

INTRODUCTION

The policies and procedures contained in the handbook are the result of a concerted effort on the part of the faculty, administration, student body and school board. This information has been prepared and presented so that it will be of great value in helping you adjust to school.

The ultimate purpose of education is to help each student become an effective citizen in a democratic society. Developing and accepting the **responsibilities** and **obligations** of good citizenship will help us to participate successfully in the world of tomorrow. We hope that you will participate in our various activities and thus find those things within our school which will prepare you to live a better life and take your place in this complex society. **REMEMBER: Your success in this school is directly proportional to your efforts. You get out of anything an equal amount to what you put in.**

ATTENDANCE

One factor that has been associated with success in school has been regular and prompt attendance. Students are expected to be in school, unless excused by the attendance officer for that building. This became more imperative with our block scheduling system. The building principal serves as the attendance officer for the building to which they are assigned.

Students are allowed *eight (8) excused* absences per class. The school principal determines whether or not an absence is excused. Excused absences include, but are not limited to, illness, funerals, weddings (immediate family), working at home (not for hire), medical appointments, driver's license, court appearance and other absences *approved by the school principal*.

Absences not excused include, but are not limited to, senior pictures, hairdressing appointments, shopping trips, working for an employer while school is in session (non-parent employer), sleeping in, hunting and fishing trips not associated with a family vacation. **RULE TO FOLLOW: if in doubt ask the principal in advance.**

Unexcused absences result in the time made up after school during detention or Saturday school. All work missed during an unexcused absence will be made up and graded as usual.

SEMESTER TESTING

The exemption from taking semester tests is based upon a students performance in academics, attendance, and behavior. The following scales will be used to determine an exemption:

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No Absences	5 points
One absence	4 points
Two absences	3 points
Three points	2 points
Four absences	1 point
5+ absence	0 points

Exempt from the absence count would be any **medically** verified illness extending past three days. Only the first two days of this illness or injury would count in the absence total. Seniors are allowed one post-secondary, military or career type day each term. Seniors could take both days in one term providing the visit required more than one day and the days are consecutive school days. Juniors are allowed one post-secondary, military or career type day the entire school year. These days are exempt from the testing absence count.

Absences would be tallied one week prior to the testing date. Additional absences after that date would still count and be added as the absences occur.

An absence from class is determined by missing over 50 minutes of any class. Every third tardy to a class is counted as an absence. Any unexcused absence would automatically require the student to test in that period. Students tardy to school will be required to serve a detention that day. Verified medical appointments are exempt from this policy. All other tardies require a detention.

ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

95+ 5 points

88+ 3 points

80+ 1 point

Grade averages will be obtained one week prior to the testing date. Grade average changes will all be considered after this date--provided the information is relayed to the office.

BEHAVIOR (BASED UPON DETENTIONS)

0 detentions 5 points

1 detention 3 points

2 detentions 1 point

over two detentions 0 points

Suspensions in or out of school count the same as a detention from each class missed for each day missed.

A total of 11 points per class is needed to be exempt from testing in that period. Semester tests will count 15% of the student's grade in that class.

CREDIT REDUCTION (9-12 Students Only)

Each absence from a class will count as one attendance point. Credit for classes may be reduced if a student has accumulated more than **eight (8)** attendance points. Course credit may be reduced using the following table:

0 - 8 Points 10 credits

9 - 11 Points 8 credits

12 - 15 Points 6 credits

16 - 19 Points 4 credits

20 - 23 Points 2 credits
+23 Points 0 credit

Courses which do not receive ten credits per semester will be prorated based upon the credits offered. Three tardies to a class will be treated as an absence when awarding credit for a course.

CLASS SCHEDULES

8:10 - 8:15 Warning Bell
8:15 - 9:50 Period One
9:55 - 11:30 Period Two
11:35 - 1:40 Period Three and Lunch
 First Shift 11:30 - 12:00
 Second Shift 12:25 - 12:55
1:45 - 3:20 Period Four



LEAVING SCHOOL

If it is necessary to leave school during the school day you must check out in the principal's office before leaving. Students not following this procedure will be unexcused. You must check out with the principal or the principal's secretary--**NOT WITH AN OFFICE AIDE.**

MAKE UP WORK

Please bring whatever *evidence* is necessary to validate your absence. A note from home is the best and preferred method. Once you have been gone you have to budget your time carefully in order to get the make up work done and stay on-task with current work loads.

Students who know in advance of an absence should make arrangements to have that work *made up in advance*. If an assignment is due on a day you are gone, *regardless, if you are there or not the assignment is still due*. It is your responsibility to get the assignment to the proper people. *This also applies to work missed because of school related absences.*

STUDENT DISCIPLINE

Discipline is an internal trait that, hopefully, each student possesses. It is the ability to control one's self in situations that cause immature people, including adults, to act in a way not conducive to effective learning. The primary losers of somebody's display of a lack of discipline are those students and others who must witness the display. Not only has the erring student hurt his/her education, but, more importantly, the education of all those around. Nobody has the right to interfere with someone else's education. It is at these times that discipline problems arise in the schools.

Ideally, the classroom teachers will provide some appropriate punishment and the misbehavior will cease. However, there are times when students need to be sent to the office for their disruptive behavior.

Students sent to the office from a class for disciplinary reasons are counted absent from that class. Students serving in-school suspension are counted absent from their classes.

RETEACHING OPPORTUNITIES

It is often assumed that when children reach a certain age that they know all they should know about behavior issues. We have found this is not true. Therefore, it is necessary at times to train students in the proper behavior expected. These opportunities are usually brief and require very little time on the student's part. These will normally occur prior to the issuing of a detention. Once student's are trained in the proper conduct problems associated with that behavior should be eliminated. If not, detentions may occur.

Students occasionally will need to be retaught some of the behavior expectations. This opportunity will be arranged to coincide with the student's own time. This may be lunch, before, or after school. The reteaching experience will last as long as it takes for the student to demonstrate the desired behavior

RULES OF CONDUCT-GENERAL

The rules of conduct are posted throughout the school. Familiarize yourself with these expectations. The discipline tree is built upon detentions. When receiving a third detention in a term a student will also receive a one-day, in-school suspension. As further detentions are issued the consequences, in addition to the detention, will correspondingly increase, culminating in expulsion. Depending upon the circumstances, students may be permanently removed from a class after the third removal for disciplinary reasons.

Before an out-of-school suspension is issued under the above circumstances a student will have the option of serving a Saturday, one-day, in-school suspension at the convenience of the school administration. Each of these cases will be dealt with on an individual basis. In order to ensure the best possible educational environment for all students, unacceptable behavior, as described below shall be prohibited and subject to disciplinary action while the student is under school jurisdiction.

1. Using, possessing, selling, giving, or being under the influence of illegal drugs, including alcohol, and/or possession of drug paraphernalia will result in suspension, expulsion and legal action. (see Duty to Report Criminal Violations). The first offense will result in a three (3) day suspension. The second offense a five (5) day suspension. The third offense will result in a recommendation for expulsion.

2. Smoking, use, or possession of any tobacco product or facsimile is prohibited on campus. This may result in a three (3) day suspension.

3. Physical or verbal assault upon any student, visitor, or school employee will not be tolerated, nor will possession of any weapon or explosive (including fireworks). Violators will be subject to suspension, expulsion, and/or legal action. (see Gun Free Schools Act)

4. Disobedience, disrespect, or open defiance of proper authority will not be permitted. Detentions may be given. A third detention will result in a one-day, in-school suspension. Additional detentions will result in a two-day in-school suspension or out of school suspensions to be determined.

Continued violations from a class will result in removal from that class with a WF (withdrawn, failing)

5. Vandalism, the willful destruction or defacing of school or personal property, will not be permitted. Theft of any kind will not be tolerated. Violators in these areas will be subject to suspension, expulsion, restitution, and/or legal action.

6. Tampering with the fire alarm system or fire safety equipment (fire extinguishers) is against the law, as is the making of false hazard reports. Violators in these areas will be subject to suspension, expulsion, restitution, and/or legal action.

7. Scholastic dishonesty, which includes, but is not limited to, cheating on a test, plagiarism, or unauthorized collaboration with another person to prepare written work, can result in a student receiving a failing grade for the class and/or suspension from school.

8. Engaging in verbal abuse, i.e. name calling, ethnic or racial slurs, gender based harassment, or any derogatory statements addressed publicly to others that may precipitate disruption of the school program, or incite violence is not permitted. Profanity, vulgar language, or obscene gestures toward other students, school personnel, or visitors to the school will not be tolerated. Offenders will be subject to disciplinary action.

9. Loitering in the halls without supervision. Students wishing to lift weights, shoot baskets, etc. must have adult supervision. Disciplinary action may result.

10. Student use or possession of cellular telephones or pagers is not allowed on school property.

11. Laser pointing devices are forbidden in school, on school property, or in school vehicles and private vehicles being used for school purposes.

During the school year it may become necessary to change or add to these guidelines. When this takes place you will be notified. The change will be posted throughout the building and announcements made before changes or additions take place. If a situation occurs which is not covered in the above information, the school administration will make decisions based on the merits of the individual situation. It is the primary purpose of these rules and regulations to foster an atmosphere conducive to learning and increased student responsibility. There are times during the school year that certain student problems and concerns arise that should be brought to the attention of the school administration.

REMEMBER: TREAT OTHER PEOPLE, INCLUDING ADULTS, AS YOU WOULD HAVE THEM TREAT YOU.

STUDENT APPEARANCE

The appearance of students can have an effect on the educational climate of the school. Certain trends in wearing apparel in themselves are educationally disruptive. Common sense should be the standard by which you select your wardrobe each and every day. Specifically, the following should not be worn:

1. Shorts of an inappropriate length. Use the tips of the fingers as a guide, when in doubt.
2. Caps or hats.
3. Clothing of a sexual nature.
4. Anything which advertises alcohol or tobacco or is customarily associated with gang or drug activity
5. Fish net type clothing which shows skin.
6. Co-ed naked apparel
7. No bare midriff shirts or tops. Navels will not be displayed.
8. "Big Johnson" or other sexually suggestive items.
9. Belt chains, wallet chains, etc. longer than 6 inches in length.
10. Tank tops with spaghetti straps.
11. Book bags, athletic bags, back packs, etc. are to remain in your locker and not taken to class.
12. No shirts with oversized sleeve cut outs.

Health laws require that students wear shoes at all times while in school.

GUIDANCE OFFICE

The school's guidance and counseling services are available to all students and you are encouraged to visit the office often. The counselor devotes much time to helping students solve all kinds of personal problems. In addition, they can help you to understand yourself better by evaluating tests you have taken and by making you more aware of your abilities, interests, and needs. With this information you will be better able to make wise decisions about your future. The counselor will help you plan an appropriate high school program. In the guidance office you will find catalogs from all colleges in the state and from many other states across the nation. You can also find information on careers, specials schools, and the armed services. Students should not ask to be excused to go to the guidance office from either class or study hall unless that student has a pass from the counselor. If you are using the counselor's services, it is your responsibility to notify the teacher to whom you would normally be assigned.

ALCOHOL, DRUGS, TOBACCO

The use of illicit drugs and the unlawful possession and use of alcohol is wrong and harmful. Compliance with the following standards is mandatory.

Because we feel that school should be an environment free from elements that cause harm, the possession and/or use of alcohol, tobacco (in any form), and non-authorized drugs will not be allowed on school property or *at school sponsored activities at home or away*. The punishment for violating this rule may be suspension/expulsion from school, referral for prosecution to the proper authorities, or the completion of an appropriate rehabilitation program. (see activity policy). Students may obtain information about referral services available by contacting any member of the school's SCIP team or the high school principal.

TELEPHONE

The telephone in the hallway near the Pirate Gym is available for student use. Students will not be called from class for a telephone call unless it is an emergency.

LOCKERS

Lockers are the property of Plainview Public Schools and, as such, students do not have a property right to them. **DO NOT ATTACH STICKERS, ETC. INSIDE OR OUTSIDE. NO BEVERAGE CONTAINERS ARE TO BE STORED INSIDE LOCKERS.** No beverages are to be brought into school from outside. This includes pop in bottles or cans and all types of personal containers. No beverages are to be brought to the classrooms. If you desire a lock for your locker you must get a lock from the school office. Un authorized locks may be removed. ***WARNING: THIEVES ARE NOT MADE WHEN THEY LEAVE SCHOOL. WE DO HAVE PEOPLE IN OUR SCHOOL WHO WILL STEAL IF THEY ARE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY. DO NOT! DO NOT! DO NOT LEAVE VALUABLES IN YOUR LOCKER REGARDLESS IF IT HAS A LOCK OR NOT.***

GRADING SYSTEM AND REPORT CARDS

Plainview Senior High School is on a quarterly grade reporting system. Report cards will also be issued for each parent conference in the first and third terms. Interim reports will be issued midway during the second and fourth terms. Grades are assessed by the office every week to determine activity eligibility. The following grade scale is used.

A	93-100
B	85-92
C	77-84
D	70-76
F	Below 70
INC	Incomplete*
SAT	Satisfactory
U	Unsatisfactory (No credit)
WP	Withdraw Passing (No credit)
WF	Withdraw Failing (No credit)

*Incompletes may only be issued after approval has been obtained from the high school principal. Incompletes will only be considered in cases where students were unable to complete scheduled assignments on time.

Report cards are issued at parent/teacher conferences first and third quarters. Cards not picked up will be mailed home to the parents. All report cards will be mailed home at the end of each semester.

HONOR ROLL

Honor roll is divided into two categories. The Honor Roll itself and an Honorable Mention honor roll. To earn Honor Roll status students must have a composite average for the quarter of at least a 93. In addition, no grade earned may be below an 88. Honorable Mention students must have an average for the quarter of at least 85 with no work being below an 80.

HONOR SCHOLAR PROGRAM

Students wishing more recognition than that offered by the Honor Roll may apply for Honor Scholar consideration at the beginning of the academic year. Students desiring to participate in the Honor Scholar program must be enrolled in at least four (4) core courses (Math, Science, Social Studies, English, Foreign Language) during the course of the school year. Students must carry a minimum of a 90 average in each of the core courses in which they are enrolled.

ACTIVITY ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Students must pass twenty (20) semester hours of credit the immediate preceding semester in order to be eligible for varsity athletics/activities sponsored by the Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA). In addition, a student may not be failing more than one class each and every week to be eligible for activities that week. Under both only ten (10) of the hours may be in Physical Education, Music, or Art.

Since the primary purpose of Plainview Public Schools is to provide an educational experience to all students, this obligation must be met before students become too involved in extracurricular activities. The participation in activities is above and beyond the curricular aspect of school and is contingent upon successful completion of scholarly pursuits. *Extracurricular activity participation is an earned privilege--not a right.* Earned by the successful involvement in an academic program.

Evidence indicates that students who initially feel they cannot meet strict academic requirements do not drop school and become a burden on society. They do, however, put forth the extra effort necessary to achieve the desired academic outcome. Levels they never before thought possible.

In order to assure the above, student grades will be assessed each week during the school year--***STARTING with the tenth (10) day of school each term.***

Any student failing a course will be placed on eligibility probation for one week (Monday to Monday). If at the end of that week the student is still failing a course (does not have to be the same courses) the student will be ineligible for extracurricular activities for the next two weeks. Raising grades during that time will have no effect on the eligibility during that two-week period. At the end of the two-week cycle if the student is still failing more than one class the ineligibility continues for two weeks. Students do not get another week of probation until they have worked themselves off of the ineligibility list by having one or fewer failing grade averages.

Extracurricular activities are those that are provided by the school which are not graded and receive no credit toward graduation.

During a period of ineligibility students are expected to attend practice sessions for the activities in which they are involved.

ACTIVITY TRANSPORTATION

Students must ride school approved and provided transportation to all activities in which they desire to participate. In a majority of cases this is a school bus. Insurance issues make it imperative that there be no exceptions to this rule. You may ride home with ***YOUR PARENTS*** after an activity if

the parents present themselves to the sponsor of the activity and give the sponsor a note. The only approved transportation from an activity outside of the school transportation is your parents--not your friends' parents, your uncle, your neighbor, etc. If in doubt, ask. Failure to abide by this requirement could render one ineligible for activities.

STUDENT DRIVING

Students are not allowed to move their cars, motorcycles, bicycles, skateboards, etc. from the school area once it has been parked for the school day without first obtaining permission from the school administration. Open campus privileges are extended to students in grades 10-12 only. All vehicles are to remain parked. Vehicles are off limits once they are parked. No beverages are to be brought into school from outside. This includes pop, beverages, containers of any kind, mugs, etc. Detention, suspension, etc. may result for the violation of this rule. This is your warning for this infraction.

STUDENT COUNCIL

We realize that all rules do not meet the everyone's approval. There is always room for improvement. The vehicle by which students can work to improve their school is through their student council representatives. The administration is more than willing to sit down and discuss issues that affect the student body. It is only in dealing with matters in this way that we learn to live in the democracy we have.

STUDENT PARTICIPATION

1. In order to participate in any school activity in the afternoon or evening (Band Concert, Athletic Event, Play, FFA Meeting, FHA meeting, etc.) a student must have been in class attendance for a least the last half of the school day, the day of the activity.
2. Any student who leaves school during the day because of illness is automatically ineligible to participate in any school activity that day or evening, regardless of when they may return to school later that day.
3. Any exception will have to have prior approval from the principal.

ACTIVITY POLICY

The Board of Education of the Plainview Public Schools recognizes the value of extracurricular activities in the overall scope of a student's education. Therefore, whenever possible, a wide variety of such activities will be provided, and student will be encouraged to participate.

In order to participate in extracurricular activities, the involved students will be subject to, and expected to comply with certain rules and guidelines as developed by the Nebraska School Activities Association, and/or the school district. The application of these rules or guidelines shall begin with the first day of school, or the first day of practice, if such practice starts before the first day of school.

The following actions and/or conduct are deemed inappropriate for any student who wishes to represent Plainview Public Schools in extracurricular activities.

- A. The possession and/or consumption of alcoholic beverage.

- B. The possession and/or use of a controlled substance.
- C. The possession and/or use of tobacco in any form.
- D. The refusal to abide by the coach's or sponsor's request concerning actions, appearance, and/or general conduct as a representative of the Plainview Public Schools.

If an investigation by the Principal establishes that a student is in violation of Items A, B, or C as stated above, or any combination of such items, the following disciplinary action will be initiated:

First Offense--Placed on restriction for 2-week period or next activity.

Second Offense--Placed on restriction for 12-week period. Six weeks plus one participating activity if intervention program involvement obtained.

Third Offense--Placed on restriction for the remainder of the school year.

A student placed on restriction will be allowed to participate in only the following activities for the duration of the restriction period.

A. Attendance at regularly scheduled class periods.

B. Participation on any class trip that is developed and supervised by the classroom teacher, is expected to be attended by all members of the class, is considered a part of the learning curriculum for that particular class, and takes place with the confines of one calendar day.

C. Participation in any regularly scheduled practices, as developed and supervised by the sponsor of the activity that the restricted student was participating in at the time of the restriction, or will be able to participate in when the restriction period is over.

D. Attendance at any convocations or assemblies as scheduled by the administration designed for the attendance of all or part of the student body.

Students placed on restriction will miss the next activity in which they are involved if no activities in which they are participating occurs during the restriction period.

There can be three offenses per year.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY PROJECT OPTION

Students who **DO NOT** have an activity during the first two weeks of a first offense may opt to perform a school-community project. This project is to be developed by the student with the assistance of the high school principal. Only students not having an activity during the two weeks of a first offense will have this option.

Activities do include prom, homecoming, and athletic banquet.

INTERVENTION OPTION

Any student who is evaluated and diagnosed as having the disease of alcoholism and/or addiction to a controlled substance or tobacco, and is in violation a second time of the rules and regulations pertaining to the activity policy will be removed from the restricted list after he or she has been enrolled and participated in six (6) weeks in a chemical intervention program approved by the school administration.

The restriction period will begin upon notification from the high school principal and will run in consecutive weeks when school is in session.

Rules and standards which form the basis for activity programs will be distributed to students and parents at the beginning of each school year or at the time of enrollment.

Students and parents will sign a form that they have received a copy of the activity policy and handbook. The signature form must be returned to school. Before the form is returned students are on restriction.

INVESTIGATIVE PROCESS

1. The high school principal must make an investigation. This process will include giving the student involved oral or written notice of the charges and an explanation of the evidence against him or her. The student will be given an opportunity to present his or her version.

2. The high school principal may remove or suspend after a violation of the rules has been determined.

3. The student must be notified immediately of the action taken. Parents will be notified by certified mail of the findings.

POSSESSION

For the purposes of the policy possession has the following definitions:

1. *Alcohol and drugs.*

Since alcohol and illicit drugs are illegal for a vast majority of our students, possession shall be interpreted as not only the actual physical, hands on, control of the illicit drug or alcohol but, shall also include being in a area where the illegal use of alcohol or illicit drugs is occurring. This does not apply to controlled situations where alcohol is being served under a license issued by any governmental subdivision

2. *Tobacco*

Since tobacco is much more prevalent and students may come into an area where tobacco is being used quite unwittingly and tobacco is not controlled by the state to the extent alcohol and illicit drugs are controlled, possession shall be defined as the actual physical, hands on, control of the tobacco product.

3. *Consumption.*

Consumption of illicit drugs, alcohol, and tobacco shall be defined as the actual use of any of these in any quantity whatsoever.

SCHOOL POLICY ON EXPELLED STUDENT AND ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION

(REF: Title 92, Chapter 17

Plainview Public Schools, District Five, Pierce County, hereafter referred to as the school district, shall provide an alternative school, class or program for student who have been expelled.

Students expelled from the district's schools will have the following options for an alternative school, class, or program

1. When appropriate, enrollment in another school.
2. Home-based program consisting of approved independent study course work at the student's expense. The school district will reimburse the student for courses after successful completion of the course(s). A minimum of four

(4) courses approved by the administration must be completed each semester of the expulsion.

3. An evening school program arranged by the administration, which will consist of a minimum of four (4) courses approved by the administration. Student will complete all assignments on time and be present at all sessions unless an excuse has been granted prior to the session.

If a student fails to meet any of the conditions of the learning program, the school district may, without further obligation, terminate the program after a due process hearing as defined in the statutory provision for suspension and expulsion of students, unless waived by the parents or guardians.

If the parent or guardian should refuse to participate, the school district has no further obligation with regard to the provision of an alternative school, class, or program.

GUN FREE SCHOOLS POLICY

It shall be the policy of Plainview Public Schools to follow the requirements of the Federal Gun Free Schools Act and Nebraska statute 79-4,196. These laws specifically require the expulsion from school for a period of not less than one year of any student who is determined to have knowingly and intentionally possessed, used, or transmitted a firearm on school grounds, in a school owned or leased vehicle being used for a school purpose, or at a school sponsored activity or athletic event. For purposes of this policy, firearm means a firearm as defined in 18 U.S.C. 921. The policy shall authorize the superintendent or school board to modify the expulsion requirement on an individual basis. On an annual basis, the school district shall provide the Nebraska Department of Education an assurance that the school district has in effect the required policy and a description of the circumstances surrounding any expulsions imposed under this policy. Adopted November 13, 1995

Federal Definition of "Firearm"

18 U.S.C. Section 921

(3) The term "firearm" means (a) any weapon (including a starter gun) which will or is designed to or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive; (b) the frame or receiver of any such weapon; (c) any firearm muffler or firearm silencer; or (d) any destructive device. Such term does not include an antique firearm.

(4) The term "destructive device" means-

(A) any explosive, incendiary, or poison gas-

(i) bomb,

(ii) grenade,

(iii) rocket having a propellant charge > 4 ounces

(iv) missile having an explosive charge > 1/4 ounce

(v) mine, or

(vi) device similar to any of the preceding

(B) any type of weapon (other than a shotgun or a shotgun shell which the Secretary finds is generally recognized as particularly suitable for

sporting purposes) by whatever name known which will, or which may be readily converted to, expel a projectile by the action of an explosive or other propellant, and which has any barrel with a bore or more than 1/2 inch in diameter; and

(C) any combination of parts either designed or intended for use in converting any device into any destructive device in subparagraph (A) or (B) and from which a destructive device may be readily assembled.

The term "destructive device" shall not include any device which is neither designed nor redesigned for use as a weapon; any device, although originally designed for use as a weapon, which is redesigned for use as a signaling, pyrotechnic, line throwing, safety device; surplus ordinance sold, loaned, or given by the Secretary of the Army pursuant to the provisions of section 4684 (2), 4685, or 4686 to Title 10; or any other device which the Secretary of the Treasury finds is not likely to be used as a weapon, is an antique, or is a rifle which the owner intends to use solely for sporting, recreational or cultural purposes.

DISCLOSURE OF STUDENT RECRUITING INFORMATION

The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 requires Plainview Public Schools to provide military recruiters and institutions of higher education access to secondary students' names, addresses, and telephone listings. Parents and secondary students have the right to request that the school not provide this information. The request not to have this information released is done by checking the non disclosure box on the student handbook receipt and returning the receipt to the office.

STUDENT FEE POLICY

The Public Elementary and Secondary Student Fee Authorization Act authorizes Plainview Public Schools to charge student fees for certain student activities and requires the district to adopt a policy addressing student fees. The board also recognizes that there are expenses related to educational and extracurricular programs that may require financial participation by students and their parents or guardians. In order to provide students and parents with guidance regarding the district's position of student fees the board of education adopts the following Student Fee Policy. It is the intent of the board of education to provide equal access for all students to all programs.

Fees Authorized. Except as provided in this policy, the district may require and collect fees or other funds from or on behalf of students or require students to provide specialized equipment or specialized attire for any of the following purposes:

- Participation in extracurricular activities,
- Admission fees and transportation charges for spectators attending extracurricular activities,
- Post-secondary education costs, including tuition, textbooks, and fees,
- Transportation pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. 79-241, 79-605, and 79-611,

- Copies of student files or records pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. 79-2,104,
- Reimbursement to the district for school district property lost or damaged by the student,
- Before-and-after-school or prekindergarten services offered pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. 79-1104,
- Summer school or night school,
- Breakfast and lunch programs,
- Any other fee authorized by law.

Personal or Consumable Items. The district shall require students to furnish minor personal or consumable items for courses and activities including, but not limited to pencils, paper products, pens, rulers, erasers, crayons, markers, scissors, calculators, protractor, compass, notebooks, basic clothing, food and drink, and similar personal or consumable items. Students shall be required to furnish the following personal or consumable items for the following courses and activities:

- Band – Instrument oil, reeds, and drumsticks.

Non-Specialized Attire (clothing). Students shall be required to furnish and wear the following non-specialized attire meeting the following general guidelines for the specified courses and activities:

- Paint shirt for art,
- Work clothes for welding and small engines
- Shirt, shorts, and gymshoes for Physical Education.

Course project materials. Students shall be required to furnish the following materials for course projects that become the property of the students upon completion:

- Shop materials for industrial arts, welding, small engines
- Project kits in Family Consumer Science

Musical Instruments and Activities. Students shall be required to furnish musical instruments for participation in optional music courses that are not extracurricular activities except that a musical instrument shall be provided for any student who applies for a fee waiver and qualifies for a fee waiver. The district shall not be obligated to provide a particular type of musical instrument for any student.

The following music courses are extracurricular activities:

- Swing Choir

The fees for musical instruments, specialized attire and other specialized equipment shall be twenty dollars (\$20.00) per semester for a musical instrument, seventy five (\$75.00) to one-hundred fifty (\$150.00) dollars for swing choir attire.

Non-Music Extracurricular Activities. Students shall be required to furnish the following specialized equipment or attire for the following non-music extracurricular activities:

- Football Shoes
- Wrestling Shoes
- Track Shoes

Students shall be required to pay the following fees for non-music extracurricular activities:

- FFA Dues – fifteen dollars (\$15.00)
- FCCLA Dues – twenty dollars (\$20.00).

Activities Admission. The district requires all students in Kindergarten through 12th grade to pay three dollars (\$3.00) admission to varsity events and one dollar (\$1.00) for junior varsity and junior high school events. This section applies only to those contests that are solely sponsored by Plainview Public Schools.

Breakfast and Lunch Program: Following is a schedule of fees required for any breakfast or lunch program offered by the district:

- Breakfast K-12 – seventy cents (\$.70)
- Lunch K-6 – one dollar and thirty cents (\$1.30)
- Lunch 7-12 – one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50)
- Extra Sandwich (when available) twenty-five cents (\$.25)
- Extra milk or malt – twenty-five cents (\$.25)

Driver Education. The district will offer a driver education course during the summer months. The fee for this summer course work will be:

- One hundred thirty dollars (\$130.00)

Graduation Items. Following is a schedule of fees required for materials associated with graduation:

- Cap and Gown – Thirty dollars (\$30.00)

Student Fee Fund. The district will establish a student fee fund. The student fee fund shall be comprised of all money collected from students for:

- Participation in extracurricular activities,
- Postsecondary education costs,
- Summer school or night school.

No other money shall be deposited in the student fee fund, whether from other student fees or taxes, and the money shall be expended for the purposes for which it was collected from the students.

Fee Waiver. Any fees to be charged or materials required to be provided shall be waived for students who have qualified for free and reduced lunches under United States Department of Agriculture guidelines and have made application for a fee waiver in the following areas:

- Participation in extracurricular activities
- Admission fees and transportation charges for spectators attending extracurricular activities
- Specialized equipment or specialized attire for participation in extracurricular activities
- Course project materials

- Musical instruments both for participation in optional music courses that are not extracurricular activities and for participation in extracurricular activities.

Fund Raising. Students may be required to participate in fund-raising activities in order to participate in extracurricular activities. If fund-raising is required for a particular extracurricular activity, any student participating in said activity shall be expected and required to participate equally and share equally in whatever funds are raised.

Severability Clause. If any section or part of this policy is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the declaration will not affect the validity of constitutionality of the remaining portions.

EQUAL ACCESS AND OPPORTUNITY

It is the policy of Plainview Public Schools not to discriminate on the basis of race, nationality, creed, age, gender, marital status or handicap in its educational programs, activities or employment practices as required by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and other applicable federal and state statutes. Any concerns in these matter should be addressed to: Don Bettermann, Superintendent, P.O. Box 638, Plainview, NE 68769-0638.