

APPENDIX D

K-8 Schools Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Grades Supplement to the Handbook

Students in grades Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth will follow the Middle School Handbook as outlined.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

This section of the handbook provides the information necessary to take advantage of our varied activities. Activities include clubs, dances, student government, athletics, music, special days and weeks, assemblies, and rallies. These activities are intended for our students and patrons only.

Why Participate in Student Government and Activities?

Involvement in student government and activities provides an opportunity for personal growth by:

1. Developing new friendships
2. Making school interesting
3. Providing something worthwhile to do in leisure time
4. Helping students to be more tolerant of opinions and wishes of others
5. Teaching students how to win and lose in a sportsman-like manner
6. Giving students a voice in school affairs
7. Helping students accept criticism from others
8. Developing poise and social skills
9. Creating greater interest in regular school activities
10. Increasing self-confidence
11. Providing an opportunity to learn the proper channels to follow in order to change rules

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

The student government, or student council, consists of elected officers that may differ in each K-8 school. Generally, there will be a president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary, and class representatives. The student council meets regularly, at which time business is transacted and student body activities are discussed.

To become a candidate for office, a student must file an appropriate petition and satisfy the academic and citizenship requirements. A plurality of votes cast is necessary for election. Once elected, student body officers must maintain academic and citizenship requirements.

SPORTS PARTICIPATION AND AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE DISTRICT

Students who choose to participate in sports need to let the administration know before prior to school starting so that the administration can schedule their electives accordingly. Sports Participation has been determined taking into consideration the differences of the K-8 and middle school schedules:

- 7th and 8th graders at K-8 schools may participate in one activity (sport) per year at their home school.
- To do this they may miss an elective at the end of the school day but only for district provided activities.

- The school district will not provide transportation to these activities.
- In order to participate at your home Middle School, you must purchase an activity card at your home Middle School.

Students who are attending the K-8 schools may participate in all after school activities within their school that are appropriate and designed for the student's specific grade level. To pay for K-8 after school activities, students may be assessed a user fee.

GENERAL

END OF COURSE ASSESSMENTS

End of course assessments will be given to students in sixth, seventh, and eighth grades. The assessments will cover the subject areas of math, social studies, science, health, and many of the electives. The purpose of the end of course assessments is to measure the knowledge of the district curriculum.

LOCKERS

Lockers are assigned to students for convenience and protection of personal/school property. The school does not relinquish control of lockers at any time. Students are responsible for all items placed in lockers and will be responsible for any damage - lockers are expected to be locked at all times as the school will not be held responsible for lost or stolen. Changes in locker assignments must be approved by administration. If a lock or locker does not function correctly, a report should be made to the office. Students are not to share lockers unless directed by administration. Inappropriate pictures or posters are not permitted in lockers. No drugs (prescription/non-prescription) including aspirin, cold medicines, etc., are allowed in lockers - these should be checked in with the nurse. School property, such as lockers, are jointly held by the school and the student. Students have no expectation of privacy in such locations.