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Jr.  / Sr.  High School

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Jr. Sr. High School Our Mission:

Hamilton High School will provide a safe, friendly place where students can develop the techniques, skills and attitudes that will lead them to become productive responsible adults which are ready to meet the changing world in which they live.

PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION

It is the philosophy of the Hamilton Community Consolidated School District No.328 to provide learning experiences and situations that will enable students to develop to the maximum of their abilities. Hamilton Community Consolidated School District No.328 will provide a positive, secure environment where dedicated professionals strive to achieve optimum development for each individual, accepting all students as equal in terms of individual worth and dignity. In this process all students shall be given opportunity to receive the education that will fit their individual needs, and enable them to find their place in society as a productive individual.

The school district will offer the student a wide and diversified curriculum. Major emphasis must not only be on academic achievement, but also on seeing that the student gains self-respect, self-reliance, and self-discipline.

The Board of Education has the responsibility to provide effective leadership for all parties that constitute the educational community. All parties shall be encouraged to come together in a harmonious, constructive fashion. Employees shall have the opportunity to present their concerns and suggestions on educational and professional matters; they shall also have the opportunity to voice their grievances to their employer.

Essential to fulfilling the overall philosophy is the constant reassessment of individual goals through conscientiously listening to the public and by considering alternative educational solutions too many of society's current problems.

MISSION STATEMENT

“In partnership with parents, students and the community, Hamilton District intends to provide the best education and extracurricular activities in the tri-state area with special emphasis on current educational practices and the application of technology.”

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BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

The Hamilton Community Consolidated School District No.328 Board of Education welcomes public participation in school affairs and encourages citizens to attend Board meetings. School Board meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. Meetings are normally held in the Middle/High School library at 270 North 10th Street in Hamilton. Occasionally, meetings may be scheduled at other times or in other locations, but such changes are announced through the public media. At all meetings, during the period of visitor recognition, citizens are given the opportunity to express their views on agenda items concerning the schools. According to Board of Education policies, these presentations should be limited to five minutes in length.

COMPLAINT PROCESS AND CHAIN OF COMMAND

The Board wishes to emphasize that complaints concerning staff members and/or programs will be handled through a proper chain of command. Using this procedure, a citizen with a complaint must first address the complaint with the employee directly responsible. If satisfactory results are not achieved, the citizen may then address that employee's direct supervisor. A normal chain of command for a complaint concerning a classroom teacher, for example, would be to begin with the teacher and continue through the Building Principal, Superintendent, and finally, the Board of Education. The Board will not address complaints concerning staff and/or programs unless the chain of command has been completed up to and including the Superintendent.

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NOTIFICATION TO PARENTS AND EMPLOYEES

The Board of Education initially authorized Building Assessment Services, Inc. of Quincy, Illinois to conduct an asbestos inspection of all buildings owned and in use by the Local Education Agency (LEA) to comply with Federal and State Regulations. Since then, there have been every three year updates.

The inspection reports document the asbestos-containing materials found in the facilities, their extent, condition, and location. Management plans have been developed to assist the LEA in implementing a monitoring program to insure the protection of human health and the environment at each facility. (The elementary building is exempted as it was built asbestos-free). These documents have been submitted to the Illinois Department of Public Health for approval as is required by Federal and State Regulations. Copies of the inspection reports and the management plans are available for inspection during normal office hours in the offices of each school in the LEA, as well as in the LEA administration offices. Additional information including response actions, post response action activities, re-inspections, and periodic surveillance are also included in the report. The District has one employee who has been trained as authorized asbestos worker if any incident arises.

Questions regarding the inspection reports or management plans should be submitted for review and response by the LEA Designated Person, who is Steve Schlatter.

Superintendent
Hamilton C.C.S.D. #328

HAMILTON STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

MY RIGHTS

- A. I have a right to be happy and to be treated with compassion in this school: This means that
- B. I have the right to be myself in this school: this means that no one will treat me unfairly because I am
- C. I have the right to be safe in this school: this means no one will hit me, kick me, push me, pinch me,
- D. I have the right to expect my property to be safe in this school.
- E. I have the right to hear and be heard in this school: this means that no one will yell, scream, shout,
- F. I have the right to learn about myself and others in this school: this means that I will be free to express
- G. I have the right to be helped to learn self-control in this school: this means that no one will silently
- H. I have the right to expect that all of these rights will be mine in all circumstances so long as I am

MY RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. I have the responsibility to treat others with compassion: this means that I will not laugh at others,
- B. I have the responsibility to respect others as individuals and not to treat others unfairly because they are black or white, fat or thin, tall or short, boy or girl, adult or child.
- C. I have the responsibility to make this school safe by not hitting anyone, kicking anyone, pushing anyone, pinching anyone, threatening anyone, or hurting anyone.
- D. I have the responsibility not to steal or destroy the property of others.
- E. I have the responsibility to help maintain a calm and quiet school: this means I will not yell, scream, shout, make loud noises, or otherwise disturb others.
- F. I have the responsibility to learn about myself and others in this school: this means that I will be free to express my feelings and opinions without being interrupted or punished and I will not interrupt or punish others who express their feelings or opinions.
- G. I have the responsibility to learn self-control in this school: this means I will strive to exercise my rights without denying the same rights to others and I will expect to be corrected when I do abuse the rights of others as they shall be corrected if my rights are abused.
- H. I have the responsibility to protect my rights and the rights of others by exercising my full responsibilities in all circumstances.

STUDENT RECORDS

FAMILY EDUCATION RIGHTS AND PRIVACY RIGHT ACT OF 1975

Hamilton Community Consolidated School District No.328 is in full voluntary compliance with Public Law 9-247, Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1975, as amended. All educational records shall be open to inspection and review by parents upon written request to the school Principal in accordance with the General Education Provisions Act Title IV, Public Law 9-247 and Public Law 9-380 as amended. Upon a receipt of a written request, parents will be mailed a copy of Hamilton Community Consolidated School District No.328 guidelines for review and inspection of records. After inspection of the records, if a parent feels there is anything misleading, inaccurate, or in violation of privacy, the parent may make an appeal and hearing procedures will then be established.

A signed release by the parent or guardian shall be required before educational records are released by the school. However, teachers and other school officials who have legitimate educational interest may view the records without written consent of the parents. A record of anyone viewing the student's record will be kept on file stating date and purpose of viewing the student's record.

The District may release personally identifiable information regarding students. Parents/Guardians may prohibit such a release regarding their child/ward. Directory information shall be limited to:

NAME

ADDRESS

GENDER

GRADE LEVEL

BIRTH DATE AND PLACE

PARENT'(S)/GUARDIAN(S) NAMES AND ADDRESSES

ACADEMIC AWARDS, DEGREES AND HONORS

INFORMATION IN RELATION TO SCHOOL-SPONSORED ACTIVITIES, ORGANIZATIONS AND ATHLETICS

MAJOR FIELD OF STUDY

PERIOD OF ATTENDANCE IN SCHOOL

Temporary student records are destroyed five (5) years after the student ceases attendance at Hamilton High School. Any former student or his/her agent wishing copies of the temporary record must do so in writing prior to this time. The school district will attempt to contact students with special education records in order to send those records to that student. In the event that the school is unable to contact the student or an immediate relative of the student, the records will be destroyed.

In accordance with Illinois law SB404 (PA 93-0462), Hamilton High School does not broker, sell, purchase, or solicit the purchase or sale of student information.

A copy of any court order that may affect the dissemination of student records must be on file with the school office in order to be enforced by the school.

The No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) of 2001 requires that local education agencies provide military recruiters and institutions of higher education with contact information (student name, address, and telephone listing); however, the law also provides students or their parents with the opportunity to deny release of this information without consent. Any student or parent who wishes to deny release of contact information to military recruiters and institutions of higher education should inform the school in writing. The letter should include the student name and the date written. The letter will be placed in the student file and will be in effect until written instructions are received to the contrary.

FEES

GENERAL FEES

Each pupil is required to pay an instructional materials fee at the time of registration. The instructional materials fee is used to purchase basic and supplemental texts - hard cover and paperback, periodicals, workbooks and supplies.

The following student fee schedule is in effect for the new school year:

Book Rental Fees:

\$45.00 – 7th – 12th Grade

Special lab and/or workbook fees:

\$20.00 per year	Accounting I
\$10.00 per semester	Recordkeeping
\$8.00 per year	Band Uniform Rental (Cleaning)
\$8.00 per student, per year	Athletic Uniform Rental
\$25.00 per student, per year	Heavy Equipment / Journeyman fees
\$25.00 per student, per year	Welding class (must purchase steel toed boots ¾ high)
\$25.00 per student, per semester (\$50 per year)	for Art Classes

All sports fees have been eliminated as of the May 17, 2000 Board of Education meeting.

FEE WAIVERS (Book rental fees and Meals)

Fee waivers are granted to parents who qualify. Application forms are available in each Building Principal's office.

BOOK REPLACEMENT COST

Students will pay additional replacement costs for books lost or damaged beyond normal wear.

ENROLLMENT/REGISTRATION

An enrollment card/sheet must be filled out in full for each enrolled child. Important information on this card ensures that the school is able to contact parents/guardians or other designated adults in the event of an emergency, and also specifies school dismissal procedures (student walks, student rides bus to a sitter, student rides bus home, etc.). **IT IS THE PARENT'S/GUARDIAN'S RESPONSIBILITY TO UPDATE THIS INFORMATION, AS NEEDED, DURING THE YEAR.**

BIRTH CERTIFICATE

In compliance with legislation passed by the State of Illinois on August 15, 1986, it is now necessary for the parents/guardians of students new to the District to furnish a certified birth certificate. (NOTE: A hospital record CANNOT BE ACCEPTED). This certificate must be supplied within thirty (30) days of the date of enrollment. If this certificate is not furnished within this time period, two actions must be taken:

1. The person enrolling the student will receive written notice that this certificate must be received within ten (10) days; and...
2. The Local Law Enforcement Agency will be notified of this failure to comply.

If compliance still does not occur within this additional time period, the Illinois State Police will be notified, as this law mandates.

SCHOOL HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

The Type A lunch is the foundation of the school hot lunch program and provides at least one-third of the student's daily nutritional requirements for good health as established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Hamilton Community Consolidated School District No.328 Schools maintain two cafeterias in order to provide a Type A lunch to each student.

Money will be collected in the mornings before school begins. No money should be brought by students through the lunch line. You may pre-pay by the week, every 2 weeks, monthly, etc., whichever is best for you.

Students may bring a cold lunch or eat school hot lunch. School lunch is to be paid in advance. Students with cold lunches may purchase school milk which is \$.25 a carton. Students MAY NOT HAVE COLA/SODA POP in the cafeteria. Students who need juice instead of milk must have a doctor's note.

It is important that all school-related monies are transported safely to school in a sealed envelope, preferably carried in the child's book bag (not in a pocket). The child's name, grade on the envelope helps in the event that the envelope (money) is lost.

The school is not responsible for lost money. For safety reasons, students should not bring other, non-school related monies to school. For safety reasons, students are not permitted to see/collect money for non school related items at school.

- **Any student who is 5 days behind on their account will not receive the Type A meal that the school serves daily. We strongly recommend that your child bring a lunch from home until his/her account is brought up to date.**

No child will be allowed to go hungry. They will receive a peanut butter sandwich and milk for their lunch.

PLEASE REMEMBER: to pre-pay so that your child will receive the nutrition he/she needs for a good day at school.

PRICE OF MEALS

JR. / SR. HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:	\$2.00 per day - TO BE PAID IN ADVANCE (weekly, monthly)
REDUCED PRICE MEALS:	\$.40 Lunch \$.30 Breakfast (Elementary Only)
Salad	\$1.50 / per serving
Adult Meal:	\$2.25 - TO BE PAID IN ADVANCE (weekly, monthly)

Students cannot drink soda with lunch.

REDUCED PRICE MEALS

Students who cannot afford to purchase the Type A breakfast or lunch may be eligible to eat free or at a reduced price. For any family that qualifies, we do have Free and Reduced Lunch Forms available. These families are able to receive both breakfast and lunch at the free or reduced lunch price. Parents are requested to apply at the Building Principal's office to determine if they meet federal requirements for free or reduced price meals.

Students may bring lunch from home and purchase milk for \$.25 per half pint. High school students have the option of eating in our a la carte line. A la carte selections are priced separately and money is taken out of the students account for the extra items. A microwave is available for students in the high school cafeteria.

Students may not have food delivered to school unless approved by the office. Prior administrative permission is needed for any outside food.

SCHOOL HOT LUNCH HELPS CONTRIBUTE TO THE EDUCATION OF THE STUDENTS IN THREE WAYS

1. Their physical well-being.
2. Their mental receptivity.
3. Their knowledge of food and application of good eating habits.

The Hamilton Community Consolidated School District No.328 school hot lunch offers a nutritious and well-balanced Type A lunch and we encourage you to take advantage of this service.

STUDENT RECORDS: NOTIFICATION OF RIGHTS

1. The student permanent record consists of basic identifying information, academic transcript, attendance record, accident reports, health record, record of release of permanent information, and other basic information. The permanent record shall be kept for 60 years after graduation or permanent withdrawal.
2. The student temporary record consists of all information not required to be in the student permanent record including family background information, test scores, psychological evaluations, and special education files. The temporary record will be reviewed every four years for destruction of out-of-date information.
3. Parents have the right to:
 - Inspect and copy any and all information contained in the student record. There may be a small charge for copies, not to exceed \$.35 a page. This fee will be waived for those unable to afford such costs. Challenge the contents of the records, by notifying the Principal or records custodian of an objection to information contained in the record. An informal conference will then be scheduled to discuss this matter. If no satisfaction is obtained, a formal hearing will be scheduled to be conducted by an impartial hearing officer. Receive copies of records proposed to be destroyed. The school will keep all temporary records one month after graduation or permanent withdrawal. However, special education records, by law, will be stored for five years after graduation or permanent withdrawal.
 - Inspect and challenge information proposed to be transferred to another school district in the event of a move to another school district.
4. Local, state, and federal education officials have access to student records for educational and administrative purposes without parental consent. Student records shall also be released without parental consent pursuant to a court order or subpoena, or in connection with an emergency where the records are needed by law enforcement or medical officials to meet a threat to the health or safety of the student or other persons. All other releases of information require the informed written consent of the parent or eligible student.
5. Hamilton Community Consolidated School District No.328 considers the following categories to be directory information, and as such may be released to any or all inquiries in such forms as news releases, directories, or computer address lists: The students name, address, telephone listing, date and place of birth, parents or guardians name, doctors names, business telephone of parent, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, the most recent previous education agency attended and the class schedule of the student. [Board Policy #7.360]
6. A parent or student may not be forced by any person or agency to release information from the temporary record in order to secure any right, privilege or benefit, including employment, credit or insurance.
7. Full and complete copies of the laws, rules and regulations on student records are on file with the record custodian of each school and the District Superintendent.

HIGH SCHOOL

CURRICULAR OFFERINGS

<p>LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT English I English II English III English IV Spanish I Spanish II Spanish III Technical Communications Speech (1st Semester) Creative writing (2nd Semester) Literature Advanced Writing</p>	<p>BUSINESS DEPARTMENT Accounting I Advanced Computer Application I Advanced Computer Applications II *Business Law (2nd semester) Cooperative Work Study *Marketing (1st semester) Recordkeeping (both semesters)</p>
<p>MATH DEPARTMENT Algebra IA Algebra IB Algebra I Algebra II Trigonometry/Analytical Geometry *Pre-Calculus (2nd semester) Calculus Geometry</p>	<p>ART DEPARTMENT Art I Art II Art III Art IV</p>
<p>SCIENCE DEPARTMENT General Science Physical Science Biology I Biology II Chemistry Anatomy/Physiology</p>	<p>OTHER: *Consumer Education (both semesters) *Driver Education *Health (both semesters) **Physical Education **Band **Chorus **Welding Heavy Equipment VOCATIONAL CLASSES – WARSAW- -classes as available</p>
<p>SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT World Geography World History U.S. History Current Events Government</p>	<p>DUAL-CREDIT CLASSES * On Campus : Auto Mechanics-classes as available or arranged English Comp I & II, College Algebra, Statistics, Speech, Psychology, Environmental Science * On Line: Music Appreciation, Introduction to Sociology *Student is responsible for the tuition of the class Government-Through Carl Sandburg College.</p>

*Denotes classes that are one semester in length. **Denotes classes that are less than one-half credit per semester.

All dual credit classes are open to the public on our campus.

Welding Certification, Heavy Machinery, and Auto Mechanics are available to the public in our vocational building for \$125.00 per class.

Students may only enroll in one (1) Physical Education class per semester unless granted permission by the Counselor and Principal.

Special Education classes as determined by IEP. Life Skills and Art for Junior High as available

ACADEMICS Policies and requirements SR. HIGH SCHOOL:

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS AND GRADING INFORMATION

High School graduation requirements shall be in accordance with, meet, and/or exceed state requirements and regulations. No prospective graduate from high school shall participate in the graduation exercises in any manner until he/she has met all of the requirements for graduation.

The requirements for graduation are twenty-two (22) units of credit. Specific classes for required credits are as follows:

4 credits in English

3 credits in Math, including Algebra I or higher

3 credits in Science

2 credits in Social Studies (U.S. History required)

½ credit in Health

½ credit in Driver Education

½ credit in Consumer Education or proficiency with no credit

(Pending BA 1) credit in Physical Education, plus participation as required by State Law

Students must pass the Illinois and U.S. Constitution tests in both Junior High School and Sr. High School. Under certain conditions, transfer students may take these tests separate from the US History class, as approved by the teacher, guidance counselor and principal.

Students completing Algebra I successfully at the eighth grade level may earn one high school credit toward graduation, but must still earn three credits in Math during their high school years. Students who complete Algebra I successfully for high school credit prior to the freshman year may not repeat the course during the high school years.

Transfer students may transfer up to 5½ credits per year and must earn at least ten (10) credits from Hamilton High School to apply for early graduation.

Students who waive Physical Education under provisions granted by State Law will not receive credit. Waivers of any type cannot contribute to the total credits required.

Students who do not earn the requisite credits for graduation will not be allowed to walk through graduation ceremonies with their classmates, and will not receive a diploma until all graduation requirements are complete.

DUAL CREDIT COURSES

Opportunities

Hamilton High School offers juniors and seniors opportunities in dual credit courses on the Hamilton campus through Carl Sandburg College. These are courses that offer both high school and college credit. These courses have a higher level of academic expectations and require greater responsibility on the part of the student. Carl Sandburg College and the individual professors for each class determine the content, pace, expectations, and grading standards for these classes. These courses are an extension of Hamilton High School's curriculum, but are not a replacement for any course required by Hamilton High School for graduation.

Board Policy 6.310 specifies the requirements for enrollment and earning of dual credit in these courses:

- 1) The student is a junior or senior in good academic standing.
- 2) Juniors may take a maximum of two dual-credit courses a semester. Seniors may take a maximum of five dual-credit courses a semester.
- 3) Dual-credit courses may be taken at Hamilton High School via an on-site instructor or via Carl Sandburg College.
- 4) Dual-credit courses may be taken at a remote site under the following circumstances:
 - a. The course must not be available at Hamilton High School at any time during the school day.
 - b. The coursework in question must be approved by the high school principal and guidance counselor.
 - c. The course must be arranged through an educational partner of Hamilton CCSD #328. At this time, these partners include Warsaw High School, Carl Sandburg College, and the Western Area Career System.

- d. The remote site in question must be within a fifteen mile radius of the school. This would allow students to take courses at Warsaw High School, Illini West High School, or Carl Sandburg College in Carthage.
- 5) Each dual-credit course completed successfully will earn the student ½ unit of high school credit.
- 6) The student assumes responsibility for all fees and procedural requirements instituted by Carl Sandburg College.
- 7) The student is expected to follow Hamilton High School attendance policies.

Student Responsibilities

Students are responsible for all student-oriented aspects of dual-credit courses, including registration with Carl Sandburg College, payment of all tuition and fees, and purchase of required textbooks.

In some cases, seniors taking multiple dual-credit courses may have erratically timed schedules. Those students may work with the counselor to arrange interim activities. In all such cases, the principal's approval of the arranged schedule is required.

Transportation to Remote Sites

In most cases, Hamilton High School intends to provide transportation to dual-credit courses arranged at remote sites. In some circumstances, however, a student may be given the privilege to drive him/herself to the remote site. Rules governing transportation to remote dual-credit sites are as follows:

- 1) The student may be allowed to transport him or herself only if district transportation is not or will not be provided.
- 2) The student must go to and return from the remote site directly unless there are extenuating circumstances that have been discussed and approved by school administration in advance. Proof of this will be a daily check in/check out through the high school office.
- 3) The student may only transport him or herself, and may have no riders in the vehicle with him or her.
- 4) The student and his or her parent/guardian must sign the district self-transportation waiver form, specific to each course to be taken at the remote site, prior to being allowed to self-transport.
- 5) The student must comply with vehicular and driving laws and regulations.
- 6) The student may be denied driving privileges at any time by the high school principal or guidance counselor.

EARLY GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

A student may apply to the school counselor for early graduation upon completion of 7 semesters of school attendance and when all graduation requirements have been met. Also the following criteria must be met:

1. To request early graduation, a student must file a formal letter with the Board of Education stating specific purpose of this early graduation. ~~Also~~ written acknowledgment of plans and a letter of approval from the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) should accompany this student letter. The deadline for the letter to be turned in to the Superintendent's office is two calendar weeks prior to the December school board meeting of the student's senior year.
2. The student must have a cumulative 3.00 grade point average.
3. The student will not be eligible for any special awards or designations, such as valedictorian or class president.
4. The student must be able to complete the total number of required credits for graduation by the end of the seventh (7th) semester.
5. The student must either be: a) going to college, b) have a job, c) be accepted into one of the branches of military service.

A transfer student must have earned at least half of his/her academic credits at Hamilton High School to qualify for early graduation.

The School Board, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, may grant the student permission for early graduation.

REPORT CARDS

Four (4) grade reports will be issued to parents/legal guardians during the school year. Report cards are issued to students on the last day of the school week following the end of each quarter. Report cards will not be released to students who have outstanding bills, have not returned equipment, or other similar situations.

Parents/Guardians are encouraged not to wait until report cards to check on your child's progress. Check frequently with your child about how class work is going. Also, please feel free to call to confer with your child's teacher. If a parent wishes to meet with a teacher, the parent should call to set up a convenient time that will not disrupt class work. Parents/Guardians can also obtain report cards on line if they sign up for this service.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADING SCALE

A+	98-100		
A	94-97	C	74-77
A-	90-93	C-	70-73
B+	88-89	D+	68-69
B	84-87	D	64-67
B-	80-83	D-	60-63
C+	78-79	F	0-59

GRADE POINT AVERAGE, CLASS HONORS, HONOR ROLL

Grades for all courses taken will be used to determine a student's Grade Point Average (GPA).

GPA's will be figured using the following scale:

A	4.000
A-	3.666
B+	3.333
B	3.000
B-	2.666
C+	2.333
C	2.000
C-	1.666
D+	1.333
D	1.000
D-	0.666
F	0.000

Honor Roll calculations at Hamilton High School includes grades for all courses taken during a given quarter. Students without any D's or F's who earn a 3.0 GPA for a grading period will qualify for Honor Roll.

(Implementation Sched. Pending BA

(2011-12 SY) High School Credit Point Requirements for High School Grade Level Placement

- **6 credits needed for Sophomore placement. Note: If a student passes all of his/her freshman classes he/she will be considered a sophomore when driver's education is the reason they are a 1/2 credit short. A student must be in good academic standing "during behind the wheel" or they will be removed from the course.**
- **12 credits are needed for Junior placement**
- **18 credits are needed for Senior placement**
- **22.5 credits are needed for Graduation**

(2012-13 SY) High School Credit Point Requirements for High School Grade Level Placement

- **6 credits needed for Sophomore placement. Note: If a student passes all of his/her freshman classes he/she will be considered a sophomore when driver's education is the reason they are a 1/2 credit short. A student must be in good academic standing "during behind the wheel" or they will be removed from the course. A student must be in good academic standing "during behind the wheel" or they will be removed from the course.**
- **12 credits are needed for Junior placement**
- **18 credits are needed for Senior placement**
- **23 credits are needed for Graduation**

(2013-14 SY) High School Credit Point Requirements for High School Grade Level Placement

- **6 credits needed for Sophomore placement.** *Note: If a student passes all of his/her freshman classes he/she will be considered a sophomore when driver's education is the reason they are a 1/2 credit short. A student must be in good academic standing "during behind the wheel" or they will be removed from the course.*
- **12 credits are needed for Junior placement**
- **18 credits are needed for Senior placement**
- **23.5 credits are needed for Graduation**

(2014-15 SY) High School Credit Point Requirements for High School Grade Level Placement

- **6 credits needed for Sophomore placement.** *Note: If a student passes all of his/her freshman classes he/she will be considered a sophomore when driver's education is the reason they are a 1/2 credit short. A student must be in good academic standing "during behind the wheel" or they will be removed from the course.*
- **12 credits are needed for Junior placement**
- **18 credits are needed for Senior placement**
- **24 credits are needed for Graduation**

Note: student locker placement will be determined by their grade level placement, it will remain as such the entire school year. Class activities will be done with class credit totals until enough credits are earned to be in the designated class activity.

Parent Portal – Web Based Student Management System

Hamilton has put into place this student information software that will allow parents and students to login to our system to view many of their records, class assignments, grades, attendance, lunch balances and much more. In order to get the full benefits of this system we need a good e-mail address from one or both parent(s) / guardians at student registration. Students with failing grades will have an e-mail notification sent to your e-mail account once every day.

You will need to download and install Mozilla firefox. It is a free download and is a web browser much like Internet explorer. Once you have downloaded it simply double click on the download and accept all the defaults and / or next, next, next. You can then click on the "[Lumen Login](#)" on the Hamilton website (www.hhs328.com) and it will take you directly to the login screen. BOOK MARK IT. Your Location is #3 for the elementary and #4 for Jr.Sr.high students Enter your user name and password. These were mailed out but if you did not receive yours call or email the IT person and request your "user id" and "password." 217 - 847 - 3315 ext 351.

Important Step: The First time you login you will receive a message from Firefox that you are trying to access a secure site. You will want to "accept" or "add an exception." "Click I understand the risk". Get the certificate; confirm it and it will take you to the login screen. You will only have to do this step the first time you go to the site. The first time you log into Lumens you will click on the parent lumen access icon and then you will need to accept the terms of use and you are good to go. Click on your students name and view his or her records. Once you have logged in you can add all of you children to one login. You will see an option to add.

If you are having problems please contact Mr. Coultas, our technology coordinator for further assistance at: 217-847-3315 ext. 351 or email me [here](#).

VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN

For all classes, the class valedictorian(s) will be the student(s) with highest ranked GPA. The class salutatorian(s) will be the student(s) with the second highest ranked GPA.

A student must have earned at least ten credits through courses offered at Hamilton High School to be eligible to be a class valedictorian or salutatorian.

HONORS NIGHT

The Hamilton High School Awards Night is a time to recognize those high school students who have made superior achievements in scholarship and may vary somewhat from year-to-year.

REGISTRATION

Registration for classes for the following school year will be done in either January or February of this year. Tentative class schedules will be determined sometime during the month of May.

SCHEDULE CHANGES

Students wishing to make schedule changes must do so before or during the first (2) two weeks of classes each semester. Requests at any other time during a semester will be denied.

HIGH SCHOOL SEMESTER EXAMS AND GRADES

Each teacher is to give a test on the scheduled semester exam day(s). A formal semester exam is required. The format and content are left to the discretion of the teacher.

Semester tests count 20% per semester or 10% / 10% per quarter of the semester.

A student's semester grade will include the two quarter grades, which are to be given equal weight by percentage.

Each teacher should inform students at the beginning of each semester in each class the exact format and weighting of the grade to be used.

EXPLANATION OF GRADES

ACADEMICS Policies and requirements, JR. HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

JUNIOR HIGH GRADING SCALE

The Grading Scale for the Hamilton Junior High School is:

A	95-100	C	72-81
A-	93-94	C-	70-71
B+	91-92	D+	68-69
B	86-90	D	62-67
B-	84-85	D-	60-61
C+	82-83	F	0-59

ALGEBRA I

At the end of the seventh grade year, the mathematics faculty and school administration will recommend that certain students be placed in eighth grade Algebra I the following school year. This recommendation is made on observations of student performance in seventh grade mathematics and the student's mathematics teacher's estimation of the student's success in Algebra I.

Students who are placed in Algebra I are expected to maintain a "B-" average during the first semester. Students who do not maintain the required average will be placed in the regular eighth grade math class for the second semester.

If a student who is placed in Algebra I finds that he/she is unable to adequately complete the work earlier in the semester, the student's parents may request a meeting with the principal and the Algebra I teacher to discuss the situation.

Students completing Algebra I successfully at the eighth grade level may earn one high school credit toward graduation, but must still earn three credits in Math during their high school years. Students who complete Algebra I successfully for high school credit prior to the freshman year may not repeat the course during the high school years.

REPORT CARDS

Four (4) grade reports will be issued to parents/legal guardians during the school year. Report cards are issued to students on the last day of the school week following the end of each quarter. Report cards will not be released to students who have outstanding bills, have not returned equipment, or other similar situations.

Parents/Guardians are encouraged not to wait until report cards to check on your child's progress. Check frequently with your child about how class work is going. Also, please feel free to call to confer with your child's teacher. If a parent wishes to meet with a teacher, the parent should call to set up a convenient time that will not disrupt class work. Parents/Guardians can also obtain report cards on line if they sign up for this service.

JR. HIGH HONOR ROLL

GPA for the purpose of honor roll will be figured using the following scale:

A	4.000	C	2.000
A-	3.666	C-	1.666
B+	3.333	D+	1.333

B	3.000	D	1.000
B-	2.666	D-	0.666
C+	2.333	F	0.000

Honor Roll at Hamilton Junior High School includes all academic class work. Physical Education, Music, and Band are included in the student's GPA. Students without any D's or F's that earn a 3.0 GPA for a grading period will qualify for Honor Roll.

Grades for all courses taken will be used to determine a student's Grade Point Average (GPA).

HONORS

The Hamilton Junior High School awards are given during the school day to recognize those students who have made superior achievements in scholarship, athletics, and involved themselves in school organizations. This is normally done on the last full day of school each year. Family members are welcome to attend.

HAMILTON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL PROMOTION POLICY - House Bill 452

School Code: 105ILCS 5/10-20.9a and b - **Final Grade; Promotion.** (A) Teachers shall administer the approved marking system or other approved means of evaluating pupil progress. The teacher shall maintain the responsibility and right to determine grades and other evaluations of students within the grading policies of the district upon his or her professional judgment of available criteria pertinent to any given subject area or activity for which a grade may be changed; provided that no grade or evaluation shall be changed without notification to the teacher concerning the nature and reasons for such change. If such change is made, the person making the change shall assume such responsibility for determining the grade or evaluation, and shall initial such change. (B) School districts shall not promote students to the next higher grade level based upon age or any other social reasons not related to the academic performance of the students. On or before September 1, 1998, school boards shall adopt and enforce a policy on promotion as they deem necessary to ensure that students meet local goals and objectives and can perform at the expected grade level prior to promotion. Decisions to promote or retain students in any classes shall be based on successful completion of the curriculum, attendance, performance based on Illinois Goals and Assessment Program tests, the Iowa Basic Skills, or other testing or any other criteria established by the school board. Students determined by the local district to not qualify for promotion to the next higher grade shall be provided remedial assistance, which may include, but shall not be limited to, a summer bridge program of no less than 90 hours, tutorial sessions, increased or concentrated instructional time, modifications to instructional materials, and retention in grade.

In accordance with recently passed legislation (House Bill 452), the Hamilton Junior High School has adopted the following promotion policy.

1. A student will carry five academic subjects each semester. These subjects are language arts, reading, science, social studies, and math. A student will earn one-half (1/2) credit for each semester he/she passes an academic class.
2. A student may earn an additional one-half (1/2) credit for each semester successfully completed in band, health, and physical education.
3. A student must receive five and one half (5½) credits each school year to be promoted to the next grade level. A student must earn four of his/her five and one-half credits in those courses designated as academic classes for the school year.
4. In some cases the student's scores on standardized or local assessments, as well as the student's age readiness may become a factor to promote the student to the next grade level.

A number of safeguards are to be available to see those struggling students have success academically. Students and parents share a responsibility in this area. The Hamilton School District provides:

- A. Progress reports (weekly, midterm, quarter); online
- B. Principal's watch list (students failing two or more classes) and parent notification;
- C. After school study or help sessions with the teacher upon request by parent or student;
- D. Assignment books signed by teacher and parents;
- E. Conferences (student/teacher, parent/teacher, student/principal); KIT / RTI Team Referral
- F. Tutoring upon request and at *parent expense*; and
- G. Summer school and must be in a subject area failed and approved through the Guidance Counselor at the parent's/guardian's expense; these courses must be completed prior to the 1st start date of school or pending changes will not go into effect until the end of the current school semester.
- H. Special Education placement if a student qualifies.

The school will notify the parent of any student who does not or may not meet the criteria for promotion as soon as

possible by letter. At the end of the second semester, the teachers and principal will meet to discuss the promotion status of any student who does not meet the criteria. Retention or promotion will ultimately be at the discretion of the administration.

HONOR ROLL – GRADES THIRD (3RD) THROUGH SIXTH (6TH)

Honor roll at the elementary includes all academic subjects plus physical education, art, music and band. High honors is awarded for all A's and honors is awarded for all A's & B's, no C's.

ATTENDANCE

GENERAL ATTENDANCE POLICIES

It is the responsibility of parents to see that their students are in school. A student is expected to attend school unless he/she is ill, his/her absence is required for "valid cause", or the absence is deemed by the principal to be absolutely necessary. The school is trying to teach the student responsibility and dependability, and in order to accomplish this goal, the school must know the specific reason a student is absent - NOT "needed at home" or "personal". A student must observe the following rules:

VALID ABSENCES

A student may be absent from school with valid cause **eight (8) times during one (1) School year**. Valid cause, as defined by state law 105 ILCS 26-2a includes illness, observance of a religious holiday, death in the immediate family, family emergency, and other situations *beyond the control* of the student. When a student has accumulated a total of eight (8) absences during a year, no further absences will be excused except for hospitalization of the student, a death in the immediate family, or those required by law or state agencies.

The administration realizes it is difficult to schedule medical and dental appointments, but we request that parents try to make the appointments so their child misses as little school time as possible.

A student who reports to the Junior High School or High School after 8:15 A.M. and a student who reports to the Elementary School after 8:20 A.M. will be considered absent for the time missed. All rules for valid and invalid absences will apply.

Students arriving on campus after 8:15 A.M. or leaving prior to the end of the school day are to report to the office for check-in/check-out purposes.

INVALID ABSENCES/SKIPPING SCHOOL

Absences for invalid reasons and for times missed beyond eight (8) times in one school year, as noted above, will be marked as unexcused. These absences may also constitute skipping school.

A student who is considered unexcused for any part of the day will receive zeros for all work due or done in class during the time period missed.

A student who skips a school day or a class period will be marked as unexcused and will receive 1 day of in-school suspension as a minimum.

A student who skips a WACS class will be assigned a full day of in-school suspension.

Multiple incidents of skipping school may result in longer placement of in-school suspension, out-of-school suspension, consideration for placement in alternative programs, or, in extreme cases, consideration for expulsion.

A student who skips during the lunch hour will be placed on restricted lunch time ISS for a minimum of five (5) school days.

Notifications and Documentation

If a student is absent from school for any reason, the student's parents should call the school before 10:00 A.M. If the office does not receive confirmation of the absence by phone, the office will call the student's parents to confirm the absence. **The student needs to bring a written explanation upon his/her return. If the explanation is not turned in to the office by 9:00 A.M. of the second morning, the absence will be unexcused.**

In the case of a doctor's appointment or visit, a signed doctor's slip or note must be returned to the office for the absence to be excused.

The office will send a letter to parents after a student's fifth and eighth excused absences. The office will make contact with parents in regard to each unexcused absence.

Pre-arranged Absences, Junior High and Sr. High

Pre-arranged absences are to be turned in by the sponsor, who will then give them to the office. A student may be granted pre-arranged absences that exceed the limits noted in the "valid absence" section above; however, pre-arranged absences will count toward the total of excused absences for the year. **In addition, a student arranging a pre-arranged absence of more than one day should advise the Principal's Office 2 days in advance.**

For all pre-arranged absences, the student must make arrangements for make-up work with his/her teachers BEFORE HE/SHE LEAVES. Any work assigned MUST BE COMPLETED AS ARRANGED OR THE TEACHER WILL BE JUSTIFIED IN GIVING NO CREDIT. **A pre-arranged absence form is required for all pre-arranged absences of one half day or more (1 or more periods).**

Once the Pre-arranged is approved; Students will be given two (2) days for every day they are absent to make up their work upon return to school, but it is the students responsibility to get their make-up work from their instructor(s).

Approved field trips and early dismissals for extra-curricular events are not counted as days of absence from school, but students are responsible for school work as if on a pre-arranged absence.

Truancy

A student who is absent from any part of a school day without valid cause or who has exceeded the allowable times absent may be considered truant and may be considered as unexcused for the time missed. Please note the restrictions and penalties in the "invalid absences/skipping school" section above for more information.

In addition, a student of age sixteen or younger who reaches five (5) days of truancy over the course of any 180 consecutive regular school attendance days will be reported to the truancy officer. As a preventative measure, the student may be required to meet with the truancy officer prior to reaching the fifth day of truancy.

Tardiness

After 3 first hour tardies, the office will issue a 45 minute detention. All other class period detentions are issued by the teacher. Each teacher will have his/her own classroom rules regarding tardiness to class. When a teacher issues a detention for tardiness to class, that detention will be treated as any other disciplinary detention.

A student who arrives at school after 8:05 am but no later than 8:15 am will be considered tardy to the student's first hour class. After 8:15 am a student is considered absent for the first hour class. All first hour tardies must have a pass from the office before reporting to class. If a pattern of tardies to school is established, a student will be referred to the truant officer once they are over the allowed absenteeism policy terms.

Absences and extra-curricular events

If a student is ill and absent for any part of the day, he/she may not return to be a spectator or participant at any extracurricular events that same day. Absences from school for funerals and scheduled doctor's appointments do not keep a student from participating in extracurricular events.

Closed campus

A student **MAY NOT LEAVE** the building during the school day unless parent contact is completed and school officials grant permission. All students who leave during the day must sign out in the office. Failure to follow this procedure **WILL** result in disciplinary action.

Student responsibilities and grades during/after absences

It is the student's responsibility to get assignments and complete make-up work for excused absences within time limits (2 days allotted for each day missed) or the student will receive a "zero".

- Example 1: If a student misses school on Monday, then Alice returns to school on Tuesday;
- A. He/She will talk directly to her teachers to get assignments she missed on Monday.
 - B. He/She takes down assignments given during class on Tuesday that are due on Wednesday.
 - C. The student is responsible to get both Monday and Tuesday assignments in on Wednesday.

- Example 2: If a student misses Monday and Tuesday and she returns Wednesday, then;
- A. He/She picks up missed assignments for Monday and Tuesday.
 - B. His/Her Wednesday assignments are due on Thursday.
 - C. His/Her Monday and Tuesday assignments are due on or before Monday.

- Example 3: If a student misses school on Monday, returns Tuesday for one or two class periods before leaving school again, then returns on Wednesday, then;
- A. He/She picks up missed assignments for Monday and Tuesday.
 - B. His/Her Wednesday assignments are due on Thursday.

C. His/Her Monday and Tuesday assignments are due on or before Monday.

If a student's absence from school is unexcused, any work that should have been completed or turned in on those days will be recorded as a "zero."

DEFINITIONS RELATED TO ABSENCES

The following definitions are from Illinois law 105 ILCS 5/26-2a. Italic portions are added.

1. Truant-A truant is a child subject to compulsory attendance (*age sixteen or younger*) and who is absent without valid cause from such attendance for a school day or portion thereof
2. Valid cause for absence-Valid causes for absences is: illness, *doctor's appointments*, and observance of a religious holiday, death in the immediate family, family emergency, and other situations beyond the control of the student.
3. Invalid cause for absence – Invalid causes for absences include shopping, babysitting, over-sleeping, hair appointment, missing the bus, transportation problems, non-family vacations, tanning, etc.
4. Chronic or habitual truant – A chronic or habitual truant is a child subject to compulsory school attendance and who is absent without valid cause from such attendance for 10% or more of the previous 180 regular attendance days.

The following definitions are for the purpose of the smooth operation of Hamilton High School.

Tardy to school – Tardy to school is arriving up to 10 minutes late to school.

1. Absent – A student is absent from school when he/she misses more than one period of a school day, other than tardy to school.
2. Emergency – An emergency is a serious situation or occurrence that happens unexpectedly and demands immediate action. Examples include the following: the death of a family member, sudden family crisis, and medical concerns requiring immediate medical attention.
3. Pre-arranged absence – An absence of which a student is aware at least two days in advance. This includes school-related events such as field trips. (NOTE: All students are responsible for turning in school work on time, no matter if athletic or school related functions.)
4. Skipping school – Intentionally absent from school or a class when there is no valid cause or any other reason deemed absolutely necessary by the principal.
5. Restricted lunch – A student placed on restricted lunch will eat lunch and spend the period in the ISS room in the HS office.

STUDENT DRESS & PERSONAL ITEMS

STUDENT DRESS

The dress and grooming of students in the Hamilton Community Consolidated School District No.328 shall be the responsibility of parents and students. A student is expected to be clean, neat, and decently dressed. Human beings tend to act as they dress, and appearance is a major factor by which the public judges a school and student body. A student who does not conform to the student dress policy will be required to correct the violation. Refusal to comply may result in disciplinary action. Students who must be reminded multiple times will be subject to disciplinary action. . Students will call their parents from the office and either a change of clothes will be brought to them or students will be sent home.

1. No student shall wear clothing or practice grooming which is: a) unsafe, b) unsanitary, c) distracting to others, or d) destructive to property.
2. A student is required to wear footwear and shirts. Elementary students are not to wear shoes with higher heels to school.
3. No hats, caps, bandannas, "dew" rags, etc. should be worn in the school building.
4. Shorts or skirts must be mid-thigh in length, even with tights or leggings. No pajama bottoms or tops are to be worn at school. No undergarments should be visible whether a student is standing or sitting. If necessary, belts or other devices must be worn to hold pants in place. No jeans or clothing may be worn with torn areas or holes above the knee.



5. Tops must cover the entire torso whether singly or in combination. No midriff area may be visible. Sleeveless shirts must have a strap of at least one-inch width on each shoulder, and must not droop significantly in the underarm area. T-shirts that have had the sleeves torn away must not expose any more of the torso than the arm pit area where the sleeve was initially attached. No loose mesh or see-through tops may be worn unless over or under a top that complies with these provisions of the dress code. Tops with low plunging necklines are not acceptable.
6. For safety reasons, clothing accessories such as chains and spiked necklaces may not be worn.
7. A student may not wear a coat in class unless given direct permission by a teacher or administrator.
8. Articles of clothing (including belt buckles) that directly advertise or reasonably suggest narcotics, alcohol, profanity, or sex and sexual references/innuendos may not be worn.
9. There will be NO Flip-Flops or Sandals worn in PE classes. A student should wear or bring appropriate PE shoes.
10. Students should not bring any of the following to school: a) water guns b) bean shooters c) tobacco products d) pocket knives e) lighters or matches f) glass bottle products g) portable radio cassette or disc players h) electronic devices.
11. Other information will be added, as needed, throughout the year.

PERSONAL ITEMS

Students shall not bring any of the following to school: a) water guns, b) bean shooters, c) tobacco products, d) pocket knives, e) lighters or matches, f) glass bottle products, g) hazardous materials; or h) etc. These items will be confiscated and may result in disciplinary action.

Personal electronic devices such as CD or MP3 players, cell phones, cameras, electronic games, or similar items may be used before or after school, but must be turned off and locked in assigned lockers during the school day. Such items will be confiscated if used or found during the school day unless direct permission is given by the teacher to possess/use the device. Disciplinary action may apply.

Once a device is turned into the office a 2nd time, the parents must pick up the device and the student will be assigned 1 day of ISS.

Note: cell phones are to be placed in their lockers from 8:05 a.m. until 3:05 p.m. and turned off. If students need to call home they are to use the office phone for parent contacts

Once a device is turned into the office a **second** time (2ND) the parents must come and pick up the device.

STUDENT DISCIPLINE:

DISCIPLINE PHILOSOPHY

The Hamilton Community Consolidated School District No.328 believes in a discipline policy that promotes a safe, orderly environment that in turn enhances learning and fosters self-discipline and mutual respect. Video cameras may be used in the school facilities and on the school buses for monitoring purposes. This policy shall be applied in a fair and consistent manner that is motivated by genuine concern and compassion for all students, staff, parents, and our community.

It shall be the duty of the principal and teachers to enforce such rules for school and class control as the school administration may establish. Control of pupil conduct should be such that procedures used will assist in advancing the purposes of education as approved by the Board and will be consistent with policies of the Board and with applicable state laws and State Board of Education directives.

Students are attending school primarily for the purpose of obtaining the best education possible. Students must recognize that teachers and other adult employees are in charge. **ANY LACK OF RESPECT ON THE PART OF THE STUDENTS TOWARD TEACHERS OR OTHER ADULTS** will result in the administration of appropriate disciplinary measures. When addressing or referring to a teacher or other adult, students shall use a title of respect (Mr., Mrs., Miss, Ms., Dr.).

The following statements shall be included in each Special Education student's IEP: Special Education students will be governed by all the rules and policies covered in the student handbook and discipline policy and administered discipline as appropriate to all students.

GENERAL

1. Students committing acts of gross disobedience or misconduct may be placed on probation, detained during non-school hours, suspended in-school or out-of-school, suspended from riding the bus, expelled from school, expelled from riding the bus, or otherwise disciplined.
2. A student will not be permitted to make up schoolwork and examinations missed as a result of an out-of-school suspension.
3. Authorized personnel may place on probation, detain after school, suspend in-school or out-of-school, or otherwise discipline a student. Only the Superintendent and Principal are authorized to place on probation or suspend a student from school or riding the school bus. Only the Board of Education can expel a student.
4. A teacher may remove a disruptive student from his/her classroom who acts in a manner that is detrimental to the academic atmosphere of the classroom environment. The Principal, following a conference with the classroom teacher, shall determine the length of time for which the student will be removed from the class or school.
5. Multiple detentions will result in suspension, as noted in the Detention section of the disciplinary code.

SPECIFIC DISOBEDIENCE OR MISCONDUCT

The Board policy prohibits violent or severe misconduct that includes any behavior that is of such flagrant nature as to constitute, on its face, gross disobedience or misconduct. Prohibited behavior shall include, but not limited to, the following types of conduct:

1. Theft
2. Cheating
3. Fighting (10 Day ISS/OSS minimum)
4. Immoral conduct
5. Disruptive behavior
6. Improper use of motor vehicle
7. Continual petty offenses
8. Skipping an assigned detention (time is doubled for each infraction)
9. Use of vile or profane language or gestures-also verbal abuse (3 days ISS automatic)
10. Truancy which is not chronic or habitual as defined in the School Code
11. Intimidation, verbal or written threat, or attempt to intimidate school personnel or students
12. Possession or use of a dangerous weapon or a reasonable facsimile of a weapon
13. Disrespect (arguing, talking back, being a “smart aleck”, etc.)
14. Insubordination (failure to comply with directives) towards any member of the faculty or staff
15. Fire bomb, firecrackers, making a bomb threat, setting off a fire alarm, tampering with fire extinguishers, etc.
16. Willful, intentional attempt to damage or cause destruction to school property or property of school personnel or students
17. Any other misconduct detrimental to the school environment or acts which directly or indirectly jeopardize the health, safety, and welfare of school personnel or students
18. Possession/use/or delivery of tobacco (chewing or smoking), snuff, or alcohol
19. Possession/use/or delivery of an illegal or controlled substance on school property or at school activities. This also includes any related paraphernalia and/or look-a-likes, including any item or substance which is represented by a student to be, or is believed by a student to be any of the foregoing regardless of the true nature or appearance of the substance.
20. Hazing and/or initiation
21. Bullying
22. Cell Phone disciplinary offenses: 1st Offense 1 day ISS , each offense thereafter is additional ISS time. The 2nd offense will require parents to come and pick up the device.

DRUG POLICY

Any student in violation of #19 under the Specific Disobedience and Misconduct section above may be considered to have violated the Drug Use Board Policy.

VIOLATION of the Drug Use Board Policy will result in the following acts of disciplinary procedures:

1. The student shall be referred to the Principal.
2. The parent(s)/guardian(s) shall be referred to the Principal.
3. The Superintendent shall be notified.

4. The Police shall be notified.
5. If the parent(s)/guardian(s) cannot be located, and if the student is in a clear and present danger to him/herself or others, the family physician shall be called; and if the physician is not available, the student shall be taken to the hospital.
6. The student shall be recommended for counseling at his/her expense.
7. The student will be suspended from school by the Principal. The principal may also refer the student to the Board of Education for expulsion proceedings.

The student may be expelled from school by the Board of Education.

SUSPENSION POLICIES

1. The Principal will decide when a Suspension shall start and end. The Principal will decide whether a suspension shall be in or out-of-school.
2. The Principal will attempt to reach a student's parent by phone when a suspension is to be issued. The Principal will also send a letter to the parents.
3. The Principal may request the parent(s)/guardian(s) to appear for a conference.
4. Students may not participate in or be in attendance at any extracurricular activities on a day of suspension.
5. If the suspension is an in-school suspension, the student will be required to: eat his/her lunch in a designated place and may only be on the school premises from 8:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.;
6. If the suspension is an out-of-school suspension, then the student:
 - a. May not appear on the school premises at any time during the suspension period without the Principal's permission; and
 - b. Will receive a grade of "zero" for all graded materials missed during the time of suspension.
7. Failure to abide by the rules of an in-school suspension will cause the student to be suspended out-of-school for the remainder of the suspension, with an additional day added to the suspension.

DUE PROCESS

The Board of Education and Administration intend to protect student's rights. The policy below pertains to discipline matters that involve suspension; students do not have the right to a review by the Superintendent or Board for lesser disciplinary measures such as 1) detention, 2) noon supervision, 3) writing assignments, 4) probation, 5) class suspension or other disciplinary measures which might be imposed for minor discipline problems.

1. A student has a right to hear the charges/evidence.
2. The student may deny the charges and give his/her story.
3. A student has the right to be informed of the decision.
4. A student and parents have the right to a hearing with:
First – Principal, Second – Superintendent, Third - Board of Education

DETENTIONS/SUPENSION explanations

Students who accumulate disciplinary detentions during a semester may be subject to further discipline. The steps to be taken are:

- STEP 1 - 15 Minute detention to be served with the classroom teacher
 STEP 2 - 30 minute detention to be served with the classroom teacher
 STEP 3 - 45 minute detentions– no additional disciplinary steps
 STEP 4 - all other detentions – ½ -day suspension – may request parent/ teacher meeting
 STEP 5 - Office Referral– 1-day suspension minimum, may be referred to KIT team, may request meeting with parent BEFORE BEING READMITTED TO CLASS
 STEP 6 - Office Referral – 2-day suspension minimum, may request meeting with parent BEFORE BEING READMITTED TO CLASS.

*Further accumulated detentions will result in continued disciplinary action. Discipline is progressive; therefore each infraction will result in more stringent discipline.

*Students who accumulate numerous detentions may also be referred for a behavioral domain meeting, which may result in a change in the student's educational placement.

Detentions are to be served after school only, unless otherwise arranged with the teacher or office. It is the responsibility of the student to arrange transportation. Work or other appointments are not acceptable excuses for missing an assigned detention. Students "forgetting" or otherwise failing to serve detentions on the designated day(s) will have the time to be served doubled, with a second failure to serve a detention resulting in an assignment to in-school suspension. Students in detention are expected to bring materials on which to work or read. Students who are disruptive or fail to comply with detention rules (see appendix) will forfeit having served that day. Copies of all detentions/suspensions will be sent home.

DISCIPLINE AREAS

A high school student may be subject to discipline from FIVE (5) different areas depending on the seriousness of the offense and the student's involvement in school activities:

1. **SCHOOL POLICIES**
2. **ATHLETIC AND EXTRACURRICULAR POLICY:** Athletes and members of extracurricular organizations who violate the policies set up by the coaching staff and the sponsors may be placed on probation or suspended from the team or organization.
3. **NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY:** Students who are selected for membership in this organization are expected to maintain the standards on which they were inducted or they may be removed.
4. **LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT:** If students commit serious offenses such as use of alcohol or drugs, theft, etc., the local law enforcement may be called in and a criminal complaint may be filed against the student.
5. **HOME DISCIPLINE:** The Principal may request that parents/guardians take appropriate discipline measures at home to support the school's effort.

Parents and students should be aware that a student may be subject to discipline from any or all of the five areas described above. School penalties will take precedence over athletic penalties. A student suspended from school or placed on school probation will not be allowed to practice or participate in athletics. In other words, an athlete is a student first, and if his/her behavior creates a discipline problem, then the punishment may affect whether that student is allowed to participate in sports even if the behavior is not a violation of the athletic policy.

CORPORAL: A teacher may use reasonable force as needed to maintain safety for the other students, school personnel or other persons, or for the purpose of self defense or the defense of property and may remove a student from the classroom for disruptive behavior and shall include provisions which provide due process.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY: PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES

Academic integrity is of the highest priority at Hamilton High School. Students are expected to abide by the highest academic ethics.

As noted in the discipline section of this handbook, cheating may be considered as severe misconduct. Cheating may include, but is not restricted to, the following: 1) copying another student's homework as a student's own work; 2) use of another person's work in term papers or other documents without giving credit to the author; 3) using cheat sheets or any device that contains, provides, or otherwise allows communication of answers to tests or quizzes; and 4) trying to read answers from another student's test or quiz.

A student who is found to have violated academic ethics will, at minimum, receive a zero for the work in question. In severe or repeated cases, further disciplinary action may follow, including detention, suspension from school, and removal from the course in which the violation(s) occurred.

ACCEPTABLE USE AGREEMENT

Hamilton District #328 has adopted an Acceptable Use Agreement in regard to student use of computers and the Internet. Students must sign this agreement prior to using the school's computers or Internet connection. Failure to abide by the terms of the agreement will result in the loss of the privilege of using the school's computers or Internet connection for a period of time to be determined by the principal.

ACCIDENTS AND INCIDENTS

Due to the potential liability of Hamilton Consolidated School District #328 and because of the requirements of the insurance carrier for the district, all accidents and incidents must be reported to the appropriate school personnel or to the office. Failure to report an accident or incident could affect insurance coverage and may result in disciplinary sanctions.

AGENCY AND POLICE INTERROGATION

Hamilton High School cooperates with agencies and law enforcement officials within the boundaries of the Student Records Act (SRA) and Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). Law enforcement officials may request an interview with a student. Hamilton High School will make every effort to locate the student's parent prior to such an interview; however, in the case that the parent cannot be located, the principal will sit in place of the parent.

AIDS AND SEX EDUCATION

In accordance with the School Code of Illinois, Section 698.21 titled "Sex Education Act," Hamilton Community Consolidated School District No.328 provides instruction in sex education. The instructional process takes into account the maturity level of the student; nevertheless, Article 27, Section 27-9.1 of the Illinois School Code states that no pupil shall be required to take or participate in any class of course in comprehensive sex education if his/her parent/guardian

files written objection thereto on constitutional grounds, and refusal to take or participate in such instruction on such grounds shall not be reason for suspension or expulsion of such pupil. Nothing in the Act shall prohibit instruction in sanitation and hygiene or traditional courses in biology.

ASSEMBLIES

The school district may offer students the opportunity to attend assemblies at various times during the school year. Assemblies may be on a variety of topics, some of which may include material that is disturbing or controversial to some students. The school district will do its best to inform parents and students when an assembly might reasonably be considered either disturbing or controversial. In these cases, an alternative study area will be provided for those students who do not wish to attend the assembly.

BIRTH CERTIFICATE

In compliance with Illinois Law (Charities and Public Welfare Statute) a student enrolling in District No.328 for the first time must furnish the school with a certified copy of his/her birth certificate. Copies may be obtained from the County Courthouse of the county in which the birth occurred. HOSPITAL CERTIFICATES ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE.

CARE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY

Students are responsible for the proper care of all books, supplies, and furniture supplied by the school. Anyone damaging property or abusing equipment, whether by accident or on purpose, will be required to pay for the damage or replace the item in addition to any other disciplinary sanctions that may be imposed.

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

School personnel are required by law to immediately report or cause a report to be made to the Department of Children and Family Services when child abuse or neglect is suspected.

Please inform the Principal in writing if you have an Order of Protection.

CLOSED CAMPUS

Hamilton High School is a closed campus. Once students have arrived on campus, they may not leave campus until the end of the scheduled school day without the permission of a designated school official. **Students may not have food delivered to school unless approved by the office. Prior administrative permission is needed for any outside food.**

VISITORS & SAFETY

For the safety of our students, only those visitors who have legitimate school business are allowed on campus during the school day, and **all visitors and guests must register in the office immediately upon entering campus.** Parents are welcome to visit the school as is appropriate, but are required to register in the office.

Students are not permitted to have visitors or bring younger children or babies on campus during the school day, including lunch hours, except as arranged as part of the instructional process, and cleared at least one day in advance by the school principal.

COLLEGE VISITATION

Hamilton High School will allow excused absences for college visitation under the following procedures:

- 1) An appointment must be made in advance by the student or guidance counselor;
- 2) College days are limited to two times during the senior year and one during the junior year. Exceptions may be made on recommendation of the guidance counselor and approval of the principal;
- 3) A student must be passing all classes and have a good attendance record;
- 4) A pre-arranged absence form must be completed by the student and returned to the office before the visit; and
- 5) Visits must be made before May 1.

COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE

Legal definition

Students in the state of Illinois are required to attend school until age seventeen (17). Specific rules defining such required attendance are stated in the Attendance section of this handbook, as are the penalties for failure to comply.

Driver's license

Illinois law states that any student subject to compulsory attendance who drops out of school will, upon report by school personnel to the state of Illinois, lose his/her license until age 18.

DANCES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES: HIGH SCHOOL

Throughout the course of the school year, the school may sponsor dances or other activities. These include Homecoming and Prom. Any school dances and other activities must be approved in advance by the school administration. Unless otherwise approved, dances will start at 8:00 pm and finish at 11:00 pm.

Any high school student wishing to bring to a high school dance a date who does not attend Hamilton High School must notify the school of such intentions when the school requests. Junior high students are not allowed to attend high school dances as participants.

Hamilton High School reserves the right to use a Breathalyzer or to call the police to test attendees at a dance who are suspected of drinking alcoholic beverages or using other restricted substances. Any attendees failing or refusing such a test will be asked to leave the dance. Further consequences may also ensue.

1. All school rules, except as noted in other handbook provisions, are in effect at dances and other school activities.
2. Only **High school students** may attend (9th -12th grade). No Jr. High School students are allowed.
3. Students may not bring dates over the age of 20 to any dance.

DANCES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES: JR. HIGH SCHOOL

Throughout the course of the school year, dances or other activities may be sponsored by the school. Any school dances and other activities must be approved in advance by the school administration. Unless otherwise approved, dances will start at 8:00 pm and finish at 11:00 pm.

Only **Hamilton Junior High School** students may attend these dances or other activities (7th &8th Grade). No high school students are allowed.

Hamilton Junior High School reserves the right to use a Breathalyzer or to call the police to test attendees at a dance who are suspected of drinking alcoholic beverages. Any attendees failing or refusing such a test will be asked to leave the dance. Further consequences may also ensue.

All school rules are in effect at dances and other school activities.

EMERGENCY AND DISASTER DRILLS AND PROCEDURES-JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL

Hamilton High School will occasionally run building evacuation, severe weather, and other disaster drills so that students and staff members may become familiar with the procedures in the case that a real emergency should occur. Students should be aware of the following during a drill or actual emergency:

Building evacuation – A building evacuation drill or emergency will be indicated by the fire alarm system. The system emits a continuous sound, and small strobe lights are activated in the hallway. Everyone is to exit the building as per the instructions given to staff members during a building evacuation drill or emergency – NO EXCEPTIONS!

Severe weather – A severe weather drill or emergency will be indicated by an intermittent ringing of the bell system. All students should proceed to the designated safe areas in the building during a severe weather drill or emergency!

Disaster drill or emergency – Other disaster drills or emergencies may arise throughout the course of the school year. During such a drill or emergency, instructions will be given over the intercom system. In the case that electrical power is not available; instructions will be spread by word of mouth as quickly as possible.

Lockdowns – In rare circumstances, the school may go into lockdown for the ultimate safety of the students and staff members. During lockdown, students may not leave the classroom to which they are assigned until instructed to do so by the school administration or until the lockdown has been removed from effect.

EMERGENCY AND DISASTER DRILLS AND PROCEDURES-ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

All teachers will instruct students on procedures to follow in case of fire or disaster drills.

Fire drills will be announced by means of one prolonged blast on the automatic system. Disaster drills will be announced by intermittent rings of the bell system.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

The Hamilton Community Consolidated School District No.328 assures equal educational opportunities without regard to race, sex, color, national origin, religion, age, or handicap.

HOMELESS EDUCATION ASSISTANCE ACT OF 2001

Homeless Education Assistance Act of 2001

The McKinney-Vento Act is designed to address the problems that homeless children and youth have faced while enrolling, attending, and succeeding in school. Under this program, schools must ensure that each homeless child has equal access to the same free, appropriate public education, including a public preschool education as other children. The homeless liaison may be contacted through the school office.

ILLINOIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

There are two (2) existing athletic by-laws enforced by our Hamilton School Board. As stated in the Hamilton School District No.328 Board Policy, Section 6.190 - Extracurricular Eligibility:

Students must pass all subjects including band and chorus in order to participate in athletics, pom poms, cheerleading, and organizations. This policy is on a weekly basis with teachers turning in the name of any student failing each Friday. Any student failing would be declared ineligible for the following week starting on Monday.

The Illinois Elementary School Association, of which we are members, states in Section 3.020 - 3.0223 that:

A student shall be doing passing work in all school subjects as determined by the local school district, and the school shall certify compliance with this By-Law. Use of a player, contestant or participant shall be deemed such certification. Passing work shall be checked weekly to govern eligibility for the following Monday through Saturday. The eligibility check shall be the same day each week except when school is not in session, then it must be taken on the last day of student attendance that week. Grades shall be accumulated for the school=s grading period.

The Hamilton Junior High School offers some athletic/extracurricular activities for elementary students which include speech, scholastic bowl, and track. Generally, it is a practice of coaches to have four (4) days of drills prior to the beginning of the season. Then of the fifth day, the coaches hold tryouts. The size of our teams is generally fifteen (15). The cheerleading squad ranges from six (6) to eight (8).

Be aware that these rules and regulations will be enforced.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES - IHSA

Hamilton High School offers students a variety of extra-curricular activities. Students should remember that it is a privilege to represent the school in these activities; therefore, it is important to represent the school well through exemplary behavior and good sportsmanship. Peers often look to those involved in extra-curricular activities to set a positive example, and younger students may see them as role models. Failure to follow the school rules, the athletic code, and the prescribed rules in each activity may result in the loss of privilege to participate in further extra-curricular activities.

Fans are also subject to rules of behavior at games and activities. Student non-participants are expected to show good sportsmanship and to follow the rules of the school, even at away games. Failure to follow these expectations may result in not being allowed to attend extra-curricular events.

Parents and other fans are expected to follow rules of good sportsmanship as well.

EXTRACURRICULAR ELIGIBILITY

The Titan/Cardinal Athletic Code defines eligibility for all extracurricular activities offered to Hamilton High School students. This code has been adopted by the Board of Education. No student may be involved in extracurricular activities until the Approval of Athletic Code and Permission to Participate form has been completed and returned to the school. No athlete may participate until the Athletic Emergency Form has been completed and returned to the school.

As noted in the Titan/Cardinal Athletic Code, students must be passing all subjects for the current quarter in order to participate in extracurricular activities. This policy is enforced on a weekly basis with teachers turning in the name of any student failing on the next-to-last day of each school week. A student failing any class will be declared ineligible for the following week starting on Monday.

A student who fails any class for the semester will be ineligible for extracurricular participation the following semester.

Other eligibility rules, as noted in the school athletic code and the IHSA by-laws, will be enforced. Prom dance is not subject to extracurricular grade eligibility rules.

FOOD AND BEVERAGES

Students may not store open food and beverages, including water, in lockers, other than what is required for lunch or specific school activities. Open drinks and food can draw ants and other unwanted pests into the building. Students may not have food or drink in carpeted areas of the building or in computer labs without direct permission of a teacher or an administrator. No outside containers are allowed in the school building.

Students may not have food delivered to school unless approved by the office. Prior administrative permission is needed for any outside food.

HALL PASSES/STUDENT AGENDAS

During the school day, students are not to be in the halls during class periods unless they have their student agenda with them. The hall pass is in the back of the agenda to be filled out by their teacher/sponsor unless accompanied by school personnel. Failure to abide by this requirement may result in disciplinary action.

HARASSMENT

General harassment or sexual harassment will not be tolerated in the Hamilton Schools. Students, teachers, secretaries, aides, cooks, custodians, drivers, or administrators who believe they are being harassed are encouraged to discuss the matter with the Building Principal or other school official/teacher. Appropriate action will occur.

IDENTIFICATION REQUESTS AND VISITOR PASSES

The Board of Education and staff of the School District welcome interested persons to visit the school; however, to help insure the safety of our students, Hamilton High School requires that all visitors to the building report to the school office to sign in. All visitors will be given a temporary pass with name and date clearly displayed. **PLEASE DO NOT GO DIRECTLY TO A CLASSROOM!**

*Under Illinois Law 105 ILCS 5/24-25, school employees may request identification from any person on school grounds or in any school building; refusal to provide such information is a criminal act.

The building principal or designee shall seek the immediate removal of any person who: 1) refuses to provide requested identification; 2) interferes with, disrupts, or threatens to disrupt any school activity or the learning environment; or 3) engages in an activity in violation of school board policy 8.30, Conduct on School Property.

INSURANCE

ATHLETIC INSURANCE

It is the policy of the Hamilton Community Consolidated School District No.328 Athletic Department that every student who participates in sports, including football*, provide verification (name, policy number, and the expiration date) of insurance coverage provided by the parent or purchase of the student insurance. Students will not be allowed to participate in any sport without some form of insurance.

***Football insurance may be purchased through the school.**

STUDENT INSURANCE THROUGH THE SCHOOL

A student insurance program will be available through the school. Brochures can be picked up at registration.

Two options are available:

- A. School-Time Accident Coverage
- B. 24 Hour Accident Coverage

Football players will have to purchase additional insurance.

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KIT/RTI PROGRAM

The KIT/RTI program is an organized procedure, as provided for by law, for early identification, intervention, referral,

and follow-up of “at risk” students. Problems are generally first noted when a student is observed having attendance, behavior, health, or academic difficulties.

Referrals may be made to this group by administrators, teachers, support staff, parents/guardians, students, or through self-referral. Any referrals will be kept confidential. Referrals are most likely to be made when a significant change the following are noted: in behavior as noted by teachers or administrators; attendance as noted by the office; health as determined by the school nurse; or academics as determined by teachers or the guidance counselor.

If the KIT/RTI team interventions are unsuccessful and the KIT/RTI team determines that the difficulties encountered warrant further study, a student may be referred for testing or evaluation. Such testing or evaluation may lead to placement in special education programs or to the development of a 504 plan.

Under state and federal law, no student will be referred for testing, evaluation, or placement in a special education program or a 504 plan without the KIT/RTI team intervention.

LIBRARY

Use of the library is a privilege. Students are expected to be quiet and working while in the library.

The librarian or another faculty member must be present to supervise any students in the library, whether in or out of school hours. Students who come to the library without a pass will be sent back to class.

LOST PROPERTY AND CARE OF LOCKERS

Although the school will make an effort to recover lost property, it will assume no responsibility for the same. Students must assume full responsibility for their property. *Students are strongly advised not to leave money or other valuables in their lockers or desks.* To protect their interests, junior high and high school students may bring their own locks, but a duplicate key or combination must be brought to the office. Valuables and personal belongings should not to be brought to school or kept in lockers. Lockers are only large enough to house books, school supplies, coats, etc. **If a student must bring valuables to school, the office will be happy to keep the valuables until such time as the student needs them.**

Lockers are school property. A student is expected to keep his/her locker clean and organized. Random locker checks may be conducted throughout the school year. A student is expected to use only the locker that he/she has been issued. Students are to keep coats and jackets in lockers, and are not to wear them to class unless given express permission by a teacher or administrator.

Items such as book bags and books are to be stored in a student’s locker when not in the student’s direct possession. Items left in the halls or on shelves will be taken to the office. In the case that a student’s daily activities require items too large to fit into a locker (golf or other athletic bag, items for a school project, etc.), arrangements should be made with the coach, teacher or office for storage of the item(s).

LUNCHROOM RULES

A student who fails to abide by posted lunchroom rules and common courtesy may be placed on restricted lunch for a reasonable period of time.

MEDICATION POLICY

It shall be the policy of the Hamilton Community Consolidated School District No. 328 that the administration of medication to students during regular school hours and during school related activities should be discouraged UNLESS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY FOR THE CRITICAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF THE STUDENT. Under no circumstances shall school employees be required to administer medication to students. Antibiotics or other medications prescribed 3 times per day or less should be given at home. Parents will assume full responsibility of administration of medication during regular school hours and during school related activities.

All prescription medications that are monitored by school personnel must meet the guidelines of the medication policy of Hamilton School District #328. Prescription medications to be taken at school shall be prescribed by a licensed physician on an individual basis as determined by the child’s health status. Parent(s)/guardian(s) must return to the school office a properly completed PERMISSION TO ADMINISTER MEDICATION FORM before the school will allow such medication to be taken or administered at school. (Note: The form is attached to the back of the school handbook.)

Students are not to have prescription medications in their possession, unless they have a documented illness that requires rapid administration of a first dose of medicine. Prescription medications must be brought to the school in the original package or appropriately labeled container to the school office by the parent/guardian.

The parent(s)/guardian(s) will be responsible, at the end of the treatment, for removing from the school any unused medication which was prescribed for their child. If the medication is not picked up by the end of the school year, it will be discarded by the school nurse in the presence of a witness.

Students may possess non-prescription medication with written permission of a parent. Students may not share with other students any medication, either prescription or non-prescription (over-the-counter).

ASTHMA MEDICATION

If a parent chooses to have their child carry their inhaler, they must first speak with the school nurse or Principal. Illinois law 105 ILCS 5/22-30 requires that a student with a prescription for asthma medication or epinephrine auto-injector be allowed to self-medicate at his/her discretion. The statute also provides that the school district and its employees and agents are to incur no liability, except for willful or wanton conduct, as a result of any injury arising from the self-administration of medication or use of an epinephrine auto-injector by the pupil. This policy shall not prohibit any school employee from providing emergency assistance to students.

OFFICE

The school office is to be used for business purposes. Students are to conduct all their business at the **OFFICE WINDOW**. Students are not to be in the office when not under faculty/staff supervision.

CELL PHONES, PAGERS AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Student possession and/or use of electronic paging devices, cellular phones and other electronic devices not necessary for successful completion of schoolwork are prohibited during regular school hours (8:10 am – 3:05 pm). Any student failing to abide by this rule will be subject to disciplinary action. Confiscation of the offending device shall be the minimum action taken.

Note: cell phones should be used in the school building immediately before or after school only if there is a demonstrable need.

Note: cell phones are to be placed in their lockers from 8:05 a.m. until 3:05 p.m. and turned off. If students need to call home they must use the office phone for parent contacts

Student's cell phones that are confiscated during the school day are subject to the following disciplinary actions:

Cell Phone disciplinary offenses:

1st Offense 1 day ISS, each offense thereafter is additional ISS time.

Once a device is turned into the office a **second** time (2ND) the parents must come and pick up the device.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS & IMMUNIZATIONS

In compliance with the School Code of Illinois, a medical examination signed by a physician shall be required of each student before initial entrance into pre-school, kindergarten, sixth grade, and ninth grade, as well as for any new students that transfer to an Illinois school from out of state. A sports physical is not acceptable for ninth grade students. A "Child Health Examination" form must also be filled out by the physician. A record of such examination from another school system will be accepted, unless the student is transferring from out of state, in which case a new physical will be necessary. The Health History section must be completed and signed by the parent(s)/guardian(s). The examination shall verify that the child has been immunized against the diseases required by law before entrance into school. Please make doctor appointments early so that forms are completed before or at school registration in August. After October 15 of the current school year, students will be excluded from school if a report of the physical exam is has not been presented. If a medical reason prevents a student from receiving a required immunization by October 15, the student must present, by October 15, an immunization schedule and a statement of the medical reasons causing the delay. The schedule and the statement of medical reasons must be signed by the physician, registered nurse, or local health department responsible for administering the immunizations.

All new students who are first-time registrants shall have 30 days following registration to comply with the health examination and immunization regulations. All new students, out-of-State, entering the district must also have an eye exam.

A lead screening/questionnaire (obtained at the Hancock County Health Dept.) is also required for students six (6) years and younger, in conjunction with the physical exam prior to admission. If a lead screening/questionnaire was completed in pre-school, and the results were normal, it does not need to be repeated in kindergarten. However, a copy of the lead screening/questionnaire results will be required, and must be on file. Hancock County Health Dept. - 671 Wabash Avenue - Carthage, Il. - (217-357-3459).

Students will be excluded from school until a report of physical exam is presented. In the case of new residents in the community, an examination should be received as soon as possible. The examination shall verify that the child has been immunized against the diseases required by law before entrance into school. Physical examination reports will be submitted to the office within 30 days of enrollment.

A student may be exempted from this policy's requirements on religious or medical grounds if the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) present to the Superintendent a signed statement explaining the objection. A student may be exempted from the health examination or immunizations on medical grounds if a physician provides written verification.

The Hepatitis B Vaccine is required for students entering Pre-school and 5th through 12th grades. It is a three-dose series. The 2nd dose should be given 1 month after the 1st dose and the 3rd dose should be given 4 months after the 2nd dose.

GENERAL HEALTH RULES

If a student has a fever (100 or higher), or has vomiting or diarrhea, they need to stay home for 24 hours. In order to reduce illness rate, a student must be fever-free or diarrhea/vomit-free for 24 hours. If a student has been diagnosed with Pink Eye, the student must be on medicated eye drops to treat Pink Eye for 24 hours before returning to school.

POSTERS

All posters or announcements to be displayed anywhere in the school must be approved by the school administration, and care not to damage walls or other surfaces shall be exhibited.

COMPLAINT PROCESS, PROPER CHANNELS AND CHAINE OF COMMAND

The school recognizes that problems and concerns sometimes arise. It is extremely important that parents/guardians follow the proper lines of communication when problems develop.

- Step 1: The parent/guardian contacts the teacher or the appropriate staff member.
- Step 2: If the problem is not resolved, the parent contacts the Principal or other appropriate supervisor.
- Step 3: If the problem still is not settled, the parent contacts the Superintendent.
- Step 4: The final appeal, if needed, is to the Board of Education.

The school strongly encourages parents/guardians to follow these steps. The proper communication process helps the staff members develop trust and avoids further problems and/or misunderstandings.

PUBLIC DISPLAY OF AFFECTION

Public displays of affection are to be limited to holding hands.

SCHOOL DAY

The school day for students begins at 8:05 am (first bell 8:02 am) and ends at 3:05 pm, with the exception of those students who have zero hour class at 7:45 am or dual-credit courses extending beyond the normal end of the school day.

The school building will be opened at 7:45 am. Only those students who have appointments with teachers, practices, various school or other approved meetings should enter the building at this time.

High school students are to report to the HS gymnasium before school starts from 7:45am – 8:02am

Jr. High school students are to report to the Jr. High gymnasium before school starts from 7:45am – 8:02am

Students should arrive at school only a few minutes early to allow them time to put up coats and prepare materials before class actually begins; students should leave school grounds promptly at the end of the school day.

During severe weather conditions, the school doors may be opened earlier.

SCHOOL ENTRANCES

To help ensure the safety of our students, most outside school doors are locked during the school day. On the high school end of the building, the South East Doors by the HS gym are unlocked. On the junior high school end of the building, the door by the superintendent's office is unlocked.

SCHOOL SAFETY

Students shall report issues relative to school safety to teachers, administrators, or school staff immediately. This includes knowledge of weapons, drugs, threats to do harm to staff, students, visitors, or to the school, its property, or anything used to carry out the educational initiative. Students are also subject to a school lockdown for safety, search, or weather-related happenings as determined by the administration.

SEARCH AND SEIZURE

For the safety and supervision of the students in the absence of parent(s)/guardian(s), to maintain discipline and order in schools, and provide for the health, safety and welfare of students and staff, school authorities are authorized to conduct searches of students and their personal effects, as well as district property.

STUDENTS AND THEIR PERSONAL EFFECTS

Certified employees and school administrators may search a student and/or the student's personal effects (e.g., purses, wallets, knapsacks, book bags, lunch boxes, etc.). When there are reasonable grounds for suspecting that the search will produce evidence, the particular student has violated or is violating either the law or the District's Student Conduct Rules. The search itself must be conducted in a manner that is reasonably related to its objectives and not excessively intrusive in light of the age and sex of the student and nature of the infraction.

When feasible, the search should be conducted as follows:

- Outside the view of others, including students
- In the presence of a school administrator or adult witness
- By a certified employee or administrator of the same sex

Immediately following a search, a written report shall be made by the school authority that conducted the search. The written report shall be submitted to the Building Principal, where appropriate, and forwarded to the Superintendent. The parent(s)/ guardian(s) of the student shall be notified of the search as soon as possible.

SCHOOL PROPERTY

School property, including but not limited to desks and lockers, is owned and controlled by the District and may be searched by school authorities at any time. School authorities are authorized to conduct area-wide, general administrative inspections of school property (e.g., searches of all student lockers) without notice to or consent of the student and without a search warrant.

SEIZURE OF PROPERTY

If a search produces evidence that the student has violated or is violating the law, District's policies, or rules, such evidence may be seized and impounded by school authorities, and disciplinary action may be taken. When appropriate, such evidence may be transferred to law enforcement authorities.

This policy was adopted by the Hamilton Board of Education on December 15, 1994.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT, BULLYING, AND INTIMIDATION, HAZING POLICY: In accordance with Board Policy 7:20

Sexual Harassment:

Sexual harassment of students is prohibited. Any person, including a district employee or agent, or student engaged in sexual harassment whenever he or she makes sexual advances, requests sexual favors, and engages in other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual or sex-based nature, imposed on the basis of sex, that: 1) denies or limits the provision of education aid, benefits, services, or treatment; or that makes such conduct a condition of a student's academic status or; 2) has the purpose or effect of: substantially interfering with a student's education environment; creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational environment; depriving a student of education aid, benefits, services, or treatment; or

making submission to or rejection of such conduct the basis for academic decisions affecting a student.

The terms “intimidating,” “hostile,” and “offensive” include conduct that has the effect of humiliation, embarrassment, or discomfort. Examples of sexual harassment include touching, crude jokes or pictures, discussion of sexual experiences, teasing related to sexual characteristics, and spreading rumors related to a person’s alleged sexual activities.

Students who believe they are victims of sexual harassment or have witnessed sexual harassment are encouraged to discuss the matter with the student Nondiscrimination Coordinator (Superintendent) or Building Principal. Complaints will be kept confidential to the extent possible given the need to investigate. Students who make good faith complaints will not be disciplined.

Bullying / Hazing / Intimidation: Procedures:

1. Report the incident to the Principal, Guidance Counselor or Classroom Teacher immediately.
2. This information will be documented and confidential.
3. Parents will be contacted by phone or written correspondence if the situation warrants.
4. Disciplinary action will be taken if the situation warrants.

Bullying / Hazing / Intimidation can include a number of different behaviors’:

- Emotional - being actively unfriendly, excluding, tormenting
- Physical - pushing, kicking, hitting, punching or any violence
- Racist - racial taunts, graffiti, gestures
- Sexual - unwanted physical contact or sexually orientated comments
- Homophobic - because of, or focusing on the issue of sexuality
- Verbal - name-calling, sarcasm, spreading rumours, teasing
- Cyber - Internet misuse through offensive website postings, e-mail and instant messaging. Misuse of mobile phones through text messaging, camera and video facilities, etc
- Property - damage to or hiding of another’s property

Bullying Beyond The School:

Schools are not directly responsible for bullying off their premises and this can be a difficult area to manage.

The Role Of Parents:

- It is clearly helpful where parents are able to support the values and measures represented within this policy and to discuss relationships, incidents and concerns in the same light.
- Parents, who are concerned that their student may be being bullied, or may be a perpetrator of bullying, should contact the Principal or Guidance Counselor immediately. We advise against contacting other parents to sort out matters.

Unauthorized Persons

The Board of Education, Board president, superintendent, principal, or a person designated in writing by any of the above has the right to seek the immediate removal of unauthorized persons from the school property. An unauthorized person is one who is described as a person who “does not have lawful business to pursue at the school or who acts in a manner that disrupts or disturbs the normal educational function of the institution.” This includes students who are under suspension, reassignment, or expulsion. Expelled students may receive counseling services at the schools from which they have been expelled after obtaining special permission from the principals of those schools. The principal has the authority to tell an unauthorized person that he or she cannot come on school property at any time, thus barring him or

her from school premises. This includes all school-sponsored activities, on or off campus. If a person has been barred by the principal, he or she is subject to immediate arrest if he or she fails to leave or returns after being told by the principal or his/her designee that he or she is barred. Staff members may ask for identification from any person and may ask him or her why he or she wishes to come onto school property. Further, they may ask an unauthorized person to leave. If a person, previously barred by the principal, is asked to leave by a staff member, he or she must do so or be subject to arrest.

SPECIAL EDUCATION AND SECTION 504: INFORMATION TO PARENTS

SPECIAL EDUCATION

The Hamilton Community Consolidated School District No.328 offers a free and appropriate education to all children. Any child age 3-21 residing in the School District is eligible for special education service if he/she is:

Learning Disabled	Hard of Hearing
Speech/Language Impaired	Deaf
Mentally Retarded	Deaf/Blind
Emotionally Handicapped	Visually Handicapped
Multiple Handicapped	Orthopedically Handicapped
Health Impaired	

The Hamilton School District Provides:

1. An annual screening of all children between the ages of 3 and 5.
2. Hearing and vision screening at regular intervals.
3. Speech and language screening upon initial enrollment in school.
4. An ongoing annual screening by teachers and other professional personnel for referral of those students who exhibit problems that interfere with their educational progress and/or their adjustment to the educational setting.

Referrals for preliminary evaluation may be made through the Building Principal, by School District personnel, or by the parent of the child. Community service agency personnel may make referrals if they have primary care and custody. Additionally, other professional persons having knowledge of the child's problems, the child, or the State Board of Education may make referrals when there is reason to believe that a child may require special education.

SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended 29 U.S.C., Section 794, protects disabled persons from discrimination based on their disabled status. The Board of Education recognized the requirement to provide a free appropriate public education to each disabled student within its jurisdiction, regardless of the nature or severity of the disability.

It is the intent of the Hamilton Community Consolidated School District No.328 to ensure that students who are disabled within the definition of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 are identified, evaluated and provided with appropriate educational services. Students may be disabled under this policy even though they do not require special education services pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Procedural safeguards are guaranteed for disabled students and their parents in the Hamilton Community Consolidated School District No.328.

TRANSFER STUDENTS WITH INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PLANS OR 504 PLANS

Federal and state statutes require Hamilton High School to recognize and match, within the scope of programs and facilities available to the school district, any current individualized education plan (IEP) or 504 plans that accompanies a transfer student's records. Changes to the previously prescribed IEP or 504 plans must be made during an IEP or 504 meeting. If a student's complete and up-to-date records are not received by the school district within thirty days of enrollment, the school district will schedule a domain meeting to begin collection of the required documentation.

ELEMENTARY PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

1. The District holds one (1) Parent/Teacher (P/T) Conference each school year.
2. In some instances when report cards, progress reports and/or test results are to be shared with parents, the school will hold such results until the conference is held. Both the teachers and the administration will accommodate parents' schedules: flexible meeting appointments can be arranged for busy parents. If necessary, the (appropriate) school personnel will make a home visit to share/discuss student progress.
3. Registration for P/T Conferences will be held at the Fall Open House. Parents must sign up for a conference appointment during Open House. All parents are strongly encouraged to attend the P/T Conferences. Such school-home communication is crucial, teachers and parent(s)/guardian(s) benefit. Mid-Quarter Progress: Progress will be

reported at the midpoint of each quarter for any students who are experiencing difficulties. Some teachers send progress reports for all students.

PARENT COMMUNICATION INVOLVEMENT AT ELEMENTARY

Parent involvement is crucial for the student's overall success in school. We are fortunate here at Hamilton Elementary to have so many caring parents who get involved in their child's education in a variety of ways. One important way is by attending our parent/teacher conferences.

OTHER VISITS TO ELEMENTARY

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) may want to visit with a teacher at other times, and discuss curriculum, student progress, etc. The teachers and the administration welcome and encourage such communication. Parents may directly contact the teacher, or the Elementary Office to arrange such a conference. Likewise, school personnel may request that the parent(s)/guardian(s) come in for a conference, in the event that such a meeting would be beneficial.

STANDARDIZED TESTING

Hamilton High School students may be required to participate in various standardized tests. These include the following: ACT and PSAT – junior year

STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN SURVEYS

Our School District occasionally seeks input from students and employees through the use of surveys during the course of the school year. Surveys provide us with an opportunity to gather data and information in support of our effort to improve the School District and support various educational research projects. All high school and middle school students participate in completion of a national drug and alcohol survey every other year which is sponsored by the drug and safety education cooperative of the McDonough/Hancock Regional Office of Education. If you do not want your child to participate in the survey process, please send each Principal a written, signed and dated statement requesting that your child not participate in surveys this school year.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

A student has the responsibility to do the following:

1. Be punctual and attend school regularly;
2. Attain the best possible level of academic achievement;
3. Answer for his/her actions;
4. Dress appropriately and practice habits of personal cleanliness;
5. Respect and address the rights of fellow students and school personnel;
6. Respect school and community property;
7. Respect authority both in school and at school-sponsored activities;
8. Avoid engaging in any activity that may disrupt the education process of the district or threaten the welfare of any student, employee, or visitor;
9. Know, understand, and obey school rules;
10. Obey city, state, and federal laws;
11. Refrain from disrupting the educational process;
12. Understand reasons and methods of discipline, including suspension or expulsion;
13. Avoid abusive or profane language, either verbal or written;
14. Avoid actions or language that may offend or discriminate against others.

STUDENT VEHICLES

Students who have received a driver's license in the state of Illinois are allowed the privilege of parking on Hamilton High School's parking lot. Students who drive are bound under the following rules: 1) due care and adherence to all traffic laws must be exhibited; 2) students must park only in designated areas and in accordance with markings on the parking lot; 3) students must not be in their vehicles without proper permission during the school day; and 4) vehicles must display the hangtag provided to the student. This is a closed campus. Failure to comply with these rules may result in disciplinary action, which may include the suspension of driving privileges.

STUDENT WORKERS

Student worker positions at Hamilton High School are volunteer positions. Positions available may include PE aides, library aides, and elementary school tutors.

Student workers are chosen to best suit the needs of the school from those students in study hall on any given period. No

more than two office workers and one PE aide will be used during any class period.

Student workers will be held to high standards of confidentiality. Failure to meet this requirement will result in dismissal as an office worker.

Student workers are not to use their positions to gain an advantage over other students. For this reason, except for special occasions, student workers are not to have soda or food while completing their duties.

Student workers are not to write passes for other students.

Student workers must be passing all classes to be eligible. If a student worker is academically ineligible, he/she will remain in study hall for that week.

TEACHER’S CLASSROOM RULES AND PROCEDURES

Teachers are requested and expected to develop classroom rules and procedures that govern the day-to-day operations of their classrooms. These rules are approved in advance by the school administration.

TELEPHONE POLICY

Students are only permitted to use the office telephone in emergency situations. Students are expected to take responsibility for bringing necessary items to school and therefore ARE NOT permitted to call home during class time or passing periods because they forgot to bring books, assignments, P.E. clothes, etc.

USE OF FACILITIES

Hamilton District #328 has developed policies that govern the use of school facilities by both school and non-school groups. Any group wishing to use the gymnasium must have advance approval from the administration and/or school board. Facilities such as the gymnasium and weight room may not be used unless under the supervision of an employee of the school.

WACS AND WARSAW CLASSES

Hamilton High School offers students the opportunity to enroll in classes offered through WACS and Warsaw School District. With the exception of Auto Mechanics, these classes are offered off-campus and require transportation, which will be provided by the school district.

Students may not drive to WACS or Warsaw classes unless the principal gives approval at least one day in advance. The approval request form available in the office requires the following sign-offs: parent, off-campus teacher, student, and principal. The form also requires the off-campus teacher to justify the need for the student to drive. Students who fail to abide by this requirement will be subject to progressive disciplinary action. On days that WACS or Warsaw classes are not in session, those students affected will have the option of either attending study hall or leaving school for the periods effected. The student and his/her parent must sign a release form to leave school.

Hamilton High School students who attend WACS or Warsaw classes do so at a cost to the Hamilton school district. Attendance at these classes is, therefore, a privilege. A student who skips a WACS or Warsaw class will be placed on probation for the remainder of the school year. If the student skips a second time, the student will be removed from all WACS or Warsaw classes with no credit awarded. The student will also be required to repay the school district the prorated cost for the remainder of the classes scheduled with either Warsaw or WACS.

WEATHER CONDITIONS AND OTHER EMERGENCIES

In the event of inclement weather conditions or other emergency situations affecting the school schedule, the following radio and television stations will be contacted early in the morning of the affected day: Also posted on school website:

www.hhs328.com

WGEM TV, Channel 10.....	Quincy
KHQA TV, Channel 7.....	Quincy
WGEM RADIO, 1440 AM - 105 FM.....	Quincy
KOKX RADIO, 1310 AM - 95.3 FM.....	Keokuk
WCAZ RADIO, 990 AM - 92.1 FM.....	Carthage
WTAD RADIO, 930 AM.....	Quincy
WQCY RADIO, 99.5 FM.....	Quincy

In the event inclement weather conditions strike after school has begun, and a decision is made to dismiss early, that announcement will be placed on the above listed television and radio stations.

***PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE SCHOOLS, BUS GARAGE, OR TELEVISION/RADIO STATIONS**

*PLEASE LISTEN TO THE TELEVISION OR RADIO STATIONS FOR INFORMATION.

If no announcement is made, please assume that school will be conducted as scheduled.

Parents are reminded that weather conditions can change rapidly and a decision made regarding the school schedule can change just as quickly. Please continue to listen to the radio or television station for updates after the first announcement is made.

EMERGENCY DISMISSAL

On rare occasions, emergencies may arise which may make it necessary to dismiss classes at any time during the school day. YOU ARE URGED TO PLAN FOR SUCH CONTINGENCIES. Be sure that your child knows where the child should go in the event of early dismissal. Please make this an automatic procedure for your students.

HAMILTON HIGH SCHOOL
IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSION RULES

START TIME: 8:00 am

END TIME 3:05 pm

1. Students are to report to the office with all needed books, supplies, and items needed for the entire time in the In-School Suspension (ISS).
2. Students are to remain seated in the assigned seat, facing forward, at all times, and are only to get up with permission.
3. Students are not to sleep or put head down on arms or desk. you are to be working at all times. A student will receive one (1) warning for failure to comply.
4. Students may not rock back on chair legs or prop feet on furniture, radiator, or walls.
5. Students may not mark on desks or walls.
6. Students may not talk to other students in the ISS at any time.
7. Students are to keep busy at all times doing homework, projects or reading.
8. A student will be allowed one break in the morning and one in the afternoon to go to the restroom and/or to get a drink.
9. ALL HOMEWORK must be turned in **BEFORE** you leave in order to receive credit. You are dismissed at 3:05 pm.

Any infraction of the above rules will result in an additional day in the ISS, (OSS) out-of-school suspensions or parents may be notified and required to pick their student up from school when students become uncooperative.

HAMILTON HIGH SCHOOL
DETENTION RULES (for Teacher or Office placement)
Steps 1-3 of the discipline policy

1. Students are to report to detention with all needed books, supplies, and items needed for the entire time.
2. Students are to remain seated in the assigned seat, facing forward, at all times, and are only to get up with permission.
3. Students are not to sleep or put head down on arms or desk.
4. Students may not rock back on chair legs or prop feet on furniture, radiator, or walls.
5. Students may not mark on desks or walls.
6. Students may not talk to other students in detention at any time unless granted permission by the detention supervisor.
7. Students are to keep busy at all times doing homework, projects or reading. A student will receive one warning for failure to comply.

Any infraction of the above rules may result in additional time in detention or in in-school suspension.

**HAMILTON HIGH SCHOOL
MEDICATION AUTHORIZATION**

All prescription medications to be taken at school require physician and parent signatures. This form must be renewed each school year and updated when medications change.

Student name	Grade
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Prescription medications

Medications for asthma, allergies, and diabetes:
A student with physician and parent authorization may carry a labeled inhaler, epinephrine auto-injector, or diabetic supplies. Backup supplies may be stored in the office in the case of an emergency.

Physician orders for:

Inhaler: _____

Epinephrine auto-injector: _____

Diabetic supplies: _____

Other prescription medications:
All medications must be brought to the high school office by a parent/guardian in a prescription-labeled container.

Medication: _____ Dosage: _____

Frequency: _____ Duration of order: _____

Medication: _____ Dosage: _____

Frequency: _____ Duration of order: _____

Medication: _____ Dosage: _____

Frequency: _____ Duration of order: _____

Medication: _____ Dosage: _____

Frequency: _____ Duration of order: _____

Medical Provider Signature _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date: _____

Student Signature _____ Date: _____

Non-prescription medication

School provided medication

The school will keep Tylenol (Acetaminophen) in the office. All other non-prescription medication may be carried by the student, but must be approved by a parent/guardian in advance. Please authorize medication possession/administration by checking the appropriate blanks or by filling in the other medication area below.

___ Office-administered Tylenol (Acetaminophen) – maximum 325 mg every 4 hours as needed

Parent provided medication

___ Ibuprofen – Dose _____ - Frequency _____

___ Other _____ - Dose _____ - Frequency _____

___ Other _____ - Dose _____ - Frequency _____

___ Other _____ - Dose _____ - Frequency _____

___ Other _____ - Dose _____ - Frequency _____

___ Other _____ - Dose _____ - Frequency _____

___ Other _____ - Dose _____ - Frequency _____

___ Other _____ - Dose _____ - Frequency _____

___ Other _____ - Dose _____ - Frequency _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date: _____

Student Signature _____ Date: _____

Authorization for Electronic Network Access

Each teacher must sign this Authorization as a condition for using the District's Electronic Network connection. Each student and his or her parent(s)/guardian(s) must sign the Authorization before being granted unsupervised access. School Board members and administrators are treated like teachers for purposes of this Authorization. Please read this document carefully before signing.

All use of the Internet shall be consistent with the District's goal of promoting educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication. This *Authorization* does not attempt to state all required or proscribed behavior by users. However, some specific examples are provided. **The failure of any user to follow the terms of the *Authorization for Electronic Network Access* will result in the loss of privileges, disciplinary action, and/or appropriate legal action.** The signature(s) at the end of this document is legally binding and indicates the party who signed has read the terms and conditions carefully and understands their significance.

Terms and Conditions

1. Acceptable Use - Access to the District's electronic networks must be (a) for the purpose of education or research, and be consistent with the educational objectives of the District, or (b) for a legitimate business use.
2. Privileges - The use of the District's electronic networks is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges. The system administrator will make all decisions regarding whether or not a user has violated this *Authorization* and may deny, revoke, or suspend access at any time; his or her decision is final.
3. Unacceptable Use - You are responsible for your actions and activities involving the network. Some examples of unacceptable uses are:
 - a. Unauthorized downloading of software, regardless of whether it is copyrighted or de-virused;
 - b. Downloading copyrighted material for other than personal use;
 - c. Using the network for private financial or commercial gain;
 - d. Wastefully using resources, such as file space;
 - e. Gaining unauthorized access to resources or entities;
 - f. Invading the privacy of individuals;
 - g. Using another user's account or password;
 - h. Posting material authored or created by another without his/her consent;
 - i. Posting anonymous messages;
 - j. Using the network for commercial or private advertising;
 - k. Accessing, submitting, posting, publishing, or displaying any defamatory, inaccurate, abusive, obscene, profane, sexually oriented, threatening, racially offensive, harassing, or illegal material; and
 - l. Using the network while access privileges are suspended or revoked.

1. Network Etiquette - You are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - a. Be polite. Do not become abusive in your messages to others.
 - b. Use appropriate language. Do not swear, or use vulgarities or any other inappropriate language.
 - c. Recognize that electronic mail (E-mail) is not private. People who operate the system have access to all mail. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities may be reported to the authorities.
 - d. Do not use the network in any way that would disrupt its use by other users.
 - e. Consider all communications and information accessible via the network to be private property.
2. No Warranties - The District makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. The District will not be responsible for any damages you suffer. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, missed-deliveries, or service interruptions caused by its negligence or your errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at your own risk. The District specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its services.
3. Indemnification - The user agrees to indemnify the School District for any losses, costs, or damages, including reasonable attorney fees, incurred by the District relating to, or arising out of, any breach of this *Authorization*.
4. Security - Network security is a high priority. If you can identify a security problem on the Internet, you must notify the system administrator or Building Principal. Do not demonstrate the problem to other users. Keep your account and password confidential. Do not use another individual's account without written permission from that individual. Attempts to log-on to the Internet as a system administrator will result in cancellation of user privileges. Any user identified as a security risk may be denied access to the network.
5. Vandalism - Vandalism will result in cancellation of privileges and other disciplinary action. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of another user, the Internet, or any other network. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses.
6. Telephone Charges - The District assumes no responsibility for any unauthorized charges or fees, including telephone charges, long-distance charges, per-minute surcharges, and/or equipment or line costs.
7. Copyright Web Publishing Rules - Copyright law and District policy prohibit the re-publishing of text or graphics found on the Web or on District Web sites of file servers, without explicit written permission.
 - a. For each republication (on a Web site or file server) of a graphic or a text file that was produced externally, there must be a notice at the bottom of the page crediting the original producer and noting how and when permission was granted. If possible, the notice should also include the Web address of the original source.
 - b. Students and staff engaged in producing Web pages must provide library media specials with e-mail or hard copy permissions before the Web pages are published. Printed evidence of the status of "public domain" documents must be provided.
 - c. The absence of a copyright notice may not be interpreted as permission to copy the materials. Only the copyright owner may provide the permission. The manager of the Web site displaying the material may not be considered a source of permission.
 - d. The "fair use" rules governing student reports in classrooms are less stringent and permit limited use of graphics and text.
 - e. Student work may only be published if there is written permission from both the parent/guardian and student.

8. Use of Electronic Mail

- a. The District's electronic mail system, and its constituent software, hardware, and data files, are owned and controlled by the School District. The School District provides e-mail to aid students and staff members in fulfilling their duties and responsibilities, and as an education tool.
- b. The District reserves the right to access and disclose the contents of any account on its system, without prior notice or permission from the account's user. Unauthorized access by any student or staff member to an electronic mail account is strictly prohibited.
- c. Each person should use the same degree of care in drafting an electronic mail message as would be put into a written memorandum or document. Nothing should be transmitted in an e-mail message that would be inappropriate in a letter or memorandum.
- d. Electronic messages transmitted via the District's Internet gateway carry with them an identification of the user's Internet "domain". This domain name is a registered domain name and identifies the author as being with the School District. Great care should be taken, therefore, in the composition of such messages and how such messages might reflect on the name and reputation of this School District. Users will be held personally responsible for the content of any and all electronic mail messages transmitted to external recipients.
- e. Any message received from an unknown sender via the Internet should either be immediately deleted or forwarded to the system administrator. Downloading any file attached to any Internet-based message is prohibited unless the user is certain of that message's authenticity and the nature of the file so transmitted.
- f. Use of the School District's electronic mail system constitutes consent to these regulations.

Students, parent(s)/guardian(s), and teachers need only sign this *Authorization for Electronic Network Access* once while enrolled or employed by the School District.

I understand and will abide by the above *Authorization for Electronic Network Access*. I understand that the District and/or

its agents may access and monitor my use of the Internet, including my E-mail and downloaded material, without prior notice to me. I further understand that should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked, and school disciplinary action and/or appropriate legal action may be taken. In consideration for using the District's electronic network connection and having access to public networks, I hereby release the School District and its Board members, employees, and agents from any claims and damages arising from my use of, or inability to use the Internet.

DATE:

USER SIGNATURE

(Required if the user is a student)

I have read this *Authorization for Electronic Network Access*. I understand that access is designed for educational purposes and that the District has taken precautions to eliminate controversial material. However, I also recognize it is impossible for the District to restrict access to all controversial and inappropriate materials. I will hold harmless the District, its employees, agents, or Board members, for any harm caused by materials or software obtained via the network. I accept full responsibility for supervision if and when my child's use is not in a school setting. I have discussed the terms of this *Authorization* with my child. I hereby request that my child be allowed access to the District's Internet.

DATE:

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME *(please print)*

SIGNATURE:

