



Sandoval Community Unit School District 501

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

One of the most important goals of Sandoval Community Unit School District #501 is to establish a positive and supportive learning environment in which our students feel safe, secure, and have maximum opportunities to learn. Our focus is on teaching students what they are expected to do and in helping them to understand how appropriate behavior from every student is necessary for a positive learning environment. In order to promote and maintain this environment, we hold high expectations for student behavior. We are determined to maintain our high standards of excellence for our students and our schools. Learning is a serious business because it requires work and self-discipline. As we have now settled into the new school year, I want to remind you of several important policies and procedures that we expect all our students to adhere to in order to maintain a positive and supportive learning environment for all students.

ATTENDANCE: Success in school depends largely on regular punctual attendance and good study habits. Students are expected to attend all classes and assigned activities unless there is a justifiable reason for being absent. Parents are responsible for ensuring regular punctual attendance. Unexcused absences exceeding 10% of possible attendance are defined as chronic and will be reported to parents and notification made to the Regional Superintendent and/or Sandoval Family Education Court for further action.

RELEASE DURING SCHOOL HOURS: Teachers may not release students from school at other than regular dismissal times without prior approval of the administration. No student will be released from school to any person other than the custodial parent(s)/guardian(s) without the written or oral permission of the custodial parent(s)/guardian(s).

VAPING: Vaping is prohibited by Sandoval CUSD #501. Any student caught vaping or possession of any vaping paraphernalia (mods, juice, battery packs etc.) will receive a minimum of three (3) days of out of school suspension for the first offense with possible progressive discipline for subsequent offenses. The school will not return any mods, e-cigarettes or associated paraphernalia to parents, it will be turned over to the Sandoval Police Department, who may issue \$60 citations for students under the age of 18.

BULLYING: Bullying anyone or on the basis of actual or perceived race, color, national origin, immigration status, military status, unfavorable discharge status from the military service, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender-related identity or expression, ancestry, age, religion, physical or mental disability, order of protection status, status of being homeless, or actual or potential marital or parental status, including pregnancy, association with a person or group with one or more of the aforementioned actual or perceived characteristics, or any other distinguishing characteristic is prohibited. Students are encouraged to immediately report bullying. A report may be made orally or in writing to the district complaint manager or any staff member with whom the student is comfortable speaking.

MEDICATION: Medication required by a student shall generally not be administered at school by a district employee. This policy includes prescription and non-prescription medications such as Tylenol, Aspirin, or Ibuprofen. No student shall possess or consume any prescription or non-prescription medication on school grounds or at a school-related function without the signed consents. Students in violation may face disciplinary action. However, Illinois law allows students to carry and self-administer Asthma inhalers and Epinephrine injectors (EpiPen) as needed with a signature from both the student's licensed health care provider and parent/guardian.

CELL PHONES: Using or possessing an electronic device or cellular telephone, video recording device, or other electronic devices in any manner that disrupts the educational environment or violates the rights of others, including using the device to take photographs, cheat, signal others, or otherwise violate student conduct rules is prohibited. All electronic devices are to be silenced and kept in lockers during the school day. Students may check their phone at their lockers during passing periods and may also have their phones at lunch only.

SOCIAL MEDIA USE: Sharing information and images via social media is a part of daily life for many children and teens. Social media allows kids to communicate with one another, and to document and share what they are doing in real time. Whether it's via text message or a smartphone app like Instagram or Snapchat, today's children and youth are able to share personal information far beyond what their parents could do when they were young. It's important for parents to learn about the different technologies children are using to help keep them safe online. Social media is always changing, with new apps appearing all the time. Cyberbullying is when people are bullied online. While most online social interactions are positive, some people use the technology to intimidate and harass others. Cyberbullying can happen in many ways: by sending mean messages over email or by posting them publicly in an app like Facebook, by sharing photos and videos without permission, or by excluding someone from a group chat. Cyber-bullying (bullying through the use of technology or any electronic communication) is strictly prohibited by Sandoval CUSD #501. Please talk to your children about cyberbullying. If it isn't too serious, suggest that they ignore it at first. If it doesn't stop, is violent or sexually explicit, or if your child gets scared, encourage them to talk to you or another trusted adult.

Respectfully,

Rob Miller, Superintendent

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