

Sanborn Central School District #55-5



2012-2013 Handbook
For Students & Parents

PHILOSOPHY

It is the responsibility of the Sanborn Central School District #55-5 to provide opportunities for academic, physical, and social growth to enable the student to become a productive citizen in society. This can best be attained through the joint effort of students, parents, staff, and community, as students are motivated to achieve their individual potentials and are encouraged to own the desire for life-long learning through positive attitudes and dedication to the educational process. The school shall maintain an environment conducive to learning by providing a knowledgeable, dedicated staff, and up-to-date curriculum, recognition of individual differences, and extracurricular activities.

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission at the Sanborn Central School District is to educate all students to be knowledgeable self-directed learners; effective communicators, and creative thinkers; and to motivate students to fulfill their personal lives and to contribute responsibly to society.

VISION STATEMENT

Students, staff, parents, and community members will work cooperatively to create a safe, nurturing, and respectful environment where all students feel confident and competent to achieve high academic standards and become productive members of society.

BELIEF STATEMENTS

- ◆ We believe that all individuals can learn and succeed.
- ◆ We believe an individual's culture, ethnic background, and gender have no bearing on his/her right to learn.
- ◆ We believe learning is a partnership between the school, parents, and community.
- ◆ We believe individuals should demonstrate high moral character, good citizenship, and pride in all they do.
- ◆ We believe technology has a positive impact on individual learning.
- ◆ We believe it is necessary to have open communication and cooperation.
- ◆ We believe individuals need to be encouraged to think "outside the box".
- ◆ We believe individuals need to be receptive to new ideas, challenges, and research.
- ◆ We believe shared decision making is crucial to the growth and success of the school district.

GOALS and OBJECTIVES

Goal 1 – Academic: Improve student performance on total reading scores as indicated on DakotaSTEP assessment.

Objective: By the end of the 2012-2013 school year, 90% of students in grades 3-8 and 83% of students in grade 11 will score proficient or advanced based on the DakotaSTEP reading test scores.

Goal 2 – Academic: Improve student performance on total math scores as indicated on DakotaSTEP assessment.

Objective: By the end of the 2012-2013 school year, 87% of students in grades 3-8 and 83% of students in grade 11 will score proficient or advanced based on the DakotaSTEP math test scores.

Goal 3 – Nonacademic: To educate/empower students & community members on responsible life choices with a focus on preventing bullying.

Objective: Educate/empower students, staff, parents, & community members with factual information on responsible life choices with an emphasis on bullying prevention through May 15, 2013.

- The Parent Action Team (PAT) was formed as a part of the parent involvement component of the federal “No Child Left Behind” legislation. The purpose of the team is to develop written policy for parent involvement that includes parent input, develop a school/parent compact or plan, assist parents to understand standards and assessments, provide information on how parents can work with the school to effectively raise their child’s achievement and monitor their progress, provide information to educators on the role and value of parental involvement, provide parent education and training, and provide information to parents on their right to request information on the qualifications of their child’s teacher. Any parent may be a member of the team as it is open to everyone. There are administrators, teachers, a school board member, parents, and students on the team at the present time. Minutes and open communication with the community will be a priority in order to get more involvement. A minimum of four meetings is held each year but generally they meet once a month.

CURRICULAR OFFERINGS AND REQUIREMENTS

Activity Bus Policy

Students participating in school activities out of town must go and return from the activity on the school bus unless his/her parents sign a travel release form to take them off the bus. These release forms can be obtained from the supervisor of the activity.

Admission for Home Athletic Activities for Sanborn Central & Woonsocket

Boys’ and Girls’ Games:	K-12 Students.....	\$2.00
(Grades 7-12)	Adults.....	\$4.00
Double Header Games:	K-12 Students.....	\$3.00
	Adults.....	\$5.00
5/6 Grade Games:	No Charge	
Activity Pass:	Student.....	\$20.00
	Adults.....	\$40.00
	Family.....	\$80.00
	65 and older.....	FREE

Cell Phones/Pagers/Electronic Devices

Students’ cell phones/pagers/electronic devices (such as IPODS, MP-3 players, etc) are limited to before and after school use and during class if authorized by the teacher/staff member. There is a place for those devices, but not during the school day. If a student needs to contact his/her parents while in school, they can use a phone in the school office area with permission or ask permission by a staff member to use their cell phone. Students using these devices without staff permission during the school day will receive the following consequences:

1st offense: a warning will be given and reported to the office.

2nd offense: the device will be taken to the office and the student may pick it up after school.

3rd offense: the device will be taken to the office and a parent/guardian must come and get it.

Chain of Command

When dealing with concerns with staff, it is important for parents and students to follow the chain of command. When a problem arises, the person that the situation involves should be contacted first. If the problem is not resolved the appropriate principal should be contacted so that a meeting can be arranged with the parents and staff member involved. If it still is not

resolved the superintendent should be contacted. The **final** step should be the Board of Education. Normal channels of communication, from student/parent to staff member, to Administration, to Board of Education shall be used whenever feasible, in seeking clarification of questions of concern to the student, employee, or patron before the grievance procedure is utilized.

Closed Noon Hour and Motor Vehicles

Students may not leave the building or school grounds, except to go to class, while school is in session for any reason except by permission of the Administration. Each student is to remain on the school grounds for the entire day unless he/she requests and obtains permission from the Administration.

Cars used by students for transportation shall be used only in driving to and from school. Cars are not to be moved between arrival in the morning and dismissal, without permission from the Administration. No student is to be in or on any motorized vehicle during the school day without permission from the Administration. All vehicles are to be parked in the designated area.

Deficiency Reports

Teachers will inform those students who are falling behind academically. Deficiency letters will be mailed to the parents of these students each week. The reports will include all "D's" and "F's". A conference may then be set up to include the parents and the teacher to determine the efforts needed to solve the problem areas. At the end of the 2nd week of each quarter and every week thereafter, parents will receive notification if their child is failing or close to failing any class.

Early Release of Students

In the event of the need for early release of students, the following shall apply:

1. Parents should send a written note or phone the Administration stating the reason they are requesting the dismissal of their son/daughter.
2. The student must receive permission from the Administration and sign out in the School Office on the sheet provided prior to leaving the building. Students should get assignments prior to leaving.
3. No class may be dismissed before the regular hour for dismissal except with the approval of the Administration.
4. Individual students in any school, grade, or class may not be dismissed before the regular hour of dismissal except with the approval of the Administration.

Eligibility Rules

The Sanborn Central School is a member of the South Dakota High School Activities Association and abides by its regulations. In addition, to be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities, a student in grades 5-12 must be passing in all regular subjects each reporting period. Eligibility will be checked weekly and a student will remain ineligible for a period of one week. (Monday to Monday) Refer to "Grades 5-12 Eligibility Policy" later in this handbook for specifics.

Extra Help Days

An additional service the district will offer this year is "extra help" days. They will be held 6 times throughout the year (Sept. 21, Nov. 8, Dec. 14, Jan. 21, Apr. 19, and May 3). Students will be able to receive instructional assistance from teachers from 8:00 – 11:00 on each of these days. Please take advantage of this service as your student will benefit. Students with missing assignments or an "F" in any class must attend.

Fire/Disaster/Lockdown Drills

There will be unannounced fire, disaster, and lockdown drills throughout the school year. Students are advised to observe the posted directions in each room and shall follow all instructions during such drills.

Hallway Conduct

The following rules of conduct apply in the halls of the building:

1. No running in the halls at any time.
2. No loud talking, shouting, pushing, or jostling.
3. No congregating or loitering in the restrooms or locker rooms.
4. No tampering with lockers.

Inclement Weather Procedure

The procedure used in the Sanborn Central School District in the event of inclement weather is as follows:

When inclement weather forces the buses to run late, or causes postponement or cancellation of school, notice will be given via our School Reach message center and will be announced over:

Radio Stations: KORN/Q107 in Mitchell, KMIT/KOOL98 in Mitchell

TV Stations: KELO, KSFY, KDLT, FOX in Sioux Falls

The School Reach phone call and all media announcements will be made on the above-mentioned stations before 6:00 am on the day involved when possible. When inclement weather conditions prevail for an extended period of time, the procedure for operation of the school will be determined on a day-to-day basis. During bad road conditions, when buses are running late, the bus students will not be counted tardy or absent.

As a general rule, there will be no extracurricular practices scheduled when school is closed or dismissed early.

Should students not be able to get home due to inclement weather, the students will go to previously designated locations or remain at the school.

During periods of inclement weather, when buses are running, the final decision to send students to school remains with the parent.

Initiations and Hazing

Initiations and hazing of any student or persons who may become students at Sanborn Central is prohibited. Said practice is potentially dangerous to students and is in violation of the rights of all students.

Loss of Classroom Time for Teachers and Students

The Sanborn Central School District recognizes the rights for all to receive an education free from interruptions and the importance of teacher-student contact time. To eliminate loss of classroom time, the following will be used as guidelines:

1. Activities will be scheduled after school or on Saturdays whenever possible.
2. If a student must be absent for a school activity, the student will make up his/her work prior to leaving for the activity.

Post-High Visits

Seniors will be allowed two days and Juniors two days to visit a post-secondary institution during the school year provided the visit is set up by the School Counselor or the School Counselor is notified by the parent. These days will not count as an absence.

Pupil Interviews

1. Individual pupils may not be interviewed in the schools by any person, except an employee of the Board of Education, without prior approval of the Administration.
2. The Administration shall not grant such an interview unless he/she deems it essential to the welfare of the child or has the permission of the parent or is served a court order.

3. The Administration or some other administrative employee shall be present. The school counselor would be acceptable.
4. Parent's permission must be secured before law enforcement officers can interview students.

Pupil Records

This policy is designed to meet the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). The Sanborn Central School District is committed to implement the policy and follow the procedures.

The Board of Education authorizes the school superintendent to inform parents, students, and the public of the policy and to exercise administrative resources to implement the policy as well as to deal with individuals who violate it.

STATEMENT OF RIGHTS: Parents and eligible students have the following rights under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act and this policy.

1. The right to inspect and review the student's education record.
2. The right to exercise a limited control over other people's access to the educational record.
3. The right to seek to correct the student's education record; in a hearing if necessary.
4. The right to report violations of the FERPA to the Department of Education.
5. The right to be informed about the FERPA rights.

All rights and protection given parents under the FERPA and this policy transfer to the student when he or she reaches age 18 or enrolls in a post-secondary school. The student then becomes an eligible student.

School Bus Rules

The following rules have been adopted in the interest of student safety:

1. The safety of the bus and its passengers demands complete cooperation from the pupils.
2. Bus transportation for pupils is a privilege, conditioned upon courteous behavior and obedience to the established rules.
3. Students who are waiting for, entering, or leaving bus areas are expected to act in a responsible manner so as not to infringe on the rights of others.
4. The driver is in full charge of the pupils and the bus. The driver's relationship with the pupils should be on the same plane as that of a teacher in the classroom.
5. If seats are assigned, pupils must occupy the seat assigned to them. Once seated, a student must retain that seat for the term of the ride.
6. The same courteous conduct as is expected in the classroom must be observed while on the bus. Ordinary conversation is permitted. Loud and vulgar language is not permitted.
7. Pupils must not, at any time, put hands, arms, head, feet, or legs out of the bus windows.
8. Pupils will refrain from other disruptions. Pupils are expected to remain seated while the bus is in motion.
9. Students will be cited for fighting, use of illegal drugs/alcohol/tobacco products, vandalism, bullying, inappropriate language, and refusing to obey the driver.

Failure to observe the above rules as determined by the bus driver and the Administration will necessitate the following action:

First Violation:	Warning from the bus driver and Administration and a written report by the Administration to the parent.
Second Violation:	Suspension of bus privileges for three school days.
Third Violation:	Suspension for one month.
Fourth Violation:	Suspension for remainder of the school year.

School Dances – Grades 6 –12

Any class or organization may make arrangements to hold a dance or party. Such activities must be scheduled as a regular event on the school calendar, must have the approval of the Advisor and the Administration, must have chaperones approved by the Administration, and must operate under the “closed door” rule.

Middle School dances are for grades 6-8 only. High School dances including Prom are for grades 9-12. (May include postgraduate dates for Prom.)

School Instrument Rent – Grades 5-12

School-owned instruments will be checked out on an available basis. The student responsible for the instrument or percussion equipment will pay for any repairs. The condition of the instrument will be listed. A signed agreement must be returned to Mr. Kroeger before an instrument will be checked out to the student.

School Lunch

Free and reduced meal applications are available at the Business Office. School lunch bills will be mailed on or after the end of the month; payable within 20 days of receipt. After twenty (20) meals without pay, anyone delinquent at this time will be dropped from the Food Service program. The following prices have been set by the School Board:

PreKindergarten through Fifth Grade.....	\$2.15
Sixth Grade through Twelfth Grade.....	\$2.40
Adults.....	\$3.50

Extra food/milk/juice will be billed as Ala Carte items. Parents may contact the school for current prices of Ala Carte items and extra milk or juice.

Breakfast is available at no cost for all students PK-12. Adults pay \$1.50.

Student Fundraising Activities

The Board prefers that the School District support student activities, but it may be necessary for students to raise funds to support some of them. Fundraising should be restricted but if considered necessary, fundraising must be approved by the Administration and carefully supervised. The sale of supplies in the classroom as a fundraising project for student activities is prohibited. All monies will be deposited **immediately** with the Business Manager and placed in the proper account. No monies will be kept in private accounts. All expenditures of student funds will be only by authorized purchase orders.

Students in the Building

There will be no students in the school building or gymnasiums without adult supervision.

Telephone Use

The telephone is for business and emergency use only. Please inform your parents to call only if necessary and then to do so during the noon period. Students will be called from class only in an emergency. Students may not use the telephone to arrange absences from school. Arrangements must be made in advance of the student’s planned departure. Students must obtain permission before using the telephone.

Transfer Students

Students transferring to the Sanborn Central School from another school district must furnish student records, a copy of their health records, Social Security number, and birth certificate in order to enter school.

Vandalism of School Property

Any student who destroys or fails to return school property is liable to suspension or expulsion. The parents or guardians of such student shall be liable for all damages. **See Student Conduct Policy.**

Weapons

No weaponry is allowed in the school. This includes guns, knives, and other paraphernalia that the Administration determines could be a weapon.

Student Services

Assembly Programs

General assembly programs will be held throughout the year. The assembly programs will include programs by professional entertainers, clubs, and classes. Pep assemblies may be held during the school day and must be approved by the Administration.

School Counseling

Students should work with the School Counselor in planning high school and post-secondary careers. Students with problems of any nature should feel free to visit with the School Counselor. Besides Mrs. Whitney, Mrs. Troth will be here on Friday's to do classroom guidance, group, and individual counseling.

Health Services

Health services will be provided by the Sanborn County Nurse. Enrolling students will provide the name of their personal physician. Students with medical problems should contact the Administration.

School Library

The School Library is the very core and center of the school. Students are urged to make maximum use of the facility and to follow the regulations adopted by the Librarian and Administration.

Awards Program – Grades 6-12

At the end of each school year, special recognition for outstanding student achievement will be feted at an awards program. Students who have excelled in academics, extracurricular activities, and other school related programs will be recognized.

Student Recognition– Grades 6-12

The High School and Middle School will be having Students of the Month in each curriculum area. Teachers will nominate one outstanding student in each of the following areas to be that area's Student of the Month: Math, English, Science, Social Studies, Vocational Agriculture, Music, PE/Health, Computers, Spanish, and other Distance Courses. Some Middle School and High School areas may not be the same. A student could be nominated in more than one subject area each month but each teacher can only nominate a student once. These students will receive a certificate and may have his/her picture in the paper. The first students will be for the months of Aug/Sept. From those students nominated, one student will be chosen as the "Star Student of the Month". The High School and Middle School "Student of the Year" will be chosen by the faculty of each respective school based on evidence of overall scholarship, leadership, and citizenship. It is our hope to recognize more students in this process.

Rebel of the Year – Grade 6-12

One boy and one girl will be chosen as "Rebels of the Year" at the Middle School and High School level by the school faculty based upon performances in extracurricular activities, scholarship, leadership, and citizenship.

Letters – High School

Students will receive letters in cheerleading, athletics, band, vocal, oral interp, and annual staff by meeting the requirements as set forth by the advisors.

Regents Scholar Diploma & SD Opportunity Scholarship

We strongly urge all students to work towards academic excellence to earn a Regents Scholar Diploma and to become a SD Opportunity Scholarship recipient. To be eligible, a student must have completed the following courses with no final grade below a "C" and a grade point average no lower than a "B" or 3.0:

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| 4 units of English | 4 units of Mathematics |
| 4 units of Science | 3 units of Social Studies |
| 2 units of one foreign language | |

Students with the course requirements and a minimum of a 24 on the A.C.T. exam are eligible to apply for the SD Opportunity Scholarship of \$5000 over 4 years.

Boys State and Girls State

One junior boy and one junior girl from Artesian and Letcher will be selected by the respective Legions and Auxiliaries from the Junior Class based upon leadership and scholarship. The students must be in the upper one-third of their class or have a "B" average.

POLICIES

Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drug Policy

The Sanborn Central Alcohol and Drug policy adheres to Section 5145 of the Safe and Drug Free School and Communities Act for both students and employees. A copy of this policy may be requested for review in the office of the Superintendent. Parts of Section 5145 are:

1. The education of students to the dangers inherent in the use of controlled substances.
2. The provision of the school counseling services that will make it possible for substance troubled students or employees to seek counseling without fear of reprisal and with the assurance of confidentiality.
3. Close cooperation by school officials with parents or guardians of students seriously suspected or reliably reported to be illegally involved with controlled substances.
4. The prohibition of the use, possession, or distribution of illegal substances on school property or in connection with any school activity.

This includes prohibition of illegal substances at any interscholastic athletic contest, on any field trip, or any other Board approved trip or activity.

Any student who is in possession of or under the influence of an alcohol, tobacco product, or controlled substance on school property or during school-related functions will be suspended from school according to the following guidelines:

First Offense – 3 DAYS

Second Offense – 5 DAYS

Third Offense – EXPULSION

The decision as to whether the suspension will be in school (ISS) or out of school (OSS) will be determined by the administration. No credit will be given when a student is suspended over 3 days. Students receiving three days of OSS will be given $\frac{1}{2}$ credit for assignments per day and those receiving 3 days ISS will be given $\frac{3}{4}$ credit for assignments per day.

Attendance Policy

Absence Defined

An absence is defined as not being in attendance when the period starts.

Excused Absences

Absences from school should be for the most serious reasons. Excused absences are for personal illness, medical appointments, funerals, and family emergencies. It is the parent's responsibility to call or send a note so that the absence may be excused.

Unexcused Absences

Any student who receives an unexcused absence will not receive credit for the work missed. Parents will be notified. After three (3) unexcused absences the student will serve **One Day of In-School Suspension**.

Skipping School

Any student who skips school will not receive credit for the period of time that was missed.

Time missed cannot be made up.

Excessive Absences and Tardies

It is the policy of the Sanborn Central School that school attendance is the responsibility of the parent and the student. However, the District also recognizes that regular attendance is essential to a quality education and that excessive absence and excessive tardiness tend to disrupt the school organization and the instructional program and the student's ability to achieve success in school. Excessive absences and tardiness will be administered as follows:

High School Attendance Policy

High school student absences will be recorded by class periods as well as days absent. **This policy applies to both excused and unexcused absences.** A student who misses the same class period three (3) times in a semester will be notified in writing with a letter to the parents. When a student misses four (4) times, there will be a conference with the parents, which could be over the phone, in person, or electronically. It will be explained that after five (5) absences in one semester of the same period, **there will be no credit given for the semester in that class.** Absences will also be kept for study halls. Students and parents will be notified in writing when 24 class periods (6 school days) have been missed. When a student misses 32 class periods (8 school days), a conference either over the phone, in person, or electronically will be held with the parents. It will be explained that after 40 periods (10 school days) missed in one semester, there will be no credit given for the semester in any class. A series of absences will be treated on a case-by-case basis by the Administration. All absences will be recorded on the student's permanent records by days or partial days missed.

Middle School Attendance Policy

After six (6) absences in a semester, the parents and student will be notified in writing. When a student misses eight (8) times, a conference over the phone, in person, or electronically will be held with the parents. It will be explained that after ten (10) absences in one semester, there will be no credit given for the semester. A series of absences will be handled on an individual basis. Dental appointments, shopping trips, errands, haircuts, etc., should be avoided if possible during school time.

In all absences from grades K-12, a written excuse or phone call must be given in advance except for illness or other emergencies in which case a written excuse must be presented or a phone call placed to the Administrative office on the student's return to school. Excuses must give the exact or specific reason for the absence and must be signed by the parent or guardian.

Elementary Absence Policy

If the child is present in school for ½ hour or less, he/she will be counted absent for a full day.

If the child is absent up to 1-½ hours, he/she will be counted tardy.

If the child is present more than 1 ½ hours, he/she will be counted absent ½ day.

After six (6) absences in a semester, the parents and student will be notified in writing. When a student misses eight (8) times, a conference over the phone, in person, or electronically will be held with the parents

The following will apply to student tardies:

1. All tardies will be recorded on the student's permanent record.
2. If a student is late to school, report to the school office before going to class or study hall and sign in on the sheet provided. Then report to class.
3. For a tardy to be excused, the parent must send a note or phone the School Office.
4. If a teacher detains a student, he/she is to request a written pass from the teacher for the next class or study hall.
5. Three (3) unexcused tardies will be considered one unexcused absence.
6. After three (3) unexcused absences, the student will serve one (1) day in-school suspension.

THREE UNEXCUSED TARDIES EQUAL ONE UNEXCUSED ABSENCE.

Student Discipline-Bully Prevention

The Sanborn Central School District is committed to maintaining a constructive, safe school climate that is conducive to student learning and fostering an environment in which all students are treated with respect and dignity.

Persistent bullying can severely inhibit a student's ability to learn effectively or a member of the staff's ability to do their job. The negative effects of bullying can have an impact on a person for their entire life. We are committed to providing a caring, friendly and safe environment for all of our students so they can learn in a relaxed and secure atmosphere. Bullying of any kind is unacceptable. If bullying does occur, all pupils should be able to tell and know that incidents will be dealt with promptly and effectively.

Bullying is repeated and intentional harmful behavior initiated by one or more students and directed toward another student. Bullying exists when a student with more social and or physical power deliberately dominates and harasses another who has less power. Bullying is unjustified and typically repeated. Bullying differs from conflict. Two or more students can have a disagreement or a conflict. Bullying involves a power imbalance element where a bully targets a student who has difficulty defending himself or herself.

The forms of bullying:

- Physical-involves harmful actions against another person's body
- Verbal-involves speaking to a person or about a person in an unkind or hurtful way
- Emotional-involves behaviors that upset, exclude, or embarrass a person
- Sexual-involves singling out a person because of gender and demonstrates unwarranted or unwelcome sexual advances
- Racial-involves rejection or isolation of a person because of ethnicity

The school board expects students to conduct themselves in a manner in keeping with their levels of development, maturity, and demonstrated capabilities with proper regard for the rights and welfare of other students and staff.

The school board believes that standards for student behavior must be set cooperatively through interaction among the students, parents and guardians, staff and community members of the school district, producing an atmosphere that encourages students to grow in self-discipline. The development of this atmosphere requires respect for self and others, as

well as for district and community property on the part of students, staff, and community members.

The school board requires its school administrators to develop and implement procedures that ensure both the appropriate consequences and remedial responses to a student or staff member who commits one or more acts of harassment or bullying.

The school board requires the principal and/or the principal's designee at each school to be responsible for receiving complaints alleging violation of this policy. All school employees, students, parents, visitors or any other member of the community are required to report alleged violations to the school principal. The school principal and/or principal's designee are to be responsible for determining whether an alleged act constitutes a violation of this policy. In so doing, the principal and or principal's designee shall conduct a prompt, thorough, and complete investigation of each alleged incident.

It shall be the responsibility of the superintendent to develop administrative regulations, in accordance with this policy, to protect the district's students from harmful effects of bullying. Regulations accompanying this policy shall include, but not limited to:

1. Additional definitions, if necessary, to assist in the implementation of this policy;
2. A procedure to report incidents of bullying;
3. A process to investigate reported acts of bullying;
4. A procedure, consistent with district policy, to provide appropriate consequences for any individual found to have engaged in bullying;
5. A statement prohibiting retaliation against individuals who, in good faith, report acts of bullying; and
6. A process to inform staff, students, and parents of the district's bullying prevention policies and efforts.

STUDENT BULLYING - REGULATION

A. DEFINITIONS

1. **Bullying:** For the purposes of this policy, "bullying" means any physical, verbal, written or electronic conduct directed toward a student that is so severe, pervasive, and objectively offensive that it:
 - a. has the purpose of effecting or creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive academic environment, or
 - b. has the purpose or effect of substantially or unreasonably interfering with a student's academic performance which deprives the student access to educational opportunities.

Bullying may include, but is not limited to the following behaviors and circumstances:

- a. Verbal, nonverbal, physical or written harassment, hazing, or other victimization that has the purpose of causing injury, discomfort, fear, or suffering to the victim;
- b. Repeated remarks of a demeaning nature that have the purpose or effect of causing injury, discomfort, fear, or suffering to the victim;

- c. Implied or explicit threats concerning grades, achievements, property, etc. that have the purpose or effect of causing injury, discomfort, fear, or suffering to the victim;
 - d. Demeaning jokes, stories, rumors or activities directed at a student that have the purpose or effect of causing injury, discomfort, fear, or suffering to the victim; or
 - e. Unreasonable interference with a student's performance or creation of an intimidating, offensive or hostile learning environment.
2. **Electronic:** For the purposes of this policy, "electronic" means any communication involving the transmission of information by wire, wireless broadband, radio, optical cable or similar means. "Electronic" includes, but is not limited to, communication via electronic mail, internet-based communications, pager service, cell phones, electronic text messaging or similar technologies.
 3. **Third Parties:** For the purposes of this policy, "third parties" includes, but is not limited to, school volunteers, parents, school visitors, service contractors or others engaged in District business, such as employees of business or organizations participating in cooperative work programs with the District, and others not directly subject to District control at inter-district and intra-district school events.

B. REPORTING

Call the Bully Hotline at 1-866-346-2699

Any individual who believes a student has been the victim of bullying, as defined above, by students, staff or third parties shall report the alleged acts immediately. The report shall be on a form available from the building principal or from the district office. At the time a report is made, district staff may request any evidence of the alleged bullying, including, but not limited to, letters, tapes, pictures or electronic communication devices.

1. **Designated Personnel.** The building principal is designated to receive written reports of bullying at each school building. Reports may also be received by an alternate, as designated by the building principal. Upon receipt of a written report, the building principal shall reasonably and promptly notify the superintendent and provide a copy of the report to the superintendent. Failure to forward any report as provided herein will result in disciplinary action. If the complaint involves the building principal, the complaint shall be filed directly with the superintendent.
2. **District wide.** The School Board hereby designates the superintendent to receive reports of bullying from the building principal as outlined above. The superintendent shall designate an individual to receive reports in such cases that a report alleges bullying performed by the superintendent. If a report is filed involving the superintendent, the designated individual shall reasonably and promptly notify the Board Chair.
3. **Confidentiality.** The District will attempt to respect the confidentiality of the report and the individual(s) against whom the report is filed, consistent with district policy, legal obligations and the necessity to investigate allegations of bullying and take disciplinary action when the conduct has occurred.
4. **Procedure.** Any individual filing a report of bullying will be asked to put the facts surrounding the conduct in writing on a form provided by the District. The form shall include, but is not limited to: individual's name and address; date of

the incident; description of the incident; name of any witnesses; what action, if any, has been taken; and signature of the complainant.

5. **Required Reporting.** If any accusations include possible criminal activity, the superintendent shall comply with all mandatory state reporting requirements.

C. INVESTIGATION

Upon receipt of a written report, the building principal shall be responsible for reasonably and promptly conducting an investigation to determine whether an alleged act constitutes a violation of this policy. At the building principal's discretion, an investigation may be conducted by an alternate investigator as designated by the building principal. After completion of the investigation, the investigating party shall provide written conclusions and findings to the superintendent.

The investigation may consist of personal interviews with individuals named in the report and any others who may have knowledge of the alleged incident(s) or circumstances giving rise to the report. The investigation may also consist of any other methods deemed appropriate by the investigating party.

In addition, the District may take immediate steps, at its discretion, to protect students and employees pending completion of an investigation.

D. PROHIBITION AGAINST RETALIATION

The District prohibits retaliation against any person who, in good faith, makes a report of alleged bullying conduct or who retaliates against any person who, in good faith, testifies, assists, or participates in any investigation, proceeding, or hearing related to a report of bullying.

Retaliation includes, but is not limited to, any form of intimidation, reprisal, or harassment. If any student who has, in good faith, reported bullying or has testified, assisted or participated in an investigation, believes that he or she has been retaliated against because of his or her participation, he or she should follow the procedures set forth above.

Any charge of bullying found to have been intentionally dishonest or made maliciously without regard for truth is subject to disciplinary action consistent to district policy.

E. CONSEQUENCES

Any individual found to have violated this policy will be subject to discipline consistent with district policy. The District will take action it deems necessary and appropriate, up to and including expulsion, dismissal or appropriate sanction determined and imposed by the administration or the Board. Individuals may also be referred to law enforcement. Consequences will begin with step #1 – First Offense, on page 15 of this handbook.

F. NOTIFICATION

The district's bullying prevention efforts shall be annually discussed with students and staff and the district's policy and regulation shall be incorporated into the appropriate district handbooks, which shall be made available to district staff, students and parents

Student Conduct Policy

It is the policy of the Sanborn Central Board of Education to promote civility in all activities and communications within its domain. Civility is the act of an individual being virtuous, courteous, a good citizen, and prudent in all interactions. It also describes an individual who is honest and believes in taking responsibility for his/her own actions. The following applies:

- The integrity, honesty, and responsibility of each student shall be above reproach.
- Communication, verbal, and non-verbal expressions of all students shall be polite, courteous, morally correct, and non-demeaning. Rudeness in any form will not be tolerated.
- Abusive and profane language will not be tolerated in any form. Strict penalties will be imposed (see below). Rudeness is included here.
- Bullying shall be considered a significant breach of this policy.
- The utilization or sale of alcohol, drugs, and tobacco products will also be considered a significant breach of this policy.
- Willful damages to school property will not be tolerated.

Detention may be given by the classroom teacher or administration, if, in their opinion, the situation is conducive to imposing a lesser penalty. One day of ISS could also be given if the situation warrants a lesser penalty.

The following penalties will be invoked when penalties of detention and in-school suspension are deemed of little consequence. The students should know that, based upon the actions of a few, the Board of Education had to respond to harsher penalties for those students who continue to act with behavior that is of significant consequence.

1. **FIRST OFFENSE:** Three days supervised in-school suspension. A letter will be mailed to the parent/guardian of this student. Under this penalty students will be allowed to make up their work. Credit can still be earned consisting of $\frac{3}{4}$ credit per day.
2. **SECOND OFFENSE:** Two days out-of-school suspension. A letter will be mailed to the parent/guardian of this student, and a meeting with the parents/guardians and their son/daughter will be required prior to granting readmission. If the student is readmitted, they will be allowed to make up their work and will receive $\frac{1}{2}$ credit per day.
3. **THIRD OFFENSE:** Five days out-of-school suspension. A letter will be mailed to the parent/guardian of this student. A meeting with the parent/guardian and their son/daughter will be required prior to readmission. Students will not be allowed to make up this work. Zeroes will be recorded for all grades given during this timeframe. If no grades are given – no zeroes will be recorded.
4. **FOURTH OFFENSE:** Expulsion. This offense will require a meeting between the parents/guardians and the Board of Education. The Board will listen to the arguments provided by the student and the Superintendent. Subsequently, the Board's ruling could mean expulsion from school for the remainder of the semester. There will be no makeup of classroom work and the students are not allowed on the property of the Sanborn Central School District.

In order that there will be no misunderstandings, here are examples of penalties that will be taken quite seriously under the Student Conduct policy. They are not all-inclusive, but they are violations that will be handled under the policy.

- ◆ Intentionally causing or attempting to cause substantial damage to school property. This includes private property if actions are taken during the school day, which includes extracurricular activities.
- ◆ Stealing, or attempting to steal, school property.
- ◆ Intentionally causing or attempting to cause physical injury or emotional abuse to another person, except in self-defense. Also known as bullying.
- ◆ Knowingly possessing or transmitting any firearm, knife, explosive, or other dangerous object.
- ◆ Knowingly possessing, using, transmitting, or being under the influence of any narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana, alcoholic beverage, or intoxicant of any kind. This also includes any tobacco product.
- ◆ Knowingly using or copying the academic work of another and presenting it as his/her own. In short, cheating. This includes plagiarism and knowingly allowing another person to copy his/her work.
- ◆ Repeatedly or intentionally defying the valid authority of any school employee, and/or causing interruption/disruption of the school's program.

If a student is given ISS or In-School Suspension, he/she will be isolated from the other students but will be working on assignments, tests, etc. the entire day. The student eats lunch in the ISS room and is given restroom breaks. A student serving ISS will receive $\frac{3}{4}$ credit for work done each day.

Complaint Policy for Federal Programs

A parent, student, employee, or district stakeholder who has a complaint regarding the use of federal NCLB funds and is unable to resolve the issue, may address the complaint in writing to the district's superintendent.

Disputes addressing the enrollment, transportation (including inter-district disputes), and other barriers to the education of children and youth experiencing homelessness are also addressed under this procedure. Parents, guardians, and unaccompanied youth may initiate the dispute resolution process directly at the school they choose, as well as at the district or district's homeless liaison's office. The parent or guardian or unaccompanied youth shall be provided with a written explanation of the school's decision including the rights of the parent, guardian, or youth to appeal the decision. Students should be provided with all services for which they are eligible while disputes are resolved.

- The superintendent will investigate, within one week, the circumstances of the complaint and render a decision, within two weeks, after receipt of the complaint.
- The superintendent will notify the complainant of the decision in writing.
- The complainant will be allowed one week to react to the decision before it becomes final.
- The complainant will either accept or disagree with the decision and will provide such acknowledgment in writing, addressed to the district superintendent.
- If the issue is not resolved with the superintendent, the complaint will be forwarded to the district's Board of Education for further review. The parent or guardian or

- unaccompanied youth shall be provided with a written explanation of the district's decision including the rights of the parent, guardian, or youth to appeal the decision.
- Unresolved complaints may be forwarded by the stakeholder to the South Dakota Department of Education for review. (Consult SD Department of Education Complaint Procedure)

Computer Use Policy

Students have the privilege of using computers to do school work in class and during study hall. There will be strict consequences for the misuse of this privilege. Students that access inappropriate sites, including but not limited to sites that are pornographic or vulgar in nature, or use profanity of any kind may be subject to the Student Conduct Policy in addition to losing computer privileges as follows:

- **1st offense:** Loss of all computer privileges unless directly supervised by a staff member for 10 school days.
- **2nd offense:** Loss of all computer privileges unless directly supervised by a staff member for 20 school days.
- **3rd offense:** Loss of all computer privileges unless directly supervised by a staff member for the rest of the current school year.

Cyber bullying Policy

Cyber bullying is all forms of harassment over the Internet or other forms of electronic communications, including cell phones. Students and staff will refrain from using communication devices or District property to harass or stalk another. The District's computer network and the Internet, whether accessed at school or away from school, during or after school hours, may not be used for the purpose of cyber bullying. All forms of cyber bullying are unacceptable and viewed as a violation of this policy and the District's acceptable computer use policy and procedures.

Users are responsible for the appropriateness of the materials they transmit. Hate mail, harassment, discriminatory remarks, or other anti social behaviors are expressly prohibited. Cyber bullying includes, but is not limited to the following misuses of technology: harassing, teasing, intimidating, threatening, or terrorizing another person by sending or posting inappropriate and hurtful e-mail messages, instant messages, text messages, digital pictures or images, or web site postings, including blogs. It is also recognized that the author (poster or sender) of the inappropriate material is often disguised (logged on) as someone else.

Students and community members, who believe they have been victims of such misuses of technology, as described in this policy, should not erase the offending material from the systems. A copy of the material should be brought to the attention of a principal or teacher.

In situations in which cyber bullying originated from a non-school computer, but brought to the attention of school officials, any disciplinary action shall be based upon whether the conduct is determined to be severely disruptive of the educational process so that it markedly interrupts or severely impedes the day to day operations of a school. In addition, such conduct must also violate a school policy. Such conduct includes, but is not limited to, threats, or making threats off school grounds, to harm a member of the school staff or a student.

Malicious use of District's computer system to develop programs or to institute practices that harass other users to gain unauthorized access to any entity on the system and/or change the components of an entity on the network is prohibited.

Disciplinary action may include, but is not limited to, the loss of computer privileges, detention, suspension, or expulsion for verified perpetrators of cyber bullying. In addition, when any kind of threat is communicated or when a hate crime is committed, it shall be reported to local law officials.

Dress Code Policy

The style and fashion of clothing worn by students and staff is a matter of individual taste and reflects the pride each person places in himself/herself. The school officials will not attempt to regulate clothing except in cases where the clothing is dangerous to individuals or others in close proximity. Clothing disruptive to the classroom will not be tolerated. No alcohol/drugs/tobacco related clothing, et cetera will be tolerated. This includes showing of briefs, bras, buttocks, breast, or belly buttons. There will be no hats or bandannas. Skirts, skorts, or shorts must reach past the middle knuckle when arms are resting at the side of the body. Students will be asked to remove, turn inside out, or cover offending areas. Extra clothing will be in the office for those who need to borrow suitable clothing.

Grievance Procedure Policy for Students

The following grievance procedure will be used in reference to questions or complaints raised by students:

Definitions

For the purpose of this policy, the following definitions shall be operative:

1. Grievance is the complaint lodged by a student of the Sanborn Central School District with an employee, or the School Board of the School District.
2. Complainant is the person or persons who initiate the grievance.
3. Respondent is the person or persons to whom the grievance is addressed.

Normal channels of communication, from student to teacher, to Administration, to Board of Education shall be used whenever feasible, in seeking clarification of questions of concern to the student, employee, patron before the grievance procedure is utilized.

Grievance Solutions

The purpose of this procedure is to secure at the earliest level possible, equitable solutions to a claim of a complainant, if the claim is justifiable. The proceeding shall be kept confidential at each level of this procedure. This grievance must allege one or more of the following unfair practices.

1. That a school rule is unfair.
2. That a school rule or regulation discriminates against or between employees or students.
3. That an unfair procedure has been used in arriving at a punishment or determination.

Procedures

The following steps shall be followed in the filing, resolution, and disposition of a grievance:

- A. Level One: A student with a complaint shall first present it orally and informally to his/her teacher. If the complaint is not promptly resolved, he/she may present a formal claim in writing to his/her Grievance Committee. The Grievance Committee is comprised of three teachers. Within five school days after receiving the written complaint, the Grievance Committee shall state its decision in writing with all supporting reasons and evidence.
- B. Level Two: Within five school days after receiving the decision at Level One, the complainant may appeal the decision to the Principal of the school. This appeal shall be in writing and shall be accompanied by the original complaint

and copies of all previous supporting statements, evidence, and decisions. The Principal shall evaluate the evidence and render his/her decision within ten school days after receiving the appeal.

- C. Level Three: If the complainant deems it desirable to carry the complaint beyond the decision reached in Level Two, he/she may, within ten school days, file his/her complaint with the Superintendent. The Superintendent shall evaluate the evidence and render his/her decision within ten school days after receiving the appeal.
- D. Level Four: If the complainant deems it desirable to carry the complaint beyond the decision reached in Level Three, he/she may, within ten school days, file his/her complaint with the Board of Education. Upon receiving the complaint the matter shall be placed upon the agenda of the Board of Education for consideration at the next regular meeting of the Board. Final determination shall be made within thirty calendar days from said meeting.

Grades 5-12 Eligibility Policy

The Sanborn Central School's Eligibility Policy states that to be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities, a student must be passing in all regular subjects each reporting period. Eligibility will be checked weekly and a student will remain ineligible for a period of one week. (Monday to Monday)

Eligibility is checked with each teacher by noon on the second to the last day of each week and if a student is failing his/her class, the student becomes ineligible beginning on Monday and remains ineligible until the next Monday.

Some clarification was needed as to what extracurricular activities the students would not be allowed to participate in during the ineligible time period. The student can attend practices held after school hours only during this time period. They can also participate in the activity if it is considered an assignment or activity that is used for grading purposes for a class.

The staff developed the following list of activities as a guideline to both students and parents. If a student is failing a class, they will not be allowed to participate in: (The list may be revised at any time.)

- VOLLEYBALL – Games
- BASKETBALL – Games
- FOOTBALL – Games
- TRACK – Track Meets, State Track Meet
- CHEERLEADING – Ballgames, School Sponsored Camps
- SPEECH – Local and Area Oral Interp/District and Regional Oral Interp/
State Oral Interp
- PUBLICATIONS – Jostens Yearbook Workshop, SDSU Press Day
- FFA – Local and Area Contests/State Leadership Contest/State FFA Convention/
National FFA Convention/Little "I"
- MUSIC – All State Chorus
All State Band
Augustana Band Festival
Vocal and Instrumental Contests
Senior Music Trip
- CBH – Academic Festival
Oral Interp Contest
- SCHOOL PLAY
- SCIENCE FAIR

Homework Policy

The assignment of homework is considered both necessary and proper for the reinforcement of learning that takes place in the student's classes.

Lockdown Policy

In the event of a crisis situation occurring, the principal or designee will decide if it is in the best interest for the safety and welfare of students and staff to evacuate the building or to remain inside and implement a "lockdown". The use of codes to lockdown a school facility can become confusing to teachers, students, and staff. Therefore the use of simple, calm, and direct commands over the intercom system will be utilized.

In the event of an emergency, the principal or designee will deliver this message over the intercom system.

"Teachers and staff, please lockdown your classrooms."

Or

*"The building is in lockdown. Teachers and staff, please secure your classrooms."
(This will be said three times every thirty seconds)*

IN THE CLASSROOM:

Upon hearing the message teachers/staff are expected to:

- Make a quick visual sweep of outside hallways for students and secure them in their classroom.
- Lock classroom doors and do not open for any reason.
- Move students away from doors and windows.
- Take attendance of all students.

OUTSIDE THE BUILDING:

Upon hearing the message teachers/staff are expected to:

- Move students to a safe location. (Depending on the situation this could be either away from or back inside the school.) If away from school, go to the bus barn or 4-H building.
- Take attendance of all students.

Teachers/staff are expected to remain calm and to control their classrooms while awaiting further instructions from the principal or designee.

Emergency Phone Numbers:

Emergency	911
Sanborn County Sheriff	796-4511
Superintendent of Schools	495-4183

Policy Prohibiting Sexual Harassment

It is the policy of the Sanborn Central Board of Education to prohibit sexual harassment of its employees, students, and guests of the District by a person and in any form. All employees, students, and guests should be able to enjoy a work and learning environment free from all forms of discrimination, including sexual harassment.

Sexual harassment is defined as words and actions, which tend to annoy, alarm, or be physically or verbally abusive toward another person and which serve no legitimate or valid purpose. Sexual harassment is a specific type of harassment and the type discussed within this policy. Examples of sexual harassment include, but are not limited to: (a) unwelcome

sexual flirtations, advances, or propositions; (b) verbal abuse of a sexual nature; (c) graphic verbal comments about an individual's body; (d) sexually degrading words used to describe an individual; (e) displaying of pornographic material; and (f) inappropriate physical contact or language of a sexually suggestive nature.

Any individual, who believes that she/he has been, or is being subjected to sexually harassing conduct, should immediately report it to the school administrator (e.g. school counselor, principal, superintendent). This report initially may be made verbally or in writing, but if made initially verbally, the individual making the complaint must submit a written complaint which includes: (a) the name of the person making the complaint; (b) the person(s) alleged to have sexually harassed the complaining party; and (c) the date(s) and nature (description) of the sexual harassment.

The individual making the complaint should also request a copy of the full Sexual Harassment Policy from the school district's administrator.

Promotion/Retention Policy

The Sanborn Central School District believes every student should receive maximum opportunity to succeed in school. It is the duty of the instructional staff to place each student at the grade level best suited for each student's academic, social, and emotional level. Retention, if necessary, is best between Kindergarten and third grade. Every effort is made to reach a common agreement with all parties involved, with the final decision resting with the school administration.

General Guidelines:

K-5

1. Students may be retained in cases of immaturity, extreme lack of effort, or poor grades.
2. Students for which individual education plans are written generally are not good candidates for retention.
3. Kindergarten students are not retained without parental permission.
4. Every effort is made to reach a common agreement with all parties involved, with the final decision resting with school administration.

6-8

1. Students failing two or more core* classes at the end of each semester are strong candidates for retention.
2. Students for which individual education plans are written generally are not good candidates for retention.
3. Every effort is made to reach common agreement with all parties involved, with the final decision resting with school administration.

*core classes: Language Arts, Reading, Science, Social Studies, Math

Time Schedule

1. Middle School students/parents are informed on a weekly basis of unsatisfactory work or failing work.
2. Middle School/Elementary teachers inform parents of students' problems during the first parent-teacher conferences. Retention is not discussed.

3. Elementary teachers will discuss the possibility of retention with parents/administration during the second parent-teacher conference.
4. The Middle School principal arranges a conference at the end of the third quarter for the parents of students failing two or more core classes. The conference includes the principal, teachers, student, and the parents. During the conference, the principal will explain the guidelines and reality of retention.
5. A mid-April conference is held for any Elementary/Middle School student who is being considered for retention. Parents, students, teachers, and administration are to be included at the meeting. Academic, social, and emotional information is made available to the administration that will make the final decision regarding promotion/retention.
6. The administration will notify the parent and student in writing of the final decision on the final report card.

Policies Relating to Title IX

Inquiries by the Public

The 504 Coordinator for the Sanborn Central School District is Paula Sanderson. You can contact her at 605-495-4183.

Any person having inquiries concerning Sanborn Central School District compliance with the Title IX is directed to contact the Superintendent at:

40405 SD Hwy 34, Forestburg, SD 57314

Phone: (605) 495-4183

Sanborn Central Training Rules

The Sanborn Central School believes that it is important that our athletes understand the importance of abstinence from alcohol, tobacco products, and illegal drugs. We believe that student-athletes have a responsibility to refrain from these substances during the course of the entire school year because of the high expectations of performance we ask from our athletes. The school district believes that athletes that represent our school do so throughout the school year, not just during the season of play.

An entire school year, for all students, is defined as beginning with the start of practice for football/volleyball and concluding with the last school-sponsored activity of the year, which is the State Track Meet. Nothing is carried over into the following school year except an illegal drug violation, which is covered under South Dakota Codified Law.

It is important to note that there are not times during the school year when using alcohol, tobacco, and illegal drugs are tolerated. Verification of an infraction/offense needs to be directly witnessed by a school administrator, coach/advisor, or verified by a law enforcement official. All facts will be gathered and careful consideration given to those facts by the coach, Athletic Director, and administration before any suspension will take place.

First Offense: If the student-athlete is in possession or uses alcohol, tobacco products, or illegal drugs he/she will be ineligible for following number of events (Event as defined by the SDHSAA): NOTE: Illegal drug violations are subject to SDCL 13-32-9 penalties.

Football	2 events
Girls/Boys Basketball	4 events
Volleyball	4 events
Track	2 events
Cheerleading	Same as the sport

If the student-athlete uses/possesses alcohol/tobacco/illegal drugs during the off-season, it will carry over into the next sports season. The athletic director will determine the minimum penalty if the penalty cannot be served in any one sport season. **Example, if caught during football season and there is only one football game remaining, the student-athlete will miss two basketball games, also.** The superintendent has the final say on all matters of punishment and determination of guilt.

Student-athletes who self-report to the coach, athletic director, or administration within 24 hours of the infraction will have their penalty reduced by one-half. Students must practice while suspended.

The parents of the offender(s) will be notified.

Second Offense: The student-athlete is suspended for the remainder of the season of the sport they are participating in at the time. Parents will be notified. The student/athlete will not letter or receive any awards in the sport he/she is participating in at the time of the second offense.

Third Offense: The student-athlete is suspended from all activities for the remainder of the school year.

SANBORN CENTRAL CO-CURRICULAR TOBACCO/ALCOHOL/ILLEGAL DRUG ABUSE POLICY

Co-curricular activities are those activities that are designed to give students the opportunity to experience learning situations not offered by the regular curriculum. Co-curricular activities offered by the Sanborn Central School District are:

Band	One-Act Play	Field Trips
Vocal	Yearbook	Oral Interpretation
Student Council	Academic Contests	Spring Play
FFA		

Co-curricular activities are completely voluntary. No student is obligated to take part in these school activities. Participation in these activities is not required for advancement or graduation. Any activity that is part of a requirement in order to receive a grade for a class such as band and vocal is excluded from this policy.

Students under the influence of, or in possession of tobacco, illegal drugs, or an alcoholic beverage throughout the school year (as defined in the athletic training rules), the following rules will be enforced: (NOTE: Illegal drug violations are subject to SDCL 13-32-9 penalties.)

First Offense: The student will not compete or perform in any co-curricular activity for 20 school days. Students shall be required to attend and participate in all practices. The student will not be allowed to travel with or attend co-curricular activities with the organization. Parents will be notified. **Students who self-report to the advisor or administration within 24 hours of the infraction will have their penalty reduced by one-half.**

Second Offense: The student will not compete or perform in co-curricular activities they are involved in at the time of the offense for the remainder of the school year. Parents will be notified. The student will not letter in the activity or activities he/she is participating in at the time of the second offense.

Third Offense: The student is suspended from all activities for the remainder of the school year.

Tobacco Free Policy

The negative effects of smoking on persons who smoke and persons occupying smoking areas are well documented. The Sanborn Central School District is committed to encouraging healthful living styles and healthful working environments. Because of that commitment, the following policy will apply to Sanborn Central School District effective July 1, 2004: All PK-12 Sanborn Central School District school facilities and grounds will be tobacco/smoke free in all areas. Smoking or tobacco use is prohibited in all PK-12 schools and vehicles.

High School Curricular Offerings & Requirements

Enrollment Requirements

All students enrolled in the Sanborn Central High School must take at least six classroom courses each semester. Individual cases are at the discretion of the Principal/School Counselor.

Enrollment Changes

Enrollment changes for semester-long courses will be by the end of the 2nd week of the semester; yearlong courses will be by the end of the 2nd week of the school year unless there are extenuating circumstances. To add or drop a course within the first two weeks of a semester, the student must first get permission from the principal.

Requirements for Graduation

Students graduating 2010 – 2013 have a choice of three pathways. All students must take the Advanced Curriculum and some could choose to take the Distinguished Curriculum, which is the same as the requirements for the SD Opportunity Scholarship. Students, with the consent of the parents/guardian and the school counselor/principal, may also opt for the Standard Curriculum but a signed agreement for that option must be done. These are the requirements for the Advanced Curriculum:

- 4 units of English
- 3 units of Social Studies
- 3 units of math, including a minimum of 1 unit each of algebra 1, algebra 2, and geometry
- 3 units of lab science that must include a minimum of biology and chemistry, or physics
- 1 unit of fine arts
- ½ unit of physical education or health
- ½ unit of economics or personal finance
- 2 units of any combination of the following required offerings:
World Languages; or Computer Studies; or Approved CTE courses; or Math courses in addition to requirements above; or Science courses in addition to requirements above.
- The remaining units are electives.
- Minimum of 24 units to graduate

The South Dakota Board of Regents has also established the following criteria in order to be admitted to a South Dakota Public University without having to take remedial course work in Math or English: A student must have an ACT sub score of 18 in English and 20 in Math.

The Distinguished Curriculum consists of the following: It is also for the South Dakota Regents Scholar Diploma and SD Opportunities Scholarship that students may apply for if they meet the following requirements:

- 4 units of English (courses with major emphasis upon grammar, composition, or literacy analysis: one year of debate instruction may be included to meet this requirement.)
- 3 units of Social Studies (History, Economics, Sociology, Geography, Government – including US & SD, American Problems, etc.)
- 4 units of Algebra or higher Math (Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry or other advanced Mathematics including accelerated or honors mathematics (Algebra) provided at the 8th grade shall be accepted. Not included are Arithmetic, Business, Consumer or General Mathematics or other similar courses.)
- 4 units of Science including 3 units of approved Laboratory Science (Courses in Biology, Chemistry or Physics) in which at least one (1) regular laboratory period is scheduled each week. Accelerated or Honors Science (Biology, Physics, or Chemistry) provided in the 8th grade shall be accepted. Qualifying Physical Science or Earth Science courses (with lab) shall be decided on a case-by-case basis.
- ½ unit of Computer Science (Students will have basic keyboarding skills and have had experience in using computer word-processing, database and spreadsheet packages and in using the Internet or other wide area networks.)
- 1 unit of Fine Arts in: Art, Theatre, or Music Appreciation, Analysis, or Performance
*Effective Fall 2005 for students graduating from SD high schools
- 2 units of the same modern (including American Sign Language) or classical language.
- The student must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher and no final grade less than a “C” in any class.
- The student must also have a 24 or better composite score on the ACT (American College Test) to be eligible for the SD Opportunity Scholarship.

There are NEW graduation requirements for the Class of 2014 and beyond. They are:

- ❖ 4 units of Language Arts – must include:
 - a. Writing – 1.5 units
 - b. Literature – 1.5 units
(must include .5 unit of American Literature)
 - c. Speech or Debate - .5 unit
 - d. Language Arts elective - .5 unit
- ❖ Three units of Mathematics – must include:
 - a. Algebra 1 – 1 unit
 - b. *Algebra 2 – 1 unit
 - c. *Geometry – 1 unit
- ❖ Three units of Lab Science – must include:
 - a. Biology – 1 unit
 - b. Any Physical Science – 1 unit
 - c. *Chemistry or Physics – 1 unit
- ❖ Three units of Social Studies – must include:
 - a. U.S. History – 1 unit
 - b. U.S. Government – 1 unit
 - c. World History - .5 unit
 - d. Geography - .5 unit
- ❖ One unit of Fine Arts
- ❖ One-half unit of Personal Finance or Economics
- ❖ One-half unit of Physical Education

*With school and parent/guardian approval, a student may be excused from this course in favor of a more appropriate course. A student may be excused from Algebra 2 or Geometry, but not both. A student is still required to take three units of Math. If a student is excused from Chemistry or Physics, the student must still take three units of Lab Science.

The following required courses will be taken by each student during the years indicated to meet their requirements for receiving a diploma:

NINTH GRADE

English 1 (Writing/Grammar/Literature).....	1.0
Algebra 1.....	1.0
Physical Science with lab.....	1.0
PE.....	1.0
* Electives.....	2.0

TENTH GRADE

English 2 (Writing/Grammar/Literature).....	.5
Speech.....	.5
Biology with lab.....	1.0
Algebra 2 or Integrated Math 1.....	1.0
Geography/World History.....	1.0
* Electives.....	2.0

ELEVENTH GRADE

English 3 (Writing/Grammar/American Literature).....	1.0
US History.....	1.0
Geometry or Applied Geometry.....	1.0
Chemistry or a Lab Science.....	1.0
* Electives.....	2.0

TWELFTH GRADE

English 4 or AP English.....	1.0
US Government.....	1.0
Fine Arts.....	1.0
Economics or Personal Finance.....	0.5
Senior Experience.....	0.0
* Electives.....	3.5

* A list of electives will be provided with registration.

Grades & Graduation

Sanborn Central Parent Portal Program

By joining this program, you will have instant, timely access to your child's grades, attendance records, and discipline actions. Parents will need to complete a form and return it to the school to obtain the information they need to activate their Parent Portal Account. They will receive their information in the mail or via e-mail within a few days of receipt of the form. For more information you can go to www.sanborncentral.com

High School Grading System

All grades for students in grades 9-12 will be recorded as letter grades. The student must have mastered at least 70% of the course content in order to pass the course. The following will be used to convert percentages to letter grades:

100+.....	A+	80 – 83	C
97 – 99	A	77 – 79	C-
94 – 96	A-	75 – 76	D+
92 – 93	B+	72 – 74	D
90 – 91	B	70 – 71	D-
87 – 89	B-	69 and Below.....	F
84 – 86	C+		

Grade “I” Incomplete – All incompletes must be completed within two weeks after the grade reporting date or the grade will be recorded as a failing grade (F).

High School Grade Weights

The following is the grading system for computing student grades:

- a. Daily work will count 40% of the final grade
- b. Daily/Weekly/Semester tests will count 60% of the final grade

High School Honor Roll

An Honor Roll is compiled at the end of each grading period. The Honor Roll consists of two parts: The “A” Honor Roll and the “B” Honor Roll. To be on the “A” Honor Roll, a student must have received a minimum grade point average of 3.495 or better for the subjects that the student is enrolled in during that reporting period. To be on the “B” Honor Roll, a student must have received a grade point average of 2.995 – 3.494 for the subjects that the student is enrolled in during that reporting period.

A student receiving a grade of “D”, “F”, or “I” does not qualify for the Honor Roll regardless of grade average.

High School Student Organizations

In order to provide a well-rounded curriculum, the school provides many different student organizations and activities that all students are encouraged to participate in. These include:

1. **Student Council:** This is an organization that represents the views of the student body. The Student Council shall consist of representatives from each class that are elected by the student body. The officers are also elected by the student body.
2. **Class Officers:** Each class will select Student Council representatives.
3. **Yearbook Staff:** The annual yearbook is published each year. The yearbook is a pictorial and literary review of the school year and is available for sale to the public.
4. **National Honor Society (NHS):** Students who maintain a GPA of 3.30 or better, may be selected as a member of the NHS. Be advised that grades are not the only criteria. Civility, integrity, responsibility, and citizenship are also areas reviewed prior to granting membership. Members are selected by a committee of high school teachers.
5. **Future Farmers of America (FFA):** Students who take at least one (1) semester of a Vocational Agriculture course are eligible to join FFA each year.
6. **Spirit Club:** Students are encouraged to join this organization to boost school spirit throughout the school year.

High School Graduation Exercises

Escort and Ushers for Graduation Exercises

One Junior boy and one Junior girl with the highest grade point average shall act as escorts/ushers for the Commencement exercises.

Valedictorian

The student in the Senior Class who has attained the highest grade point average for his/her four years of high school will be the valedictorian.

Salutatorian

The student in the Senior Class who has attained the second highest grade point average for his/her four years of high school will be the salutatorian.

Honor Students

Those students in the Senior Class that have attained a grade point average of 3.0 for his/her four years of high school will be an honor student.

Middle School Grading System

100+.....	A+
95 – 100.....	A
92 – 94.....	A-
90 – 91.....	B+
87 – 89.....	B
85 – 86.....	B-
83 – 84.....	C+
80 – 82.....	C
78 – 79.....	C-
75 – 77.....	D+
71 – 74.....	D
68 – 70.....	D-
67 and below.....	F

Middle School Grade Weights

- a. Daily work will count 50% of the final grade
- b. Daily/weekly test will count 50% of the final grade

Middle School Honor Roll

An Honor Roll is compiled at the end of each grading period. The Honor Roll consists of two parts: The “A” Honor Roll and the “B” Honor Roll. To be on the “A” Honor Roll a student must have received a minimum grade average of 94 percent for the subjects that the student is enrolled in during the reporting period. To be on the “B” Honor Roll, a student must have received a minimum grade average of 87 percent for the subjects that the student is enrolled in during that reporting period.

A student receiving a grade of “D”, “F”, or “I” does not qualify for the Honor Roll regardless of grade average.

Band, Vocal, VoAg, Keyboarding, Spanish, PE, and Health grades will not count toward the Honor Roll.

Dropping classes: The only class MS students are allowed to drop is Band. That can only be done with a written note from the parents addressed to either Mrs. Vermeulen or Mr. Kroeger. The student will remain in band until the note is received.

Middle School Graduation Exercises

Middle School Escorts and Ushers for Graduation Exercises

One 7th grade boy and one 7th grade girl with the highest grade average shall act as escorts/ushers for the 8th Grade Graduation.

Middle School Student Organizations

In order to provide a well-rounded curriculum, the school provides many different student organizations and activities that all students are encouraged to participate. These include:

1. **Student Council:** This is an organization that represents the views of the student body. A member from each homeroom group will be elected by each group to serve on the Student Council. The President, Vice-President, and Secretary/Treasurer will

be members of the Eighth Grade class. Middle School students are divided into groups for activity purposes. These are called homeroom groups.

Middle School Homework Policy

Class assignments and homework are an essential part of the Sanborn Central students' learning process. In order to avoid the problem of students not completing assignments, the Middle School has incorporated a guided study session for students who are tardy in completing and turning in given assignments. Every week, students and parents will be notified in writing of missing assignments. These assignments must be turned into the designated teacher by the following Monday morning at 8:30 am.

The assignments must also be of at least a passing stature (D-: 68% - 70%). If these assignments are not turned in, the student is required to stay after school Monday afternoon from 3:20 – 4:20 for Homework Club. It is the parent's responsibility to provide transportation.

Elementary Grades 2 – 5 Grading System

95 – 100.....	A
92 – 94	A-
90 – 91	B+
87 – 89	B
85 – 86	B-
83 – 84	C+
80 – 82	C
78 – 79	C-
75 – 77	D+
71 – 74	D
68 – 70	D-
67 and below.....	F

Dropping classes: The only class elementary students are allowed to drop is Band. That can only be done with a written note from the parents addressed to either Mrs. Vermeulen or Mr. Kroeger. The student will remain in band until the note is received.

Regulations

Middle and High School Regulations

1. No fighting or swearing.
2. No caps/hats/bandanas in the building.
3. Student medication will require a notification from the parent to the school. All medicine must be checked in with the secretary or the teacher.
4. Students are responsible to return all schoolbooks including library books. Failure to do so will result in full reimbursement of the cost of the book.
5. Students are to park in designated areas only. **Students** – Southeast parking lot. **Visitors & Staff** – North parking lot. **Visitors to events** – Southeast parking lot.
6. **The speed limit in the school driveways is 15 mph. Please drive carefully and respectfully. The speed limit will be strictly enforced.**
7. No pop, gum, or candy is allowed in the buildings during school hours.
8. Middle School students are required to bring notes from parents when riding with another Middle School student to and from school, excluding immediate family members.

Study Hall: Grades 6-12

Study Hall & SRB guidelines are as follows:

1. Students will be assigned a seat in the study hall.
2. Students will be allowed to check out to the Library, Computer Lab, School Counselor, restrooms, locker, or the Administrative Offices. Students will have limited privileges if on the "D" or "F" list.
3. Students who sign out of the study hall must sign back in before the study hall ends.
4. If it is necessary to speak, one at a time is allowed to speak with permission from the study hall teacher. The speaking privilege is limited to two minutes. Please stand while speaking.
5. Students may check out to the computer labs that are not on the "D" or "F" list.
6. If there is a severe violation, the penalty will be found within the Student Conduct Policy.

Elementary School Regulations

1. No gum or candy will be allowed. Special circumstances such as birthdays and rewards will be considered exceptions.
2. Students cannot wear hats or bandanas in the building. They can be worn during outside recess.
3. Students are responsible to return all schoolbooks including library books. Failure to do so will result in full reimbursement of the cost of the book.
4. Student medication will require a notification from the parent to the school. All medicine must be checked in with the secretary or the teacher.
5. Children will not be allowed to distribute party invitations in school, unless everyone in the class is invited.
6. All students must bring appropriate winter weather clothing daily during the winter months. Students will be going outside at 0 degrees or above (including wind chill). Consequences will be imposed for students who forget appropriate clothing.
7. Out of school and in-school suspension grading in elementary school will be at the teacher's discretion. Please see the teacher's philosophy on the Teacher Information Page on the school's website www.sanborncentral.com and go to the Parent Portal. Teachers will also provide a late work policy on that page. Parents that do not have Internet access may request a copy from the office.

Sanborn Central School to Conduct Child Identification Project

Superintendent Linda Whitney of the Sanborn Central School District has announced that the district is conducting a "Child Identification Project" in order to identify and evaluate children who may need special education services. All children in the district who are between the ages of birth and 21, regardless of their disability, including children in all public and private agencies and institutions within the legal boundaries of the school district are eligible. Connie Vermeulen, principal of the Sanborn Central Elementary School, is the project coordinator.

After children are referred, the district will request his/her parent's permission to evaluate them individually. A meeting with parents will then be held to determine each child's special needs.

The Sanborn Central School District personnel feel it is important to identify children with special needs so that early intervention can begin. Every child deserves the right to receive the best education possible.

Anyone who knows of a child in the Sanborn Central School District with unserved needs is asked to give the child's name to the Administration.

NOTICE TO PARENTS – RIGHT TO KNOW

Information regarding the professional qualifications of your children's teachers and/or paraeducators are available in the superintendent's office upon request. Parents will be notified if their children have been assigned to or taught for four or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who is not highly qualified.

NOTIFICATION TO PATRONS, STAFF, and FACULTY

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) requires that all public school buildings be inspected or re-inspected for the presence of asbestos containing materials every three years after a management plan is in effect. The same statute also requires initial and annual notifications of the availability of a management plan which outlines the steps to be taken to eliminate any hazards.

The Sanborn Central School District has no asbestos containing materials in the school buildings. A copy of the inspection report which details this information is available for public inspection during normal working hours in the Administration office.

STUDENT RECORDS POLICY - FERPA

The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974 governs the disclosure of student educational records. "Student education records" are those records, which are directly related to the student and maintained by the school. Student educational records do not include those records, which are in the sole possession of the make and are not revealed to any other individual. If that information is shared with another person, it becomes educational records subject to the parental and eligible student rights with respect to student educational records.

The term "parent" means a parent, legal guardian, or any other individual acting in the capacity of the student's parent. Both natural parents are afforded the same rights under FERPA unless there is a Court Order, which restricts the rights of one parent. When a student turns age 18, or becomes emancipated, the student is an "eligible student" and controls access and disclosure of the student's educational records. However, if the student is living in the parents' home and identified as a deduction for income tax purposes, parents still have the right to access student records.

"Personally identifiable student information" is confidential student information in educational records, which cannot be released unless there is prior written consent by a parent or the eligible student. Only in the following situations will personally identifiable student information be released without written consent of a parent or eligible student: (1) Directory Information, (2) school officials and employees who have a legitimate educational interest, and (3) upon enrollment or application for enrollment to another educational institution.

1. "Directory information" is student information in educational records which may be disclosed without prior written consent unless the parent or eligible student informs the school in writing such information is not to be disclosed. The District has identified the following as Directory Information which may be disclosed without prior written consent unless informed in writing by the parent or eligible student not to disclose any or all of the following: (1) name of the student, (2) names of the

- student's parents, (3) student's address and telephone number, (4) age and date of birth, (5) participation in school activities, including weight and height of members of athletic teams, (6) dates of attendance, and (7) degrees and awards received.
2. School officials and employees who have a legitimate educational interest may review a student's educational records without prior written consent. A legitimate educational interest is defined as having the purpose of assisting the person who is reviewing the records to work with the student and the student's educational program. A record of such persons reviewing the student's permanent file shall be maintained in the file, indicating the person reviewing the file, the date, and the reason for review.
 3. Should a student transfer, enroll, or make application for enrollment to another educational institution, upon receipt of a written request for a copy of a student's records for that educational institution the school shall provide a copy of the records requested. A record of such requests and student records provided shall be maintained by the District.

SIVN/DDN and Online Distance Learning Student Policy

The SIVN/DDN network of schools is a group of schools that provides distance-learning classes to Ethan, Mt. Vernon, Sanborn Central, and Woonsocket schools. Using distance learning, school districts can receive courses that normally would not be offered because of low enrollment or a lack of qualified teachers. The two-way, interactive, video technology course management system used for these classes allows a teacher to teach from one location with students at one or more different schools. Because of the unique aspects of the distance learning classes, certain standards are expected of the participating students. This policy is intended to make both the students and the parents aware of these standards.

As a student taking a distance learning class I am aware that:

1. High standards are expected of me as a student. My cooperation and appropriate attitude are needed to maintain a positive teaching and learning environment in the classroom.
2. Appropriate language is expected and required.
3. Because of the technology, anything I do in the classroom can be video taped.
4. The following classroom procedures must be followed:
 - a. Students will sit within camera view at all times.
 - b. Students will treat the equipment in the classroom with care.
 - c. Students will follow all other rules specified by the teacher and classroom facilitator.

The procedures for students who cannot follow the above listed rules are listed below:

First Offense: The student(s) will be given a verbal warning and told that his/her parents or guardian will be notified by letter of the infraction. The classroom teacher will send the letter to the parents or guardian. A copy of the letter will also be sent to the student's principal.

Second Offense: The student will be removed from the class with a failing grade recorded.

Severe Misconduct: For the first offense, the student will be removed from the class.

Students are also subject to their local school's behavior and discipline policy for any misconduct during a distance learning class.

Penalty Clause: Any student that fails a semester of any course will be required to pay \$300 for partial reimbursement of the cost to offer the course.

Additional Student Information

Who's watching and listening to you? You should assume anytime you are in the SIVN or DDN Video classroom that someone is watching or listening to you. Just because you do not see another site on the TV monitors doesn't mean another site can't see or hear you. If your site is connected you can be seen or heard and/or video taped. Don't embarrass yourself or your school by doing or saying something you wouldn't want anyone else to see or hear.

Class handouts. Some handouts and class materials are available on-line. Others will be sent to the class facilitator and distributed by them. If you do not have needed materials, contact your facilitator.

Submitting material to the teacher: Your facilitator will be responsible for mailing, faxing, or delivering materials such as homework, tests, or other papers to the teacher. You are responsible for getting these items to your class facilitator by the required due date.

Contacting the teacher after class. If you need to contact your teacher outside of normal class times you should make arrangements with your facilitator to either phone the teacher or set up a meeting using the SIVN or DDN system. It is possible to schedule a video connection outside of class time either before or after school. E-mail may also be used to contact your teachers. They will provide an e-mail address in your syllabus.

Grading Scale: You will be provided a percentage score for your work done in your distance classes. Grading will be done in accordance with the local district policy.

Attendance: Attendance in class is critical to student success. Local attendance policies will also apply to students taking distance-learning classes.

Make-up Work. Students are expected to make-up assignments prior to class for known absences and after class for unexpected absences. The general guideline for turning in make-up work is to allow one day for each day missed. Special situations will be at the discretion of the teacher.

Online Classes. Students taking online classes must follow the deadlines set up by the course instructor. Progress will be monitored by SCHS administration. Taking an online class is a privilege, not a right. Students need to work on the class during the assigned block in the HS Computer Lab.

Taking distance-learning classes can be fun and challenging. As you take advantage of these opportunities, be prepared for some new experiences. If you go into the class with learning goals and with a positive attitude, you will be successful.

Internet Safety Policy

Introduction

The Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), 47 U.S.C. §254(h)(5), and South Dakota Consolidated Statutes section 22-24-55 require public schools to implement certain measures and actions to ensure that students are restricted from accessing inappropriate materials online using school-owned computers. This policy is adopted to implement these state and federal requirements.

Internet Safety

It is the policy of this organization to protect computer users from harassment and unwanted or unsolicited electronic communications. Any network user who receives threatening or unwelcome electronic communications or inadvertently visits or accesses an inappropriate site shall report such immediately to a teacher or administrator.

- A. The organization has implemented a technology protection measure that blocks access to inappropriate matter such as child pornography, obscene material and material that is harmful to minors.
- B. In order to protect their safety and security of its students, network users are prohibited from revealing personal information to other users when engaging in online activities including but not limited to chat rooms, e-mail, social networking web sites.
- C. All network users are prohibited from hacking and engaging in any unlawful online activity.
- D. All network users are prohibited from disclosing or disseminating personal information without proper authorization regarding minors.
- E. All network users are prohibited from accessing sites or online materials that are blocked by the technology protection measure.

Implementation of Technology Protection Measure

- A. All school owned computers (used on campus) must be equipped with a technology protection measure.
- B. Adult users may request the Technology Protection Measure to be temporarily disabled in order to conduct bona fide research or for another lawful purpose. The Technology Protection Measure must be re-activated as soon as the adult finishes using the computer for the authorized bona fide research or other lawful purpose.

Acceptable Use Policy

Each network user shall be required to sign an Acceptable Use Policy annually in the form prescribed by the Superintendent or his/her designee. The Acceptable Use Policy shall be subject to appropriate discipline and sanctions.

Monitoring of Online Activities

It shall be the responsibility of all personnel of this organization to monitor students' online activities and use of the network to ensure that their use is in compliance with CIPA and this Internet Safety Policy.

Cyberbullying and Appropriate Online Education

Students will be educated annually about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms, and cyberbullying awareness and response. The implementation of this provision is delegated to the Superintendent who shall report annually to the Board on the educational activities undertaken to comply with this subsection.

Definitions Used in the Policy

Minor: The term “minor” means any individual who has not attained the age of 17 years.

Obscene: The term “obscene” is defined as material – (1) the dominant theme of which, taken as a whole, appeals to the prurient interest; (2) which is patently offensive because it affronts contemporary community standards relating to the description or representation of sadomasochistic abuse or sexual conduct; and (3) lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value.

Child pornography: The term “child” pornography” is a visual depiction, including any photography, film, video, picture, or computer or computer-generated image or picture, whether made or produced by electronic, mechanical, or other means, of sexually explicit conduct, where the production of such visual depiction involves the use of a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct; such visual depiction is a digital image, computer image, or computer-generated image that is, or is indistinguishable from, that of a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct; or such visual depiction has been created, adapted, or modified to appear that an identifiable minor is engaging in sexually explicit conduct.

Harmful to minors: The term “harmful to minors” means any picture, image, graphic image file, or other visual depiction that – (i) taken as a whole and with respect to minors, appeals to a prurient interest in nudity, sex, or excretion; (ii) depicts, describes, or represents, in a patently offensive way with respect to what is suitable for minors, an actual or simulated sexual act or sexual contact, actual or simulated normal or perverted sexual acts, or a lewd exhibition of the genitals; and, (iii) taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value as to minors.

Technology protection measure: The term “technology protection measure” means a specific technology that blocks or filters Internet access to the material that is obscene, contains child pornography and/or is harmful to minors.

Computer: Any electronic device that has the ability to connect to the Internet including but not limited to desktop computers, laptop computers, tablet computers and electronic book readers.