



Blue Springs School District

*Education with Distinction*

**Blue Springs R-IV School District**

**Elementary School  
Student-Parent  
Handbook**

**2016-2017**

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## Blue Springs R-IV School District 2016-2017 Elementary & Pre-School Directory

**Chapel Lakes:** 9:15-4:05      Off: 874-3600  
3701 NE Independence Ave      Fax: 525-9502  
Lee's Summit, MO 64064  
Principal: Liz White/A.I.: Brian Hartstack  
Secretary: Brenda Franks  
Counselor: Pam Sbisa

**Daniel Young:** 8:40-3:30      Off: 874-3630  
505 SE Shamrock Lane      Fax: 224-1492  
Blue Springs, MO 64014  
Principal: Ryan Crum  
Secretary: Misti McVay  
Counselor: Tricia Theiss

**James Lewis:** 9:15-4:05      Off: 874-3650  
717 NW Park Road      Fax: 224-1347  
Blue Springs, MO 64015  
Principal: Lori Reynolds/A.I. Bryan Weyrauch  
Secretary: Jill Johnson  
Counselor: Darla Landers

**John Nowlin:** 9:15-4:05      Off: 874-3670  
5020 NW Valley View Road      Fax: 224-1359  
Blue Springs, MO 64015  
Principal: Seth Shippy/A.P.: Kerri Edwards  
Secretary: Susan Ferguson  
Counselor: Melinda Trowbridge

**Sunny Pointe:** 9:15-4:05      Off: 874-3700  
3920 S. RD Mize Road      Fax: 224-7804  
Blue Springs, MO 64015  
Principal: Nick Goos/A.P.: Cassie Gengelbach  
Secretary: Lana Rogan  
Counselor: Tosha Todd

**Voy Spears, Jr.:** 9:15-4:05      Off: 874-3720  
201 NE Anderson      Fax: 478-9799  
Lee's Summit, MO 64064  
Principal: Renee Murry/A.P.: Stephanie Owings  
Secretary: Irene Perrin  
Counselor: Kerri Mears

**William Yates:** 9:15-4:05      Off: 874-3740  
3600 Davidson Road      Fax: 478-6137  
Independence, MO 64055  
Principal: Jan Castle  
Secretary: Cari Eikel  
Counselor: Tracy Kempf

**Administrative Service Center:** Off: 874-3200  
Director Elem Ed: David Brouse

**Transportation Department:** Off: 874-3799  
Director: Steve Brown

**Cordill-Mason:** 9:15-4:05      Off: 874-3610  
4001 SW Christiansen Road      Fax: 224-1372  
Blue Springs, MO 64014  
Co-Principals: Todd Nurnberg (K-2)/Kacey Roush (3-2)  
Secretary: Pamela Price  
Counselor: Cheryl Woolf

**Franklin Smith:** 9:15-4:05      Off: 874-3640  
1609 SW Clark Road      Fax: 224-1378  
Blue Springs, MO 64015  
Principal: Ramona Dunn/A.P.: Michael Compton  
Secretary: Brenda Dujakovich  
Counselor: Bethany Lueckenhoff

**James Walker:** 9:15-4:05      Off: 874-3660  
201 SE Sunnyside School Road      Fax: 224-1461  
Blue Springs, MO 64014  
Principal: Kelly Flax/A.P.: Rhonda Jacoby  
Secretary: Melanie Sowerby-Smith  
Counselor: Donetta Riggs

**Lucy Franklin:** 9:15-4:05      Off: 874-3690  
111 NE Roanoke Drive      Fax: 224-1396  
Blue Springs, MO 64014  
Principal: Doug Nielsen/A.P.: Casey Brownsberger  
Secretary: Sara McMahan  
Counselor: Jessica Cygan

**Thomas Ultican:** 8:40-3:30      Off: 874-3710  
1812 NW Vesper      Fax: 224-1490  
Blue Springs, MO 64015  
Principal: Abbie Swisher/A.P.: Eric Neff  
Secretary: Rhonda Stafford  
Counselor: Erica Barbosa

**William Bryant:** 8:40-3:30      Off: 874-3730  
1101 SE Sunnyside School Road      Fax: 224-1343  
Blue Springs, MO 64014  
Principal: Jennie Alderman  
Secretary: Shandal Loomis  
Counselor: Stacy Scalfaro

**Liggett Trail Ed Ctr:** 9:00-4:10      Off: 874-3680  
3575 SW Liggett Road      Fax: 220-1138  
Blue Springs, MO 64015  
Principal: Brian Harris  
Secretary: Diane Meyer

**Parents as Teachers:** Off: 874-3680  
Director Elem Ed: David Brouse

**Nutritional Services Department:** Off: 874-3200  
Director: Shawn Roderick

Key: A.P. – Assistant Principal / A.I. – Administrative Intern

## **DISTRICT OVERVIEW**

### **Purpose of Elementary School Student-Parent Handbook**

Elementary level staff encourage effective and frequent communication and welcome the involvement of parents\* as partners in providing the best possible education for their student(s). In order to establish and strengthen this partnership, all stakeholders must have knowledge of the general information and guidelines necessary to provide quality learning experiences and a positive instructional environment. It is for this reason that the Elementary Level Student-Parent Handbook has been prepared. Parents are encouraged to read this handbook carefully and discuss its contents with their student(s). The school principal should be contacted if clarification is required pertaining to any topic addressed within the handbook.

\*Please note that for the purposes of this handbook the term “parent” is synonymous with “legal guardian.”

### **Belief/Vision (District CSIP)**

The Blue Springs School District is responsible for providing opportunities for:

- All students to learn
- All students to acquire the knowledge and skills to gather, analyze, and apply information and ideas
- All students to acquire the knowledge and skills to communicate effectively within and beyond the classroom
- All students to acquire the knowledge and skills to recognize and solve problems
- All students to acquire the knowledge and skills to make decisions and act as responsible members of society

### **Philosophy (District CSIP)**

The Blue Springs School District is dedicated to the proposition that each student regardless of sex, economic or social status, geographic location, race or individual difference, should experience a broad and balanced education. In order to accomplish this goal, a variety of programs and teaching methods will be employed to meet the various needs and differences in the abilities of the students. The objective of the Blue Springs School District is to establish a program to deal with each student's special gifts and to allow each student an opportunity to attain maximum achievement.

### **Mission Statement (August 2006)**

The mission of the Blue Springs School District is to create an educational community in which each individual acquires knowledge, develops skills, and functions as a literate citizen to achieve personal goals.

### **Notice of Non-Discrimination**

The board of education declares a policy against engaging in unlawful discrimination, including harassment, creating a hostile environment, on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, disability, or age in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. This policy includes a prohibition from retaliatory actions based on making complaints of prohibited discrimination or participation in an investigation, formal proceeding or informal resolution concerning prohibited discrimination.

To ensure that these obligations are met, the board designates the following individuals to act as the district's nondiscrimination laws compliance coordinators: student and employee related complaints, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources; student disability related inquiries, Assistant Director of Special Education; facility related inquiries, Director of Buildings and Grounds. The coordinators may be contacted by calling 816-874-3200.

Any employee of the district or member of the board of education who becomes apprised of a possible violation of this policy must report the matter to the appropriate compliance coordinator and/or building principal. Students must report any matter of alleged discrimination to the building principal.

For a complete reading of the Nondiscrimination policy, please see Board Policy 5.18 (December 2010). To assure compliance, the board delegates the following individuals to act as the district's nondiscrimination laws compliance coordinators:

Student and Employee Related Inquiries: Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, Blue Springs School District, 1801 NW Vesper, Blue Springs, Missouri 64015, (816) 224-1300, Fax (816) 224-1764

Student Disability Related Inquiries: Assistant Director of Special Education, Blue Springs School District 1801 NW Vesper, Blue Springs, Missouri 64015, (816) 224-1300, Fax (816) 228-1056

Facility Related Inquiries: Director of Buildings and Grounds, Blue Springs School District, 5395 Westbound 40 Highway, Blue Springs, Missouri 64015, (816) 228-4476, Fax (816) 228-4818

## **Discrimination Grievance Procedures**

The Board has adopted policies and procedures in order to assist in the fair, prompt, and equitable resolution of student, parent/legal guardian, or employee discrimination or harassment grievances. A grievance is a claim by a student, parent/legal guardian, or employee that a violation of Title VI (race, color or nation origin), Title IX (sex), Section 504 (disability), Title II of the Americans with Disability Act (disabilities), the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, the Boy Scouts Act or their regulations, has occurred in the programs, activities or facilities of the District. Whenever a grievance occurs, every effort will be made to secure an appropriate resolution as early as possible. At each step of the grievance process, the grievant shall be entitled to identify witnesses and present other relevant information. The District will take necessary steps to correct any conduct which was proven to be discriminatory or harassing and the effects caused by the conduct and to prevent recurrence.

The grievance procedure includes four steps. At Level One, a grievant may make an appointment with and discuss the matter with the appropriate principal to reach a resolution. Level Two requires the grievant to reduce the grievance to writing, sign it, and submit it to the appropriate compliance coordinator. Level Three is an appeal to the superintendent. Level Four is a final appeal to the Board of Education. The decision of the Board of Education shall be final and the grievant shall be informed of the decision in writing. Any grievance or appeal not filed within the time limits set forth in the policy, unless there is a mutually agreed extension of time, shall be deemed denied.

For a full reading of the grievance policy, including time lines for submitting a grievance, please see Board Policy 2.12

## **SCHOOL BUSINESS**

### **Appearance/Attire**

A school is frequently judged as much by the appearance of its students as it is by the caliber of its academic performance. Appropriate dress is considered to be apparel that does not disrupt or interfere with the intended function of the school, including wearing appropriate attire for gym class. Students are expected to maintain a neat appearance at all times and avoid extremes in clothing selections. Parents are encouraged to take an active role in the selection of school clothes and grooming. The faculty will also monitor student dress and grooming. Items of apparel causing a student to feel uncomfortable or conspicuous should be avoided. Attire, which displays drug, alcohol, or tobacco advertisements, or sexually suggestive or explicit phrases, is strictly forbidden. Other examples of school dress that are not permissible include: backless and midriff garments; half-shirts; halter tops; tank tops with straps less than 2 inches wide or that allow under garments to be seen; spaghetti strap dresses; short shorts or skirts; bandannas; head gear such as the hood of a sweatshirt, caps, or hats (i.e., when worn inside except on designated spirit days); mesh tops; tube tops; cut, ripped, or cut-off clothing; underwear worn as outer garments; nylon brief shorts; and/or spandex shorts. Colored hair gels, hair dye/paint, extreme hair styles (e.g., Mohawk, shaved side or message), glitter, face paint, and tattoos are considered violations of the dress code and are not allowed. If the safety and welfare of students is of concern, or attire/grooming is potentially disruptive, the principal will contact the parent so adjustments can be made.

### **Attendance/Absence Reporting**

Regular attendance is vital to academic success and required by district policy (i.e., 5.510 Attendance and Absence Policies and Procedures) and state statute (i.e., RSMo 167.031 Compulsory Attendance). Attendance is kept by the minute, monitored each class period, and recognized at three levels – Perfect, Superior, and Faithful. To qualify for “Perfect” attendance, the student cannot miss any time during the entire school year, including being late or tardy. To qualify for “Superior” attendance, the student can only miss a maximum of three hours (i.e., half-day) for the entire school year. To qualify for “Faithful” attendance, the student cannot miss more than 18 hours for the entire school year (i.e., 4-18 hours/3 days).

Parents should call the school office between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. to report a student absence (i.e., excused absence).

Unreported/Unsubstantiated attendance events will be recorded as an unexcused absence. To help assure student safety, the school’s automated calling system will attempt to contact a parent at home or work if a call is not received regarding an absence. To keep parents informed of their student’s school attendance history, a letter will be sent home at increments of five, ten, and fifteen absences. Excessive absences can affect achievement and result in a referral to appropriate Central Office personnel.

### **Birthday & Party Invitations**

School leadership councils determine procedures on how student birthdays can be celebrated on site (e.g., birthday pencil/sticker, library book donation, snack/treat). If approved by a school’s leadership council, birthday food items must be store bought, content labeled, and provided in wrapped individual or prepackaged bulk format (e.g., Costco, Sam’s). Advance notice should be provided to the classroom teacher when intending to recognize their student’s birthday at school. School staff cannot provide student address and/or phone number information for home birthday party invitation purposes. In addition, invitations for home birthday parties may not be distributed at school unless issued to every student in the class.

### **Bomb Threats**

Making a false bomb threat is a federal offense punishable under the United States Code 18-844e, with a penalty of up to ten years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, or both. This penalty also applies to juvenile offenders.

### **Bus Procedures**

Bus stops are designated in each housing addition. To facilitate the loading process, students should be at their stop prior to the bus arriving. Bus rides are usually no more than 20 minutes each way (i.e., times vary depending on residence proximity to the school). Bus safety is of paramount importance, and, for that reason, students should obey the driver's directions at all times. Unruly or discourteous behavior on the bus may result in the suspension of bus riding privileges. A comprehensive listing of bus regulations is located in the Index section of this handbook.

### **Cell Phones**

Student cell phone access and/or use is prohibited during school hours and Prime Time service periods (i.e., must be turned off and stored out of sight). A copy of the district's electronic device policy, 5.64.2(b)(2), is included in this handbook.

### **Check Writing Guidelines**

Payments for school related expenses (e.g., lunch accounts, Prime Time fees) must be made by personal check, cashiers' check, money order, or on-line via Rev Trak. Counter checks, "starter" checks, and cash will not be accepted. The check writer's driver's license number, birth date, and student's name printed in the comment section are required on all checks. Checks must be written in black or blue ink. If a check is returned for insufficient funds, payment will be collected electronically, and a fee of \$30, or the maximum allowed by law, will be assessed. The check writer is also responsible for all costs associated with a referral to the district's collection agency, ECS (303-486-0840). Furthermore, Prime Time assesses a \$15 fee for returned checks in addition to what is charged for insufficient fund and/or collection recovery purposes. When collection through ECS is unsuccessful, the matter will be forwarded to the Jackson County Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

### **Computer Systems Regulations**

The school district is responsible for securing its networks and computer systems while making them accessible for authorized and legitimate users. As a user of the districts' resources, students will receive a password/user identification designation for accessing networks and other resources in and outside the district. The student is solely responsible for all actions taken while utilizing his/her password/user identification designation. Violation of computer systems regulations will result in temporary revocation of user accounts and privileges and may result in additional disciplinary action.

### **Deliveries for Students**

Parents should refrain from sending party favors, flowers, balloon bouquets, etc., to school on birthdays or other special occasions. These items pose a potential disruption to the instructional process and, if sent, will be kept in the office until school is over (i.e., will not be delivered to classrooms). Prior to the dismissal bell, the receiving student will be called by intercom to come to the office to view his/her delivery. Flowers in glass containers, balloons, and other large and/or fragile items may not be transported home by bus for safety reasons.

### **Discipline**

The Board of Education has implemented a comprehensive discipline policy in order to assure a safe, orderly, and instructionally conducive learning environment in all district schools. To further emphasize this need, students and parents are required to sign and submit a Standard of Student Conduct Form on an annual basis (see Index).

Responsibility for discipline is shared cooperatively by all school stakeholders, including teachers, students, and parents. Common responsibilities are as follows:

Teacher:

- Establish a positive climate in which learning can occur and student success is maximized
- Expect excellence in regard to academic and behavioral performance and clearly communicate these expectations to students and parents
- Communicate regularly with students and parents regarding academic and behavioral progress

Student:

- Be committed to doing one's best each and every day
- Respect authority, property, and rights of others (this requires consideration, self-control regarding actions and language, and a commitment to assuring everyone's safety and right to learn)
- Attend class daily, on time, with assignments completed, and with necessary textbooks, materials, and supplies in hand.

Parent:

- Notify the school of their student's needs
- Review and clearly communicate support of established classroom and school standards of academic and behavioral performance with their student
- Ensure punctual and daily attendance

Positive reinforcement will be utilized to its fullest to promote behaviors that meet the established standards of conduct. When necessary, negative consequences, including suspension, may be used as outlined by Board of Education policy. In accordance with the Missouri Safe Schools Act, discipline records follow students throughout their K-12 educational experience.

### **Dismissal of Students during School Hours**

The following procedures will be followed when dismissing students during the regular school day:

- 1) Written parent notice should be sent to the classroom teacher stating the expected time of release.
- 2) The parent or designated adult should come to the office through the main front door to sign the student out. Students will always remain with the teacher until proper sign-out occurs. Students will not be dismissed to parents in school corridors, from the playground, etc. All dismissals will be made exclusively through the school office.
- 3) Photo identification will be required of unfamiliar adults who are requesting early release of students.
- 4) In the event there are legal restrictions regarding who may pick up a student, the custodial parent is requested to meet with the principal to discuss the situation and provide necessary legal documentation. Parent cooperation during student dismissal is appreciated with safety being the primary concern.

### **Emergency Preparedness (Fire, Storm, & Lockdown Drills)**

Schools are required by law to conduct emergency preparedness drills. Accordingly, fire (i.e., 4 annually), storm (i.e., 1 per semester/2 total), and lockdown (i.e., 2 per semester/4 total) drills will be held periodically throughout the school year. When drills are signaled, students must act quickly, quietly, and in an orderly manner. Instructions will be given by the teacher and are to be followed immediately. Students will practice prior to the first drills each school year. If a tornado warning is in effect at dismissal time, students will take a safe position and remain at school until the all clear signal is sounded.

### **Enrollment Forms**

All pertinent elementary level enrollment forms are available on the district's website at [www.bssd.net](http://www.bssd.net).

### **Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) 2015**

The ESSA of 2015 takes the place of the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) of 2002. The ESSA requires states to test students in reading and math in grades 3 through 8 and once in high school. Performance data must be broken down by district, whole school, and different student "subgroups" (e.g., English-learners, students in special education, racial minorities, those in poverty). States are given wide discretion in setting goals, determining district accountability measures/targets, and deciding intervention procedures for low-performing schools. While tests still have to be a part of state accountability systems, other factors pertaining to students' opportunity to learn, like school-climate and teacher engagement, or access to and success in advanced coursework, must be incorporated.

### **Field Trips**

Advance notice will be provided for all school field trips with a signed and dated parent permission slip being required. Field trip participation is generally limited to a respective class or grade level of students due to venue and/or bus capacity considerations (i.e., there are occasions when parents are invited to chaperone for supervision purposes). Capacity limitations also apply to student siblings, non-school-aged children, and/or students from other schools (i.e., they can't attend). Students are expected to accompany their class to and from field trip destinations using designated school transportation. Accordingly, parents should refrain from requesting that their student be transported to or from a field trip destination in a private vehicle.

### **Health Services**

A health aide trained in CPR/AED/First Aid is on duty each day to assist students during illness or injury at school. The health aide will contact the parent/guardian or emergency contact by phone when their child becomes ill at school. The parent/guardian should always inform the front office staff or health aide with their child's updated emergency contact information to insure timely notification in case of illness or injury. Prompt pickup of the student is required. Health Services may not, according to Blue Springs R-IV School Board Policy, administer prescribed medication unless the parent brings the medication to the clinic and completes the Medication Permit Form. Please see the Board Policy section of this handbook for medication (BP 5.97) and immunization (BP 5.1.14) information.



The following is a list of the medical conditions for which students MAY BE EXCLUDED from school attendance and the circumstances that must occur in order for their return. EXCLUSION from school is for the health and benefit of all students and staff with a quick return expected of healthy children. **For those conditions not listed, refer to Prevention and Control of Communicable Diseases published by Missouri Department of Health.**

- **FEVER** (100+) - Excluded until fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication.
- **VOMITING** - Excluded until student is symptom free for 24 hours. *Defined by American Academy of Pediatrics as forceful throwing up of stomach contents through the mouth.*
- **DIARRHEA** - Excluded until student is symptom free for 24 hours without the use of medication. *Defined by American Academy of Pediatrics as the passage of loose or watery stools at least 3 times in a 24 hour period; however, it is the consistency of the stools rather than the number that is most important.*
- **PINK EYE** - Excluded until there is a doctor's diagnosis or until it has been treated for 24 hours with a prescription antibiotic eye drop. **OR** – the student is kept at home until the eye is free from redness and drainage.
- **SKIN RASH** - Excluded if rash is from an undetermined cause. If cause is unknown, the student is kept at home until the rash is gone or we receive a doctor's diagnosis that the rash is non-contagious.
- **CHICKEN POX/SHINGLES** - Excluded from school until all lesions are crusted and there are no new lesions appearing; generally day 6 after onset of rash.
- **HEAD LICE** - Excluded from school for active head lice infestation.
- **SCABIES** - Excluded until the day after adequate treatment is completed.

#### **Homebound Instruction** (See Board Policy 6.5 Homebound Instruction – December 2009)

Homebound instruction is available to any student who: a) as a result of a physical and/or mental health condition and consequent extended absence, school personnel in consultation with a physician or licensed medical/ psychological provider have determined would benefit educationally; b) has disabilities or specialized instructional needs of a nature that a multidisciplinary staff team determined would benefit educationally; or c) in the judgment of the superintendent of schools or his/her designee would most appropriately and effectively be served by such a program;. Initial application for homebound instruction should be made through the appropriate school administrator. Written documentation from a licensed medical/ psychological provider may be required for consultation purposes prior to homebound services being provided. The amount of instruction or supportive service provided through the homebound program shall be determined in relation to each student's educational needs and physical and/or mental health condition. It will be necessary for the parents/guardians of the student to arrange a suitable place in the home for instruction, or services may be provided at a mutually agreed upon neutral site. If homebound instruction occurs in the home, a parent/guardian must be present while service is being provided.

#### **Honor Roll**

To qualify for the "A" Honor Roll, the student must earn no grade below the A grouping (i.e., A+, A, A-). To qualify for the "B" Honor Roll, the student must earn no grade below the B grouping (i.e., B+, B, B-). Grade averaging is not allowed in respect to the "A" or "B" Honor Roll (e.g., A+ and a B = A-; A and a C = B).

#### **Immunization Exemption Information** (See MO SB 341, 2015)

In accordance with state law, a parent may request notification if there is a child who has received an exemption from immunization currently enrolled in or attending a facility at which a district preschool/nursery school/daycare program is located. When applicable, written notification of interest in receiving immunization exemption information should be submitted directly to the building principal/program administrator. The response will be limited solely to whether or not there are any child exemptions, with identification by individual name(s) being strictly prohibited.

#### **Make-Up Work** (i.e., for student absence)

Students absent due to illness will be expected to make up work while gone from school with one day generally being provided for each missed. If the student is absent two consecutive days or more, parents may call the office by 10:00 a.m. and request homework to be picked up by 3:30 p.m. Family vacations during the school year may be classified as unexcused by the building principal. Teachers are not required to provide make-up work for unexcused absences.

#### **Obligation List**

The district has established an "Obligation List" process for students who have outstanding monetary balances (e.g., lunch fees, missing or damaged library book or textbook, Prime Time fees). All Obligation List balances must be paid prior to residency being verified for a new school year (i.e., necessary to receive notification of teacher assignment and/or class schedule).

#### **Outside Activity Guidelines** (i.e., for temperature and air quality)

The district has established the following guidelines to address periods of extreme temperature: 1) **Heat** – Students will not participate in outside activities if the temperature, including heat index, is 95 degrees or above; 2) **Cold** – Students will not participate in outside activities if the temperature, including wind chill, is 20 degrees or lower. The district also takes into consideration air quality when determining whether or not conditions are suitable for outside activities.

### **Parent Conferences/Teacher Access**

Parental involvement, including conferences and other forms of contact, supports the learning process, reinforces the importance of student performance, and is always welcome. At the elementary level, parent-teacher conferences are scheduled district-wide at the end of the first quarter. If additional conferences are required, the classroom teacher and/or school office should be contacted so a mutually convenient time to meet can be identified. Conferences to discuss student progress should be scheduled in advance to assure appropriate setting, time, and privacy. For access purposes, parents should be aware that teachers are scheduled to be on-site 7.5 hours each day, which includes a total of 40 minutes beyond the regular student contact period (i.e., 30 minutes prior to the first bell ringing and 10 minutes after the bell signaling final dismissal for all students).

### **Parent Visits**

Classroom visits by parents must be scheduled through the school principal according to the following guidelines:

- 1) A minimum of one (1) day's advance notice is required;
- 2) Scheduled visits shall not occur until after the second full week or during the last two weeks of school (i.e., to establish beginning of the year routines and avoid conflicts with end of the year activities respectively);
- 3) Scheduled visits shall be limited to no more than two hours on a given day (i.e., to protect instructional time); and
- 4) Infants, pre-school children, non-district students, and/or third party observers shall not visit classrooms during the school day.

At the start of the instructional day, all district schools are completely locked down and remain so until dismissal. District schools are equipped with monitoring systems (i.e., camera and intercom), and visitors are required to enter by the front door. Admittance is gained via a signal device located by the front door. Once signaled, the visitor should state his/her name and the purpose for the visit. The door will then be unlocked for entry into the main office. Upon gaining entrance, visitors will have their driver's license scanned (i.e., upon initial visit), and an identification sticker will be provided to wear at all times while in the school. All visitors must sign-in and out and should exit the school by way of the office (i.e., front entrance). The appropriate legal authorities will be contacted if a visitor refuses to leave the premises upon request of the principal.

### **Part-Time Attendance**

Parents requesting that their student arrive late or leave early on a regular basis due to specialized or privately contracted activities/services (e.g., home schooling, gymnastics training) must make arrangements for this to occur through the school principal. In these situations, the student will be counted absent for the time away from school (i.e., may be reported as attending on a part-time basis), and the parents will be responsible for covering missed subject matter content (i.e., daily make-up work and/or a letter grade will not be given by a classroom teacher on the mid-term or quarterly report cards due to "home schooling" designation for non-attendance periods).

### **Personal Belongings**

Toys, music and/or game devices, and other personal belongings not directly related to classroom instruction are not allowed at school. In addition, it is recommended that students bring only the amount of money required for meals to school, since the risk of loss is ever present. School supplies, coats, jackets, etc., should be clearly marked with the student's first and last name. Students are not allowed to ride scooters and skateboards or wear roller blades on school property.

### **Progress Reports**

To ensure parents are kept current regarding their student's academic performance, progress reports are issued periodically throughout the school year. Report cards are sent home in envelopes with students at the end of each quarter (i.e., except for first quarter) and are to be returned with parent signatures to verify receipt (i.e., except at end of school year). During the 2016-2017 school year, report cards will be distributed on the following dates: October 27-28 (i.e., during parent/teacher conferences), January 6, March 24, and May 23 (i.e., last day of school). Mid-term Reports will be distributed to students in grades 3-5 whose performance in any subject area is below a C on September 23, November 22, February 10, and April 28. Special requests for progress report information (e.g., additional copy of report card) should be directed to, and processed through, the school office. Progress report information is only available during the regular school year as a result of elementary level staff being away over the summer break (i.e., June, July, and early August).

### **Recess**

The district encourages, facilitates, and promotes personal health and wellness. For this reason, students are provided at least 30 minutes per day (i.e., 150 minutes per week) of physical activity (i.e., to be held outdoors when possible), including a minimum of one (1) 20-minute recess period. Students are encouraged to dress daily for outdoor play and to participate in recess activities unless a parent provides a written note, or a doctor's excuse is furnished due to medical or physical injury. Students not physically well enough to participate may be assigned temporarily to the school office or an alternate classroom setting during recess periods. Students with disabilities are to participate in physical activities, including recess, to the extent appropriate. Recess periods may periodically be forfeited due to inappropriate behavior, or the incompleteness of classroom work from the previous school day.

### **Recess Supervision/Visitors on the Playground**

A minimum of two staff are on duty during recess supervision periods, with ratios not exceeding 50 students per staff member. To better assure safety and reduce liability, visitors, including parents, are not allowed on the playground while school is in operation unless permission has been provided by the school administrator.

### **Records and Transfers**

Student records are available for parental review during regular school hours. Parents should notify their student's teacher and the school office as soon as possible when transferring. Upon transferring, records will be forwarded as soon as a release form is appropriately processed. In accordance with the Safe Schools Act, discipline records are not purged when a student moves within the district or to another building outside the district. Special requests for records documentation should be directed to, and processed through, the school office. Records documentation is only available during the regular school year as a result of elementary level staff being away over the summer break (i.e., June, July, and early August).

### **Residency Verification**

Proof of residency must be provided during initial enrollment in the district and at the beginning of each subsequent school year. Residency verification helps the district ensure that address information is accurate for all students and that the appropriate school is providing educational services. Providing false information about a student's address may result in removal from the school, legal action, and/or the collection of out-of-district tuition fees. Two current forms of documentation, including a recent (i.e., not more than 30 days old) bill/statement for service from an electric, gas, or water utility company that shows the service provider's location, the account number, the resident's name, and the resident's street address, are required for verification purposes. Shut-off and/or disconnect statements are not acceptable. Utility bills must be in the name of the parent; otherwise, a Request for Waiver of Domicile Requirements Application (i.e., residency waiver) is required, which must be completed and approved on an annual basis (i.e., is available at all school offices, the district's Department of Public Safety office, and the district's website – [www.bssd.net](http://www.bssd.net)).

### **School Closing/Inclement Weather**

Weather may be of such a nature that the district chooses to postpone opening (i.e., 1 or 2 hour delay), release early, or cancel classes for the day. Many information sources are available to ensure that parents receive updated notification. The decision to postpone or cancel school is generally made prior to 6:30 a.m. Once the decision is made, notification will be available from the following sources:

- Local radio and television stations
- ParentLink (i.e., automated phone call to home or cell phone when activated)

It is the parent's responsibility to assure that their student(s) knows where to go if an emergency arises and school is dismissed early. This especially includes situations where no adults will be at the home.

### **Seclusion, Isolation and Restraint (5.63.2c, June, 2011)**

As applicable to all students and staff, it is the policy of the Board of Education that seclusion, isolation, and restraint should:

- Not be viewed as a behavior change or intervention strategy;
- Be implemented only in response to emergency or crisis situations and as a matter of last resort;
- Be utilized only by trained personnel; and
- Be accompanied by district-wide, proactive, positive supports to prevent the need of their use (see Appendix 5 (24) pages 1-6 as per RSMo 160.263).

### **Smoke Free Schools**

The Blue Springs Board of Education has adopted a Smoke Free Schools Policy for the district. Accordingly, visitors are asked to refrain from smoking in school facilities, on school grounds, and on school field trips.

### **Surveillance**

The Blue Springs Board of Education authorizes the use of video cameras on district property and in district vehicles to ensure the health, welfare, and safety of all staff, students, and visitors and to safeguard district facilities and equipment. Video cameras may be used in various locations, as deemed appropriate by the superintendent or his/her designee.

### **Telephone**

Teachers have classroom phone access. To avoid interrupting instruction, calls should be made prior to school starting or after dismissal. Once received, every effort possible will be made to return the call in a timely manner. As teachers have very little time to address phone messages, some calls may not be returned until the evening or next day. If calling due to an emergency, and no response is received, please inform the office secretary of the pending matter. Students are given phone access when deemed necessary by the teacher or office personnel, with use for social and/or after-school planning being prohibited. Activity dates and times are publicized in advance so that transportation arrangements can be made without school phone use.

## **Truancy Ordinance**

The City of Blue Springs amended Section 220.540 of the Code of Ordinances to address daytime curfews, which apply between 9:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on Monday through Friday when school is in session. No minor, as defined as any person between the ages of six and seventeen, who is subject to compulsory education laws of Missouri, shall be allowed in a public place, establishment, or street during curfew hours, including students suspended or expelled from school. Parents are also prohibited from knowingly permitting or by insufficient control allowing a minor to break the curfew ordinance. A minor truant from school may be arrested. Each violation of the daytime curfew ordinance shall be punishable by up to 40 hours of community service. The parent may also be charged for each separate offense, which shall be punishable as a misdemeanor.

## **STUDENT & FAMILY SERVICES**

### **Arts Partners Project**

The district's Arts Partners Project is a comprehensive, curriculum aligned, educational initiative that exposes K-5 students to a wide range of Kansas City metropolitan area cultural experiences. Two guiding principles drive the Arts Partners Project: 1) K-5 students succeed when the arts are made an integral part of the basic education; and 2) Every K-5 student deserves equal access to the arts. Annually, a customized plan of special activities and events is developed by representatives from all 13 elementary schools, which are then generously funded by the district's K-5 level PTA units.

### **Community Outreach Unit**

The Community Outreach Unit (i.e., 205 S. 11<sup>th</sup> St. BS MO; 228-0178) provides free of charge services (e.g., individual and family counseling; parenting and decision-making classes; support groups; personalized programming tailored to specific needs) to district families. Programming is made possible through a collaborative partnership between the City of Blue Springs and the district. Referrals to the Community Outreach Unit may be made through the school or by direct parent contact.

### **COMPASS Character Education Program**

The COMPASS Character Education Program focuses on the critical attributes of respect (to be the best one can be, a person must respect self and others), responsibility (to be the best one can be, a person must do those things for which s/he is responsible), rights (to be the best one can be, a person must value, promote, and protect the rights of self and others), and resourcefulness (to be the best one can be, a person must use personal resources to the benefit of self and others).

### **Nutritional Services Program**

At the K-5 level, student breakfast and lunch prices are \$1.65 and \$2.25 respectively (i.e., \$2.00 and \$3.00 for visiting adults). An extra milk or juice can be purchased during breakfast or lunch for \$.60 per carton. An electronic tracking system, RevTrak, allows parents to deposit money in a Personal Nutritional Services Account (i.e., Web Store at <http://bluesprings.revtrak.net>). To assure uninterrupted service, parents are encouraged to maintain a balance throughout the school year. Although cash is accepted, payment by check is preferred (see check writing guidelines). The federal government provides meal subsidies to qualifying families under USDA income guidelines as follows: Free or reduced breakfast – \$.00/ lunch – \$.45. Applications are sent home with all students during the first week of school and available upon request through the school office.

K-5 students may not go without lunch. If a lunch is provided by the district, an unpaid lunch debt for the student will be placed on the school's Obligation List until payment in full is made. K-5 Obligation List students will be excluded from annual residency verification related activities and non-academic extracurricular events.

District Nutritional Services Department staff are on duty to assist students throughout the lunch period. Lunchroom behavior expectations are shared at the beginning of each school year and reinforced through rewards and consequences as necessary. If assistance is required, the Nutritional Services Department can be reached by phone at 874-3200.

### **Olweus Program**

The Olweus Program equips staff and students with bully prevention strategies and beneficial options for identifying and resolving minor differences (e.g., rumors, gossip, name-calling) before they become major problems. Parents should contact their student's teacher, counselor, or principal for additional information pertaining to the Olweus Program.

### **Parent Teacher Association**

Local PTA units promote school improvements and support district educational initiatives. Fundraising, classroom aiding, and assemblies are but a few of the many ways parent involvement enhances district schools. Parents interested in joining their PTA unit, becoming a PTA volunteer, or serving as a local PTA executive board officer should contact the school office.

### **Prime Time Before and After-School Program**

Prime Time is a fee-based before and after-school program available at all 13 of the district's elementary sites. Hours of operation are from 6:30 a.m. to school start time and from school dismissal to 6:00 p.m. Prime Time is open Monday through Friday during the regular school year, except for scheduled district holidays. Prime Time offers full-day service for an additional fee during some non-holiday district closure dates (e.g., parent-teacher conferences, teacher work days) and during break periods, including summer. Specific program information can be obtained by calling the school office.

### **Care Team**

Each district school provides specialized services and supports in order to help students develop the cognitive, emotional, and/or social skills necessary to be successful in school. The school Care Team addresses the specific needs of all students, including those who are at-risk academically or otherwise. Additional information about your school's Care Team can be obtained through building level administration, the counselor, or the project coordinator.

### **Student Insurance**

Student insurance is available as a voluntary cost basis option to parents at the beginning of each school year or upon enrollment. The district functions solely as an intermediary regarding the insurance product and assumes no liability either for injury or subsequent negotiations with the company. Insurance application forms are available in the school office.

### **Student Mentoring Program – Difference Makers**

Through the district's elementary level Difference Makers program, K-5 students are connected with caring adult mentors to promote success, encourage healthy behaviors, and build stronger communities. Difference Makers mentors generally meet with their student one-on-one for between 30 and 60 minutes per week during normal school hours. Difference Makers serve in a number of different capacities, including as a Lunch Buddy, Study Buddy, or Reading Pal. Additional information is available through school counselors and/or the district's Director of Elementary Education.

## **BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICIES**

### **5.89.1 Federal Programs Complaint Resolution Procedure (September 2001)**

Any person, persons, organizations, or their representatives who have any complaint regarding the operation or procedures followed by the district carrying out the provisions of Title I of the Elementary & Secondary Education Act or the General Education Provisions Act, as it applies to Title I, ESEA shall submit in writing and signed by the complainant the details of the complaint to the superintendent or his representative who has been designated by the board of education to receive such complaints.

Upon the receipt of the written complaint the school official designated to receive complaints, or his representative, shall investigate the complaint and shall provide an opportunity if so requested, for the complainant or the complainant's representative or both to present evidence, including an opportunity to question parties involved.

Within 30 days of the date of the receipt of the written complaint, (unless an extension is granted) the person shall provide a written decision regarding the complaint to all parties involved. If the complainant wishes, an appeal of the decision may be made to the Title I Director, State Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, PO Box 480, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102. Any appeal must be made within 30 days of receiving the written decision of this school district.

### **Board of Education Policies (Comprehensive)**

All Board of Education policies can be accessed on the Blue Springs School District website at [www.bssd.net](http://www.bssd.net).

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

All responsible public agencies are required to locate, evaluate, and identify children with disabilities who are under the jurisdiction of the agency, regardless of the severity of the disability, including children attending private schools, children who live outside the district but are attending a private school within the district, highly mobile children, such as migrant and homeless children, children who are wards of the state, and children who are suspected of having a disability and in need of special education even though they are advancing from grade to grade. The Blue Springs R-IV School District assures that it will provide a free, appropriate public education (FAPE) to all eligible children with disabilities between the ages of 3 and 21 under its jurisdiction. Disabilities include autism, deaf/blindness, emotional disturbance, hearing impairment and deafness, mental retardation/intellectual disability, multiple disabilities, orthopedic impairment, other health impairments, specific learning disabilities, speech or language impairment, traumatic brain injury, visual impairment/blindness and young child with a developmental delay.

The Blue Springs R-IV School District assures that it will provide information and referral services necessary to assist the State in the implementation of early intervention services for infants and toddlers eligible for the Missouri First Steps program.

The Blue Springs R-IV School District assures that personally identifiable information collected, used, or maintained by the agency for the purposes of identification, evaluation, placement or provision of FAPE of children with disabilities may be inspected and/or reviewed by their parents/guardians. Parents/guardians may request amendment to the educational record if the parent/guardian believes the record is inaccurate, misleading, or violates the privacy or other rights of their child. Parents have the right to file complaints with the U.S. Department of Education or the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education concerning alleged failures by the district to meet the requirements of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

The Blue Springs R-IV School District has developed a Local Compliance Plan for the implementation of State Regulations for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). This plan contains the agency's policies and procedures regarding storage, disclosure to third parties, retention and destruction of personally identifiable information and the agency's assurances that services are provided in compliance with the General Education Provision Act (GEPA). This plan may be reviewed at the Blue Springs R-IV School District Administration Building from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM in the Special Education Department.

This notice will be provided in native languages as appropriate.

### FAMILY EDUCATION RIGHTS & PRIVACY ACT (FERPA)

The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students over 18 years of age ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records. These rights are:

- 1) The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day the School receives a request for access. Parents or eligible students should submit to the School principal (or appropriate school official) a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The School official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.
- 2) The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of a student's privacy rights. Parents or eligible students may ask the School to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate or misleading. They should write the School principal (or appropriate official), clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of the student's privacy rights. If the School decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the School will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures and rights after the hearing decision will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.
- 3) The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the School as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the School Board; a person or company with whom the School has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her task. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility. Upon request, the School discloses education records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll.
- 4) The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the School to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA are: **Family Policy Compliance Office; U.S. Department of Education; 400 Maryland Avenue, SE; Washington, DC 20202-4605.**

**BLUE SPRINGS R-IV SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Standard of Student Conduct Form**  
**(Student-Parent K-8)**

School Year 20\_\_\_\_ - 20\_\_\_\_

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_

This document is based upon policy established by the Blue Springs Board of Education and addresses provisions of the Missouri Safe Schools Act, the Federal Gun Free Schools Act and other pertinent laws which support schools being safe places for students and employees. Each student is expected to further his/her education and to respect each student's right to learn in a safe environment. The Standard of Student Conduct applies in school buildings, on district grounds, at school activities, at bus stops, in vehicles used to transport students for the school district as well as behavior outside of school which causes a disruption which is prejudicial to good order and discipline in the school. These standards, though fundamentally the same for K-12 students, will be applied to appropriately address the emotional, developmental and intellectual level of the student. **Non-compliance with these standards may result in suspension, expulsion and/or reporting to the appropriate agency including law enforcement which may result in removal from school grounds.**

A copy of the policies of the Blue Springs Board of Education is available on the district website [www.bssd.net](http://www.bssd.net) or can be provided by the school's principal.

**This document requires the signature of the parent/guardian. Signatures indicate that the content has been read and understood. This signed document will be kept in the student's file.**

- 1) Behaviors including but not limited to profanity, truancy, display of affection, insubordination, bullying, hazing, behavior disruptions, use of tobacco products, and behavior prejudicial to the good order and discipline of the schools are violations of policy. Students in violation will be subject to disciplinary action.
- 2) Oral/physical assault or battery of a fellow student or staff member may result in suspension, expulsion, and/or be reported to the appropriate authorities. Any threat of harm to a person or property, whether made directly or indirectly, is also prohibited.
- 3) Blue Springs School District prohibits the use, possession, storage, distribution, sale, purchase, transmittal, transfer, or obtaining of weapons on school property. No student may possess a weapon on school property at any time. A weapon is defined by the Missouri Safe Schools Act, the Federal Gun Free Schools Act of 1994, 18 U.S.C. 921 and 930, FSMO 571.010, and the policies of the Blue Springs Board of Education. Violators shall be referred to the appropriate legal authorities and are also subject to long-term suspension or expulsion from school. If a student violates the weapons policy as provided in both state and federal law, the student shall be suspended and/or expelled for a period of not less than one year as specified by law.
- 4) Blue Springs School District prohibits the use, possession, attendance, or being present under the influence of alcohol or drugs or any substance represented to be alcohol or drugs and any attempt to purchase, sell, or transfer such items. Drug paraphernalia is also prohibited. Students in violation are subject to long-term suspension or expulsion and will be reported to appropriate authorities.
- 5) Students are forbidden from making any terroristic threat or false report of a catastrophe, including but not limited to false bomb threats or fire alarms, to frighten or disturb people or cause evacuation or closure of any building, place of assembly or facility of transportation. Violations may result in suspension or expulsion and be reported to the appropriate law enforcement authorities



- 6) Extortion, theft, and any attempt to cause damage to any property located on district grounds or belonging to the school, staff or a fellow student are prohibited. Violators will be subject to restitution, and/or suspension or expulsion, and may be reported to the police.
- 7) Students are expected to be clean and tidy in attire. Dress and grooming must not disrupt the teaching/ learning process. When, in the judgment of the principal, a student's appearance or mode of dress disrupts the educational process or constitutes a threat to health or safety, the student may be required to make modifications.
- 8) Federal laws and district policy dictate technology use. The use of school technology resources, such as computer equipment, electronic mail, phone systems and all other communications capabilities, is a privilege. Any misuse of technology which violates district policy or state/federal law will result in disciplinary action and may result in the loss of technology privileges and/or legal consequences (including FBI, United States Secret Service, etc.). Electronic devices and computers may not be used to capture sound, digital, video, or photo images, at anytime or any where during the school day or while being transported in a district vehicle without the prior approval of administrators or staff, or at any other time, place, or school sponsored activity when a person has expectation of privacy which shall include, but not be limited to, a locker room, restroom, dressing room, or any other location where a person may be changing clothes or engaged in personal or private activities.
- 9) It is the policy of the Blue Springs School District to maintain a learning and working environment that is free from discrimination of its students and employees. The District prohibits any form of sexual harassment. Reports of such incidents should immediately be made to building administrators. Disciplinary action may include suspension, expulsion, and referral to the appropriate authorities.
- 10) The Blue Springs School District will appropriately report and make available the record of student incidents to appropriate individuals, agencies, schools, and the police as required by law.

The preceding list presents some of the standards which govern the conduct of students in the Blue Springs School District. These standards of conduct also apply to all school activities outside the regular school day.

**I have read and do understand the Blue Springs Standard of Student Conduct and my responsibilities to expect my student to follow all the disciplinary rules and regulations of the Blue Springs School District as referenced above and in the policies of the Blue Springs Board of Education.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Name (Printed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Name (Printed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian (Signed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
School

Revised 1/18/13

**BLUE SPRINGS ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS  
DISCIPLINE SCOPE AND SEQUENCE  
2016-2017**

Conduct violations are addressed in a manner which is age appropriate, consistent, fair, and aligned with Board policy. The severity and frequency of infractions is also taken into consideration when determining a discipline consequence. If a student fails or refuses to complete a designated disciplinary action, a more severe consequence may be assigned. All Scope and Sequence conduct violations will involve parent contact. Out-of-school suspensions involving five (5) or more days will be referred to a designated Central Office representative. When necessary, law enforcement referrals are generally made to the district's Department of Public Safety or a School Resource Officer. Even though this document provides a comprehensive overview, it is not possible to anticipate every disciplinary situation. Possible consequences are referenced below and will not necessarily occur in the order listed. The Board of Education Policy Manual should be accessed for additional information.

<b><u>Academic Dishonesty (CHE)</u></b> Grade Adjustment (GA) Recess Detention (RD) Time Out in the Principal's Office (TO-PO) Before or After School Detention (B-ASD) In-School Detention (ISD) Out-of-School Suspension (OSS)*	<b><u>Alcohol Use/Possession/Influence (ALC)/BP 5.64(2)(b)(1)</u></b> 10 days OSS with Referral to Central Office (CO) & Law Officer (LO)**
<b><u>Arson/Fire (ARS)</u></b> 10 days OSS with Referral to CO & LO**	<b><u>Assault or Battery/Faculty/Phys/Oral (ASP/ASO) – Includes Threats (THR)/BP 5.64(2)(a)(2) and/or 5.54(2)(a)(3)</u></b> ISD Up to 10 days OSS with Referral to CO & LO**
<b><u>Assault or Battery/Student/Phys/Oral (ASP/ASO) – Includes Threats (THR)/BP 5.64(2)(a)(1)</u></b> ISD Up to 10 days OSS with Referral to CO & LO**	<b><u>Bullying/Hazing/Harassment (HAR) – Depends on Severity/ BP 5.64(2)(a)(8) and/or 5.64(2)(a)(10)</u></b> Warning (WAR)      B-ASD RD                      ISD TO-PO                OSS*
<b><u>Bus Infraction (BUS)***/BP 6.45</u></b> WAR                      RD TO-PO Suspension from Bus - Short Term/1-3 Days (SB-ST) Suspension from Bus - Long Term/4 Days or More (SB-LT)	<b><u>Computer Misuse/Network (TEC)****/BP 5.14</u></b> WAR                      B-ASD RD                      ISD TO-PO                OSS*
<b><u>Dangerous, Hazardous, or Inappropriate Item (HAZ)/ BP 5.64(2)(a)(4)</u></b> ISD Up to 10 days OSS with Referral to CO & LO**	<b><u>Disrespect to Staff Members (DIS)</u></b> WAR                      B-ASD RD                      ISD TO-PO                OSS*
<b><u>Disruptions – Behavior (DRP)</u></b> WAR                      B-ASD RD                      ISD TO-PO                OSS*	<b><u>Drug Distribution (DRU)/BP 5.64(2)(b)(3)</u></b> 10 days OSS with Referral to CO & LO**
<b><u>Drug Possession, Use, Influence, &amp; Paraphernalia (DRU)/ BP 5.64(2)(b)(1)</u></b> 10 days OSS with Referral to CO & LO**	<b><u>Electronic Devices – Disrupting Class Time (EPH)/ BP 5.64(2)(b)(2)</u></b> WAR                      B-ASD RD                      ISD TO-PO                OSS*
<b><u>Extortion (EXT)/BP 5.64(2)(c)(1)</u></b> ISD (Age Dependent) OSS and Restitution (RES) OSS, RES, & Referral to CO*	<b><u>Failure to Follow Directions (REF)</u></b> WARPC                B-ASD RD                      ISD TO-PO                OSS*
<b><u>False Reporting/Setting off Disaster Alarms/Bomb Threats (ARS)/BP 5.64(2)(a)(7)</u></b> ISD (Age Dependent) 10 days OSS with Referral to CO & LO**	<b><u>Fighting (FIG)</u></b> ISD (Age Dependent) OSS with Referral to CO & LO**
<b><u>Insubordination/Defiance of Authority (INS)</u></b> WAR                      B-ASD RD                      ISD TO-PO                OSS*	<b><u>Lunchroom Violation (LUN)</u></b> WAR                      RD Relocation (REL)      ISD Lunch Detention (LD) OSS*

<b><u>Misconduct – General (MIS)/BP 5.61(3) and/or 5.64(1)</u></b> WAR                    B-ASD RD                     ISD TO-PO                OSS*	<b><u>Profane Language/Inappropriate Gesture (PRO)</u></b> WAR                    B-ASD RD                     ISD TO-PO                OSS*
<b><u>Sexual Harassment (SHR) – Verbal jokes, slurs, remarks, writings, gestures, etc. Law enforcement may be contacted./BP 2.8</u></b> WAR                    B-ASD RD                     ISD TO-PO                OSS*	<b><u>Sexual Misconduct (SMC) – Actual or simulated conduct, including but not limited to fondling, indecent exposure, sexual activity./BP 5.61(3) or 5.64(1)</u></b> ISD (Age Dependent) Up to 10 Days OSS with Referral to CO & LO**
<b><u>Shoving/Pushing (SHO)</u></b> WAR                    B-ASD RD                     ISD TO-PO                OSS*	<b><u>Tardiness (TAR)</u></b> WAR & Documentation (DOC)    RD & DOC TO-PO & DOC                            B-ASD & DOC ISD & DOC
<b><u>Theft – Minor/Major (THF)/BP 5.64(2)(c)(2)</u></b> TO-PO & RES        B-ASD & RES ISD & RES            OSS & RES* Thefts over \$150 may result in up to 10 days OSS, RES, with referral to CO & LO**	<b><u>Tobacco (TOB)/BP 5.64(2)(b)(5)</u></b> ISD, Confiscation (CON), & Referral to LO OSS, CON, & Referral to CO & LO*
<b><u>Truancy (TRU)</u></b> WAR                    TO-PO RD                     ISD	<b><u>Threats/Direct or Indirect to Others (THR)/BP 5.64(2)(a)(9)</u></b> TO-PO                                        B-ASD ISD Up to 10 days OSS with Referral to CO & LO**
<b><u>Vandalism (VAN) – Depends on Severity/BP 5.64(2)(c)(3)</u></b> TO-PO                                        ISD OSS with Possible Referral to CO & LO*	<b><u>Weapons (WEA)/BP 5.64(2)(a)(5)</u></b> 10 Days OSS with Referral to CO & LO**
<b><u>KEY</u></b> B-ASB: Before or After School Detention CO:    Central Office CON: Confiscation DOC: Documentation GA:    Grade Adjustment ISD: In-School Detention LD:    Lunch Detention LO:    Law Officer OSS: Out-of School Suspension RD:    Recess Detention REL: Relocation RES: Restitution SB-LT: Suspension from Bus/Long Term SB-ST: Suspension from Bus/Short Term TO-PO: Time Out/Principal’s Office WAR: Warning	*A designated Central Office representative will be contacted by the building principal prior to an out-of-school suspension in duration of five (5) days or more being assigned.  **Major incidents may result in suspension up to 180 days or expulsion.  ***Major violations may result in immediate suspension and/or expulsion from the bus.  ****Major violations may result in long-term out-of-school suspension or expulsion, loss of privilege, and referral to law enforcement.
<b><u>SEVERITY CLAUSE: As stipulated by Board Policy 5.61(3), the district recognizes the authority granted by Missouri Statutory Sections 167.161 and 167.171 (RSMO/Supp.1983) permitting student suspension or expulsion for conduct which is prejudicial to good order and discipline in the schools or which tends to impair the morale or good conduct of the students.</u></b>	

## **BLUE SPRINGS R-IV SCHOOL DISTRICT BUS REGULATIONS**

Disorderliness on the school bus will distract the driver and poses a significant safety hazard. Therefore, if a pupil cannot comply with the following regulations, s/he may be denied the privilege of riding the bus.

- 1) The driver is in charge of the pupils and the bus. Pupils must obey the driver promptly.
- 2) Classroom conduct is to be observed by the pupils while riding the bus with voices kept at an ordinary conversation level.
- 3) Students must remain seated and facing the front of the bus until their own stop is reached. The driver may assign a seat to any student.
- 4) Unnecessary conversation with the driver is prohibited.
- 5) Students must be on time. The bus cannot wait beyond its regular schedule.
- 6) Students riding on any but their assigned bus must bring a signed note from home, have it signed by the principal of their school, and then provide it to the driver.
- 7) Students cannot get off the bus at any but their assigned bus stop(s) without written permission from a parent and the principal.
- 8) Students must not at any time extend arms or their head out of the bus window.
- 9) Eating or drinking on the bus is not allowed.
- 10) No profanity or smoking is allowed on the bus.
- 11) Articles may not be thrown on the bus or out the windows.
- 12) No animals, dead or alive, are allowed on the bus.
- 13) No glass containers are allowed on the school bus.
- 14) Pupils who must cross the road after leaving the bus shall cross in front of the bus and only upon signal from the driver.
- 15) Pupils must stand back at the bus stop until the driver opens the door.

### **SEVERE CLAUSE**

Major violations for which pupils may be subject to immediate suspension from the bus include:

- 1) Smoking, possession of drugs, or throwing fireworks in or on the bus.
- 2) Having dangerous items such as knives or sharp blades on the bus.
- 3) Foul or abusive language toward other pupils and/or the driver.
- 4) Damaging the bus, such as cutting seats, etc.
- 5) Fighting.
- 6) Creating a safety hazard for the entire bus.