

AGENDA WITH COMMENTARY

**GUTHRIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
802 EAST VILAS
GUTHRIE, OKLAHOMA**

**MONDAY
JUNE 24, 2024
7:30 A.M.**

AGENDA:

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Establish a Quorum**
- 4. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 5. Moment of Silence**
- 6. Recommendation, consideration and action to revision to District Policy: *F-5 Transfers*.....Pages 3-10**

Commentary:

HB 3386 becomes effective on July 1, 2024 and requires school districts to modify their transfer policy to allow for intra-district transfers.

Dr. Simpson will answer any questions.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The Superintendent recommends approval.

- 7. Recommendation, consideration and action to revision District Policy: *E-41 Acceptable Use of Internet and Electronic and Digital Communications Devices*Pages 11-17**

Commentary:

HB 3958 becomes effective on July 1, 2024. It requires modification of our policies with regard to electronic communication between staff and students.

Dr. Simpson will answer any questions.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The Superintendent recommends approval.

8. Recommendation, consideration and action to revision District Policy: *E-41C Internet and Technology Safety*.....Pages 18-19

Commentary:

The addition of a new policy for digital and electronic communication with students necessitated reorganization of the policy sequence. This change will renumber existing policy E-41B to E-41C. **Dr. Simpson will answer any questions.**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The Superintendent recommends approval.

9. Recommendation, consideration and action to new District Policy: *E-41B School Personnel Digital and Electronic Communications with Students*.....Page 20

Commentary:

HB 3958 becomes effective on July 1, 2024. It requires school districts to adopt a policy compelling all staff to include parents with any electronic communication to students unless the communication is on a school-approved platform and is related to academic matters. The sanctioned platforms are the only method staff members can use to communicate directly with students. **Dr. Simpson will answer any questions.**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The Superintendent recommends approval.

10. Adjourn

**Dr. Mike Simpson
Superintendent**

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Posted by: _____

Date: _____ **Time:** _____

Place: _____

STUDENT TRANSFERS

A request for a transfer into this district initiated by or on behalf of a nonresident student will be approved or refused in accordance with this policy.

A. **Inter-District** Transfer Application Requests

Applications for transfer shall be processed in the order in which they are received and must be completed by the parent of a student on a properly completed application form specified by the State Board of Education, which can be downloaded here: <https://sde.ok.gov/student-transfers>. The term “parent” means the parent of a student or person having custody of the student as provided for in Okla. Stat. tit. 70, § 1-113(A)(1). The application shall be filed with the superintendent of the receiving school district if the receiving school district is within this state or with the State Board of Education for transfers to school districts in another state.

1. Applications for transfer shall be completed by the parent of a student on a properly completed application form specified by the State Board of Education. The term “parent” means the parent of a student or person having custody of the student as provided for in OKLA. STAT. tit. 70, § 1-113(A)(1). Upon receipt of the application, the District shall stamp the application with the time and date on which it was received to ensure that the District can review applications in the order in which they are received. The application shall also be filed with the superintendent of the District if the receiving school district is within this state or with the State Board of Education for transfers to school districts in another state.
2. Subject to the special considerations applicable to a student on an Individualized Education Program (“IEP”) pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. §§ 1400 et seq.) (“IDEA”) as set forth below, a transfer shall be automatically approved if a student’s resident district does not offer the grade level the student is entitled to pursue.
3. A transfer shall be automatically approved if a student’s parent or legal guardian is employed by the District, regardless of District capacity, and so long as the student does not meet one or more of the bases for a transfer denial as set forth in this policy.
4. A transferring student from another school district that offers the grade the student is entitled to pursue may seek a transfer to the same grade offered by the District. The transferring student will be allowed to attend a District school site that has not exceeded its capacity of the transferring student’s grade level. If there are more than one District school sites available for the transferring student, the District retains the sole discretion to determine the school site the transferring student will attend.
5. Any brother or sister of a student who transfers into the District may also attend the District regardless of capacity, so long as the brother or sister of the transferred student does not meet one or more of the bases for a transfer denial as set forth in this policy.
6. Any child in the custody of the Oklahoma Department of Human Services in foster care who is living in the home of a student who transfers, may attend the District of the transferred student as long as the District has capacity and the sibling does not meet a basis for denial as set forth in this policy. Except for a student in the custody of the Oklahoma Department of Human Services in foster care, a student shall not transfer more than two (2) times per school year to one or more school districts in which the student does not reside, provided that the student may always reenroll at any time in his or her school district of residence.

7. A student who is deaf or hearing-impaired and who wishes to transfer to a school district with a specialized deaf education program may submit a transfer application at any time and may transfer to the receiving school district at any time during the school year.
8. In the event the District exceeds its capacity at all school sites for the grade level sought by the transferring student, transfer requests shall be awarded to those students whose properly completed transfer request applications were received by the District in the order in which they were received.
9. A student who has attended the District as a resident student for at least three (3) years prior to then becoming eligible to apply as a transfer student shall be allowed to transfer into the District regardless of capacity, and so long as the student does not meet one or more of the bases for a transfer denial as set forth in this policy.

B. Special Considerations as to Transferring Student on an IEP

Prior to approving an application for a transfer student who is a child with a disability, as defined in 34 C.F.R. § 300.8, the District will establish (a) the availability of the appropriate program, staff, and services for the transferring student, and (b) conduct a joint conference with the IEP team at the transferring student's current school. The purpose of conducting these activities is to determine whether—at the time the transferring student's application is received—the District can provide the transferring student with a free appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment as required by the IDEA. In the event the District exceeds its capacity at all school sites for the grade level of a transferring child with a disability, the District shall "hold" a place for the transferring student in the order in which the transferring student submitted his or her properly completed application. In the event an opening occurs, a decision on the transfer will be made after consideration of the factors above.

Transfers made for the purpose of providing a free appropriate public education (FAPE) to special education students pursuant to Okla. Stat. tit. 70, § 18-110(E) and Okla. Stat. tit. 70, § 13-101 are not considered Open Transfers subject to this policy.

If a request to transfer a student with disabilities to a school district other than the school district of residence of the student pursuant to the Education Open Transfer Act is denied, the following provisions shall apply:

1. The parent or legal guardian of a student with disabilities or an adult student with disabilities who is age eighteen (18) or older but under the age of twenty-two (22) may appeal the denial within ten (10) days of notification of the denial to the receiving school district board of education. The receiving school district board of education shall consider the appeal at its next regularly scheduled board meeting; and
2. If the receiving school district board of education denies the appeal, the parent or legal guardian of the student with disabilities or an adult student with disabilities who is age eighteen (18) or older but under the age of twenty-two (22) may appeal the denial within ten (10) days of notification of the appeal denial to the State Board of Education. The parent or legal guardian of the student with disabilities or the adult student with disabilities shall submit to the State Board of Education and the superintendent of the receiving school district a notice of appeal on a form prescribed by the State Board of Education. The appeal shall be considered by the State Board of Education at its next regularly scheduled meeting, where the parent or legal guardian of the student with disabilities or the adult student with disabilities and a representative from the receiving school district may address the Board. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules to establish the appeals process authorized by this subsection which shall align with rules promulgated pursuant to 70, § 8-101.2.

The district's board of education shall annually submit to the State Department of Education the number of transfer requests for students with disabilities approved and denied and whether each denial was based on availability of programs, staff, or services.

C. Special Considerations as to Transferring Student who are Dependent Children of an Active U.S. Military Member

1. For purposes of this Section (C):
 - a. "Active military duty" means full-time military duty status in the active uniformed service of the United States including members of the National Guard and Military Reserve on active duty orders; and
 - b. "Military installation" means a base, camp, post, station, yard, center, homeport facility for any ship or other installation under the jurisdiction of the Department of Defense or the United States Coast Guard.
2. Students who are dependent children of a member of the active uniformed military services of the United States on full-time active duty status and for whom Oklahoma is the home of record and students who are the dependent children of a member of the military reserve on active duty orders and for whom Oklahoma is the home of record, shall be approved for transfer into the District regardless of capacity if:
 - a. At least one parent of the student has a Department of Defense-issued identification card; and
 - b. At least one parent can provide evidence that he or she will be on active duty status or active duty orders, meaning the parent will be temporarily transferred in compliance with the official orders to another location in support of combat, contingency operation or a natural disaster requiring the use of orders for more than thirty (30) consecutive days;
3. A student is in compliance with the residency provisions of this policy if he or she is a student whose parent or legal guardian is transferred or is pending transfer to a military installation within Oklahoma while on active military duty pursuant to an official military order. A parent or legal guardian of such student must provide proof of residency in the District within ten (10) days after the published arrival date provided on official documentation. A parent or legal guardian may use the following addresses as proof of residence:
 - a. A temporary on-base billeting facility,
 - b. A purchased or leased home or apartment, or
 - c. Federal government or public-private venture off-base military housing.

D. Denial of a Transfer Request

1. A transferring student's application may be denied if the transferring student is or has been subject to discipline from the transferring student's current school for any of the acts and reasons outlined in Okla. Stat. tit. 70, § 24-101.3(A)-(C) & (E). A transferring student's application shall be denied for any of the acts and reasons outlined in Okla. Stat. tit. 70, § 24-101.3(F)(1) until such time as the District determines

that the transferring student no longer poses a threat to self, other students, or District faculty or employees.

2. A transferring student's application may be denied if the transferring student has ten or more absences in the last full school semester that are not excused due to illness or for the reasons provided for in Okla. Stat. tit. 70, § 10-105(B).
3. An IDEA-qualified transferring student's application will be denied if—as of the time of the transferring student's application is received—the District determines that it cannot provide the transferring student with a free appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment as required by the IDEA.
4. A student may be granted a one-year transfer and may automatically continue to attend the District each school year with the approval of the District. At the end of each school year, the District may deny the continued transfer of the student for the reasons outlined in Okla. Stat. tit. 70, § 24-101.3(A)-(C) & (E), or if the student has ten or more absences in one semester that are not excused due to illness or for the reasons provided for in Okla. Stat. tit. 70, § 10-105(B). Written notice of the District's intention to deny the continued transfer shall be given to the parent or legal guardian of the student no later than July 15.
5. A transferring student's application will not be considered if incomplete and will be denied if the parent makes a fraudulent, intentional, or material misrepresentation on the application.
6. The denial of a transfer request from a student seeking a transfer shall be communicated in writing to the parent, as defined in Okla. Stat. tit. 70, § 1-113(A)(1). Proof of the date of mailing or transmission of the denial by electronic means shall constitute proof of communication of the denial to the parent.
7. The District shall not accept or deny any transfer application based on the student's race, color, sex, pregnancy, gender, gender expression, national origin, religion, disability, veteran status, sexual orientation, age, genetic information, income level, disabling condition, proficiency in the English language, measure of achievement, aptitude, or athletic ability. Failure to be approved for a transfer as set forth in this policy shall not be deemed to be rejection for a discriminatory reason.

E. Transfer Application Request Notifications

1. The District will prominently post on its website the dates on which it will begin accepting transfer applications for the current and upcoming school year.
2. The District shall approve or deny the transfer application and notify the parent or legal guardian of the student within thirty (30) days of receiving an application.
3. If the District accepts a transfer application, the parent or legal guardian of the student must provide written notification to the District that the student will be enrolling within ten (10) days of receiving notice that the transfer application was approved. Failure of the parent or legal guardian to notify the District may result in the loss of the student's right to enroll in the District for that year only. If the parent or legal guardian fails to notify the District that the student will be enrolling, and the District chooses to cancel the transfer, the District shall provide written notice of the cancellation to the parent or legal guardian of the student immediately upon cancellation.
4. If the District receives notice that a student will be transferring, the District shall notify the student's resident school district within ten (10) days of receiving notice of the acceptance of the transfer.

F. Determination of Grade Level Capacity

The superintendent of schools, or his/her designee, shall determine the criteria to be used in determining grade capacities for each school site, including the capacity for any full-time virtual education program offered by the District. The District's capacity determinations are attached hereto as Exhibit A. Each school site's grade level capacity and the capacity of any full-time virtual education program offered by the District shall be (a) approved by the board of education prior to the first day of January, April, July and October of each school year, and (b) published in a prominent place on the District's website and reported to the State Department of Education.

G. District Level Appeal of Denial of Transfer

A parent may appeal the denial of a transfer request so long as the appeal is made within ten (10) calendar days of the notification of the written denial. If a timely appeal is made, the appeal shall be considered by the District's board of education at its next regularly scheduled meeting. The appeal shall be considered by the board of education upon the written submissions of the District and the parent, and a verbal presentation by the District and the parent, each not to exceed ten (10) minutes of length. Any written submissions shall state, at the minimum, the following in a statement not exceeding two pages in length:

- a. The date of the parent's transfer request application;
- b. The reasons for the denial by the District of the transfer request;
- c. The factual reason(s) of the District or parent as to why the transfer request was/was not properly denied; and
- d. The criteria set forth in this policy as to propriety of the denial of the transfer request.

The board of education will meet in executive session to review the appeal and to hear the verbal presentations from the District and the parent to protect the privacy of the student. While the board of education deliberates the appeal, the District and the parent will be excused from the executive session. The board of education will then return to open session to conduct its vote on whether to deny or accept the appeal.

If the District denies the parent's appeal, the parent may appeal the board of education's decision to the Oklahoma State Board of Education within ten (10) calendar days of notification of the denial. The parent shall submit to the State Board of Education and the superintendent of the District a notice of appeal on a form prescribed by the State Board of Education. The appeal shall be considered by the State Board of Education at its next regularly scheduled meeting, where the parent and a representative from the District may address the Board. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules to establish the appeals process authorized by this subsection.

H. District Reporting to the Oklahoma State Department of Education

1. Prior to the first day of January, April, July and October of each school year, the District shall report to the State Department of Education the capacity of the grade level of each District school site.
2. Prior to the first day of January, April, July and October of each school year, the superintendent of schools of the District shall report to the State Department of Education a statement showing the names

of the students granted transfers to the District, the resident school district of the transferred students, and the transfer student's grade level.

3. At the frequency required by the Oklahoma State Department of Education, the District shall also submit to it (a) the number of student transfers approved and denied, and (b) whether each denial was based on capacity, the acts and reasons outlined in Okla. Stat. 70, § 24-101.3, or a history of absences in the last full school semester that were not excused due to illness or for the reasons provided for in Okla. Stat. 70, § 10-105(B).

I. Athletic and Other Competition

A transfer student granted enrollment in a school district in which the student is not a resident shall not be eligible to participate in school-related interscholastic competition governed by the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association ("Association") for a period of one (1) year from the first day of attendance at this district, unless the transfer is from a school district not offering the grade the student is entitled to pursue. Whether a student granted an open transfer will be eligible to participate in school-related interscholastic competition shall be determined by the Association.

J. Intra-District Transfers

Beginning July 1, 2024, a student *may* transfer between school sites within the district at any time during the year unless the student's grade level has reached capacity at the receiving site. The district's capacity determinations are attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Excepting a student in Department of Human Services foster care, a student shall not transfer more than two times per school year, but a student may always re-enroll at any time at the student's site of residence.

For grade levels with limited capacity, the district shall give preference and reserve capacity to the following students submitting an intra-district transfer request. Following the acceptance of these students, the district will approve transfer requests in the order they were received.

1. Students who reside in the school site boundary.
2. Students who attended the school site the prior year.
3. Siblings of students who are already enrolled at the school site.
4. Children of school district employees who wish to attend a different school site within the school district.
5. Students who change residence within a school district and who wish to attend the same school site.

The District will approve an intra-district transfer request for the following students at any time during the school year:

1. The child of a district employee who resides in the district but wishes to attend a different school site within the district where the student resides.
2. A student who changes residence within the district and who wishes to attend the same school site.
3. Any child in the custody of the Department of Human Services and living in foster care who resides in the home of another student who transfers intra-district may attend the school site to which the student transferred.

Adoption Date:

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Notwithstanding any of the foregoing, an intra-district transfer request may be denied if the requesting student has ten or more absences in one semester not excused due to illness or for reasons provided in OKLA. STAT. tit. 70, § 10-105(B). A student's intra-district transfer request may likewise be denied for any reason outlined in Section D of this policy (Denial of Transfer Request).

The denial of a transfer request by the district shall be final and not appealable.

Reference: OKLA. STAT. tit. 70, §§ 8-101.1, 8-101.2, 8-103, 8-103.1, 8-103.2
OKLA. STAT. tit.70, § 18-110(E)
OKLA. STAT. tit. 70, § 8-113
OKLA. STAT. tit. 70, § 13-103(B)
OKLA. STAT. tit. 70, § 13-101
O.A.C. 210: 10-1-18
OKLA. STAT. tit. 70, § 1-114
OKLA. STAT. tit. 70, § 8-114

EXHIBIT A**CAPACITIES TO ACCEPT TRANSFER STUDENTS BY GRADE**

The following capacity determinations will be reviewed and approved by the Guthrie Board of Education prior to the first day of January, April, July and October of each school year, published on the district website and reported to the Oklahoma State Department of Education.

For grades PK through grade 6, student capacity is set at 20 students per classroom. These class size limits are set in accordance with 70 O.S. § 18-113.1. The district will multiply those limits times the number of regular classroom teachers employed by the school district at each grade level for each school site. If classroom space is not sufficient to accommodate that number of students due to a classroom being disproportionately sized, the district's capacity numbers will reflect a lesser amount based upon that classroom size.

For grades 7-12, capacity is set based on the total number of students who are enrolled for in-person and virtual instruction. To be able to plan for in-district growth, provide adequate staffing, and ensure that teachers do not exceed class size limits set forth in 70 O.S. § 18-113.3, the current capacity of students per grade level is set at 250 students.

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ACCEPTABLE USE OF INTERNET AND ELECTRONIC AND DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS DEVICES

The forms of electronic and digital communications change rapidly. This policy addresses common existing forms of electronic and digital communication (email, texting, blogging, ~~tweeting~~, posting, etc.) but is intended to cover any new form of electronic or digital communication which utilizes a computer, phone or other digital or electronic device.

As a part of the resources available to students and employees, the district provides Internet access at each school site and at its administrative offices. The district intends for this resource to be used for educational purposes and not to be used for conduct which is harmful. This policy outlines the district's expectations regarding Internet access. The ability to access the Internet while on school property is a privilege and not a right. Access cannot be granted until an individual has completed an "Internet Access Agreement" and access may be revoked at any time.

Any individual using district resources to engage in electronic or digital communications has no expectation of privacy. Further, employees and students must be cognizant of the fact that electronic or digital communications which occur on private equipment are often permanently available and may be available to school administrators.

Employees and students are expected to use good judgment in all their electronic or digital communications - whether such activities occur on or off campus or whether the activity uses personal or district technology. Any electronic or digital communication which can be considered inappropriate, harassing, intimidating, threatening or bullying to an employee or student of the district - regardless of whether the activity uses district equipment or occurs during school/work hours - is strictly forbidden. Employees and students face the possibility of penalties, including student suspension and employee termination, for failing to abide by district policies when accessing and using electronic or digital communications.

The Internet provides users the ability to quickly access information on any topic - even topics which are considered harmful to minors. The district's IT department has attempted to filter this access in order to protect students from harmful content. In the event inappropriate material is inadvertently accessed, students should promptly report the site to their teacher so that other students can be protected. No individual is permitted to circumvent the district's privacy settings by accessing blocked content through alternate methods. In the event an employee needs access to blocked content, he/she should make arrangements through the building principal or IT director.

Although the district's IT department has taken appropriate steps to block offensive material, users may unwittingly encounter offensive material. All users of the district's electronic resources are required to exercise personal responsibility for the material they access, send or display, and must not engage in electronic conduct which is prohibited by law or policy. If a student inadvertently accesses or receives offensive material, he/she should report the communication to the assigned teacher. If an employee accesses or receives offensive material, he/she should report the communication to the building principal or IT director. No individual is permitted to access, view or distribute materials which are inappropriate or create a hostile environment.

Internet Access - Terms and Conditions.

Acceptable Use - Students. Students agree to access material in furtherance of educational goals or for personal leisure and recreational use which does not otherwise violate this policy. No student may make an electronic or digital communication which disrupts the education environment - even if that communication is made outside of

school or on personal equipment. Types of electronic or digital communications which can disrupt the education environment include, but are not limited to:

- Sexting
- Harassing, intimidating, threatening or bullying posts, tweets, blogs, images, texts, etc.
- Distributing pictures, recordings or information which is harmful or embarrassing

Students who engage in electronic or digital communications which disrupt the education environment are subject to disciplinary action, including suspension from school. Depending on the nature of the electronic or digital communication, students may also be subject to civil and criminal penalties.

Acceptable Use - Employees. Employees agree to access material in furtherance of educational goals, including research and professional development. Employees are also permitted to judiciously use the district's electronic resources for limited personal use, provided that the use is of no cost to the district, does not preempt business activity, impede productivity, or otherwise interfere with work responsibilities. Electronic or digital communications made using district owned equipment must be professional in nature and cannot be used for the exercise of the employee's free speech rights.

Any electronic or digital communication in which the employee can be identified as an employee of the district – regardless of whether the communication is made with district owned equipment or during work hours must be a professional communication. Accordingly, if the individual is identifiable as a district employee, electronic or digital communications must not contain sexual, harassing, discriminatory or immoral content. Further, the communication cannot promote the use of tobacco, drugs, alcohol or be otherwise inconsistent with the district's objectives.

~~Employees are required to maintain appropriate electronic boundaries with students. Such boundaries require that employees refrain from engaging in electronic or digital communications which show an undue interest in select student(s), are of a personal nature, model inappropriate conduct or are otherwise inconsistent with the district's mission and goals. In order to maintain appropriate boundaries, the district encourages employees to:~~

- ~~• Send group texts or emails~~
- ~~• Use separate personal and school electronic accounts~~
- ~~• Obtain written parental permission prior to posting pictures of minors~~
- ~~• Respect individual privacy, including privacy rights granted by FERPA~~

~~Employees are expressly forbidden from using electronic or digital communication in a manner inconsistent with their position as a role model for students. Any employee who engages in inappropriate electronic or digital communication with students is acting outside the scope of his/her employment with the district.~~

Prohibited Use. Users specifically agree that they will not use the Internet to access material which is: threatening, indecent, lewd, obscene, or protected by trade secret. Users further agree that they will not use the district's electronic resources for commercial activity, charitable endeavors (without prior administrative approval), product advertisement or political lobbying.

Parental Consent. Parents must review this policy with their student and sign the consent form prior to a student being granted Internet access.

Privilege of Use. The district's electronic resources, including Internet access, is a privilege which can be revoked at any time for misuse. Prior to receiving Internet access, all users will be required to successfully complete an Internet training program administered by the district.

Internet Etiquette. All users are required to comply with generally accepted standards for electronic or digital communications, including:

- a. **Appropriate Language.** Users must refrain from the use of abusive, discriminatory, vulgar, lewd or profane language in their electronic or digital communications.
- b. **Content.** Users must refrain from the use of hostile, threatening, discriminatory, intimidating, or bullying content in their electronic or digital communications.
- c. **Safety.** Students must not include personal contact information (name, address, phone number, address, banking numbers, etc.) in their electronic or digital communications. Students must never agree to meet with someone they met online and must report any electronic or digital communication which makes them uncomfortable to their teacher or principal.
- d. **Privacy.** Users understand that the district has access to and can read all electronic or digital communications created and received with district resources. Users agree that they will not use district resources to create or receive any electronic or digital communications which they want to be private.
- e. **System Resources.** Users agree to use the district's electronic resources carefully so as not to damage them or impede others' use of the district's resources. Users will not:
 - install any hardware, software, program or app without approval from the IT department
 - download large files during peak use hours
 - disable security features
 - create or run a program known or intended to be malicious
 - stream music or video for personal entertainment
- f. **Intellectual Property and Copyrights.** Users will respect others' works by giving proper credit and not plagiarizing, even if using websites designed for educational and classroom purposes (See www.copyright.gov/fls/fl102.html) Users agree to ask the media center director for assistance in citing sources as needed.

Limitation of Liability. The district makes no warranties of any kind, whether express or implied, for the services provided and is not responsible for any damages arising from use of the district's technology resources. The district is not responsible for the information obtained from the use of its electronic resources and is not responsible for any charges a user may incur while using its electronic resources.

Security. If a user notices a potential security problem, he/she should notify the IT director immediately but should not demonstrate the problem to others or attempt to identify potential security problems. Users are responsible for their individual account and should not allow others to use their account. Users should not share their access code or password with others.

If a user believes his/her account has been compromised, he/she must notify the IT director immediately. Any attempt to log on to the district's electronic resources as another user or administrator, or to access restricted material, may result in the loss of access for the remainder of the school year or other disciplinary measures.

Vandalism. No user may harm or attempt to harm any of the district's electronic resources. This includes, but is not limited to, uploading or creating a virus or taking any action to disrupt, crash, disable, damage, or destroy any part of

the district's electronic resources. Further, no user may use the district's electronic resources to hack vandalize another computer or system.

Inappropriate Material. Access to information shall not be restricted or denied solely because of the political, religious or philosophical content of the material. Access will be denied for material which is:

- a. Obscene to minors, meaning (i) material which, taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value for minors and, (ii) when an average person, applying contemporary community standards, would find that the written material, taken as a whole, appeals to an obsessive interest in sex by minors.
- b. Libelous, meaning a false and unprivileged statement about a specific individual which tends to harm the individual's reputation.
- c. Vulgar, lewd or indecent, meaning material which, taken as a whole, an average person would deem improper for access by or distribution to minors because of sexual connotations or profane language.
- d. Display or promotion of unlawful products or services, meaning material which advertises or advocates the use of products or services prohibited by law from being sold or provided to minors.
- e. Group defamation or hate literature, meaning material which disparages a group or a member of a group on the basis of race, color, sex, pregnancy, gender, gender expression or identity, national origin, religion, disability, veteran status, sexual orientation, age, or genetic information or advocates illegal conduct or violence or discrimination toward any particular group of people. This includes racial and religious epithets, "slurs", insults and abuse.
- f. Disruptive school operations, meaning material which, on the basis of past experience or based upon specific instances of actual or threatened disruptions relating to the information or material in question, is likely to cause a material and substantial disruption of the proper and orderly operation of school activities or school discipline.

Application and Enforceability. The terms and conditions set forth in this policy shall be deemed to be incorporated in their entirety in the Internet Access Agreement executed by each user. By executing the Internet Access Agreement, the user agrees to abide by the terms and conditions contained in this policy. The user acknowledges that any violation of this policy may result in access privileges being revoked and disciplinary action being taken. For students, this means any action permitted by the district's policy on student behavior. For employees, this means any action permitted by law, including termination of employment.

Education of Students Regarding Appropriate On-Line Behavior. In compliance with the Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act, Section 254(h)(5), the district provides education to minors about the appropriate use of the district's electronic resources, including interacting with others on social networking and chat sites, and cyber bullying. As a part of that education, guidelines on cyber bullying and internet safety for students are attached to this policy.

Cyber Bullying and Internet Safety Fact Sheet

People can be bullied in lots of ways, including through cyber bullying. Cyber bullying is when someone sends or posts things (words, pictures, recordings) that are mean, embarrassing or make people feel scared, embarrassed or uncomfortable. Even if they don't do this at school sometimes cyber bullying makes things at school hard. No student is allowed to disrupt school through cyber bullying.

Cyber bullies work in lots of ways, but here's some of their most common:

- Send or post mean messages
- Make up websites or accounts with stories, cartoons, pictures or "jokes" that are mean to others
- Take embarrassing pictures or recordings (without asking first)
- Send or post stuff to embarrass others
- Hack into other people's accounts or read their stuff
- Hack into other people's accounts and send or post their private stuff
- Pretend to be somebody else to get someone to give them private info
- Send threats

If you're a cyber bully knock it off! Ask your principal/counselor how you can make things right.

If someone is cyber bullying you, there's something you can do about it:

- Don't respond to and don't ignore a cyber bully. Instead, tell an adult you trust. If cyber bullying follows you to school, tell your teacher, counselor or principal.
- Even if what the bully does is embarrassing, don't delete it. Instead, get a copy so you can prove what happened.
- Have an adult help you contact a company representative (cell phone company, Yahoo, Facebook, Twitter, etc.) about blocking or removing the bad stuff.

You can't always stop people from being mean, but there are ways to help yourself:

- Don't give out your personal info in electronic or digital communications
- Don't tell anyone but your parents what your login name, password or PIN number is
- Don't post or send embarrassing pics or recordings (even on your own sites) - bullies love to copy your stuff

Suggestions for Parents:

- Help your child understand the permanent nature of electronic or digital communications
- Talk to your child about understanding, preventing and responding to cyber bullying
- Contact your student's school for help if you suspect your child is being cyber bullied – or if you suspect your child is engaging in cyber bullying

GUTHRIE SCHOOL DISTRICT
STUDENT INTERNET ACCESS AGREEMENT

STUDENT SECTION:

Student Name _____ Grade _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

School _____

Home Address _____ Home Phone No. _____

I have received a copy of the Internet Acceptable Use Policy and Student Handbook. I have read and agree to abide by their provisions. I understand that any violation of the use provisions may result in disciplinary action including, but not limited to, suspension and/or revocation of network privileges and suspension from school.

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

SPONSORING PARENT OR GUARDIAN SECTION (Required):

I have read the Internet Acceptable Use Policy and Student Handbook for Guthrie Public Schools. I understand that the School District has taken reasonable precautions to ensure that access to controversial material is limited to the extent possible. I realize, however, that it is not possible to completely prevent access to inappropriate material. I will monitor my child's use of the network and his/her access to the Internet, and will accept full responsibility for supervision in that regard if and when my child's use is not in a school setting. I hereby release the School District from liability in the event that my child acquires inappropriate material through use of the District's computing resources or the Internet. I hereby request that the District issue an account for my child and certify that the information contained on this form is correct.

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

Home Address _____ Home Phone No. _____

Student Access Agreement must be renewed each academic year.

GUTHRIE SCHOOL DISTRICT

EMPLOYEE INTERNET ACCESS AGREEMENT

Employee Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Position: _____

School or Site: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone No.: _____

I have received a copy of the Internet Acceptable Use Policy. I have read and agree to abide by its provisions. I understand that any violation of the use provisions may result in disciplinary action including suspension and/or revocation of network privileges as well as any discipline allowed by law including termination of employment.

Employee's Signature: _____

Date: _____

INTERNET AND TECHNOLOGY SAFETY

It is the policy of the district 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 or digital 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 [Pub. L. No. 106-554 and 47 U.S.C. § 254(h)] and Oklahoma law [Okla. Stat. tit. 70, § 11-20~~1~~2].

Definitions

The determination of what is “inappropriate” for minors shall be determined by the district. It is acknowledged that the determination of such “inappropriate” material may vary depending upon the circumstances of the situation and the age of the students involved in online research and activity.

The terms “minor,” “child pornography,” “harmful to minors,” “obscene,” “technology protection measures,” “sexual act,” and “sexual contact” shall be defined in accordance with the Children’s Internet Protection Act, Oklahoma law, and any other applicable laws/regulations as appropriate and implemented by the district.

Access to Inappropriate Material

To the extent practical, technology protection measures (or “Internet Filters”) shall be used to block or filter Internet (or other forms of electronic or digital communications) access to inappropriate information. Specifically, 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.

Inappropriate Network Usage

Any individual who uses the district’s resources to access the Internet or engage in any electronic or digital communication is required to participate in the district’s education efforts (undertaken pursuant to the Children’s Internet Protection Act) and comply with the district’s acceptable use policy.

Supervision and Monitoring

All employees are responsible for supervising and monitoring student use of the Internet in accordance with the district’s technology policies, the Children’s Internet Protection Act, and Oklahoma law. The district’s IT director shall establish and implement procedures regarding technology protection measures. No individual will be permitted to use the district’s technology resources in a manner inconsistent with the district’s policies.

Personal Safety

Employees and students shall not use the district’s technology resources in any manner that jeopardizes personal safety. Students and employees must follow the district’s technology policies, including the acceptable use policy which details the district’s safe use standards.

Certification and Verification

The district shall provide certification, pursuant to the requirements of the Children’s Internet Protection Act, to document the district’s adoption and enforcement of its Internet and Technology Safety Policy, including the operation and enforcement of technology protection measures for all district computers with Internet access.

The district shall also obtain verification from any provider of digital or online library database resources that all the resources they provide to the district are in compliance with Oklahoma law and the district's Internet and Technology Safety Policy. If any provider of digital or online library resources fails to comply, the district shall withhold payment, pending verification of compliance. If any provider of digital or online library resources fails to timely verify compliance, the district shall consider the provider's act of noncompliance a breach of contract.

Reporting

No later than December 1 of each year, Oklahoma law provides that libraries shall submit to the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate an aggregate written report on any issues related to provider compliance with Internet technology measures as required under Oklahoma law.

Employee Liability

Employees of the district shall not be exempt from prosecution for willful violations of state law prohibiting indecent exposure to obscene material or child pornography as provided under Oklahoma law [Okla. Stat. tit. 21, § 1021].

Reference: 47 U.S.C. § 254(h); Okla. Stat. tit. 70, § 11-202; Okla. Stat. tit. 21, § 1021.

SCHOOL PERSONNEL DIGITAL AND ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS WITH STUDENTSPurpose

This policy addresses all forms of group or one-on-one electronic and digital communication (including, but not limited to, email, texting, instant messages, direct messages, social media messages, messages sent through software applications, etc.) between any District employee and students. This policy outlines the District's expectations regarding school personnel's direct digital and electronic communication with students by requiring any such direct communication with students to include the student's parent or guardian.

School Personnel

School personnel includes teachers, coaches, administrators, school bus drivers, support personnel, or any other persons employed full-time or part-time by the District.

Policy

Pursuant to Oklahoma law, school personnel engaging in electronic or digital communication with a student must include the student's parent or guardian in the communication, unless the communication is on a school-approved platform and is related to school and academic matters. In the case of an emergency where other parties cannot be immediately included on digital or electronic communications, the student's parent or guardian shall be subsequently notified of the communication as soon as possible.

Prior to the start of the school year, the District shall compile a list of approved digital platforms for communications between District personnel and students. Such platforms will automatically include in the messaging parents or guardians who opt in. The list will be posted on the District website and distributed to District employees. These sanctioned platforms are the only appropriate method for District personnel to communicate directly with students. Outside these platforms, school personnel must affirmatively include a parent or guardian in the text message, email or other electronic communication. Failure to do so is a violation of the law and this policy.

Violations

School personnel reported to be engaging in unauthorized communications with students through digital or electronic platforms shall be placed on administrative leave while the District investigates the incident and notifies the Board of Education. If the investigation results in a finding that no misconduct occurred, the school personnel shall be reinstated, and the incident shall be noted in the employee's personnel file. If the investigation finds misconduct occurred, the employee shall be disciplined according to the District's policy, up to and including termination of employment. Additionally, the incident shall be reported to law enforcement.

Reporting

Students who receive communication from school personnel in violation of this policy are encouraged to report it to a teacher, site principal or other District official. School personnel who suspect, recognize, or encounter digital or electronic communications between a student or staff member that does not include a parent or guardian, or otherwise violates this policy, must report it immediately to their supervisor, the Superintendent, or other District official.

Reference: 70 O.S. § 6-401