



2025 – 2026

First Reading of Policies

September 2, 2025

Excellence, Equity, Empowerment. Every Student, Every Day.



MANKATO AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MISSION & CORE VALUES

MISSION

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CORE VALUES

- Courage
- Student Centered
- Integrity
- Accountable
- Inclusive Practices



Strategic Directions: Focus of Our Improvement Efforts

- A. Improving our professional practices so that each learner achieves at high levels in an inclusive educational model that is relevant and flexible
- B. Enhancing our student support structures to meet academic, social, behavioral, and mental health needs
- C. Recruiting, developing, and retaining staff to ensure positive learning experiences for students
- D. Strengthening our parent/caregiver partnerships and connections
- E. Ensuring safe, efficient and effective operations

Policy 414

Mandated Reporting of Child Neglect or Physical or Sexual Abuse

**Revision adds references to
specific statute sections in the
definition of threatened injury.**



Policy 418

Drug-Free Workplace / Drug-Free School

Adds new protections for students who may be in a Tribal medical cannabis program, prohibiting retaliation against students.



Policy 501

School Weapons Policy

Adds language to align with statutory requirement that the District must electronically report all dangerous weapon incidents to MDE, and file after-action reviews with the MN Fusion Center for active shooter incidents.



Policy 515

Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records

Adds language aligning to new legislation clarifying that parent contact information is now classified as private data, similar to student contact information.



Policy 516.5

Overdose Medication

Adds provision aligning to statute that allows high school students to possess and administer Naloxone to peers, and clarifies that good faith administration of Naloxone by students and staff is granted immunity from liability under MN statute 604A.04.



Policy 547

School Meals

Policy

Aligns policy language with the MN free schools program by adding new language and clarification that students may purchase a second reimbursable meal at the nonprogram price, and

All eligible students must receive a school meal, despite any school debt.



Policy 631

Literacy and the READ Act

Revisions align our policy with legislative changes that clarified the requirements for dual language immersion programs, that families must be notified of progress, and provides new guidelines for screeners and assessments.



Policy 635

Online Instruction

Aligned policy with legislative changes that expanded the definition of supplemental online course providers to include state-sponsored schools.



Policy 707

Transportation for Public School Students

Aligned policy with legislative changes clarifying that special education services may include placement in early childhood programs, as determined by IEP teams.



Policy 709

Student Transportation Safety Policy

Removed deadlines for safety training that were repealed by state legislature, and added language clarifying prohibition of texting and using hand-held phone while driving.



Policy 802

Disposition of Obsolete Equipment and Materials

Revisions add guidelines for the school district to donate surplus books directly to families or charities without going through a competitive bid process.



Policy 809

Crisis Management Policy

Expanded violence prevention training requirements to include the steps for reporting violent or dangerous activity should also include how to make reports to statewide and local anonymous threat reporting systems.





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