

**THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF
STURGEON BAY**

**EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK
FOR
Support Staff**

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INTRODUCTION

INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

This Employee Handbook has been prepared for support staff employees including Maintenance, Custodian, General Custodian, Secretary I& II, General Secretary, Kitchen Manager, Head Cook, Food Service Helpers and Servers, Teacher Associate. The provisions described herein are the terms and conditions governing employment in the Sturgeon Bay School District ("District") and compliance with them is required.

This Employee Handbook is a collection of selected employment policies and procedures, as well as rules and regulations of the District. It has been prepared to acquaint all support staff members with these policies and procedures, rules, and regulations that govern their employment in the District, and to provide for the orderly and efficient operation of the District.

It is each support staff member's responsibility to read and become familiar with this information and to comply the policies adopted by the Board and/or the administrative guidelines promulgated by the Superintendent that are available electronically on the District website, as well as the rules and regulations contained herein.

If you have questions regarding any of the Board policies and/or Superintendent's administrative guidelines, and/or the rules or regulations set forth in this Handbook, or about matters which are not covered, please direct them to your immediate supervisor.

DISCLAIMER STATEMENT

This Employee Handbook has been prepared for informational purposes only. None of the statements, policies and procedures, rules, or regulations contained herein constitutes a guarantee of employment, a guarantee of any other right or benefit, or a contract of employment, express or implied. All of the District's employees are employed "at-will", and employment is not for any definite period, unless otherwise provided by individual contract. Termination of employment may occur at any time, with or without notice, and with or without cause, at the option of the District or the employee. The District's staff employed under individual contracts with the Board may be terminated or nonrenewed consistent with the terms of the individual contract.

Furthermore, any staff members who violate any of the terms and conditions of employment set forth in this Employee Handbook may be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with Policy 4139-Staff Discipline.

The provisions set forth in this Handbook may be altered, modified, changed, or eliminated at any time by the District, with or without notice. This Employee Handbook supersedes any and all previous handbooks, statements, policies and procedures, rules, or regulations given to employees, whether verbal or written.

STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

The School District of Sturgeon Bay believes that a school system in America has an obligation to continually strive to instill in each individual, according to his/her abilities, the knowledge, skills, attitudes, and values necessary for effective living in a free and changing society based on the rights and responsibilities embodied in our American heritage.

It is the aim of this school district to provide a diversified program of educational experiences to youth and to cooperate with the home, church and community to promote the development of individually different but effectively-educated citizens.

Within the classroom, emphasis should be on the development of fundamental skills and knowledge, as well as on breadth and depth of materials according to the student's ability. This can best be accomplished through a varied and flexible curriculum presented in surroundings that promote good work and study. The needs of the students, their parents, and the community demand an honest appraisal of student ability, flexible learning programs, and a healthy respect for learning itself. Likewise, recognition of the obligation to stimulate the ability to think objectively, to draw conclusions, and to make decisions is accompanied by an awareness of significant and desirable social and personal values.

CHAIN OF COMMAND – ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

The chain of command is the formal line of authority, communication, and responsibility within the District.

(See also Policy 3112– Board-Staff Communications)

The chain of command depicted on the *organizational chart* (this will be a hyperlink to the District's Organizational Chart) identifies the relationships in the District.

PURPOSE

The Board will operate and manage the school system and its programs, facilities, properties and school-related activities of its employees, and it is expressly recognized that this operational and managerial responsibility includes, but is not limited to, the determination and direction of the working force; the right to subcontract for goods, services or work that is deemed desirable by the Board or the Superintendent; the right to plan, direct and control school activities; the right to establish and revise the school calendar; establish hours of employment; to schedule classes and assign workloads; to maintain the effectiveness of the school system, to make necessary assignments for all programs of an extracurricular nature; to create, revise and eliminate positions; to establish and require observance of reasonable rules and regulations; to select, hire and terminate employees; to determine qualifications and conditions of employment; to promote or demote and to discipline and discharge employees. The foregoing enumerations of the functions of the Board shall not be considered to exclude other functions of the Board not specifically set forth.

II. EMPLOYMENT

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Board of Education (the “Board”) does not discriminate in the employment of staff on the basis of any characteristic protected under State or Federal law including, but not limited to: race, color, age, creed or religion, genetic information, handicap or disability, marital status, citizenship status, veteran status, military service (as defined in § 111.32, Wis. Stats.), sexual orientation, national origin, ancestry, arrest record, conviction record, use or non-use of lawful products off the District’s premises during non-working hours, or declining to attend an employer-sponsored meeting or to participate in any communication with the employer about religious matters or political matters or any other characteristic protected by law in its employment practices.

If the employee has questions regarding Equal Employment Opportunity or how to file a complaint regarding equal employment (s)he should refer to:

Policy

AG 4122	Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity
AG 4122A	Federal Regulations for Section 504 34 CFR Ch. 1 (7-1-88 Edition) Subpart B – Employment Practices
AG 4122B	Complaint Procedures for Nondiscrimination and Equal Opportunity/Access
AG 4122C	Comparative Analysis of Employment Related Provisions of ADA and Section 504

ANTI-HARASSMENT POLICY

The Board is committed to a work environment that is free of harassment of any form. The Board will not tolerate any form of harassment and will take all necessary and appropriate action to eliminate it. Any member of the District community who violates this policy will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment. Additionally, appropriate action will be taken to stop and otherwise deal with any third party who engages in harassment against our employees.

For purposes of anti-harassment, “District community” means individuals subject to the control and supervision of the Board including, but not limited to, student, teachers, staff, volunteers, and Board members. “Third party” means individuals outside the District community who participate in school activities and events authorized by the Board including, but not limited to, visiting speakers, participants on opposing athletic teams, and vendors doing business with, or seeking to do business with, the District.

Harassment consists of unwelcome conduct, whether verbal, physical, or visual, that is based on a person's protected status, such as sex, color, race, ancestry, creed, religion, genetic information, national origin, age, handicap, disability, marital status, veteran status, citizenship status, sexual orientation, arrest record, conviction record, or other protected group status, which affects tangible job benefits, interferes unreasonably with an individual's work performance, or creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working environment. Harassment may occur employee-to-employee, student-to-employee, male-to-female, female-to-male, male-to-male, or female-to-female.

The Superintendent has prepared written administrative guidelines for employees to follow when reporting alleged harassment. The process that will be followed when conducting an investigation regarding alleged harassment that is prohibited is also set forth in these guidelines.

For more information employees shall refer to:

Policy 4362	Employee Anti-Harassment,
Policy 4362.01	Threatening Behavior Toward Staff Members,
AG 4362	Employee Anti-Harassment,
AG 4362A	Reporting Threatening Behaviors.

JOB DESCRIPTIONS

The Board recognizes that it is essential for District and employee accountability for each staff member to be fully aware of the duties and responsibilities of his/her position. Job descriptions document and describe the essential functions for professional staff positions and thereby promote organizational effectiveness and efficiency.

For more information regarding job descriptions, support staff employees shall refer to Policy 4120.01 – Job Descriptions. Further, if a copy of a job description is required or desired, the employee shall ask their immediate supervisor or go to the district office and request a duplicate copy.

IMMIGRATION REFORM ACT NOTICE

The District complies with the provisions of the Federal Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, including, but not limited to, requiring verification of authorization to accept employment in the United States from all employees.

For more information regarding this compliance, please refer to the following:

Policy 4111 - Creating a Position

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Employees are expected to maintain high standards of honesty, integrity, impartiality, and professional conduct. Employees are expected to perform their duties in a manner free from conflict of interest pursuant to Section 19.59 Wisconsin Statutes.

Policy 4210 Staff Ethics

OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES OF STAFF

It is imperative that employees avoid situations in which their personal interests, activities, and associations may conflict with the interests of the District. If an employee is involved in an activity that threatens a staff member's effectiveness within the school system, the Superintendent shall evaluate the impact of such interest, activity, or association upon the staff member's responsibilities.

For more information regarding the Board's expectations concerning interests, activities or associations that may conflict with the interests of the District, support staff employees should review the following:

Policy 4231 - Outside Activities of Support Staff

COMMUNICATIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

The District values the comments and suggestions of its employees concerning work methods and operations. Employees should follow the chain-of-command when offering a suggestion or comment.

Support staff members should refer to the detailed procedure regarding communication set forth in

Policy 4112 Board-Staff Communication

POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

Political activities that do not contribute to a positive learning climate may be disruptive, divisive and distracting. Therefore, the Board has concluded that such activities are not appropriate within the school setting. It is the intention of the Board to regulate such activities on all Board owned or used property, within all District buildings and at all District-sponsored activities.

AG 4231A – Participation in Political Activities

REPORTING SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

Wisconsin law requires District personnel to report all suspected incidents of child abuse and/or neglect to the Door County Department of Human Services, law enforcement or other legal authorities. Because the Board is concerned with the welfare of all children, it recognizes the legal and ethical obligations to report suspected abuse or neglect and expects District staff to act in accordance with all appropriate Wisconsin statutes.

All District Employees are required to report suspected abuse or neglect when there is “reasonable cause” to suspect abuse or neglect has or will occur. Anyone who, in good faith, participates in the making of a report pursuant to the legal mandate shall in so doing be immune from any liability, civil or criminal, that might otherwise be imposed. State law also protects Employees from being discharged from employment as a direct result of such a report.

The Board supports a preventative approach to child abuse and neglect and will provide training to school personnel in recognizing the indicators of abuse or neglect and in working with families in attempting to eliminate the conditions which may have contributed to the suspected abuse or neglect.

Further information, guidelines and requirements relating to the District’s child abuse and neglect reporting policy are set forth in Board policy 8462 which is available on the District’s website. If you have questions regarding the policy, please contact the District’s administration office.

III. EMPLOYMENT STATUS AND RECORDS

EMPLOYMENT CATEGORIES

A regular employee is hereby defined as a person hired to fill either a regular full-time or regular part-time position. A full-time position is eighteen hundred (1,800) hours or more in a calendar year. A part -time position is less than eighteen hundred (1,800) hours in a calendar year. A temporary employee is one who is hired for a specified period of time or to perform on a specific project (not to exceed ninety [90] calendar days), and who will be separated from the position at the end of such period or project.

The Board establishes the specific categories of employment by which staff are identified as administrators or members of the professional staff if they fall into a category established in Policy 3120 – Employment of Professional Staff, or are identified as members of the support staff if they fall into a category established in Policy 4120 – Employment of Support Staff.

PERSONNEL FILES

It is critical to effective human resource management and necessary for satisfaction of legal obligations that the Board maintains accurate personnel records. Further, the access granted for review and inspection of a personnel file must be completed in accordance with state law. The District shall maintain personnel records and grant access to inspect or review the record in accordance with Policy 8320 – Personnel Records and State law.

PERSONNEL FILE RECORD CORRECTION

If there is any disagreement with the content or information contained in an employee's personnel record, the employee will follow the process established in Policy 8320 – Personnel Records to either have a correction made to the information in question. or to have the content in question removed from the file.

PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

The Superintendent has established and will implement a program of staff evaluation.

This program shall focus upon the early identification of specific areas in which the support staff member's performance needs improvement so that appropriate assistance may be provided in a systematic way. The evaluations shall be consistent with the following:

- A. State statutes
- B. Policy 4220 – Staff Evaluation
- C. AG 4220 – Evaluations of Staff

CONFIDENTIALITY

As a result of an Employee's responsibilities with the District, an Employee may have access to confidential student or personnel records or other sensitive information. This may include, without limitation, information concerning the educational and medical status or condition of a student, the medical status or condition of an Employee, Employee records as well as the District's business practices including purchasing and negotiating strategies (collectively "confidential information"). Pupil information obtained as the result of employment with the District is confidential information and protected by law unless such information has been designated as pupil directory data in School Board policy, and parents or guardians have not otherwise exercised their right to opt out of the release of designated directory data information.

Confidential information cannot be disclosed to any District personnel who are not authorized to receive such information or to persons outside of the District without the express authorization of Administration. Likewise, no information concerning the internal operations of the District, including but not limited to the release of records of the District, may occur except through, and with the permission of Administration.

Unless directed by Administration, Employees shall not act as the District's custodian of records or disseminate confidential information. State and federal laws govern the collection, maintenance and dissemination of confidential information. As a result, the improper and unauthorized disclosure of confidential information may constitute a violation of law. All inquiries or requests for pupil or personnel records should be directed to the Superintendent or building supervisor.

STUDENT SUPERVISION AND WELFARE

The Board requires each support staff member to maintain a standard of care for supervision, control and protection of students commensurate with the employee's assigned duties and responsibilities.

For the Board's expectations with regard to student supervision and welfare, refer to Policy 4213 - Student Supervision and Welfare.

ASSIGNMENT AND TRANSFERS

The Superintendent is responsible for the proper assignment of all staff members in conformance with any legal requirements or certification requirements. Assignments for the forthcoming school year will be made in accordance with AG 4130 – Assignment and Transfer of Support Staff.

Further, staff may be transferred between schools when the Superintendent determines that the needs of the students, the school or District so require.

STAFF DISCIPLINE

Staff discipline and required investigations regarding potential wrongdoings of a support staff member shall be consistent with Policy 4139 – Staff Discipline

REDUCTION IN STAFF

The Board may abolish support staff positions and/or reduce the support staff as necessary. Such support staff reductions will be made in compliance with Policy 4131 – Reduction in Staff

TERMINATION AND RESIGNATION

Individual employment may be terminated for any reason, provided that the decision is not arbitrary or capricious, or in violation of any applicable law.

Finally, a support staff member may submit a letter of resignation and, if accepted by the Board, will be separated from employment at the date specified by the Board.

Policy 4140 – Termination and Resignation

IV. EMPLOYEE PAY AND BENEFITS

PAY PERIODS

All support staff members shall be paid in accordance with the provisions established in AG 6510B – Payroll Authorization.

Employees shall be paid every other Wednesday according to the regular District schedule. In the event the pay date falls on a holiday, the pay date shall be the previous day.

Each employee's vacation and sick leave balance, current to the end of the last pay period, shall be indicated on the employee's district time off record.

COMPENSATION

The District will negotiate total base wages with certified bargaining units in accordance with the provisions of § 111.70 of the Wisconsin Statutes. The District will otherwise set compensation for Employees on an annual basis and will provide Employees notice of their salary or wages upon completion of negotiations and in accordance with contract dates. The District exclusively reserves the right to provide other compensation, such as merit pay, performance pay, supplemental compensation, or other forms of compensation. Said compensation will be based upon objective evaluations.

OVERTIME AND HOLIDAY PAY

Time and one-half (1-1/2) shall be paid for all hours worked in excess of forty (40) hours per week, and for all hours worked on holidays in addition to holiday pay.

Paid time off will not be counted the same as "time worked" for the purpose of computing overtime.

Overtime shall be divided as equally as reasonably possible between categories and buildings, subject to availability and willingness.

BENEFITS

The Board provides a competitive and comprehensive package of benefits to its employees. The Board retains the final authority to establish, modify, rescind, add or in any way affect employee benefits. Annually, in conjunction with the budget process, the anticipated shared cost of all employee benefits, specifying both the employee and employer share shall be approved through Board action.

Policy 4425 Benefits

LEAVES OF ABSENCE (Extended Leave)

Any staff member may request a voluntary leave of absence from employment by the Board. All requests for unpaid leaves shall be presented to the Board for approval and will provide the reason for the leave and the expected duration of the leave.

If the leave is approved, the Board action will also provide the conditions applicable for the employee to return to work.

Leaves will be granted in accordance with Policy 4430 – Extended Leaves of Absence

SUPPORT STAFF EMPLOYEE SICK LEAVE POLICY

Employees may use paid sick leave and must follow the protocol established in [Policy 4432](#) – Employee Sick Leave.

- A. All regular part time and full time employees shall be granted "sick leave" credit with full pay not to exceed ten (12) days per year. Unused days shall be cumulative to a maximum of one hundred twenty (120) days.
- B. Sick leave shall be accounted for in hourly increments.
- C. No sick leave will be paid beyond the first day for which an employee becomes eligible for long-term disability.
- D. Sick leave shall cover absences due to employee's illness, including child bearing, or the employee's medical care.

- E. Sick leave may also be used for critical illness and/or emergency medical treatment for the employee's immediate family. Sick leave use under this clause exceeding three (3) days must qualify under the provisions of state and federal Family and Medical Leave Acts (FMLA).
- F. Employee's immediate family is defined to include: employee's spouse, parents, step-parents, siblings, step-siblings, children, stepchildren, father/mother-in-law, brother or sister, brother in-law or sister-in-law, grandparents, step-grandparents and grandchildren and step-grandchildren.
- G. Sick leave for non-emergency medical treatment and nonemergency medical examination of family or others would be granted only in exceptional cases with prior approval of the Superintendent of the District, and the deduction would be in full.
- H. A doctor's certificate is required for any sick leave absence in excess of three (3) days. This requirement may be waived by the Superintendent under certain circumstances.

FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE

Medical leave is defined under the Family and Medical Leave Acts found in the state and federal laws as leave or other medical leave that renders an employee unable to be at work, and requires written documentation from a licensed healthcare provider indicating that the employee is unable to be at work. The provisions of both the Federal and State family and medical leave provisions require specific eligibility and qualifying reasons to access this leave; to determine if you are eligible or qualify for family and medical leave refer to [Policy 4430.01](#) – Family and Medical Leave of Absence (FMLA).

FUNERAL LEAVE

Funeral leave is granted to the employee for the loss of immediate family members as designated under section F of the sick leave policy. If sick leave is unavailable, vacation time or unpaid leave will be granted. Funeral leave for immediate family is limited to five (5) days per occurrence, but may be extended at the discretion of the Superintendent when a continued emergency exists.

Extended family funeral leave: Funeral leave, not to exceed one (1) day, may be granted for the in-laws not listed under the immediate family section, and for aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews.

JURY DUTY/COURT SUMMONS

Jury Duty: Any employee who shall be called for jury duty or be required to appear as a witness in court shall receive regular salary or wages for such day or days while serving or appearing; the compensation received for such jury duty or court appearance shall be returned in full to the District. In case of court appearance required because of a violation by the employee, the Section will not apply.

MILITARY LEAVE

It is the District's policy that employees will be granted all military leave rights available under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA). Upon notification of the need for military leave, the employee should contact the Director of Human Resources as soon as possible to arrange for the leave. Benefits due employees while on voluntary or involuntary military leave will be determined by applicable State and Federal laws and only those benefits as required by such laws will be provided. If State and Federal laws are not applicable to a specific benefit no such benefit will be provided. Any Employee who enters service in any of the armed forces of the United States shall, upon termination of such service by honorable discharge or other evidence of good standing, be entitled to reemployment in accordance with provisions of USERRA and other applicable federal and state laws.

OTHER/EMERGENCY LEAVE

Other Leave: For all absences other than those listed above, or for absences beyond the accumulated sick leave, there shall be no pay granted for each day missed. Emergency leaves shall be limited to five (5) days per occurrence. All leaves must have prior approval of the Superintendent of Schools.

VACATIONS

Each regular full-time twelve (12) month employee and each regular part-time twelve (12) month employee covered by this Agreement shall have a vacation with pay when schools are not in session. Payment to part-time twelve (12) month employees will be based on their regular part-time work week.

In determining vacation schedules, the administration shall respect the wishes of the eligible employees as to the time of taking their vacation insofar as the needs of the Board will permit. Vacations may be taken at times other than normal summer vacations, subject to approval by the Superintendent of Schools. Employees may carryover one week of vacation for one year.

Vacations will be awarded on anniversary dates as follows:

One (1) week after first six (6) months of continuous service. (This week may be retained for use after second six (6) months of continuous service at employee's discretion.)

One (1) week after second six (6) months of continuous service.

Two (2) weeks after two (2) years of continuous service.

Three (3) weeks after nine (9) years of continuous service.

Four (4) weeks after fifteen (15) years of continuous service.

If a holiday should occur during a vacation, an additional day of vacation will be granted.

HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS

Health Insurance will be provided to all full-time support staff members in accordance with the District's Health Insurance Plan and Policy 4420 – Health Insurance Benefit. Part-time support staff employees will be provided access to available group health insurance plans in accordance with state and federal law, and the terms of the District Health Insurance Plan. General access to the District Health Insurance Plan is not a guarantee or commitment to a specific premium contribution amount, if any.

See Appendix A for Specific Benefit Information.

PRIVACY PROTECTIONS OF FULLY INSURED GROUP HEALTH PLANS

Eligible support staff employees who are provided coverage under fully insured group health plans are assured the privacy protections required by Federal and State law.

See also Policy 4419.02 = Privacy Protections of Fully Insured Group Health Plans

V. WORKING CONDITIONS AND HOURS OF WORK

WORK WEEK

The normal workweek shall not exceed forty (40) hours.

CALL-IN TIME

Employees who are called to work other than their regularly scheduled time shall be entitled to at least two (2) hours work or pay therefore, regardless of the length of time less than two (2) hours which he/she may have worked.

“Call In Time” will include building supervision and work involved during specially scheduled events such as athletic events, dances, plays, recreation department activities or civic functions. Building supervision will involve opening the building, servicing the crowd and the building, being of assistance as necessary, and performing related cleanup as necessary for the following day.

DRESS CODE

The Board has exercised its authority to specify dress and grooming guidelines for support staff members.

When on duty, support staff members are expected to dress in a manner that is consistent with the expectations described in Policy 4216 Dress and Grooming.

ATTENDANCE AND REPORTING ABSENCES

Staff members are expected to report for duty on all scheduled workdays; however, when a staff member must be absent, they must notify their immediate supervisor and or sub caller if appropriate prior to the start of their shift.

WORK SCHEDULES/DAILY TIME SHEETS

Support staff members are expected to adhere strictly to their established work schedules, unless their immediate supervisor approves a deviation from it. Support staff members are also required to complete their time sheets daily and submit them to their immediate supervisor for payroll purposes in accordance with the established schedule.

BREAK AND MEAL PERIODS

Breaks will be provided in accordance with Federal and State law.

Leave periods of 30 minutes or more shall be unpaid.

All support staff members are expected to adhere strictly to the length of time designated for breaks and meal periods.

OVERTIME

The Board shall comply with provisions of State and Federal Law and their respective implementing regulations relating to minimum wages and overtime.

For further information regarding overtime eligibility and approval of overtime work refer to Policy 6700 - Fair Labor Standards.

HOLIDAYS AND TIME OFF

- A. All regular all-year full-time employees shall be granted ten (10) paid full day holidays each year. They are as follows: Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, day after Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve Day, Christmas Day, New Years' Eve Day, New Year's Day, Good Friday, and Memorial Day.
- B. All administrative assistants, if working at the time of year when a specified holiday falls, shall be granted the following paid holidays: Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, day after Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve Day, Christmas Day, Good Friday, and Memorial Day.

When a holiday falls on a Saturday or a Sunday, another convenient day will be designated.

- C. For teaching associates and kitchen staff who work only when school is in session, payment would be made for *Labor Day (*if school is in session prior to Labor Day), Thanksgiving Day, day after Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve Day, Christmas Day, Good Friday, and Memorial Day.

PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

The Superintendent has established and will implement a program of staff evaluation. This program shall aim at the early identification of specific areas in which the staff member needs help so that appropriate assistance may be provided or arranged for. The evaluations shall be consistent with applicable State statutes, Policy 4220 - Staff Evaluations, and AG 4220 – Evaluation of Staff.

EMERGENCY CLOSINGS

The Superintendent shall make the decision regarding emergency closings in accordance with the Plan for Emergency Preparedness as established in accordance with Policy 8420-Emergency Evacuation of Schools.

TRAVEL EXPENSES

The Board may provide for the payment of the actual and necessary expenses, including travel expenses, of any support staff member of the District incurred in the course of performing services for the District, whether within or outside the District, under the direction of the Board and in accordance with the Superintendent's administrative guidelines.

Policy 4440 – Job-Related Expenses

USE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT THE DISTRICT

Employees may wish to bring personal property to school for reasons associated with their responsibilities. This practice is authorized provided it is understood that the District will not be responsible for any loss, damage, or misuse of such property.

The District does not assume any responsibility for loss, theft or damages to personal property. The District is not liable for vandalism, theft or any damage to cars parked on District property. The District carries no accident insurance or other insurance coverage for any loss or injury for which the District does not have legal responsibility.

VI. SAFETY AND HEALTH

SMOKING

The Board is committed to providing students, staff, and visitors with a tobacco and smoke-free environment. Accordingly, the Board prohibits support staff members to use tobacco in any form on District premises, in District vehicles within any indoor facility owned or leased or contracted for by the District and used to provide education or library services to children, and at all District-sponsored events.

Policy 4215 - Use of Tobacco by Support Staff

TRAINING

Employees, for whom training in the following areas is deemed necessary and appropriate, shall be trained in:

- A. The use of automated external defibrillators (Policy 8452 – Automated External Defibrillators),
- B. The control of blood borne pathogens (Policy 8453.01 - Control of Casual Contact Communicable Diseases)
- C. The control of casual-contact communicable diseases (Policy 8450 - Control of Casual Contact Communicable Diseases)
- D. Understanding the method of transmission and prevention of diseases that are direct contact communicable diseases (8453 – Direct Contact Communicable Diseases) and
- E. The authorized use of Seclusion and/or Restraint with/or on students.

REPORTING WORK RELATED INJURY

Any accident that results in an injury, however slight, to an employee of the Board, must be reported promptly and in writing to the District Business Office in compliance with Policy 8442 – Reporting Accidents. The injured employee shall complete a form that includes the date, time and place of the incident; the names of persons involved; the nature of the injury to the extent that it is known; and a description of all relevant circumstances.

VII. EMPLOYEE COMMUNICATION & TECHNOLOGY

ACCEPTABLE USE OF DISTRICT EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY

Staff use of the District's Education Technology will be governed by Policy 7540.04 – Staff Education Technology Acceptable Use and Safety and the related administrative guidelines.

The due process rights of all users will be respected in the event there is a suspicion of inappropriate use of the Network. Users have a limited privacy expectation in the content of their personal files and records of their online activity while on the Network.

EMAIL

When available, the District's e-mail system must be used by employees for any official District e-mail communications.

Employees are required to keep their inbox and folders organized by regularly reviewing e-mail messages, appropriately saving e-mails that constitute a public record or student record and e-mails that are subject to a "Litigation Hold", and purging all other e-mails that have been read.

The District complies with all Federal and State laws pertaining to electronic mail. Accordingly, e-mails written by or sent to District employees may be public records, or education records if their content includes personally identifiable information about a student. E-mails that are public records are subject to retention and disclosure, upon request, in accordance with Policy 8310 – Public Records.

The District retains the right to monitor or access any District e-mail accounts at any time. Users should not expect that their communications sent or received through the District e-mail system will remain confidential and personal.

Employees should be aware of the framework for the proper use of e-mail established in Policy 7540.06 – Electronic Mail and the Superintendent's established guidelines regarding e-mail.

SOCIAL MEDIA

In accordance with Policy 4213-Student Supervision and Welfare, support staff members are discouraged from engaging students in social media and online networking media, such as Face book, Twitter, MySpace, etc. any reason outside of educational use.

VIII. EMPLOYEE CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINARY ACTION

STAFF DISCIPLINE

Staff discipline and required investigations regarding potential wrongdoings of a staff member shall be consistent with Policy 4139–Staff Discipline

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Each employee of the District shall be provided an opportunity to resolve matters affecting employment that the employee believes to be unjust as provided for in Policy 4340-Grievance Procedure.

The grievance procedure is available in the case of any employee's disagreement with discipline or termination of employment, as well as any matter relating to workplace safety.

DRUG AND ALCOHOL USE

Consistent with the Drug-Free Workplace Act, the Board prohibits the manufacture, possession, use, distribution, or dispensing of any controlled substance, including alcohol, by any member of the District's support staff at any time while on District property or while involved in any District-related activity or event. Any staff member who violates Policy 4122.01–Drug-Free Workplace shall be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with Policy 4139–Staff Discipline and the Superintendent's guidelines, as well as any applicable terms of any collective bargaining agreements

Any employee who feels that he or she needs assistance with drug or alcohol dependency is encouraged to contact Superintendent for information about the District's Employee Assistance Program (EAP). Employees receiving assistance in this regard are not exempted from compliance with the District's prohibition on the manufacture, possession, use, distribution, or dispensing of any controlled substance while on duty or on school premises or at any school sponsored activity.

Policy 4170.01 – Employee Assistance Program (EAP)

IX. EMPLOYEE RECEIPT AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I acknowledge that I have received and read The Sturgeon Bay School District's Employee Handbook for Support Staff and understand the provisions contained herein. I understand that the terms described in the Employee Handbook for Support Staff may be altered, modified, changed, or eliminated by the Board at any time, with or without prior notice.

I further understand that the Employee Handbook for Support Staff and any other provisions contained therein do not constitute a guarantee of employment or an employment contract, express or implied. I understand that my employment is "at-will," and that my employment may be terminated at any time for any reason, with or without cause, and with or without notice, unless otherwise provided by individual contract and consistent with Board Policy.

(Employee Signature)

(Date)

Witness

APPENDIX A

Medical and Dental Insurance

Employer shall provide insurance, with major medical and dental insurance to district employees that work 30 hours per week or more. Term life and long-term disability insurance shall remain as additional benefits. The District has the right to bid out insurance. The District has the right to determine the insurance carrier and the insurance benefits. The premiums for said plans shall be contributed as follows:

	<u>Family</u>	<u>Single</u>
<u>Medical</u>		
Board pays	87.4%	87.4%
<u>Dental</u>		
Board pays	87.4%	87.4%

Health and accident, dental insurance as summarized in the addenda to the plan shall be optional and prorated for regular part-time help as follows:

1. 1,450 hours and over - eighty-seven point four percent (87.4%) of medical insurance; eighty-seven point four percent (87.4%) of dental insurance (40 hours a week for 36 weeks)
2. 1,188 to 1,449 hours - Seventy-five percent (75%) of the Employer paid amount of the medical and dental insurance. (33 hours a week for 36 weeks)
3. 1,080 to 1,187 hours – The district will cover \$1200 a year the can be applied toward the district's ~~health or~~ dental insurance. (30 hours a week for 36 weeks)

A separate Long Term Disability and Term Life Insurance is an available option for those employees working one thousand two hundred fifty (1,250) hours or over. Employer will pay one hundred percent (100%) of the premium for those eligible employees.

APPENDIX B

CAFETERIA PLAN/ALTERNATIVE BENEFIT PLAN (ABP)

- A. Support staff, who qualify for health insurance may elect through the cafeteria plan either to be provided with the District's health insurance coverage as described above or to receive additional payment of cash compensation/alternative benefit plan (ABP) as set forth below.
- B. Where the District employs both spouses prior to March 2011 one spouse will be eligible for participation in the alternative benefit plan (ABP) if the other spouse enrolls in group insurance coverage. Any new employed spouses after March 2011 will not be eligible for the cafeteria plan.
- C. Employees eligible for insurance may choose, at the beginning year of each cafeteria plan year, between:
 - 1. participation in the District's health plan
 - 2. a cash payment equal to the amount listed below
- D. Cash Compensation: The cash contribution dollar amount shall be \$5,000 and less the District's share of social security and Medicaid.

The amount of each additional cash contribution dollar amount shall be calculated by dividing the dollar amount stated above by twenty-four (24) times per year.

Part-time employees who select the cash compensation shall receive a pro-rated amount of the District's contribution based upon the part-time employee's percentage of full-time employment.
- E. The cash compensation amount shall be paid to the employee as additional taxable earnings which are not subject to Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS) contributions to the extent permitted by WRS rule or law, with the appropriate employee F.I.C.A., state and federal taxes deducted from the teacher's payroll check.

F. Beginning Eligibility Date for Cafeteria Plan:

1. New Employees: Payments shall be based on the employee's eligibility date. For new employees, this constitutes the employee's first day of active service. Employees must enroll in the cafeteria plan prior to the employee's first day of active service. Absent a "qualifying event", i.e. loss of spouse health coverage, etc., the employee must continue to take the chosen option until the end of the cafeteria plan year

If the new employee's first date of active service is after the 15th of the month, no cash contribution is required in that month. If the employee's first date of active service is on the 1st through the 15th of the month, the District will contribute the payment.

2. Current Employees: Current employees, when permitted by applicable Internal Revenue Code section 125 "cafeteria plan" rules, must make written cafeteria plan election initially prior to the beginning of the subsequent cafeteria plan year. Absent a "qualifying event", i.e. loss of spouse health coverage, etc., the employee must continue with the chosen option until the end of the cafeteria plan year. Once the employee is eligible to begin cash in lieu of health status contributions will begin with the first paycheck beginning after the cafeteria plan year starts.

- G. Any support staff who waives participation in the District group health insurance plan and elects to receive cash compensation in lieu of health insurance may enroll in the group health insurance plan at a later date in the case of a "qualifying event", pursuant to the late enrollment terms, timelines, and conditions set forth in the group health insurance contract and the plan's cafeteria rules. The cash compensation payments shall cease effective with the month in which the staff member commences participation in the group health insurance plan.

Teacher associates do not qualify for this benefit.

APPENDIX C

Post-employment Benefits

Support staff members, who have 15 years of service at the end of the 2012-13 school year shall qualify for the post-employment benefit. The Employer shall continue health coverage, single or family plan, for three (3) months following employee retirement; two (2) years following employee retirement if the employee has fifteen (15) years of seniority at the time of retirement, with the District paying the required premium equivalent to the flat dollar amount of the premium established in effect at the time of their retirement. Should a retiree become Medicare eligible during the time of this retirement benefit, the retirement benefit will end. This insurance benefit applies to health insurance only. Retirees accepting the post-employment benefits are subject to all future changes in the health insurance plan structure, plan carrier and plan benefits that are applied to active employees. Dental insurance may be continued by the employee on a voluntary basis with the employee responsible for paying the entire cost of the premium to the insurance carrier, in accordance with the terms of the plan.

A retiree receiving benefits, who because of other employment, establishes eligibility for unemployment compensation benefits, shall have the amount of the insurance payments reduced by the same amount of unemployment compensation benefits paid by the District as a secondary employer. The retiree would then have to pay that amount to the District.

All support staff with 14 years or less service at the end of the 2012-2013 will not qualify for the post-employment benefit listed above.

Teacher associates, who have ten years of service at the end of the 2012-2013 school year shall qualify for the following benefit:

The employer shall pay the cost of continued medical coverage, single or family plan; six (6) months following employee retirement, if the employee has ten (10) years of seniority at the time of retirement.

All teacher associates with 10 years or less service at the end of 2012-2013 will not qualify for the retirement benefit listed above.

APPENDIX D

School Year Calendar