and that has the potential of causing harm to students and other persons or to property. Such circumstances include situations where a parent or member of the public exhibits undesirable or illegal conduct on or near School grounds or at a School-sponsored activity and who refuse to abide by a Principal's directive to leave the premises.

14.2.6 Investigations of Alleged Drug Offenses

Nothing in this Section or policy prohibits the Principal or their designee from investigating an alleged drug offense that involves School property, a student, or a School employee, including conducting a search on School property, before notifying a law enforcement officer or agency. Any such investigation, search, and handling of evidence shall comply with the requirements of Utah Code Ann. § 53G-8-511 and related USBE rules.

15. INVESTIGATION OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

Utah law requires that whenever any person, including any School employee, has reason to believe that a child has been subjected to incest, molestation, sexual exploitation, sexual abuse, physical abuse, or neglect, or observes a child being subjected to conditions or circumstances which would reasonably result in such, he/she shall immediately notify the nearest peace officer, law enforcement agency, or office of the Division of Child and Family Services.

15.1 The School shall distribute annually to all School employees copies of the School's procedures for reporting suspected child abuse or neglect.

15.2 If there is reason to believe that a child may have been subjected to abuse or neglect, an oral report shall be made immediately by the School employee reporting the abuse/neglect with a written report to follow within twenty-four (24) hours.

15.2.1 When making the oral report, always have the person you notify identify himself/herself. The notified person's name shall be entered on the written report.

15.2.2 A copy of the written report shall be put in a child abuse-neglect file to be maintained by the Principal, for all reported cases of suspected child abuse or neglect.

15.2.3 The child abuse-neglect reporting form shall not be placed in the student's personal file.

15.3 It is not the responsibility of the Principal or other School employees to prove that the child has been abused or neglected, or to determine whether the child is in need of protection.

15.3.1 Investigation by staff prior to submitting a report shall not go beyond that necessary to support a reasonable belief that a reportable problem exists.

15.3.2 To determine whether or not there is reason to believe that abuse or neglect has occurred, professional School employees may (but are not required to) gather information only to the extent necessary to determine whether a reportable circumstance exists.

15.3.3 Interviews with the child or suspected abuser shall not be conducted by the Principal or School employees.

15.3.4 Notes of voluntary or spontaneous statements by the child shall be made and given to the investigating agency.

15.3.5 The Principal, School employees, Division of Child and Family Services and law enforcement personnel are required to preserve the anonymity of those making the initial report and any others involved in the subsequent investigation.

15.3.6 Investigations are the responsibility of the Division of Child and Family Services.

[a] The Principal or other School employees shall not contact the parents, relatives, friends, neighbors, etc. for the purpose of determining the cause of the injury and/or apparent neglect.

[b] School officials shall cooperate with social service and law enforcement agency employees authorized to investigate reports of alleged child abuse and neglect, assisting as asked as members of interdisciplinary child protection teams in providing protective diagnostic, assessment, treatment, and coordination services.

15.3.7 Persons making reports or participating in good faith in an investigation of alleged child abuse or neglect are immune, in accordance with state law, from any civil or criminal liability that otherwise might arise from those actions.

16. SEARCHES OF PERSON OR PROPERTY

Given the School's custodial and tutelary responsibility for children, and the Board's intent to preserve a safe environment for all students and staff, the Board recognizes that School officials must have the authority to conduct reasonable searches of students and student property. School officials engaging in searches of students and property shall abide by the following guidelines:

16.1 General Guidelines for Searches of Person or Property

16.1.1 Student Lockers

Students have no right or expectation of privacy in school lockers. While lockers are under the joint control of students and the School, lockers are solely School property and may be searched at any time by School officials with or without cause. Once a locker is opened for search, any search of student belongings contained within the locker must comply with the guidelines for searches of personal belongings in Section 16.2 of this policy.

16.1.2 Searches of Students and Student Property

Searches of a student's person, personal property (coats, hats, backpacks, bookbags, purses, wallets, notebooks, gym bags, etc.) may be conducted whenever the student's conduct creates a reasonable suspicion that a particular School rule or law has been violated and that the search is reasonably related to the suspicion and not excessively intrusive in light of the age and sex of the student and nature of the infraction. Circumstances warranting a search include those in which School officials have a reasonable suspicion that the student or student property is concealing items including but not limited to weapons, drugs, controlled substances, electronic cigarette products, alcohol, tobacco, unsafe contraband, pornography, pagers or lost/stolen/misplaced items.

16.2 Searches of Personal Belongings

16.2.1 Personal belongings may be searched by School officials whenever School officials have a reasonable suspicion to believe a student is concealing evidence of a policy violation or criminal activity and the items being searched are capable of concealing such evidence. The student may be asked to open personal belongings and to turn over personal property for search by a School official. All searches of student property by School officials shall be witnessed by an objective third party (such as another teacher, or police officer) to observe that the search is not excessively intrusive.

16.2.2 All contraband discovered in a search by School officials shall be immediately confiscated and turned over to law enforcement officers if School officials have reason to believe the contraband is related to the commission of a criminal act.

16.3 Searches of Person

16.3.1 School officials shall make sure the search meets the following guidelines:

[a] The search shall be conducted in a private area of the School by a School official of the same sex (where practical) as the student being searched;

[b] The search shall be observed by an objective third party of the same sex (where practical) as the student being searched (i.e., Principal, teacher, police officer);

[c] School officials may ask the student to remove his/her hat, coat, shoes and socks, turn pockets inside out, and roll up sleeves to see if the student is hiding contraband;

[d] Under no circumstances may School officials require students to remove any other items of clothing or touch students in any way during the search.

[e] If this limited search does not turn up suspected contraband and School officials have reasonable suspicion that the student is concealing contraband in his/her inner clothing (i.e., hiding drugs, weapons or other contraband underneath shirts, pants or underwear), law enforcement officers shall be summoned immediately to conduct further search and investigation.

[f] In general, all questioning and searching of students conducted by law enforcement officers shall proceed according to the investigation guidelines in Section 14 of this policy.

16.4 Documentation of Searches

School officials shall thoroughly document the details of any search conducted of a student's property or person. Documentation shall be made at the time of the search, or as soon as possible thereafter, and shall include the following:

16.4.1 The time, place and date of the search;

16.4.2 The reasonable suspicion giving rise to the search (what did School officials suspect to find during the search);

16.4.3 The name and title of individuals conducting and observing the search;

16.4.4 A statement about evidence that was found or not found as a result of the search;

16.4.5 A statement about who took possession of contraband (i.e., police, school, etc.);

16.4.6 Information regarding the attempts of School officials to notify parents about the search.

17. RECORDS—INTERAGENCY COLLABORATION – 20 U.S.C. § 1232g(h)(i)-(2); Utah Code Ann. § 53G-8-402 to -405

17.1 Requirements After Receiving Notification From Juvenile Court and/or Law Enforcement Agencies of a Student's Serious Offense or Sexual Crime.

17.1.1 If the President of the Board is notified by the juvenile court or a law enforcement agency that a current or former student of the School was arrested for, charged with, or adjudicated in court for a serious offense or sexual crime, the President of the Board shall notify the Principal within three (3) days of receiving the notification.

"Serious offense" is defined in Utah Code Ann. § 80-6-103 and means the following: a violent

felony as defined in § 76-3-203.5; an offense that is a violation of Title 76, Chapter 6, Part 4, Theft, and the property stolen is a firearm; or an offense in violation of Title 76, Chapter 11, Weapons.

“Sexual crime” or “sexual misconduct” means any conduct described in Title 76, Chapter 5, Part 4, Sexual Offenses; Title 76 Chapter 5b, Sexual Exploitation Act; or § 76-7-102, Incest.

17.1.2 Upon receipt of the information about a student’s serious offense (whether from the President of the Board or directly from the juvenile court or law enforcement agency), the Principal shall make a notation in a secure file other than the student's permanent file. Beginning no later than July 1, 2025, the School shall digitally maintain the secure file or, if available, the student’s related reintegration plan described below, for one year from the day the notice is received and ensure the secure file follows the student if the student transfers to a different school.

17.1.3 Upon receipt of the information about a student’s serious offense or sexual crime (whether from the President of the Board or directly from the juvenile court or law enforcement agency), the Principal shall, if the student is still enrolled in the School, notify staff members who, in the Principal’s opinion, should know of the adjudication, arrest, or detention. Staff members receiving information about a juvenile student's adjudication, arrest or detention may only disclose the information to other persons having both a right and a current need to know.

17.2 Multidisciplinary Team and Reintegration Plan

17.2.1 In addition to complying with the requirements above, the School shall, within seven (7) School days after receiving, while School is in session, a notification described in Section 17.1.1 about a student, or within a reasonable time after otherwise being notified of a student being arrested for, charged with, or adjudicated in juvenile court for committing a serious offense or sexual crime, develop a reintegration plan for the student with a multidisciplinary team, the student, and the student’s parent. If the School receives the notification when School is not in session, the School shall develop the reintegration plan within seven (7) days of School being back in session from summer break. The multidisciplinary team should include the following or their designees, if applicable: the School, the juvenile court, the Division of Juvenile Justice and Youth Services, the School’s Safety and Security Specialist, the School’s Safety and Security Director, the School’s Resource Officer (if any), and any other relevant party that should be involved in a reintegration plan.

17.2.2 The reintegration plan shall include:

[a] a behavioral intervention for the student;

[b] a short-term mental health or counseling service for the student;

[c] an academic intervention for the student; or

[d] any other intervention that the multidisciplinary team, the student, and the student’s parent determine are necessary.

17.2.3 If the serious offense or sexual crime was directed at a School employee or another

student within the School, notification of the reintegration plan shall be provided to that School employee or student and the student's parent.

17.2.4 The School may deny admission to the student until the School completes the reintegration plan.

17.2.5 The School's Resource Officer (if any) shall provide input for the School to consider regarding the safety risks a student may pose upon integration. The School shall also notify its Resource Officer (if any) of any student who is on probation.

17.2.6 The School shall not reintegrate a student when:

[a] a student or staff member of the School has a protective order against the student being reintegrated; or

[b] a student or staff member of the School is a victim of an offense listed in Utah Code Ann. § 76-3-203.5 committed by the student who is seeking reintegration or continued enrollment.

17.2.7 The School may elect to not integrate a student into the School if the student has committed, or allegedly committed, a forcible felony. If the School elects to not integrate such a student, the School shall provide alternative education options for the student.

17.2.8 A reintegration plan under this Section is classified as a protected record under Utah Code Ann. § 63G-2-305. All other records of disclosures under this Section are governed by the Government Records Access and Management Act and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA").

17.2.9 A reintegration plan shall remain in effect for an entire school year or 180 days from the plan's implementation, or as long as the multidisciplinary team deems the reintegration plan necessary.

17.3 Students Committing a Serious Offense or Sexual Crime are Subject to Suspension or Expulsion

Students who commit a serious offense or sexual crime, whether on or off School property, are subject to the suspension and expulsion provisions of this policy.

17.4 Student Discipline Records/Education Records

School officials may include appropriate information in the education record of any student concerning disciplinary action taken against the student for conduct that posed a significant risk to the safety or well-being of that student, other students, or other members of the school community.

17.4.1 Disclosure of Discipline Records to Other Educators

School officials may disclose student discipline information described above to teachers and other School officials, including teachers and school officials in other schools, who have legitimate

educational interests in the behavior of the student.

17.4.2 Disclosure of Discipline Records to Other Agencies

School officials shall not release personally identifiable student discipline records to other government agencies, including law enforcement agencies, unless the agency produces a subpoena or court order (need for standing court order from juvenile court), the student's parent has authorized disclosure, or a FERPA exception applies.

18. EMERGENCY SAFETY INTERVENTIONS

A School employee may not use physical restraint on a student or place a student in seclusion except as a necessary emergency safety intervention in compliance with this Section.

18.1 Definitions

18.1.1 "Comprehensive emergency safety intervention training" means a training required for key identified school employees that has the components described in R277-608-4(4).

18.1.2 "Chemical restraint" means the use of medication administered to a student, including medications prescribed by the student's physician or other qualified health professional, on an as-needed basis for the sole purpose of involuntarily limiting the student's freedom of movement.

18.1.3 "Emergency safety intervention" ("ESI") means the use of seclusion or physical restraint when a student presents an immediate danger to self or others. An ESI may not be used for disciplinary purposes.

18.1.4 "Immediate danger" or "immediate and significant threat" means the imminent risk of physical violence toward self or others, or other physical behaviors which are likely to cause imminent risk of substantial bodily injury or serious bodily injury.

18.1.5 "Key Identified School Employee" means a School employee who has completed foundational behavior support training and comprehensive emergency safety intervention training and has been authorized by the Principal to utilize an ESI at the School when necessary.

18.1.6 "Mechanical restraint" means the use of any device or equipment to restrict a student's freedom of movement.

18.1.7 "Foundational behavior support training" means a training required for all School employees who supervise students or may be asked to assist in managing a student's behavior that has the components described in R277-608-4(1).

18.1.8 "Physical restraint" means a personal restriction that immobilizes or significantly reduces the ability of a student to move the student's arms, legs, body, or head freely.

18.1.9 "Physical escort" means a temporary touching or holding of the hand, wrist, arm, shoulder, or back for the purpose of guiding a student to another location.

18.1.10 "Seclusion" means seclusionary time out that is the involuntary confinement of a student alone in a room or area from which the student is physically prevented from leaving, including: (i)

placing a student in a locked room; or (ii) placing a student in a room where the door is blocked by furniture or held closed by staff.

18.1.11 "Serious bodily injury" means bodily injury that creates or causes serious permanent disfigurement, protracted loss or impairment of the function of any bodily member or organ, or creates a substantial risk of death.

18.1.12 "Substantial bodily injury" means bodily injury, not amounting to serious bodily injury, that creates or causes protracted physical pain, temporary disfigurement, or temporary loss or impairment of the function of any bodily member or organ.

18.2 General Procedures

18.2.1 All School employees who supervise students, or who may be asked to assist in managing a student's behavior, shall receive foundational behavior support training. This training must be completed within two months, or within 30 days if working directly with a student with disabilities, of employment at the School and bi-annually thereafter.

18.2.2 Key Identified School Employees shall receive comprehensive ESI training in addition to foundational behavior support training. Comprehensive ESI training shall be completed before a Key Identified School Employee may use an ESI with a student and annually thereafter.

18.2.3 An ESI shall:

[a] be applied for the minimum time necessary to ensure safety, as reasonably understood by the Key Identified School Employee using the ESI;

[b] be released under the following circumstances (release criteria):

(i) as soon as the student is no longer an immediate danger of physical harm to self or others (e.g., student is no longer hitting, kicking, biting, throwing objects, self-harming, or making other movements that create imminent risk of physical violence; student is able to respond to staff verbally or nonverbally in a regulated way; and/or the student exhibits signs of de-escalation, such as having a relaxed body, no longer attempting to break free, or breathing slowly); or

(ii) if the student is in severe distress (e.g., student is having difficulty breathing or is vomiting, gagging, experiencing chest pain, or turning pale or blue in the face);

[c] never be used as punishment or discipline;

[d] in no instance be imposed for more than 30 minutes, per occurrence; and

[e] be documented and reported, as required.

18.2.4 The School prohibits dangerous practices as defined by the School, including dangerous practices outlined in the Least Restrictive Behavioral Interventions (LRBI) Technical Assistance manual.

18.3 Students with Disabilities Receiving Special Education Services

18.3.1 Use of ESI for a student with a disability receiving specialized educational services under IDEA or Section 504 shall be subject to all applicable state and federal laws, including LRBI policies and procedures for special education/504 programs.

18.3.2 Additionally, ESIs written into a student's IEP as a planned intervention are prohibited unless school personnel, the family, and the IEP team agree less restrictive means have been attempted; a Functional Behavioral Assessment has been conducted; and a positive behavior intervention plan based on data analysis has been written into the plan and implemented.

18.4 Physical Restraint

18.4.1 Key Identified School Employees may, in accordance with Section 18.2.3 and when acting within the scope of employment, use physical restraint on a student when the student presents an immediate danger to self or others and when no other safe or effective intervention is available.

18.4.2 Key Identified School Employees may use reasonable and necessary physical restraint only:

[a] in self-defense;

[b] to protect a student or another person from physical injury;

[c] to remove from a situation a student who is violent;

[d] to take possession of a weapon or other dangerous object in the possession or under the control of a student; or

[e] to protect property from being damaged, when physical safety is at risk.

18.4.3 When an employee exercises physical restraint as an ESI on a student, the following types of physical restraint are prohibited:

[a] prone, or face-down;

[b] supine, or face-up;

[c] physical restraint which obstructs the airway or adversely affects the student's primary mode of communication;

[d] mechanical restraint, except for restraints required by law, including seatbelts or any other safety equipment used to secure students during transportation, protective or stabilizing restraints as prescribed by an appropriate medical or related services professional, and devices used by a law enforcement officer in carrying out law enforcement duties; or

[e] chemical restraint.

18.4.4 A Key Identified School Employee may not use physical restraint on a student for more than the shortest of the following before stopping, releasing, and reassessing the intervention used:

[a] the amount of time described in the School's ESI training program;

[b] 30 minutes; or

[c] when law enforcement intervenes.

18.4.5 Despite the foregoing, a Key Identified School Employee shall first use the least restrictive intervention available to the employee, including a physical escort, to address circumstances described in Section 18.4.1. In addition, nothing in this Section prohibits a Key Identified School Employee from subsequently using less restrictive interventions to address circumstances described in Section 18.4.1.

18.4.6 A student who has been physically restrained and then released shall, in addition to being promptly reassessed by the Key Identified School Employee, be monitored for a reasonable period of time to help ensure the continued safety and well-being of the student and others. Monitoring should include observation for signs of such things as injury, respiratory distress, or continued escalation, and the Principal and medical personnel shall be notified when warranted.

18.5 Seclusion

18.5.1 A Key Identified School employee may, in accordance with Section 18.2.3 and when acting within the scope of employment, place a student who is in grade 1 or higher in seclusion as an ESI when the student presents an immediate danger to self or others and when no other safe or effective intervention is available. Students in kindergarten shall not be placed in seclusion.

18.5.2 Key Identified School Employees may use seclusion only when:

[a] other less restrictive interventions have failed;

[b] a staff member who is familiar to the student is actively supervising the student for the duration of the seclusion;

[c] the student is observed at all times during the seclusion by School personnel who have received the comprehensive ESI training;

[d] any door to the area or room used for seclusion remains unlocked consistent with applicable fire and public safety requirements described in R392-200 and R710-4; and

[e] the seclusion is time-limited to a maximum time of 30 minutes, per occurrence, and monitored.

18.5.3 A School employee may not place a student in seclusion:

[a] as a behavioral intervention;

[b] as a disciplinary practice;

[c] for coercion, retaliation, or humiliation;

[d] due to inadequate staffing; or

[e] for the School employee's convenience.

18.5.4 A student who has been placed in seclusion and then released shall be promptly reassessed by the Key Identified School Employee and also monitored for a reasonable period of time to help ensure the continued safety and well-being of the student and others. Monitoring should include observation for signs of such things as injury, severe distress, or continued escalation, and the Principal and medical personnel shall be notified when warranted.

18.5.5 The Principal shall ensure that all the following individuals are debriefed at an appropriate time after a student seclusion has taken place:

[a] all witnesses;

[b] all School staff who were involved;

[c] the student who was secluded; and

[d] the parent of the student who was secluded.

18.5.6 The Principal shall also ensure that a proper review of the decision to use seclusion is performed as soon as reasonably possible after a student seclusion has taken place.

18.5.7 The School does not allow the designation of any enclosed area in its building(s) for the sole purpose of seclusion. If the School chooses to operate a room primarily intended for seclusion, the room shall comply with the physical standards and other requirements for seclusion rooms as set forth in Utah Code Ann. § 53G-8-301(14), even if the room is also used for other purposes. These requirements include, but are not limited to, physical standards governing square footage, distance between walls, ceiling height, and construction design; requirements for lighting, ventilation, climate, safety features, and audio and video recording equipment; and compliance with building and fire codes.

18.6 Notification of the Use of an ESI

18.6.1 If an ESI is used on a student, the School or the employee who used the ESI shall immediately notify the following:

[a] the student's parent; and

[b] School administration.

This notice shall be provided no later than 15 minutes after the use of an ESI.

18.6.2 If the student's parent cannot be reached after 15 minutes, and the 30-minute time limit has been reached, the School or the employee who used the ESI may:

[a] conduct a reassessment of the student's condition;

[b] determine whether the student continues to pose an immediate and significant threat to the student or others; and

[c] if the School determines that the threat continues and that less restrictive interventions remain ineffective, place the student back in seclusion for an additional period not to exceed 30 minutes, after which the same process described above shall be repeated if necessary.

18.6.3 Parent notifications made under this Section shall be documented in the School's student information system.

18.7 Documentation of the Use of an ESI

18.7.1 If an ESI is used on a student, the School or the employee who used the ESI shall document the use of the ESI. This shall include a written description of the type of ESI used, the date and time the ESI was used, the location where the ESI was used (and if a seclusion room was used, whether the room complied with Utah Code Ann. § 53G-8-301(14)), the length of time the ESI was used, the reason the ESI was used, the alternative interventions or de-escalation strategies attempted before the ESI was used, and demographic information on the student (sex, gender, age, grade in school, and disability status, if any). This documentation shall be provided to the School's Emergency Safety Intervention Committee and the student's parents.

18.7.2 In addition, upon request of a student's parent, the School shall provide the parent with a copy of any notes or additional documentation taken during the use of the ESI, including a description of the physical space in which a seclusion occurred or the type of physical restrained that was used.

18.7.3 Within 48 hours of using an ESI on a student, the School shall notify the parent that the parent may request a copy of any notes or additional documentation taken during the use of the ESI.

18.7.4 A parent may request a time to meet with School staff and administration to discuss the use of an ESI.

18.7.5 The documentation of an ESI described in this Section shall be documented in the School's student information system.

18.8 Emergency Safety Intervention (ESI) Committee

18.8.1 The School shall establish an ESI committee that includes:

[a] at least one administrator;

[b] at least one parent of a student enrolled in the School, appointed by the School's Principal;

[c] at least one licensed educational professional with behavior support training and knowledge in both state law and the School's conduct and discipline policies related to ESIs; and

[d] at least one other licensed educator.

18.8.2 The ESI committee shall:

[a] meet often enough to monitor the use of ESIs within the School;

[b] determine and recommend professional learning needs;

[c] develop policies for processes to resolve concerns regarding the use of ESIs; and

[d] ensure that each emergency incident where a School employee uses an ESI is documented in the School's student information system and reported annually to the State Superintendent of Schools through UTREx.

18.9 ESI Records and Reporting

18.9.1 The School shall collect, maintain, and periodically review the documentation or records regarding the use of ESIs in the School.

18.9.2 The School shall annually provide documentation of any School use of an ESI to the State Superintendent of Schools in accordance with Utah Code Ann. § 53G-8-301(11). This includes documentation described in Section 18.7.

18.10 Violation of ESI Requirements

18.10.1 Violations of Seclusion Room Standards

If the School identifies or receives a report of a violation of the physical standards applicable to a seclusion room, the School shall notify the Board, develop a corrective action plan, and report the violation and corrective action plan to the USBE within the timeframe established by USBE rule. If the USBE identifies or receives a report of such a violation and notifies the School, the School shall investigate the matter and take corrective action as required by law. If the School fails to develop an appropriate corrective action plan or achieve compliance within the timeframe established by the USBE, the USBE may take further action as authorized by law.

18.10.2 Violations of Seclusion or Physical Restraint Requirements

If the School identifies or receives a report of a violation of the statutory requirements governing the use of seclusion or physical restraint, including improper use of seclusion or physical restraint, failure to provide the required parent notification, or failure to properly document the use of an ESI, the School shall investigate the matter, take appropriate disciplinary action against involved staff, and implement corrective measures to prevent future violations. Any violation constituting unlawful detention, including the use of seclusion or physical restraint in violation of Utah Code Ann. § 53G-8-301(10), shall be handled in accordance with applicable law, including a referral to local law enforcement and the Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission.

19. CORPORAL PUNISHMENT

"Corporal punishment" means the intentional infliction of physical pain upon the body of a student as a disciplinary measure. Corporal punishment at the School is prohibited. School employees may not inflict or cause the infliction of corporal punishment upon a student. The School shall take prompt and appropriate action, including in-service training and other administrative action, upon confirming a violation with respect to corporal punishment. School personnel who inflict or cause the infliction of corporal punishment on a student will be subject to discipline up to and including termination. School personnel who have been disciplined for the infliction of corporal punishment upon a student may appeal the disciplinary action in accordance with the School's Staff Grievance Policy.

20. TRAINING

20.1 All new employees shall receive information about this policy and the administrative Student Conduct and Discipline Plan(s) at new employee orientation. All other employees shall be provided information on a regular basis regarding this policy, the Student Conduct and Discipline Plan(s), and the School's commitment to a safe and orderly school environment.

20.2 Employees who have specific responsibilities for investigating, addressing, and resolving issues addressed in the policy shall receive annual training on this policy and related legal developments.

20.3 The Principal shall be responsible for informing students, parents, and staff of the terms of this policy and the Student Conduct and Discipline Plan(s), including the procedures outlined for investigation and resolution of violations.

21. REPORTING ON SUSPENSIONS AND EXPULSIONS

21.1 The School shall develop a consistent process to collect incident, infraction, and discipline data, including the number of days of student suspensions and expulsions.

21.2 The School shall submit all required incident, infraction, and discipline data, including suspensions and expulsions consistent with R277-484. The School shall submit any yearly and comprehensive updates no later than June 30th of each year.

21.3 The School shall compile an annual report of all out-of-school suspensions and expulsions and submit it to the Utah State Board of Education as described in Utah Code Ann. § 53G-8-205(5).

22. POLICY DISSEMINATION AND REVIEW

22.1 This policy shall be posted in a prominent location in the School and on the School's website. The policy shall also be published in student registration materials, student and employee handbooks, and other appropriate school publications as directed by the Board.

22.2 This policy shall be reviewed as necessary with appropriate revisions recommended to the Board. The data described in Section 21 may be used by the School to evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of this policy.

Student Data Privacy and Security Policy

Adopted: October 2, 2017
Revised: October 1, 2018

Purpose

Advantage Arts Academy (the "School") is responsible for protecting the privacy of student data and ensuring data security. The purpose of this policy is to describe how the School will perform this responsibility in compliance with state and federal law.

Policy

The School will comply with state and federal laws regarding student data privacy and security, including but not limited to Chapter 9 of Title 53E of the Utah Code, Utah Administrative Code Rule R277-487, and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

Utah Code Ann. § 53E-9-301 *et seq.* requires the School to, among other things:

(1) Adopt policies to protect student data;
(2) Designate a student data manager;
(3) Create, maintain, and publish a data governance plan;
(4) Create, maintain, and publish a metadata dictionary;
(5) Establish an external research review process for a request for data for the purpose of external research or evaluation;
(6) Distribute and publish a student data collection notice; and
(7) Require third-party contractors that receive student data from the School to enter into a contract with the School concerning, among other things, the third-party contractor's collection, use, storage, and sharing of the student data.

<u>Student Data Manager</u>

The School hereby designates the Principal as the School's Student Data Manager. The Principal shall fulfill the responsibilities of a student data manager described in Utah Code Ann. § 53E-9-308 and rules adopted by the Utah State Board of Education. When appropriate, the Principal may delegate such responsibilities to another individual.

<u>Data Governance Plan</u>

The Principal shall establish an administrative Data Governance Plan that complies with the requirements of Utah Code Ann. § 53E-9-301 *et seq.* and rules adopted by the Utah State Board of Education. The Data Governance Plan shall encompass the full life cycle of student data, from acquisition, to use, to disposal, and shall, among other things:

(1) Incorporate reasonable data industry best practices to maintain and protect student data and other education-related data;
(2) Describe the role, responsibility, and authority of the School's data and security managers, employees and volunteers, educators, and other parties;
(3) Provide for necessary technical assistance, training, support, and auditing;
(4) Describe the process the School will follow in connection with sharing student data with third-parties, including appropriate third-party contractors;
(5) Describe the School's data expungement process, including how to respond to requests that data be expunged;
(6) Include the School's external research review process for a request for data for the purpose of external research or evaluation; and
(7) Describe actions the School will take to prevent data breaches as well as the response process the School will follow in the event of a data breach.

The Data Governance Plan shall work in conjunction with this policy, the School's metadata dictionary, and any other School policy or administrative procedure or plan concerning student data privacy and security.

The Data Governance Plan shall be published as required by Utah law and rules adopted by the Utah State Board of Education.

Metadata Dictionary

The Principal shall ensure that the School creates, maintains, and publishes a metadata dictionary in accordance with Utah Code Ann. § 53E-9-301 *et seq.* and rules adopted by the Utah State Board of Education.

Training

On an annual basis, the School shall provide appropriate student data privacy training to its employees, aides, and volunteers who are authorized by the School to have access to education records as defined in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

Student Education Plan Policy

Adopted: November 4, 2019
Revised: _____

Advantage Arts Academy (the "School") understands the importance of personal education planning for each of its students. Personal education planning is a cooperative effort involving students, parents/guardians, and educators. It focuses on the individual needs of the student and is essential at the elementary and secondary school level.

The School shall implement an individual learning plan (also known as an SEP) for its K-6 students in accordance with Utah law.

The School's Principal shall establish administrative procedures to help the School implement individual learning plans consistent with Utah Code § 53E-2-304(2)(b).

Student Transportation Policy

Approved: March 6, 2023
Revised: _____

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to address how student transportation is handled at Advantage Arts Academy (the "School"). It is also to establish rules and requirements related to student transportation to help ensure student safety.

The School intends for this policy to satisfy the policy requirements of Utah Administrative Code Rule R277-601.

Policy

No School Buses

The state does not provide the School (or any other Utah charter school) with any state transportation funding. As a result of this, and as a result of having a student population that often resides throughout multiple cities and/or counties in the state, the School does not own or operate school buses and does not provide transportation for students to or from School, except where required by law. Parents or guardians are responsible for the transportation of their students to and from the School each day.

Student Transportation for School Activities

The School may provide transportation for students in charter buses or through public transportation in connection with field trips, extracurricular activities, or other School-sponsored activities. Any charter bus company selected by the School to transport students shall meet or exceed industry safety requirements and provide reliable and professional transportation services.

The School shall inform parents and guardians when it intends to provide student transportation in connection with School activities and shall give parents the opportunity to consent to such transportation. A student's parent or guardian must provide consent in order for their student to be transported to and/or from School activities as described in this section.

Charter bus operators and, to the extent practicable, other vehicle drivers approved by the School to transport students to and/or from School activities, shall adhere to the applicable standards in R277-601-3. The School shall enforce the applicable standards as required by the rule.

Supervision of Students at School-Sponsored Activities Policy

Approved: March 6, 2023
Revised: _____

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to outline the supervisory responsibilities of Advantage Arts Academy (the "School") coaches and other designated School leaders (e.g., advisors, assistants, activity leaders, etc.) in connection with School-sponsored activities. Another purpose is to provide standards of behavior and conduct that such School coaches and designated leaders must follow.

Policy

The School, School coaches, and other designated School leaders shall comply with Utah Administrative Code Rule R277-605.

Supervision of Students

School coaches and other designated School leaders shall diligently supervise the students under their care or control at all times while on School-sponsored activities, including but not limited to supervising such students:

(a) on the field or court, or at other competition or performance or activity sites;
(b) in locker rooms (as appropriate), seating areas, eating establishments, and lodging facilities; and
(c) while traveling.

School coaches and other designated School leaders are responsible for a student who is under their care or control for as long as a student remains on School grounds following a School-sponsored activity, subject to the following:

(a) After a School-sponsored activity on School grounds is over, parents/guardians are responsible to pick up their child promptly after the activity or make arrangements for someone else to pick up their child promptly after the activity; and
(b) If a child has not been picked up within [15] minutes of the School-sponsored activity ending, School coaches or other designated School leaders will contact the student's parent/guardian by telephone. If the student's parent/guardian cannot be reached by telephone, School coaches or other designated School leaders will contact, by telephone, the emergency contact(s), if any, designated by the student's

parents/guardians. If neither the parent/guardian nor an emergency contact can be reached or are able to pick up the student in a timely manner, School coaches or other designated School leaders may contact the police or the Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) to report the situation.

If parents/guardians experience an emergency that causes them to run late or to be unable to have their child picked up within [15] minutes of a School-sponsored activity ending, they should notify the School coach or other designated School leader as soon as possible.

Behavior and Conduct

School coaches and other designated School leaders shall be exemplary role models to students and shall not use alcoholic beverages, tobacco, controlled substances, or participate in promiscuous sexual relationships while on School-sponsored activities. School coaches and other designated School leaders shall act in a manner consistent with Utah Code § 53G-8-209 and shall not:

(a) use foul, abusive, or profane language while engaged in School-related activities; or
(b) permit hazing, demeaning, or assaultive behavior, whether consensual or not, including behavior involving physical violence, restraint, improper touching, or inappropriate exposure of body parts not normally exposed in public settings, forced ingestion of any substance, or any act which would constitute a crime against a person or public order Utah law.

School coaches and other designated School leaders shall abide by the rules pertaining to athletic and activity clinics set forth in R277-605-5. School coaches shall satisfy all of the training requirements listed in R277-605-6, and the School shall maintain verification of the coaches' compliance with the training requirements.

Time and Effort Documentation Policy

Adopted: September 22, 2020
Revised: 03.12.2025

Purpose

Because Advantage Arts Academy (the "School") receives restricted funds, the School is obligated to properly spend and account for the expenditures of such funds. The School adopts this policy in order to ensure that charges to federal awards or other state restricted programs, as required, for salaries and wages are based on records that accurately reflect the work performed.

Definitions

"Accurate" means that salaries and wages are based on records that provide an actual representation of the work performed.

"Allocable" means, in accordance with 2 CFR § 200.405, a cost is allocable to a Federal award or other cost objective if the cost is assignable to that Federal award or other cost objective in accordance with the relative benefits received.

"Allowable" means that a cost meets the criteria (factors affecting allowability of costs) outlined in 2 CFR § 200.403, unless otherwise authorized by statute.

"Internal Control" means, as described in 2 CFR § 200.1, processes designed and implemented by a non-federal entity to provide reasonable assurance regarding the achievement of objectives in the following categories:

a. Effectiveness and efficiency of operations;
b. Reliability of reporting for internal and external use; and
c. Compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

"Cost Objective" means, as described in 2 CFR § 200.1, a program, function, activity, award, organizational subdivision, contract, or work unit for which cost data are desired and for which provision is made to accumulate and measure the cost of processes, products, jobs, and capital projects (*i.e.*, implementation of program accounting).

Policy

Time and Effort Standards

The School shall recognize and follow the *Uniform Administrative Requirements* pertaining to the *Standards for Documentation of Personnel Expenses* as contained in 2 CFR § 200.430(g). Accordingly, all School employees who are paid in full or in part with federal funds shall keep specific documents to demonstrate the amount of time they spent working on the federal program (2 CFR § 200.430(g)(1)). In addition, all School employees who are paid with state and local funds, but whose salaries and wages are used for cost sharing or matching in a federal program, shall also keep time and effort documentation (2 CFR § 200.430(g)(4)). Moreover, all School employees who are paid in full or in part with state restricted funds shall keep specific documents to demonstrate the amount of time they spent working on the state restricted program.

Charges to restricted funds for salaries and wages must be based on records that accurately reflect the work performed. In accordance with 2 CFR § 200.430(g)(1), these records must:

1. Be supported by a system of **internal control** that provides reasonable assurance that charges are **accurate, allowable,** and **allocable**.
2. Be incorporated into the School's official records.
3. Reasonably reflect the total activity for which the employee is compensated by the School, not exceeding 100% of the compensated activities.
4. Encompass federally-assisted and all other activities compensated by the School on an integrated basis.
5. Comply with the established accounting policies and practices of the School.
6. Support the distribution of the employee's salary or wages among specific activities or **cost objectives**.

Semi-Annual Certifications and Personnel Activity Reports

To meet the above requirements, all School employees who are required to keep time and effort documentation must submit either a Semi-Annual Certification or a Personnel Activity Report ("PAR") as described below. Whether an employee must submit a Semi-Annual Certification or a PAR depends on the number of cost objectives that an employee works on.

The School's administration shall ensure that employees who work solely on a single cost objective complete a Semi-Annual Certification consistent with 2 C.F.R. § 200.430 and applicable state law and rule.

The School's administration shall ensure that employees who work on multiple cost objectives document their time and effort on a PAR consistent with 2 C.F.R. § 200.430 and applicable state law and rule.

Procedures

The School's administration shall adopt additional administrative procedures to ensure compliance with this policy and applicable law.

Administrative Procedures
Time and Effort Documentation

These procedures are established in accordance with the Time and Effort Documentation Policy adopted by the School's Board of Directors.

1. All employees paid in whole or in part with federal funds, employees whose salaries are used to meet a matching/cost sharing requirement, and employees who are paid in whole or in part with state restricted funds are required to provide time and effort documentation that accurately and reasonably represents the work that has been performed during the period being reported on.
    a. **Semi-Annual Certification** – This certification must be submitted by/for employees who work solely on a single cost objective during the six-month period being reported on.
        i. Semi-Annual Certifications must:
            1. Be completed at least twice a year. For example, they could be submitted for the periods July 1 through December 31, and January 1 through June 30;
            2. Be submitted after the last day of the period being reported (*i.e.*, after the fact – the certification must reflect an after-the-fact distribution of the actual activity);
            3. Account for the total activity for which the employee is compensated;
            4. Be signed by the employee or a supervisor with direct knowledge of the work performed; and
            5. Be submitted on an approved form.
        ii. Semi-Annual Certification forms will include the following:
            1. Name and title of the employee;
            2. Name and title of the employee's supervisor;
            3. Name of the cost objective the employee worked on;
            4. Period being reported on;
            5. A certification statement certifying the employee has spent 100% of their time on the stated cost objective;
            6. Whether time, effort, and salary are being used for cost sharing or matching purposes, and if so, for which program(s);
            7. Signature of the employee or the employee's supervisor who has direct knowledge of the work performed; and
            8. Date Signed by the employee or the employee's supervisor (Note: Cannot be dated prior to the end of the period covered by the certification).
    b. **Personnel Activity Report (PAR)** – This report must be submitted by/for employees who work on multiple cost objectives. PARs must support the distribution of employees' salaries and wages that meet the standards outlined below.
        i. A PAR must:
            1. Provide a written record of the employee's work activities used to document that employee's time to a cost objective;
            2. Be completed at least monthly and be supported by the employee's work activities (should be submitted after the last day of the month

being reported on, that is, after the fact – the PAR must reflect an after-the-fact distribution of the actual activity, not a budget estimate);
3. Account for the total work activity for which the employee is compensated;
4. Coincide with one or more pay periods;
5. Be signed by the employee; and
6. Be submitted on an approved form.

ii. PAR forms will include the following:
1. Name and title of the employee;
2. Name and title of the employee's supervisor;
3. Name of the cost objectives the employee worked on;
4. Period being reported on (*e.g.*, January 1 through January 31);
5. A certification statement stating that the distribution of the employee's time is an accurate representation of the work performed;
6. Whether time, effort, and salary are being used for cost sharing or matching purposes, and if so, for which cost objective;
7. Distribution of time (by percentage, *e.g.*, 70% Title I, 30% Special Education) by account, function, program, location;
8. Time being reported must represent but cannot exceed 100%;
9. Signature of the employee;
10. Date signed by the employee (Note: Cannot be dated prior to the end of the period covered by the PAR); and
11. Sick time, vacation time, etc. (if applicable) must be coded proportionally to the different programs.

2. Payroll records must reconcile with the time and effort documentation.
3. A reconciliation of payroll records and time and effort documents will be done on a regular basis. Adjustments will be made and discussed, as necessary.
4. If an employee's salary is being used for cost sharing/matching purposes, then this needs to be identified on the employee's time and effort form. Once a salary has been used for matching purposes or a portion of the salary, then the salary, or portion thereof, that has been used may not be used as matching/cost sharing funds for another program.
5. If assignments change, it is the School's responsibility to inform the School's accounting and payroll staff so that payroll records, budgets, etc. can be updated.
6. Upon termination of employment, an employee must submit their final time and effort documentation prior to receiving their final payment.
7. Time and effort procedures will be periodically reviewed by School administration and the accounting and payroll staff. Updates due to changes in rules or regulations will be made in a timely manner, as necessary.
8. Employees will receive appropriate training on time and effort documentation, as necessary.
9. The School will keep a copy of all time and effort documentation (Semi-Annual Certifications, PARs, payroll reports, etc.) in accordance with the School's record retention practices or 3 years from the date of submission, whichever is greater, as required by 2 CFR § 200.334.
10. The signatures required herein may be either handwritten or electronic signatures.

Travel Policy

Adopted: October 2, 2017
Revised: 05.13.2025

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish procedures for authorization of, and payment for, travel by employees or Board members of Advantage Arts Academy (the "School") who may be required to travel to fulfill their official duties or to attend seminars, conferences, conventions, or other professional or educational events or meetings benefiting the School ("School-related business").

Policy

1. This policy applies to all approved travel by employees and Board members on School-related business. For purposes of this policy, School-related business does not include an employee's regular daily travel to and from work or a Board member's travel to and from a regular Board meeting.

2. Travel for School-related business by employees must be approved in advance by the Principal in order for the School to pay for the travel expenses as set forth in this policy. Travel for School-related business by the Principal or a Board member must be communicated to the Board in advance of the travel, where possible. Payment for all travel-related expenses is subject to, and must be approved in accordance with, the School's Purchasing and Disbursement Policy.

3. Employees must submit their travel requests to the Principal, and the Principal and Board members must communicate their travel requests to the Board, at least three (3) weeks prior to departure date and prior to making or paying for any travel arrangements, where possible. Such travel requests submitted to the Principal and communications to the Board must explain the purpose of the travel and, where applicable, include the nature of the School-related business, proposed lodging accommodations, and approximate airfare or mileage, as applicable.

4. Per diem for meals and incidental expenses shall be paid for all approved travel events that are more than 100 miles from the School. The School shall pay per diem for meals and incidental expenses in accordance with the federal per diem meals and incidental expenses rates established by the U.S. General Services Administration ("GSA"). Where possible, the per diem shall be paid to the traveler by check no fewer than 48 hours prior to departure date.

5. Reasonable and necessary flight reservations for approved travel events shall:
    a. Be personally made and paid for by the traveler and then reimbursed by the School based on receipts submitted by the traveler for such expenses. The traveler must provide receipts for all flight reservations for which reimbursement is sought; or
    b. Be made and paid for by the School.

    Absent extraordinary circumstances, first class flight reservations are not considered reasonable and necessary under this policy.

6. Reasonable and necessary ground transfer expenses (e.g., taxi, public transportation, ride share, parking, etc.) for approved travel events shall be personally paid for by the traveler and then

reimbursed by the School based on receipts submitted by the traveler for such expenses. The traveler must provide receipts for all ground transfer expenses for which reimbursement is sought.

7. Reasonable and necessary mileage incurred by the traveler for approved travel events shall be reimbursed by the School at the standard IRS mileage reimbursement rates in effect at the time.

8. Reasonable and necessary lodging accommodations for approved travel events shall be made and paid for by the School in accordance with the daily lodging rates established by the GSA. However, under extenuating circumstances and only after receiving approval from the Principal or the Board, travelers may personally make and pay for reasonable and necessary lodging accommodations for approved travel events. A traveler in this situation shall be reimbursed by the School based on receipts submitted by the traveler for such expenses. Such reimbursements by the School shall not exceed the lodging rates established by the GSA plus any associated required taxes and fees for the lodging.

9. Lodging accommodations shall be approved for the number of days an approved travel event is in session, less one. However, this is subject to the following exceptions:
    a. One additional night of lodging accommodations shall be approved when an additional travel day is required prior to an approved travel event;
    b. A second additional night of lodging accommodations shall be approved when an additional travel day is required after the approved travel event concludes; and
    c. Other additional nights of lodging accommodations shall be allowed only when approved in advance of the approved travel event by the Principal or the Board President, as applicable.

10. School employees who have been issued a School credit card may use their School credit card to pay for approved flight reservations, ground transfer expenses, and lodging accommodations in accordance with this policy only after receiving approval from the Principal. Such School employees may also use their School credit card to pay for other reasonable travel-related expenses only after receiving approval from the Principal. The Principal may also use his/her School credit card to pay for the same travel expenses listed above in this paragraph in accordance with the School's Credit Card Policy and Purchasing and Disbursement Policy. However, School credit cards shall not be used for per diem for meals and incidental expenses, as per diem will be paid to travelers by check in advance of approved travel as explained earlier in this policy.

11. School employees and Board members shall submit an expense report related to an approved travel event to the Principal within sixty (60) days from the end of the trip.

12. The School shall not fund travel expenses that are unrelated to the approved travel purpose. Similarly, the School shall not reimburse travelers for travel expenses that are unrelated to the approved travel purpose or which are determined by the School to be excessive.

13. Either the Principal or the Board may authorize individual exceptions to this policy if they, in their sole discretion, feel an exception is appropriate under the circumstances.

Trust Land Council Policy

Adopted: October 2, 2017
Revised: _____

Policy

Advantage Arts Academy (the "School") will form a Trust Land Council in accordance with this Policy and applicable laws.

Each Council will have either 6 or 7 members, as determined by the Principal. Each Council must have a two-person majority of elected parents or guardians of students attending the School.

The Principal will serve on the Council and may identify and select the other non-parent/guardian member of the Council from the faculty and staff.

The Principal will solicit nominations from the parent body for the parent/guardian members of the Council. In the event insufficient nominations are received, the Principal will nominate parent/guardians to serve on the Council. The Principal will ensure that elections of the parent/guardian members of the Council are held before October 20th each school year in any reasonable manner determined by the Principal. Parent/guardian members of the Council will serve up to two-year terms.

The Council will elect one of the parent/guardian members as the chair of the Council.

The Council will operate in accordance with applicable laws in the development and submission of the School's plan, including but not limited to compliance with the Utah Open and Public Meeting Act. The plan must be consistent with and supportive of the School's charter and mission. The School's Board of Directors will approve the plan developed by the Council.

Toilet Training Policy

Adopted: 06.24.2024
Revised: 09.22.2025

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish the toilet training requirements for students at Advantage Arts Academy (the "School").

Definitions

"Toilet trained" means that a student can:
(a) communicate the need to use the bathroom to an adult;
(b) sit down on a toilet;
(c) use the toilet without assistance;
(d) undress and dress as necessary; and
(e) tend to personal hygienic needs after toileting.

If an accident occurs, a "toilet trained" child can independently tend to hygienic needs and change clothes.

A student is not "toilet trained" if the student does not meet the criteria above or has accidents with sufficient frequency to impact the educational experience of the student or the student's peers, as determined by the School.

Policy

General Rule

As required by Utah Code § 53G-7-203 and R277-631, the School shall not enroll a student unless the student is toilet trained.

Exceptions

The School may enroll a student who is not able to be toilet trained because of a suspected disability that:
(a) is subject to federal child find requirements; or
(b) s described in an IEP or Section 504 plan.

Assurance

The School shall, as part of its enrollment process, require the parent of an incoming student to complete an assurance as to whether the student is toilet trained.

Administrative Procedures

The Principal shall establish administrative procedures regarding steps that School shall take in the event a student is not toilet trained.

Video Surveillance Policy

Adopted: 09.23.2024
Revised:

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish objectives, requirements, and procedures related to the use of video surveillance on Advantage Arts Academy (the "School") property.

Policy

The School's Board of Directors (the "Board") authorizes the use of video surveillance on School property to ensure the health, welfare, and safety of all School staff, students, and visitors, and to safeguard School buildings, grounds, and equipment. The School shall use video surveillance in a manner that enhances security and aids enforcement of School rules and administrative procedures, Board policies, and applicable law, while respecting the privacy expectation of School staff, students, and community members.

The School shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations pertaining to its use of video surveillance, including those related to maintaining and sharing video footage. *See* 20 U.S.C. § 1232g, Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act; Utah Code § 53E-9-101 *et. seq*.; and Utah Code § 63G-2-101 *et. seq*.

Specifically, the use of video surveillance at the School:

(a) promotes the safety of all individuals on School property;
(b) assists in providing physical security for School assets;
(c) provides visual resources to areas that may have an absence of adult supervision;
(d) assists School administration and law enforcement during an emergency;
(e) provides retroactive and investigative support to School administrators; and
(f) acts as a deterrent to inappropriate or criminal behavior.

Video surveillance equipment may only be used by the School for legitimate education or business-related purposes as determined by School administration and may not be used to harass, stalk, intimidate, or inappropriately monitor any individual.

Video equipment and footage may only be accessed by authorized personnel, and may not be accessed for personal, inappropriate, or unlawful reasons. The School shall not share video footage in violation of the law.

PROCEDURES

The Principal shall establish administrative procedures that will help the School implement this policy.

Weapons on School Property Policy

Adopted: August 31, 2020
Approved: 01.13.2025
Amended: 09.28.2026

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to address the possession of dangerous weapons and firearms on Advantage Arts Academy's (the "School") premises by any individual, including but not limited to employees, students, parents/guardians, volunteers, and visitors.

Policy

Definitions

"Dangerous weapon" means (i) a firearm; or (ii) an object that in the manner of its use or intended use is capable of causing death or serious bodily injury. Utah Code § 76-11-101(3).

"Firearm" means a pistol, revolver, shotgun, short barreled shotgun, rifle or short barreled rifle, or a device that could be used as a dangerous weapon from which a projectile is expelled by an explosive action. Utah Code § 76-11-101(4).

"Short barreled shotgun" or "short barreled rifle" means a shotgun having a barrel or barrels of fewer than 18 inches in length, or in the case of a rifle, having a barrel or barrels of fewer than 16 inches in length, or a dangerous weapon made from a rifle or shotgun by alteration, modification, or otherwise, if the weapon as modified has an overall length of fewer than 26 inches. Utah Code § 76-11-101(7), (8).

"On or about school Premises" means, in part, a public or private elementary or secondary school; or on the grounds of any of those schools. Utah Code § 76-11-205(1).

"Concealed firearm" means a firearm that is (i) covered, hidden, or secreted in a manner that the public would not be aware of its presence; and (ii) readily accessible for immediate use. It does not include a firearm that is unloaded and securely encased. Utah Code § 53-5a-101.5(4).

"School Property," for the purpose of this policy, means all property, including buildings, portable buildings, parking lots, fields, parks and other land or structures leased or owned by Advantage Arts Academy.

Dangerous Weapons on School Property

Pursuant to Utah Code § 76-11-205(2), a person may not carry a dangerous weapon openly or in a concealed manner on or about school premises unless an exception in the law applies. Accordingly, a person may not possess or use a dangerous weapon, firearm, short barreled shotgun, or short barreled rifle on School Property or in conjunction with any school activity unless specifically authorized by law. School employees who violate this policy will be subject to disciplinary action, which may include termination.

Utah law provides that a qualified person may receive "a concealed carry permit allowing the carrying of a concealed firearm for lawful self defense." Utah Code § 53-5a-303(1). Therefore, a holder of a valid concealed carry permit or temporary concealed carry permit that is 21 years old or older is authorized to carry a concealed firearm on School Property. Utah Code § 76-11-205(4)(b), (c).

In addition, in accordance with Utah Code § 76-11-205(4) and Utah Code § 53-5a-108, a person without a concealed carry permit may possess a dangerous weapon, on School Property if:

(a) the possession is approved by the School's Director;
(b) the item is present or to be used in connection with a lawful, approved activity and is in the possession or under the control of the person responsible for the item's possession or use;
(c) the possession is (i) at the person's place of residence or on the person's real property or (ii) in any vehicle lawfully under the person's control, other than a vehicle owned by the School or used by the School to transport students;
(d) the person is an armed security guard; or
(e) the person is exempt from certain weapon laws (e.g., the person is a U.S. Marshal, a peace officer, a qualified law enforcement official, etc.).

In accordance with the School's Student Conduct and Discipline Policy and state law, students are prohibited at all times from possession or use of a weapon in or on School Property or in conjunction with any School activity.

Concealed Carry Permit Exceptions and Clarification

As mentioned above, Utah law allows any holder of a valid concealed carry permit to carry a concealed firearm on School Property. However, an individual who has a concealed carry permit may not open carry a firearm on School Property unless the individual is lawfully responding to an active threat or another exception under applicable law applies. Because a concealed firearm must be readily accessible for immediate use, any person who carries a concealed firearm on School Property must keep it on their person at all times and it must be fully concealed unless an exception under applicable law applies. School employees are prohibited from keeping a concealed firearm in or on any property, fixture, or furniture owned by the School. This includes but is not limited to desks, closets, cabinets, or any other property owned by and located on School Property. If a person carries a concealed firearm in any personal container, bag, briefcase, purse, backpack, etc., that item must be on the person at all times while on School Property. However, notwithstanding the foregoing, the following employees may store and/or carry a firearm on School property, or take other actions, in accordance with the laws referenced below:

(a) the designated School guardian (Utah Code § 53-22-105);
(b) a teacher of the School who is participating in the Educator-Protector Program (Utah Code § 53-22-107); or
(c) the designated School Safety and Security Director (Utah Code § 53G-8-701.8).

School employees who obtain a concealed carry permit do so at their own volition. Any employee's decision to carry or use a dangerous weapon will be the sole responsibility of that person as an individual, and no such action, including any lawful action, is taken as an employee by or on behalf of the School or is otherwise authorized or sanctioned by the School, except for lawful action taken by:

(a) the designated School guardian in accordance with the School guardian program in Utah Code § 53-22-105; and
(b) the designated School Safety and Security Director in accordance with Utah Code § 53G-8-701.8.

Employees who have concealed firearm permits are obligated to have knowledge of and adhere to state and local weapons laws.

Per Utah Code § 53-5a-310(1)(e)(ii), the School may not compel or attempt to compel an individual who has been issued a concealed carry permit to divulge whether the individual (a) has been issued a

concealed carry permit or (b) is carrying a concealed firearm.

Similarly, a School employee shall not, and any other person while on School Property shall not, divulge to other School employees, parents/guardians, or students whether he/she (a) has been issued a concealed carry permit or (b) is carrying a concealed firearm unless he/she has first obtained approval from the School's Director to divulge such information.

Wellness Policy

Adopted: June 1, 2020
Amended: June 20, 2022

Preamble

Advantage Arts Academy (the "School") is committed to the optimal development of every student. The School believes that for students to have the opportunity to achieve personal, academic, developmental and social success, we need to create positive, safe and health-promoting learning environments at every level, in every setting, throughout the school year.

Research shows that two components, good nutrition and physical activity before, during and after the school day, are strongly correlated with positive student outcomes. For example, student participation in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) School Breakfast Program is associated with higher grades and standardized test scores, lower absenteeism and better performance on cognitive tasks. Conversely, less-than-adequate consumption of specific foods including fruits, vegetables and dairy products, is associated with lower grades among students. In addition, students who are physically active through active transport to and from school, recess, physical activity breaks, high-quality physical education and extracurricular activities – do better academically. Finally, there is evidence that adequate hydration is associated with better cognitive performance. This policy outlines the School's approach to ensuring environments and opportunities for all students to practice healthy eating and physical activity behaviors throughout the school day while minimizing commercial distractions. Specifically, this policy establishes goals and procedures to ensure that:

- Students in the School have access to healthy foods throughout the school day through reimbursable school meals in accordance with Federal and state nutrition standards;
- Students receive quality nutrition education that helps them develop lifelong healthy eating behaviors;
- Students have opportunities to be physically active during and after school;
- The School engages in nutrition and physical activity promotion and other activities that promote student wellness;
- School staff are encouraged and supported to practice healthy nutrition and physical activity behaviors in and out of school;
- The community is engaged in supporting the work of the School in creating continuity between school and other settings for students and staff to practice lifelong healthy habits; and

- The School establishes and maintains an infrastructure for management, oversight, implementation, communication about and monitoring of the policy and its established goals and objectives.

This policy applies to all students and staff of the School. Specific measureable goals and outcomes are identified within each section below.

Policy

I. School Wellness Committee

Committee Role and Membership

The School will convene a School wellness committee (hereafter referred to as the "Wellness Committee") or work within an existing school health committee that meets at least four times per year to establish goals for and oversee school health and safety policies and programs, including development, implementation and periodic review and update of this LEA-level wellness policy (hereafter referred as the "Wellness Policy").

The Wellness Committee membership will represent all school levels (elementary) and include (to the extent possible), but not be limited to: parents and caregivers; students; representatives of the school nutrition program (e.g., school nutrition director); physical education teachers; health education teachers; school health professionals (e.g., health education teachers, school health services staff (e.g., nurses, physicians, dentists, health educators, and other allied health personnel who provide school health services), and mental health and social services staff (e.g., school counselors, psychologists, social workers, or psychiatrists)); school administrators (e.g., Principals/Directors, Assistant Principals/Directors); school board members; health professionals (e.g., dietitians, doctors, nurses, dentists); and the general public. When possible, membership will also include Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education coordinators (SNAP-EDEDSNAP-Ed). To the extent possible, the Wellness Committee will reflect the diversity of the community.

Leadership

The School Principal or designee(s) will convene the Wellness Committee and facilitate development of and updates to the Wellness Policy, and will ensure compliance with the policy.

Name	Title / Relationship to the School	Email address	Role on Committee
Jonathan Kano	Administrator Wellness Committee Oversight	jkano@advantagearts.org	Provides oversight for policy development, evaluation of, and implementation of the Wellness Policy.

Dave Hirst	Child Nutrition Director		Assists in policy development and evaluation of the Wellness Policy implementation. Assures policy aligns with CNP guidelines.
Kelly Simonson	Employee and Parent		Assists in policy development and evaluation of the Wellness Policy implementation.
Jack Simonson	Student		Assists in policy development and evaluation of the Wellness Policy implementation.
Loni Carver	Employee and Parent		Assists in policy development and evaluation of the Wellness Policy implementation.
Jordyn Carver	Student		Assists in policy development and evaluation of the Wellness Policy implementation.

II. Wellness Policy Implementation, Monitoring, Accountability and Community Engagement

Implementation Plan

The School will develop and maintain a plan for implementation to manage and coordinate the execution of this Wellness Policy. The plan delineates roles, responsibilities, actions and timelines specific to each school; and includes information about who will be responsible to make what change, by how much, where and when; as well as specific goals and objectives for nutrition standards for all foods and beverages available on the School campus, food and beverage marketing, nutrition promotion and education, physical activity, physical education and other school-based activities that promote student wellness. It is recommended that the School use the Healthy Schools Program online tools to complete a school-level assessment based on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's School Health Index, create an action plan that fosters implementation and generate an annual progress report.

This Wellness Policy and the triennial progress reports can be found at: https://advantagearts.org/.

Recordkeeping

The School will retain records to document compliance with the requirements of the Wellness Policy on the School's shared Google Drive. Documentation maintained in this location will include but will not be limited to:

- The written Wellness Policy;

- Documentation demonstrating that the Wellness Policy has been made available to the public;
- Documentation of efforts to review and update the Wellness Policy; including an indication of who is involved in the update and methods the School uses to make stakeholders aware of their ability to participate on the Wellness Committee;
- Documentation to demonstrate compliance with the annual public notification requirements;
- The most recent assessment on the implementation of the Wellness Policy;
- Documentation demonstrating the most recent assessment on the implementation of the Wellness Policy has been made available to the public.

Annual Notification of Policy

The School will actively inform families and the public each year of basic information about this policy, including its content, any updates to the policy and implementation status. The School will make this information available via the School website and/or School-wide communications. The School will provide as much information as possible about the school nutrition environment. This will include a summary of the School's events or activities related to Wellness Policy implementation. Annually, the School will also publicize the name and contact information of the School officials leading and coordinating the Wellness Committee, as well as information on how the public can get involved with the Wellness Committee.

Triennial Progress Assessments

At least once every three years, the School will evaluate compliance with the Wellness Policy to assess the implementation of the policy and include:

- The extent to which the School is in compliance with the Wellness Policy;
- The extent to which the Wellness Policy compares to the Alliance for a Healthier Generation's model wellness policy; and
- A description of the progress made in attaining the goals of the Wellness Policy.

The position/person responsible for managing the triennial assessment and contact information is Jonathan Kano (jkano@advantagearts.org).

The Wellness Committee will monitor the School's compliance with this Wellness Policy.

The School will actively notify households/families of the availability of the triennial progress report.

Revisions and Updating the Policy

The Wellness Committee will update or modify the Wellness Policy based on the results of the annual School Health Index and triennial assessments and/or as School priorities change; community needs change; wellness goals are met; new health science, information, and technology emerges; and new Federal or state guidance or standards are issued. **The Wellness Policy will be assessed and updated as indicated at least every three years, following the triennial assessment.**

Community Involvement, Outreach and Communications

The School is committed to being responsive to community input, which begins with awareness of the Wellness Policy. The School will actively communicate ways in which representatives of Wellness Committee and others can participate in the development, implementation and periodic review and update of the Wellness Policy through a variety of means appropriate for the School. The School will also inform parents of the improvements that have been made to school meals and compliance with school meal standards, availability of child nutrition programs and how to apply, and a description of and compliance with Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards. The School will use electronic mechanisms, such as email or displaying notices on the School's website, as well as non-electronic mechanisms, such as newsletters, presentations to parents, or sending information home to parents, to ensure that all families are actively notified of the content of, implementation of, and updates to the Wellness Policy, as well as how to get involved and support the policy. The School will ensure that communications are culturally and linguistically appropriate to the community, and accomplished through means similar to other ways that the School is communicating important school information with parents.

The School will actively notify the public about the content of or any updates to the Wellness Policy annually, at a minimum. The School will also use these mechanisms to inform the community about the availability of the annual and triennial reports.

III. Nutrition

School Meals

The School is committed to serving healthy meals to children, with plenty of fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and fat-free and low-fat milk; that are moderate in sodium, low in saturated fat, and have zero grams *trans* fat per serving (nutrition label or manufacturer's specification); and to meeting the nutrition needs of school children within their calorie requirements. The school meal programs aim to improve the diet and health of school children, help mitigate childhood obesity, model healthy eating to support the development of lifelong healthy eating patterns and support healthy choices while accommodating cultural food preferences and special dietary needs.

The School participates in USDA child nutrition programs, including the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and the School Breakfast Program (SBP). The School also operates additional nutrition-related programs and activities which may include school gardens and Grab 'n' Go Breakfast. The School is committed to offering school meals

through the NSLP and SBP programs, and other applicable Federal child nutrition programs, that:

- Are accessible to all students;
- Are appealing and attractive to children;
- Are served in clean and pleasant settings;
- Meet or exceed current nutrition requirements established by local, state, and Federal statutes and regulations. (The School offers reimbursable school meals that meet USDA nutrition standards.);
- Promote healthy food and beverage choices using at least ten of the following Smarter Lunchroom techniques:
  - Whole fruit options are displayed in attractive bowls or baskets (instead of chaffing dishes or hotel pans).
  - Sliced or cut fruit is available daily.
  - Daily fruit options are displayed in a location in the line of sight and reach of students.
  - Daily vegetable options are bundled into all grab-and-go meals available to students.
  - All staff members, especially those serving, have been trained to politely prompt students to select and consume the daily vegetable options with their meal.
  - White milk is placed in front of other beverages in all coolers.
  - Alternative entrée options (e.g., salad bar, yogurt parfaits, etc.) are highlighted on posters or signs within all service and dining areas.
  - A reimbursable meal can be created in any service area available to students (e.g., salad bars, snack rooms, etc.).
  - Student surveys and taste testing opportunities are used to inform menu development, dining space decor and promotional ideas.
  - Menus will be posted on the School website.
  - School meals are administered by a team of child nutrition professionals.
  - The School child nutrition program will accommodate students with special dietary needs. Students will be allowed at least 10 minutes to

eat breakfast and at least 20 minutes to eat lunch, counting from the time they have received their meal and are seated (meets Healthy Schools Program Gold-level criteria).

- Lunch will follow the recess period to better support learning and healthy eating.

- Participation in Federal child nutrition programs will be promoted among students and families to help ensure that families know what programs are available in their children's school.

Staff Qualifications and Professional Development

All school nutrition program directors, managers and staff will meet or exceed hiring and annual continuing education/training requirements in the USDA professional standards for child nutrition professionals. These school nutrition personnel will refer to USDA's Professional Standards for School Nutrition Standards website to search for training that meets their learning needs.

Water

To promote hydration, free, safe, unflavored drinking water will be available to all students throughout the school day* and throughout every School campus* ("school campus" and "school day" are defined in the glossary). The School will make drinking water available where school meals are served during mealtimes.

- Water cups/jugs will be available in the cafeteria if a drinking fountain is not present.

- All water sources and containers will be maintained on a regular basis to ensure good hygiene and health safety standards. Such sources and containers may include drinking fountains, water jugs, hydration stations, water jets and other methods for delivering drinking water.

- Students will be allowed to bring and carry (approved) water bottles filled with only water with them throughout the day.

Competitive Foods and Beverages

The School is committed to ensuring that all foods and beverages available to students on the School campus* during the school day* support healthy eating. The school will not engage in selling food items, outside of those provided by the Child Nutrition Program, during the school day.

Celebrations and Rewards

It is suggested that all foods offered on the School campus will meet or exceed the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards including through:

1. Celebrations, parties, and food in the classroom for instructional purposes.

    a. The School will provide a list of healthy party and food ideas to parents and teachers, including non-food celebration ideas. Healthy party ideas are available from the Alliance for a Healthier Generation and from the USDA.

    b. All teachers must submit a Consumption of Food in the Classroom Authorization form provided by the School to the Principal or his/her designee, and receive signed parental permission in order for students to partake in eating any food or drinking any beverage provided for a class party, celebration or for classroom instructional purposes.

2. USDA Smart Snacks in the Classroom may be provided through the Child Nutrition Program. Submitting a Consumption of Food in the Classroom Authorization form and obtaining signed parental permission is **not** required prior to providing students food or beverages in the classroom that meet or exceed the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards. However, parents may opt out of having their children receive USDA Smart Snacks in the classroom. Teachers should not permit students whose parents have opted out to partake of USDA Smart Snacks in the classroom.

3. Classroom snacks brought by parents or students. The School will provide to parents a list of foods and beverages that meet Smart Snacks nutrition standards. Parents are allowed to provide snacks for their own student only.

4. Rewards and incentives. The School will provide teachers and other relevant School staff a list of alternative ways to reward children. Foods and beverages will not be used as a reward in the classroom, or withheld as punishment for any reason, such as for performance or behavior.

Fundraising

The School will use only non-food fundraisers for sales, and instead, encourage those fundraisers promoting physical activity (such as walk-a-thons, Jump Rope for Heart, fun runs, etc.).

Sales of food or beverages during midnight and 3:30 pm on a school day, such as concessions at Literacy Night, will require authorization from the Child Nutrition Director using the Food and Concession Sales form found in Appendix A. The form must be submitted for approval at least two weeks prior to the event.

Nutrition Promotion

Nutrition promotion and education positively influence lifelong eating behaviors by using evidence-based techniques and nutrition messages, and by creating food environments that encourage healthy nutrition choices and encourage participation in school meal programs. Students and staff will receive consistent nutrition messages throughout the School, classrooms, gymnasiums, and cafeterias. Nutrition promotion also includes marketing and advertising nutritious foods and beverages to students and is most

effective when implemented consistently through a comprehensive and multi-channel approach by School staff, teachers, parents, students and the community.

The School will promote healthy food and beverage choices for all students throughout the School campus, as well as encourage participation in school meal programs. This promotion will occur through at least:

- Implementing at least ten or more evidence-based healthy food promotion techniques through the school meal programs using Smarter Lunchroom techniques; and

- Ensuring 100% of foods and beverages promoted to students meet the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards. Additional promotion techniques that the School may use are available at http://www.foodplanner.healthiergeneration.org/.

Nutrition Education

The School will teach, model, encourage and support healthy eating by all students. The School will provide nutrition education and engage in nutrition promotion that:

- Is designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to promote and protect their health;

- Is part of not only health education classes, but also integrated into other classroom instruction through subjects such as math, science, language arts, social sciences and elective subjects;

- Includes enjoyable, developmentally-appropriate, culturally-relevant and participatory activities, such as cooking demonstrations or lessons, promotions, taste-testing, farm visits and school gardens;

- Promotes fruits, vegetables, whole-grain products, low-fat and fat-free dairy products and healthy food preparation methods;

- Emphasizes caloric balance between food intake and energy expenditure (promotes physical activity/exercise);

- Links with school meal programs, cafeteria nutrition promotion activities, school gardens, Farm to School programs, other school foods and nutrition-related community services;

- Teaches media literacy with an emphasis on food and beverage marketing; and

- Includes nutrition education training for teachers and other staff.

- Nutrition education will be offered at each grade level as part of a sequential, comprehensive, standards-based health education curriculum that meets state and national standards.
- The health teacher will provide opportunities for students to practice or rehearse the skills taught through the health education curricula.

Essential Healthy Eating Topics in Health Education

The School will include in the health education curriculum a minimum of 12 of the following essential topics on healthy eating:

- Relationship between healthy eating and personal health and disease prevention;
- Food guidance from MyPlate;
- Reading and using FDA's nutrition fact labels;
- Eating a variety of foods every day;
- Balancing food intake and physical activity;
- Eating more fruits, vegetables and whole grain products;
- Choosing foods that are low in fat, saturated fat, and cholesterol and do not contain *trans* fat;
- Choosing foods and beverages with little added sugars;
- Eating more calcium-rich foods;
- Preparing healthy meals and snacks;
- Risks of unhealthy weight control practices;
- Accepting body size differences;
- Food safety;
- Importance of water consumption;
- Importance of eating breakfast;
- Making healthy choices when eating at restaurants;
- Eating disorders;
- The Dietary Guidelines for Americans;

- Reducing sodium intake;
- Social influences on healthy eating, including media, family, peers and culture;
- How to find valid information or services related to nutrition and dietary behavior;
- How to develop a plan and track progress toward achieving a personal goal to eat healthfully;
- Resisting peer pressure related to unhealthy dietary behavior; and
- Influencing, supporting, or advocating for others' healthy dietary behavior.

Food and Beverage Marketing in Schools

The School is committed to providing a school environment that ensures opportunities for all students to practice healthy eating and physical activity behaviors throughout the school day while minimizing commercial distractions. The School strives to teach students how to make informed choices about nutrition, health and physical activity. These efforts will be weakened if students are subjected to advertising on School property that contains messages inconsistent with the health information the School is imparting through nutrition education and health promotion efforts. It is the intent of the School to protect and promote student's health by permitting advertising and marketing for only those foods and beverages that are permitted to be sold on the School campus, consistent with the School's Wellness Policy.

Any foods and beverages marketed or promoted to students on the School campus* during the school day* will meet or exceed the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards.

Food and beverage marketing is defined as advertising and other promotions in schools. Food and beverage marketing often includes an oral, written, or graphic statements made for the purpose of promoting the sale of a food or beverage product made by the producer, manufacturer, seller or any other entity with a commercial interest in the product.[i] This term includes, but is not limited to the following:

- Brand names, trademarks, logos or tags, except when placed on a physically present food or beverage product or its container.
- Displays, such as on vending machine exteriors.
- Corporate brand, logo, name or trademark on school equipment, such as marquees, message boards, scoreboards or backboards (Note: immediate replacement of these items are not required; however, the School will replace or update scoreboards or other durable equipment when existing contracts are up for

renewal or to the extent that is in financially possible over time so that items are in compliance with the marketing policy.)

- Corporate brand, logo, name or trademark on cups used for beverage dispensing, menu boards, coolers, trash cans and other food service equipment; as well as on posters, book covers, pupil assignment books or school supplies displayed, distributed, offered or sold by the School.
- Advertisements in school publications or school mailings.
- Free product samples, taste tests or coupons of a product, or free samples displaying advertising of a product.

As the School administration and Child Nutrition Program Director review existing contracts and considers new contracts, equipment and product purchasing (and replacement) decisions should reflect the applicable marketing guidelines established by the Wellness Policy.

IV. Physical Activity

Children and adolescents should participate in at least 60 minutes of physical activity every day which includes a combination of recess, physical education class and classroom brain breaks. A substantial percentage of students' physical activity can be provided through a comprehensive school physical activity program (CSPAP). A CSPAP reflects strong coordination and synergy across all of the components: quality physical education as the foundation; physical activity before, during and after school; staff involvement and family and community engagement and the School is committed to providing these opportunities. The School will ensure that these varied physical activity opportunities are in addition to, and not as a substitute for, physical education (addressed in "Physical Education" subsection). The School will be encouraged to participate in *Let's Move!* Active Schools (www.letsmoveschools.org) in order to successfully address all CSPAP areas.

Physical activity during the school day (including but not limited to recess, classroom physical activity breaks or physical education) **will not be withheld** as punishment for any reason. The School will provide teachers and other School staff with a list of ideas for alternative ways to discipline students.

To the extent practicable, the School will ensure that its grounds and facilities are safe and that equipment is available to students to be active. The School will conduct necessary inspections and repairs.

Physical Education

The School will provide students with physical education, using an age-appropriate, sequential physical education curriculum consistent with national and state standards for physical education. The physical education curriculum will promote the benefits of a physically active lifestyle and will help students develop skills to engage in lifelong

healthy habits, as well as incorporate essential health education concepts (discussed in the "*Essential Physical Activity Topics in Health Education*" subsection). The curriculum will support the essential components of physical education.

All students will be provided equal opportunity to participate in physical education classes. The School will make appropriate accommodations to allow for equitable participation for all students and will adapt physical education classes and equipment as necessary.

All School **elementary students** in each grade will receive physical education as a combination of physical education class and organized and structured activities, for at least 60 minutes per week throughout the school year.

The School physical education program will promote student physical fitness through individualized fitness and activity assessments (via the Presidential Youth Fitness Program or other appropriate assessment tool) and will use criterion-based reporting for each student.

- Students will be moderately to vigorously active for at least 50% of class time during most or all physical education class sessions.
- All physical education teachers will be required to participate in at least a once a year professional development in education.

Essential Physical Activity Topics in Health Education

Health education will be required in all grades. The School will include in the health education curriculum a minimum of 12 the following essential topics on physical activity:

- The physical, psychological, or social benefits of physical activity;
- How physical activity can contribute to a healthy weight;
- How physical activity can contribute to the academic learning process;
- How an inactive lifestyle contributes to chronic disease;
- Health-related fitness, that is, cardiovascular endurance, muscular endurance, muscular strength, flexibility, and body composition;
- Differences between physical activity, exercise and fitness;
- Phases of an exercise session, that is, warm up, workout and cool down;
- Overcoming barriers to physical activity;
- Decreasing sedentary activities, such as TV watching;
- Opportunities for physical activity in the community;

- Preventing injury during physical activity;
- Weather-related safety, for example, avoiding heat stroke, hypothermia and sunburn while being physically active;
- How much physical activity is enough, that is, determining frequency, intensity, time and type of physical activity;
- Developing an individualized physical activity and fitness plan;
- Monitoring progress toward reaching goals in an individualized physical activity plan;
- Dangers of using performance-enhancing drugs, such as steroids;
- Social influences on physical activity, including media, family, peers and culture;
- How to find valid information or services related to physical activity and fitness;
- How to influence, support, or advocate for others to engage in physical activity; and
- How to resist peer pressure that discourages physical activity.

Recess (Elementary)

The School will offer at least **30 minutes of recess** on all days during the school year. This requirement may be waived on early dismissal or late arrival days. Because recess is offered before lunch, the School will have appropriate hand-washing facilities and/or hand-sanitizing mechanisms located just inside/outside the cafeteria to ensure proper hygiene prior to eating and students are required to use these mechanisms before eating. Hand-washing time, as well as time to put away coats/hats/gloves, will be built in to the recess transition period/timeframe before students enter the cafeteria.

Outdoor recess will be offered when weather is feasible for outdoor play. Students will be allowed outside for recess except when the outdoor "feels-like" temperature is below 20°F, during "code orange" or "code red" days, during storms with lightening or thunder, or at the discretion of the Principal based on his/her best judgment of safety conditions.

In the event that the School must conduct **indoor recess,** teachers and staff will follow the indoor recess guidelines that promote physical activity for students, to the extent practicable.

Indoor Recess Guidelines

- Indoor recess will provide opportunities for students to have at least 10 minutes of physical activity.
- Indoor recess will be monitored by School staff.

Recess will complement, not substitute, physical education class. Recess monitors or teachers will encourage students to be active, and will serve as role models by being physically active alongside the students whenever feasible.

Classroom Physical Activity Breaks

The School recognizes that students are more attentive and ready to learn if provided with periodic breaks when they can be physically active or stretch. Thus, students will be offered **periodic opportunities** to be active or to stretch throughout the day on all or most days during a typical school week. The School recommends teachers provide short (3-5-minute) physical activity breaks to students during and between classroom times at least three days per week. These physical activity breaks will complement, not substitute, for physical education class, recess, and class transition periods.

The School will provide resources and links to resources, tools, and technology with ideas for classroom physical activity breaks. Resources and ideas are available through USDA and the Alliance for a Healthier Generation.

Active Academics

Teachers will incorporate movement and kinesthetic learning approaches into "core" subject instruction when possible (e.g., science, math, language arts, social studies and others) and do their part to limit sedentary behavior during the school day.

The School will support classroom teachers incorporating physical activity and employing kinesthetic learning approaches into core subjects by providing annual professional development opportunities and resources, including information on leading activities, activity options, as well as making available background material on the connections between learning and movement.

Teachers will serve as role models by being physically active alongside the students whenever feasible.

Before and After School Activities

The School offers opportunities for students to participate in physical activity after the school day through a variety of methods. The School will encourage students to be physically active after school by:

- Providing students with access to physical activity clubs after school.
- Providing parents and students with information for sports and activities offered in the neighboring community.

Active Transport

The School will support active transport to and from school, such as walking or biking. The School will encourage this behavior by engaging in *six or more* of the activities below; including but not limited to:

- Designate safe or preferred routes to school through the State's SNAP Planning tool;
- Promote activities such as participation in International Walk to School Week, National Walk and Bike to School Week;
- Instruction on walking/bicycling safety provided to students;
- Promote safe routes program to students, staff, and parents via newsletters, websites, local newspaper;
- Use crosswalks on streets leading to the School; and
- Create and distribute maps of school environment (e.g., sidewalks, crosswalks, roads, pathways, bike racks, etc.).

V. Other Activities that Promote Student Wellness

The School will integrate wellness activities across the entire school setting, not just in the cafeteria, other food and beverage venues and physical activity facilities. The School will coordinate and integrate other initiatives related to physical activity, physical education, nutrition and other wellness components so all efforts are complementary, not duplicative, and work towards the same set of goals and objectives promoting student well-being, optimal development and strong educational outcomes.

The School is encouraged to coordinate content across curricular areas that promote student health, such as teaching nutrition concepts in mathematics, with consultation provided by the School's curriculum experts.

All efforts related to obtaining federal, state or association recognition for efforts, or grants/funding opportunities for healthy school environments will be coordinated with and complementary of the Wellness Policy, including but not limited to ensuring the involvement of the Wellness Committee.

All School-sponsored events will adhere to the Wellness Policy guidelines. All School-sponsored wellness events will include physical activity and healthy eating opportunities when appropriate.

Community Partnerships

The School will develop relationships with community partners (e.g., Herriman City, local businesses, SNAP-Ed providers and coordinators, etc.) in support of this Wellness Policy's implementation. Existing and new community partnerships and sponsorships

will be evaluated to ensure that they are consistent with the Wellness Policy and its goals.

Community Health Promotion and Family Engagement

The School will promote to parents/caregivers, families, and the general community the benefits of and approaches for healthy eating and physical activity throughout the school year. Families will be informed and invited to participate in School-sponsored activities and will receive information about health promotion efforts.

As described in the "Community Involvement, Outreach, and Communications" subsection, the School will use electronic mechanisms (e.g., email or displaying notices on the School's website), as well as non-electronic mechanisms, (e.g., newsletters, presentations to parents or sending information home to parents), to ensure that all families are actively notified of opportunities to participate in School-sponsored activities and receive information about health promotion efforts.

Staff Wellness and Health Promotion

The Wellness Committee will have a staff wellness subcommittee that focuses on staff wellness issues, identifies and disseminates wellness resources and performs other functions that support staff wellness in coordination with human resources staff. The subcommittee leader's name is Jonathan Kano.

The School will implement strategies to support staff in actively promoting and modeling healthy eating and physical activity behaviors. The School promotes staff member participation in health promotion programs and will support programs for staff members on healthy eating/weight management that are accessible and free or low-cost.

1. Staff will be encouraged to consume the recommended amount of water daily. If necessary, water bottles will be provided.

2. The School will implement a staff health challenge once each school year. The health challenge is an optional activity for staff.

3. The School will arrange additional staff activities to encourage wellness. Staff participation in these activities is optional, not mandated. These activities could include participation in a healthy eating challenge, walking outside around the campus during lunch or after school, after-school group yoga or exercise activities, and encouragement to abstain from excessive work hours.

Professional Learning

When feasible, the School will offer annual professional learning opportunities and resources for staff to increase knowledge and skills about promoting healthy behaviors in the classroom and school (e.g., increasing the use of kinesthetic teaching approaches or incorporating nutrition lessons into math class). Professional learning will help School staff understand the connections between academics and health and the

ways in which health and wellness are integrated into ongoing School reform or academic improvement plans/efforts.

Glossary:

Extended School Day – the time during, before and after school that includes activities such as clubs, intramural sports, band and choir practice, drama rehearsals and more.

School Campus - areas that are owned or leased by the School and used at any time for School-related activities, including on the outside of the School building, School buses or other vehicles used to transport students, athletic fields and stadiums (e.g., on scoreboards, coolers, cups, and water bottles), or parking lots.

School Day – the time between midnight the night before to 30 minutes after the end of the instructional day.

Triennial – recurring every three years.

Appendix A

Food and Concession Sales

This form MUST be present to the Child Nutrition Program Director at least two weeks prior to the event for approval.

Event Title _____

Event Date _____ Event Time _____

Event Coordinator _____

Description of food and beverage items to be sold including name of vendor if applicable:

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Signature of Event Coordinator _____

Date Submitted for Approval _____

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Approval YES NO
Comments:

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Signature of CNP Director _____

Date Returned to Event Coordinator _____