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October 7, 2026

North Davis Preparatory Academy

Board Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, October 7, 2026

Location: Elementary Library, 1765 W. Hill Field Rd., Layton, UT 84041



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AGENDA

6:00 PM – INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

- Welcome and Roll Call – Monte Poll (5 minutes)
 - Pledge of Allegiance
 - School Vision
 - Board Constitution

6:05 PM – PUBLIC COMMENT (Comments will be limited to 3 minutes each)

6:05 PM – REPORTS

- Administration
 - State of the School – Ryan Robinson (30 minutes)
 - ✓ Student Achievement
 - ✓ Trust in School
 - ★ Jr. High Field Update
 - ★ Satellite Update
 - ★ Grade/DLI Configuration

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- ✓ Retention of Students
 - ★ [Enrollment](#)
- ✓ [Compliance](#)
 - ★ Amended Bullying & Hazing Administrative Procedures
 - ★ Amended Procurement, Purchasing & Disbursement Administrative Procedures
 - ★ Amended Student Conduct & Discipline Policy Administrative Procedures
- Board of Directors
 - [Financial Update](#) – Tyler O’Brien/Jon McQueary (2 minutes)

6:37 PM – CONSENT ITEMS

- [September 22, 2026 Electronic Board Meeting Minutes](#)
 - Ratify the requests for an LEA-specific educator license for the following: *Mary Ahistrom for a Dance (K-12) Endorsement; Naomi Campbell for a Family & Consumer Sciences Comprehensive Endorsement; Toni Leora for an Elementary License; Marieicira Parra de Arocha for a Secondary License with a Spanish Endorsement; and Doreana Cedenas Hernandez for an Elementary License* all for 3-years

6:38 PM – VOTING ITEMS

- [Amended TSSA Framework](#) – Ryan Robinson (2 minutes)
- [Amend Attendance Policy](#) – Ryan Robinson (2 minutes)
- [Amend Capitalization & Expense Policy](#) – Ryan Robinson (2 minutes)
- [Amend Enrollment & Lottery Policy](#) – Ryan Robinson (2 minutes)
- [Amend Fee Waiver Policy](#) – Ryan Robinson (2 minutes)
- [Amend Financial Reporting, Debt & Risk Management Policy](#) – Ryan Robinson (2 minutes)

6:50 PM – DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Calendaring Items – ALL (5 minutes)
 - Holiday Social – November 4th @ Timberline
 - Next PreBoard Meeting – November 17th @ 1 p.m.
 - Next Board Meeting – December 2nd
 - NCSC27 June 28-30 in Columbus, OH

6:55 PM – CLOSED SESSION to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual pursuant to Utah Code 52-4-205(1)(a) [IF NEEDED]

6:55 PM – ADJOURN

UPCOMING CALENDAR ITEMS

December
 Audit Review
 Winter Bonus
 2027-2028 School Calendar
Sex Ed/Maturation Curriculum [if changing]

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February

Annual Open Meetings Act Training
Board Vacancies
Technology Purchases
Annual Helpside PEO Agreement
NEW Curriculum Purchases (2 Public Comment Periods)

March

2027-2028 School Fee Schedule (1st Public Viewing & Notice to Parent)
School LAND Trust Plan *[incl. signature page]*
SLT Training Assurances
Comprehensive Guidance Data Review
Positive Behavior Plan Review*

May

2027-2028 School Fee Schedule (2nd Public Viewing)
Eide Bailly Statement of Work Letter
2027-2028 TSSA Plan
Capital Improvements
Curriculum Renewals
Prepare for Principal's Evaluation
Science In Action Trip Expense (Fall trip)
Lexia Learning (3-yr Exp. June 2027) 2 public comment periods
Property & Liability Insurance Renewal
Principal Bonus/Salary

June

2026-2027 Final Amended Budget
2027-2028 Annual Budget
2027-2028 Sex Ed Instruction Committee
Title IX Athletics Reporting [if you have athletics in your Jr. High]
Mental Health Screening Determination
Annual Policies Review
Fraud Risk Assessment/Ethical Behavior
Set 2027-2028 Board Meeting Schedule
Ratify Board Members & Terms
Ratify Board Officers
Board Member Agreement
Principal/AW Evaluation

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Enrollment				Status	Race	Sex	Advisors	➕ Registered 0		➕ Enroll		
Grade:		K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Active		97	97	98	94	95	82	101	99	82	80	925
Withdrawn		3	1		1	1	11	5	12	2	9	45
Effective 10/5/2026		100	98	98	95	96	93	106	111	84	89	970

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Executive Summary for Amended Admin. Procedures

Amending Bullying and Hazing Administrative Procedures

The USBE recently published a model Bullying Policy. Although the school's existing Bullying and Hazing Policy and Administrative Procedures are already consistent with the model policy in most respects, several provisions from the model policy have been incorporated to further strengthen and clarify the school's Administrative Procedures. These revisions include adding definitions for “accountability practice” and “restorative justice practice,” requiring the school to leave a voicemail and send an email to a parent if the parent cannot be reached by telephone regarding an incident involving the parent’s child, clarifying that a student’s age, development, maturity, and other relevant factors will be considered when determining appropriate discipline for a policy violation, and expanding the policy’s provisions regarding annual reporting, employee training, and bullying incident reporting.

Amending Procurement, Purchasing & Disbursement Administrative Procedures

The school’s Procurement, Purchasing & Disbursement Administrative Procedures has been revised to comply with changes to R33-105, including with respect to quotes for purchases between \$5k and \$50k, professional services, and construction projects. A provision was also added regarding the school following federal procurement requirements, if applicable, when using federal grant funds to procure goods and services.

Amending Student Conduct and Discipline Administrative Procedures

SB 167 revised the requirements governing the reintegration of students involved in serious offenses, including the timing and required contents of student reintegration plans. SB 181 established new physical standards and requirements for seclusion rooms used in schools, including standards governing room size, ceiling height, construction materials, lighting, ventilation, audio and video recording equipment, and door locks. In addition, SB 181 establishes the circumstances under which seclusion may continue when a parent cannot be reached after 15 minutes and the 30-minute time limit has expired, and imposes new requirements on schools when violations relating to seclusion or physical restraint are alleged. HB 188 also revised the circumstances under which a school may refer a student to court for a drug offense, generally prohibiting a referral until after a third allegation that the student committed a drug offense on school property. The Student Conduct and Discipline Administrative Procedures have been revised to reflect these legislative changes.

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Bullying & Hazing

Administrative Procedures

Introduction

The school environment at NDPA is like a family. Most of the time we treat each other with kindness and respect. There are some times, however, where people are thoughtless, reckless, and even mean to others. The intent of people involved is often to “save face”, to get someone to “leave me alone”, or “get back at someone who deserves it”. These behaviors, generally the result of interpersonal conflicts on the part of students, are dealt with the philosophy and procedures described in the NDPA Student Conduct and Discipline Policy.

When administrators address issues where students are injured, teased, intimidated, upset, or scared, they take into consideration two factors: the intent of the aggressor and the impact the behavior has on others.

True bullying, as defined below, is such a serious violation it warrants a separate policy. When the intent of the perpetrator is to cause harm or create the fear of harm, the administration will follow the procedures outlined below.

PURPOSE

Bullying, as defined by law, is an extreme violation of the Core Values, the NDPA End Statements, and the NDPA Student Conduct and Discipline Policy. The main purpose of this policy is to prohibit bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, retaliation, and abusive conduct involving the school’s students and employees. This will be accomplished through awareness efforts, training, identification, and disciplinary action (both students and employees) against those who violate this Policy. A second purpose is to promote the development of personal and social responsibility in all students.

Prohibited Conduct

Bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, retaliation, and abusive conduct towards students and employees are against federal, state, and local policy and are not tolerated by the School. The School is committed to providing all students with a safe and civil environment in which all members of the School community are treated with dignity and respect. To that end, the School has in place policies, procedures, and practices that are designed to reduce and eliminate this conduct – including, but not limited to, civil rights violations – as well as processes and procedures to deal with such incidents. Bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, retaliation, and abusive conduct towards students and/or employees by students and/or employees will not be tolerated in the School. Likewise, abusive conduct by students or parents or guardians against School employees is prohibited by the School and will not be tolerated in the School.

In order to promote a safe, civil learning environment, the School prohibits all forms of bullying of students and School employees (a) on School property, (b) at a School-related or sponsored event, or (c) while the student or School employee is traveling to or from School property or a School-related or sponsored event.

The School prohibits all forms of bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, abusive conduct or retaliation against students and School employees at any time and any location.

Students and School employees are prohibited from retaliating against any student, School employee or an investigator for, or witness of, an alleged incident of bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, abusive conduct, or retaliation.

Students and School employees are prohibited from making false allegations of bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, abusive conduct, or retaliation against a student or School employees.

Students and School employees are prohibited from sharing a recording of an act of bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, abusive conduct, and retaliation in order to impact or encourage future incidents. This restriction does not prevent a student or employee from sharing such a recording with a teacher or administrator as part of reporting the incident or in response to a request from a teacher or administrator for the recording.

Students and School employees are prohibited from creating or distributing sexually explicit or nonconsensual intimate images.

In addition, School employees, coaches, sponsors and volunteers shall not permit, condone or tolerate any form of hazing, bullying, cyber-bullying, or abusive conduct and shall not plan, direct, encourage, assist, engage or participate in any activity that involves hazing, bullying, cyber-bullying, or abusive conduct.

Any bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, abusive conduct, or retaliation that is found to be targeted at a federally protected class is further prohibited under federal anti-discrimination laws and is subject to OCR compliance regulations.

Definitions

Abusive Conduct – For purposes of this policy, “abusive conduct” means verbal, nonverbal, or physical conduct of a parent or guardian or student directed toward a School employee that, based on its severity, nature, and frequency of occurrence, a reasonable person would determine is intended to cause intimidation, humiliation, or unwarranted distress. A single act does not constitute abusive conduct.

Accountability Practice – For purposes of this policy, “accountability practice” means any evidence-based practice that increases academic outcomes, decreases behavior that disrupts the learning environment, and holds students accountable for their actions by requiring them to take responsibility to repair harm and provide restitution when appropriate.

Action Plan – For purposes of this policy, “action plan” means a process to address an incident of bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing or retaliation.

Bullying – For purposes of this policy, "bullying" means student bullying and staff bullying.

Civil Rights Violations – For purposes of this policy, “civil rights violations” means violations as outlined in the following federal laws:

- (1) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin);
- (2) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex);
- (3) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability); or
- (4) Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability).

Cyber-bullying – For purposes of this policy, "cyber-bullying" means using the Internet, a cell phone, or another device to send or post text, video, or an image with the intent or knowledge, or with reckless disregard, that the text, video, or image will hurt, embarrass, or threaten an individual, regardless of whether the individual directed, consented to, or acquiesced in the conduct, or voluntarily accessed the electronic communication.

Hazing – For purposes of this policy, “hazing” means a School employee or student intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly committing an act or causing another individual to commit an act toward a School employee or student that:

- (1) (a) endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a School employee or student;
(b) involves any brutality of a physical nature, including whipping, beating, branding, calisthenics, bruising, electric shocking, placing of a harmful substance on the body, or exposure to the elements;
(c) involves consumption of any food, alcoholic product, drug, or other substance or other physical activity that endangers the mental or physical health and safety of a School employee or student; or
(d) involves any activity that would subject a School employee or student to extreme mental stress, such as sleep deprivation, extended isolation from social contact, or conduct that subjects a School employee or student to extreme embarrassment, shame, or humiliation; and
- (2) (a)(i) is committed for the purpose of initiation into, admission into, affiliation with, holding office in, or as a condition for membership in a School or School sponsored team, organization, program, club, or event; or
(ii) is directed toward a School employee or student whom the individual who commits the act knows, at the time the act is committed, is a member of, or candidate for

membership in, a School or School sponsored team, organization, program, club, or event in which the individual who commits the act also participates.

- (3) The conduct described above constitutes hazing, regardless of whether the School employee or student against whom the conduct is committed directed, consented to, or acquiesced in, the conduct.

Incident – For purposes of this policy, “incident” means a verified incident of bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, abusive conduct, or retaliation that is prohibited in Utah Code § 53G-9-601 *et seq.*

Restorative Justice Practice – For purposes of this policy, “restorative justice practice” means a discipline practice that brings together students, school personnel, families, and community members to resolve conflicts, address disruptive behaviors, promote positive relationships, and healing.

Retaliate or Retaliation – For purposes of this policy, "retaliate or retaliation" means an act or communication intended:

- (1) as retribution against a person for reporting bullying or hazing; or
- (2) to improperly influence the investigation of, or the response to, a report of bullying or hazing.

School Employee – For purposes of this policy, “School employee” means an individual working in the individual’s official capacity as:

- (1) a School teacher;
- (2) a School staff member;
- (3) a School administrator; or
- (4) an individual:
 - (a) who is employed, directly or indirectly, by the School; and
 - (b) who works on the School’s campus(es).

Staff Bullying – For purposes of this policy, “staff bullying” means a School employee, with the intent to cause harm, repeatedly committing a written, verbal, or physical act against a student or another School employee, or engaging in a single egregious act toward another employee involving an imbalance of power, that:

- (1) creates an environment that a reasonable person would find hostile, threatening, or humiliating; and
- (2) substantially interferes with a student’s or employee’s educational or professional performance, opportunities, or benefits.

Student Bullying – For purposes of this policy, “student bullying” means one or more students,

with the intent to cause harm, repeatedly committing a written, verbal, or physical act against another student, or engaging in a single egregious act toward another student involving an imbalance of power, that:

- (1) creates an environment that a reasonable person would find hostile; and
- (2) interferes with a student's educational performance, opportunities, or benefits.

“Student bullying” and “staff bullying” do not mean instances of:

- (1) ordinary teasing, horseplay, argument, or peer conflict;
- (2) reasonable correction of behavior by a School employee; or
- (3) reasonable coaching strategies and techniques by a School employee who is a coach.

Verification – For purposes of this policy, “verification” means that an alleged incident has been found to be substantiated through a formal investigation process done by the School as outlined in this policy.

Volunteer – For purposes of this policy, “volunteer” means a non-employee with significant, unsupervised access to students in connection with a School assignment.

Reporting Prohibited Conduct

Students who have been subjected to or witnessed bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, or retaliation, and students who have witnessed abusive conduct, ~~must~~are strongly encouraged to promptly report such prohibited conduct to any School personnel orally or in writing. School personnel who receive reports of such prohibited conduct must report them to the Principal.

School employees who have been subjected to or witnessed hazing, bullying, cyber-bullying, abusive conduct, or retaliation must report such prohibited conduct to the School's Principal orally or in writing.

Each report of prohibited conduct shall include:

- (1) the name of complaining party;
- (2) the name of person subjected to the prohibited conduct (if different than complaining party);
- (3) the name of perpetrator (if known);
- (4) the date and location of the prohibited conduct; and
- (5) a statement describing the prohibited conduct, including names of witnesses (if known).

In connection with a report of prohibited conduct, students and School employees may request that their identity be kept anonymous, and reasonable steps shall be taken by the Principal and others

involved in the reporting and investigation to maintain the anonymity of such individuals, if possible. School employees must take strong responsive action to prevent retaliation, including assisting students who are subjected to prohibited conduct and his or her parents or guardians in reporting subsequent problems and new instances of prohibited conduct.

The Principal or his/her designee shall promptly make a reasonably thorough investigation of all complaints of prohibited conduct, including, to the extent possible, anonymous reports, and shall, in accordance with the Consequences of Prohibited Behavior section below, administer appropriate discipline to all individuals who violate this policy. Formal disciplinary action is prohibited based solely on an anonymous report.

The Principal may report to OCR all incidents of bullying, hazing, cyber-bullying, abusive conduct, or retaliation that he/she reasonably determines may be violations of a student's or employee's civil rights.

It is the School's policy, in compliance with state and federal law, that students have a limited expectation of privacy on the School's computer equipment and network system, and routine monitoring or maintenance may lead to discovery that a user has violated School policy or law. Also, individual targeted searches will be conducted if there is reasonable suspicion that a user has violated policy or law. Personal electronic devices of any student suspected of violation of this policy will be confiscated for investigation and may be turned over to law enforcement.

Investigation of Alleged Incidents

The School will investigate all allegations of bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, retaliation, and abusive conduct in accordance with this policy and applicable law. The Principal or his/her designee will investigate such allegations, and the School shall ensure that the investigator is provided adequate training to conduct such an investigation. The Principal or his/her designee will be the point person with training and expertise to assist, direct, and supervise training of other employees in the responsibilities set forth in this paragraph.

The School will investigate these alleged incidents by interviewing:

- (1) the individual who was allegedly targeted;
- (2) the individual who is alleged to have engaged in the prohibited conduct;
- (3) the parents or guardians of the students who were allegedly targeted and the individual who is alleged to have engaged in prohibited conduct;
- (4) any witnesses;
- (5) School staff familiar with the student who was allegedly targeted;
- (6) School staff familiar with the individual who is alleged to have engaged in prohibited conduct; or

(7) Other individuals who may provide additional information.

The individual who investigates an alleged incident will inform an individual being interviewed that (1) to the extent allowed by law, the individual is required to keep all details of the interview confidential; and (2) further reports of bullying will become part of the review. However, the confidentiality requirement described in this paragraph does not apply to conversations with law enforcement, requests for information pursuant to a warrant or subpoena, a state or federal reporting requirement, or other reporting required by R277-613.

In conducting this investigation, the School may (1) review disciplinary reports of involved students; and (2) review physical evidence, including video or audio, notes, email, text messages, social media, or graffiti.

The School shall keep a written record of the date and time individuals were interviewed; which individuals were interviewed (unless the individual requests to remain anonymous); and disciplinary reports and physical evidence reviewed as part of the investigation.

The School will report alleged incidents of bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, retaliation, and abusive conduct to law enforcement when the Principal reasonably determines that the alleged incident may have violated criminal law.

The School shall follow up with the parents or guardians of all parties to:

- (1) inform parents or guardians when an investigation is concluded;
- (2) inform parents or guardians what safety measures will be in place for their child, as determined by the investigation;
- (3) provide additional information about the investigation or the resolution consistent with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, 20 U.S.C. 1232g (“FERPA”); and
- (4) inform parents or guardians of the School’s Parent Grievance Policy if the parents or guardians disagree with the resolution of the investigation.

If the investigation results in a verification of an incident of bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, retaliation, or abusive conduct, the School shall create and implement an action plan for each such incident in accordance with Utah Code § 53G-9-605.5 and R277-613.

In addition, following verification of an incident of bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, retaliation, or abusive conduct, the Principal may, if he/she determines it is appropriate:

- (1) use accountability practices in accordance with policies established by the School; and
- (2) provide supportive services designed to preserve the student’s access to educational opportunities and a sense of safety.

However, a student to whom an incident of bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, retaliation, or abusive conduct is directed is not required to participate in a restorative justice practice with an individual

who is alleged to have engaged in prohibited conduct. If the School would like any student to participate in a restorative justice practice, the School will notify the student's parent or guardian of the restorative justice practice and obtain consent from the student's parent or guardian before including the student in the process.

Parental Notification

The Principal or his/her designee will timely notify a student's parent or guardian if:

- (1) the student threatens suicide; or
- (2) the student is involved in an incident (including if the student is subjected to the incident or is the person who caused the incident) and of the action plan to address the incident.

If the Principal or his/her designee believe that a situation exists which presents a serious threat to the well-being of a student, the Principal or his/her designee shall notify the student's parent or guardian without delay, before the end of the school day.

The Principal or his/her designee will attempt to contact the parent or guardian by telephone to provide this notification and to discuss the matter. If the parent or guardian is not available by telephone, the Principal or his/her designee will leave a voicemail and then also provide the parent or guardian the required notification by email.

The Principal or his/her designee will produce and maintain a record that:

- (1) verifies that the School notified each parent or guardian as required above. If an in-person meeting takes place, the Principal or his/her designee may ask the parent or guardian to sign the record acknowledging that the notification was provided. If a telephone conversation takes place, the Principal or his/her designee may document on the record such details as the date and time of the telephone call, who was spoken to, and brief notes regarding the notification that was provided and the content of the conversation. If an email is sent, the Principal or his/her designee will retain a copy of the email; and
- (2) tracks implementation of the action plan addressing the incident, if applicable.

The School will retain the record for at least as long as the student is enrolled at the School and will provide or expunge the record in accordance with Utah Code § 53G-9-604. The School will maintain the confidentiality of the record in accordance with the state and federal student data privacy laws referenced in Utah Code § 53G-9-604.

In addition to notifying the parent or guardian as set forth above, the Principal or his/her designee will provide the parent or guardian with the following:

- (1) suicide prevention materials and information as recommended by the Utah State Board of Education in accordance with Utah Code § 53G-9-604(2)(b);
- (2) information on ways to limit a student's access to fatal means, including firearms or medication; and

- (3) information and resources on the healthy use of social media and online practices as provided in R277-613.

Action Plan to Address Incidents

Following verification of an incident of bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, retaliation, or abusive conduct, the School shall develop and implement an action plan. The action plan shall include:

- (1) with respect to the targeted student and in direct coordination with the student's parent or guardian:
 - (a) a tailored response to the incident that addresses the student's needs;
 - (b) a mechanism to consider consequences or accommodations the student may need regarding decreased exposure or interactions with the student who caused the incident;
 - (c) notification of the consequences and plan to address the behavior of the student who caused the incident, to the extent allowed by FERPA;
 - (d) support measures designed to preserve the student's access to educational services and opportunities; and
 - (e) to the extent available, access to other resources the parent requests for the student; and
- (2) with respect to the student who caused the incident and in direct coordination with the student's parent or guardian:
 - (a) a range of tailored and appropriate consequences, making reasonable effort to preserve the student's access to educational services and activities;
 - (b) a process to determine and provide any needed resources related to the underlying cause of the incident;
 - (c) supportive measures designed to preserve the student's access to educational services and opportunities while protecting the safety and well-being of other students; and
 - (d) a process to remove the student from School in an emergency situation, including a description of what constitutes an emergency.

The School may not include in an action plan a requirement that the student to whom the incident was directed change the student's:

- (1) educational schedule or placement; or
- (2) participation in a School sponsored sport, club, or activity.

The School shall try to involve the parent or guardian of a student who was involved in an incident of bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, retaliation, or abusive conduct in the development and implementation of an action plan. However, if, after the School attempts to involve a parent or guardian in the development and implementation of an action plan, the parent or guardian chooses to not participate in the process, the School may develop and implement an action plan without the parent or guardian's involvement.

Communication Plan

The School shall communicate with the parent or guardian of each student involved in an incident of bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, retaliation, or abusive conduct about the implementation of

the action plan. Specifically, the School shall provide regular updates on the implementation of the action plan to each such parent or guardian. The updates shall include:

- (1) the outcome of the School's investigation (if not already provided at the conclusion of the investigation);
- (2) a discussion of safety considerations for the student who is the subject of the incident; and
- (3) an explanation of the School's process for addressing the incident.

The Principal or his/her designee shall oversee the implementation of the action plan, monitor the implementation of the communication plan/requirements within the action plan, and assist the School with case-specific needs when the School is addressing an incident of bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, retaliation, or abusive conduct.

Consequences of Prohibited Behavior

If, after an investigation, a student is found to be in violation of this policy by participating in or encouraging conduct prohibited by this policy, the student shall be disciplined by appropriate measures up to, and including, suspension and expulsion, pursuant to Utah Code § 53G-8-205 and School policy, removal from participation in School activities, and/or discipline in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights (OCR). In determining the appropriate disciplinary or other responsive action for such a student, the School shall consider all relevant circumstances, including the involved students' respective ages and development and maturity levels, the nature and impact of the prohibited conduct, the surrounding circumstances, any prior incidents or patterns of behavior, the relationship between the parties involved, and the extent to which the prohibited conduct disrupted or interfered with the orderly operation of the School. Discipline may only be imposed on a student after appropriate due process has been provided.

If, after an investigation, a School employee is found to be in violation of this policy, the employee shall be disciplined by appropriate measures, which may include termination, reassignment or other appropriate action.

School officials have the authority to discipline students for off-campus or online speech that causes or threatens a substantial disruption to School operations, including violent altercations or a significant interference with a student's educational performance and involvement in School activities.

Grievance Process for School Employees

As explained above, a School employee who has experienced abusive conduct must report the abusive conduct to the School Principal orally or in writing. If the School employee is not satisfied with the Principal or designee's investigation of the abusive conduct and/or the resulting disciplinary action (or recommended disciplinary action) against the perpetrator, the School employee may address/raise the issue in accordance with the School's Staff Grievance Policy.

Grievance Process for Parents and Guardians

A parent or guardian of a student who caused an incident of bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, retaliation, or abusive conduct may appeal one or more of the consequences included in an action plan in accordance with the School's Parent Grievance Policy.

Additional Provisions

The Principal will ensure compliance with OCR regulations when civil rights violations are reported, as follows:

- (1) Once the School knows or reasonably should know of possible student-on-student bullying, cyber-bullying, or hazing, the School must take immediate and appropriate action to investigate.
- (2) If it is determined that the bullying, cyber-bullying, or hazing of a student did occur as a result of the student's membership in a protected class, the School shall take prompt and effective steps reasonably calculated to:
 - (a) end the bullying, cyber-bullying, or hazing;
 - (b) eliminate any hostile environment; and
 - (c) prevent its recurrence.
- (3) These duties are the School's responsibilities even if the misconduct is also covered by a separate anti-bullying policy and regardless of whether the student makes a complaint, asks the School to take action, or identifies the bullying, cyber-bullying, or hazing as a form of discrimination.

The Principal will take reasonable steps to ensure that any person subjected to prohibited conduct will be protected from further hazing, bullying, cyber-bullying, abusive conduct, and retaliation and that any student or School employee who reports such prohibited conduct will be protected from retaliation.

If the Principal believes that any person who was subjected to or who caused conduct prohibited by this policy would benefit from counseling, the Principal may refer such individuals for counseling.

If the Principal believes that it would be in the best interests of the individuals involved, the Principal may involve the parents or guardians of a student who was subjected to or a student who caused hazing, bullying, cyber-bullying, or retaliation in the process of responding to and resolving conduct prohibited by this policy.

Incidents of bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, and retaliation will be reported in the School's student information system as required.

Student Assessment

The Principal or his/her designee will assess the prevalence of bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, and retaliation in the School, specifically locations where students are unsafe and additional adult supervision may be required, such as playgrounds, hallways, and lunch areas.

Training

The Principal will ensure that School students, employees, coaches, and volunteers receive training on bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, retaliation, and abusive conduct from individuals qualified to provide such training. The training shall meet the standards established by the Utah State Board of Education's rules and include information on:

- (1) bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, retaliation, and abusive conduct;
- (2) discrimination under the following federal laws:
 - (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964;
 - (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972;
 - (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; and
 - (d) Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990;
- (3) how bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, retaliation, and abusive conduct are different from discrimination and may occur separately from each other or in combination;
- (4) how bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, retaliation, and abusive conduct are prohibited based upon race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or religion;
- (5) the right of free speech and how it differs for students, employees, and parents or guardians; and
- (6) safe digital citizenship.

The training will also complement the suicide prevention program required for students under R277-620 and the suicide prevention training required for licensed educators consistent with Section 53G-9-704(1), and also include information on when issues relating to R277-613 may lead to student or employee discipline.

The training shall be offered to:

- (1) new school employees, coaches, and volunteers within the first year of employment or service;
- (2) all School employees, coaches, and volunteers at least once every three years after the initial training; and
- (3) all students (regardless of whether they are involved in athletics or extracurricular activities or clubs) at a frequency determined by the Principal.

In addition to the training requirements described above, any student, employee, or volunteer coach participating in a School sponsored athletic program, both curricular and extracurricular, or

extracurricular club or activity, shall, prior to participating in the athletic program or activity, participate in bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, retaliation, and abusive conduct prevention training. This training shall be offered to new participants on an annual basis and to all participants at least once every three years. The School will inform student athletes and extracurricular club members of prohibited activities under R277-613 and potential consequences for violation of the law and the rule.

The School will maintain training participant lists or signatures and provide them to the Utah State Board of Education upon request.

Liaison to Utah State Board of Education

The Principal or his/her designee shall act as the School's liaison to the Utah State Board of Education regarding bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, abusive conduct, and retaliation.

Distribution of Policy and Signed Acknowledgement

The School will inform students, parents or guardians, School employees, and volunteers that hazing, bullying, cyber-bullying, abusive conduct, and retaliation are prohibited by distributing a copy of this policy to such individuals annually. A copy of this policy will also be posted on the School's website and included in any student conduct or employee handbooks issued by the School.

On an annual basis, School employees, students who are at least eight years old, and parents or guardians of students shall sign a statement indicating that they have received this policy.

Annual Reporting

In accordance with Utah Code 53G-9-606 and R277-613, the School shall annually report the following information to the Utah State Board of Education on or before June 30:

(1) a copy of this policy;

(2) the School's implementation of the signed statement requirement described in Utah Code § 53G-9-605;

(3) verification of the School's training of its employees relating to bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, retaliation, and abusive conduct described in Utah Code § 53G-9-607;

(4) incidents of student bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, and retaliation; and

the number and type of incidents described in subsection (4) immediately above that include a student who was alleged bullied, cyber-bullied, hazed, or retaliated against based on the student's actual or perceived characteristics, including disability, race, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity, or sexual orientation, including the federal reporting requirements for civil rights violations.



Procurement, Purchasing & Disbursement *Administrative Procedures*

These administrative procedures are adopted in accordance with the Purchasing, Procurement & Disbursement Policy adopted by the North Davis Preparatory Academy Board of Directors.

PROCUREMENT

The School will follow the procurement processes below unless an exception applies.

Quotes or Bids Not Required

No formal procurement process is required for purchases of items up to \$5,000. The School may make such purchases from any vendor without obtaining competitive bids or quotes. However, the School may only purchase up to \$10,000 worth of items each costing \$5,000 or less from one vendor at one time without obtaining competitive bids or quotes. The School may also only purchase up to \$50,000 worth of items each costing \$5,000 or less from one vendor during one year without obtaining competitive bids or quotes.

Quotes or Bids Required

For small purchase as defined in R33-~~105-107~~, which will typically include purchases of items between \$5,000.01 and \$50,000 other than professional services or construction projects, the School will determine minimum specifications, provide the specifications to multiple vendors, obtain at least two competitive bids or quotes that include minimum specifications, and purchase from the responsible vendor offering the lowest bid or quote meeting the specifications. The School will also record and maintain as a governmental record the names of the vendors offering bids or quotes and the date and amount of each bid or quote.

Formal Procurement Process Necessary

For purchases of items over \$50,000 other than professional services or construction projects, the School will conduct a formal procurement process, such as an Invitation for Bids or a Request for Proposals.

Professional Services

For small purchases of professional service providers and consultants as defined in R33-~~105-108~~, which will typically include purchases of such services up to \$100,000 per project, the School will first review the qualifications of at least three companies, firms, providers, and/or individuals; rank them from highest to lowest; begin direct negotiation with the highest ranked; and if an agreement cannot be reached with the highest ranked, move to the next highest until an agreement is

~~reached~~~~then select one through direct negotiation.~~ Obtaining competitive bids or quotes for the above-described small purchases is not required.

For small purchases of design professional services as defined in R33-~~105-105~~, which will typically include purchases of such services up to \$100,000 per project, the School will first review the qualifications of at least three design professional firms and then select one through direct negotiation. The School will also include minimum specifications when doing a small purchase of design professional services as defined in R33-~~105-105~~. Obtaining competitive bids or quotes for the above-described small purchases is not required.

However, if the cost of a professional service provider's, consultant's, or design professional's services exceeds \$100,000, the School will conduct a formal procurement process for such services, such as an Invitation for Bids or a Request for Proposals.

Construction Projects

For small purchases of construction projects as defined in R33-~~105-106~~, the School may procure a small construction project up to \$25,000 from a contractor without obtaining competitive bids or quotes after documenting that all building code approvals, licensing requirements, permitting, and other construction related requirements are met. When procuring a small construction project costing between \$25,000.01 and \$100,000, the School will obtain at least two competitive bids or quotes that include minimum specifications and will award the project to the contractor with the lowest bid or quote that meets the specifications after documenting that all applicable building code approvals, licensing requirements, permitting, and other construction related requirements are met.

The School will include minimum specifications when doing a small purchase of a construction project as defined in R33-~~105-106~~. Contractors selected by the School to do a small construction project must certify that they are capable of meeting the minimum specifications of the project.

If the cost of a construction project exceeds \$100,000, the School will conduct a formal procurement process, such as an Invitation for Bids or a Request for Proposals.

Other Requirements

The School will not artificially divide purchases or otherwise take steps in order to avoid the requirement to obtain competitive bids or quotes or conduct a formal procurement process.

School personnel will comply with the provisions of the Procurement Code prohibiting the acceptance of gratuities or kickbacks from vendors during the procurement process.

The School's contracts with vendors, including any renewal or extension periods, will not have a term that is longer than five years unless an exception applies or the School complies with the requirements of the Procurement Code governing any contract with a term that is longer than five years.

The School will comply with the requirements of the Procurement Code in connection with any construction or real property improvements undertaken by the School.

When entering into a contract, the School will ensure that the contract includes appropriate language regarding the scope of work to be performed, adequately addresses any applicable federal requirements, and includes language regarding data privacy and use, where appropriate. The School will ensure that the appropriate legal review of contract language is performed prior to entering into the contract.

When the School uses federal grant funds to procure goods or services, the School will comply with applicable federal law and regulations, including the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, 2 C.F.R. Part 200. To the extent federal procurement requirements are more restrictive than Utah law or this policy, the more restrictive federal requirements shall govern the procurement of goods or services purchased with federal grant funds.

Any alleged violation these procurement procedures or applicable law shall be reported in writing to the School's Principal or Board of Directors.

PURCHASING

Invoices, purchase orders, and authorized facsimiles must be approved by the school Principal and/or by the Principal's designated alternate, Board Financial Coordinator, Board President, or majority vote of the Board as set forth in the Board Purchasing, Procurement & Disbursement Policy.

Purchases of miscellaneous items such as office supplies shall be coordinated through the front office. Personal purchases that result in reimbursement to School employees shall be kept to an absolute minimum.

Purchases for travel that require the use of a credit card are to follow the standard purchasing disbursement process utilizing a purchase order. Academica West, the School's management company, will retain the credit card for making such purchases and only utilize the credit card when required to do so.

DISBURSEMENTS

Disbursements will be charged to one of two School accounts: (i) the General Operating Account; or (ii) the Petty Cash Account. Academica West is responsible for disbursements charged to the General Operating Account, and the Principal is responsible for disbursements charged to the Petty Cash Account.

Disbursements are handled in such a manner as to ensure that the proper funds and accounts are charged, that the disbursement is used only for authorized purposes, and that laws, rules and regulations governing the disbursements and handling of public funds are followed.

The following controls are established to ensure that all payments charged to the General Operating Account are made on a timely basis and in accordance with all purchase orders and contracts:

- A purchase order shall be completed prior to disbursing funds for a purchase unless the disbursement is made in accordance with the terms of an ongoing contract that has been previously approved by the Board.
- A purchase order shall be authorized by the individual(s) listed above based on the purchase amount.
- Following proper authorization, purchase orders are reviewed by Academica West.
- Academica West must be given a valid invoice and properly completed purchase order prior to making payment.
- Disbursements are to be made primarily by check with counter signatures to provide additional control.

Petty Cash Account

In addition to the General Operating Account, the Board may approve a Petty Cash Account with corresponding checks and a debit card to be utilized at the discretion of the Principal. The purpose of the Petty Cash Account is to provide a convenient way to pay for small expenses while minimizing exposure of School funds to the risk of misuse or theft.

Blank warrants/checks and/or a debit card for the Petty Cash Account may be kept in locked storage under the control of the Principal or their designated alternate. Disbursements charged to the Petty Cash Account shall be made in accordance with the following provisions to ensure payments are properly authorized and recorded:

- In general, the Petty Cash Account should maintain a balance between \$500 and \$2,000.
- Access to the Petty Cash Account debit card is limited to the Principal or their designated alternate;
- Access to blank checks is limited to the Principal or their designated alternate. When blank checks are received; the date, quantity, and inclusive serial numbers are recorded and added to the total balance on hand. When a blank check is used, the stub along with a copy of the receipt is to be signed by the Principal and forwarded to Academica West. The use of these blank checks should be kept to an absolute minimum;
- The Principal or their designated alternate is responsible for: (i) maintaining records and receipts for each transaction charged to this account; and (ii) entering the information into the School's accounting software on a regular basis. Information should be uploaded in a

timely manner to allow Academica West adequate time to provide accurate monthly financial reports to the Board.

- The Principal or their designated alternate is responsible for replenishment of the account when petty cash is low. To replenish petty cash, the Principal must request Academica West to transfer funds.

Recording Transactions

Purchase orders and requisition requests must identify the fund, function, location, program, and object or revenue code to which the purchase is to be booked. Accounting staff will periodically review this information to ensure that expenditures are booked accurately.



Student Conduct & Discipline

Administrative Procedures

These administrative procedures are adopted in accordance with the Student Conduct and Discipline Policy (the “policy”) adopted by the North Davis Preparatory Academy Board of Directors.

Definitions:

“The School” means North Davis Preparatory Academy

“The Board” means North Davis Preparatory Academy Board of Directors

“CMT” means Case Management Team: The CMT shall consist of the Principal, the counselor, and a teacher selected by the Principal.

The School will foster:

- a School and community-wide expectation of good citizenship for students, and a sense of responsibility in the School community for rules and standards of behavior.

The School will promote and require:

- student responsibility for learning and behavior in all grades;
- student conduct that produces a proper learning environment and respect for the personal, civil, and property rights of all members of the school community;
- parents of all students to assume proper legal responsibility for their students' behavior, and to cooperate with school authorities in encouraging student self-discipline and discouraging behavior that is disruptive to the School's educational program.

The School will comply with:

- state and federal laws requiring suspension or expulsion for certain types of student behavior.

1. BELIEFS AND PHILOSOPHY

1.1 Beliefs and Expectations

The School’s beliefs and expectations set a positive and inviting school culture for dealing with safe school issues.

Beliefs:

- Punishment, alone, will not change behavior
- Much aggressive behavior is a relationship problem, not a behavior problem
- Adults must model the behaviors they expect from the students

- (c) never be used as punishment or discipline;
- (d) in no instance be imposed for more than 30 minutes, per occurrence; and
- (e) be documented and reported, as required.

10.2.4 The School prohibits dangerous practices as defined by the School, including dangerous practices outlined in the Least Restrictive Behavioral Interventions (LRBI) Technical Assistance manual.

~~**10.2.5** The School shall take prompt and appropriate action, including in-service training and other administrative action, upon confirming a violation related to the use of an ESI on a student. Violations of any standards for seclusion or physical restraint established by the Utah State Board of Education shall also result in a referral to local law enforcement and the Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission.~~

10.3 Students with Disabilities Receiving Special Education Services

10.3.1 Use of ESI for a student with a disability receiving specialized educational services under IDEA or Section 504 shall be subject to all applicable state and federal laws, including LRBI policies and procedures for special education/504 programs.

10.3.2 Additionally, ESIs written into a student's IEP as a planned intervention are prohibited unless school personnel, the family, and the IEP team agree less restrictive means have been attempted; a Functional Behavioral Assessment has been conducted; and a positive behavior intervention plan based on data analysis has been written into the plan and implemented.

10.4 Physical Restraint

10.4.1 Key Identified School Employees may, in accordance with Section 10.2.3 and when acting within the scope of employment, use physical restraint on a student when the student presents an immediate danger to self or others and when no other safe or effective intervention is available.

10.4.2 Key Identified School Employees may use reasonable and necessary physical restraint only:

- (a) in self-defense;
- (b) to protect a student or another person from physical injury;
- (c) to remove from a situation a student who is violent;
- (d) to take possession of a weapon or other dangerous object in the possession or under the control of a student; or
- (e) to protect property from being damaged, when physical safety is at risk.

10.4.3 When an employee exercises physical restraint as an ESI on a student, the following types of physical restraint are prohibited:

- (a) prone, or face-down;
- (b) supine, or face-up;
- (c) physical restraint which obstructs the airway or adversely affects the student's primary mode of communication;
- (d) mechanical restraint, except for restraints required by law, including seatbelts or any other safety equipment used to secure students during transportation, protective or stabilizing restraints as prescribed by an appropriate medical or related services professional, and devices used by a law enforcement officer in carrying out law enforcement duties; or
- (e) chemical restraint.

10.4.4 A Key Identified School Employee may not use physical restraint on a student for more than the shortest of the following before stopping, releasing, and reassessing the intervention used:

- (a) the amount of time described in the School's ESI training program;
- (b) 30 minutes; or
- (c) when law enforcement intervenes.

10.4.5 Despite the foregoing, a Key Identified School Employee shall first use the least restrictive intervention available to the employee, including a physical escort, to address circumstances described in Section 10.4.1. In addition, nothing in this Section prohibits a Key Identified School Employee from subsequently using less restrictive interventions to address circumstances described in Section 10.4.1.

10.4.6 A student who has been physically restrained and then released shall, in addition to being promptly reassessed by the Key Identified School Employee, be monitored for a reasonable period of time to help ensure the continued safety and well-being of the student and others. Monitoring should include observation for signs of such things as injury, respiratory distress, or continued escalation, and the Principal and medical personnel shall be notified when warranted.

10.5 Seclusion

10.5.1 A Key Identified School employee may, in accordance with Section 10.2.3 and when acting within the scope of employment, place a student who is in grade 1 or higher in seclusion as an ESI when the student presents an immediate danger to self or others and when no other safe or effective intervention is available. Students in kindergarten shall not be placed in seclusion.

10.5.2 Key Identified School Employees may use seclusion only when:

- (a) other less restrictive interventions have failed;
- (b) a staff member who is familiar to the student is actively supervising the student for the duration of the seclusion;
- (c) the student is observed at all times during the seclusion by School personnel who have received the comprehensive ESI training;
- (d) any door to the area or room used for seclusion remains unlocked consistent with applicable fire and public safety requirements described in R392-200 and R710-4; and
- (e) the seclusion is time-limited to a maximum time of 30 minutes, per occurrence, and monitored.

10.5.3 A School employee may not place a student in seclusion:

- (a) as a behavioral intervention;
- (b) as a disciplinary practice;
- (c) for coercion, retaliation, or humiliation;
- (d) due to inadequate staffing; or
- (e) for the School employee's convenience.

10.5.4 A student who has been placed in seclusion and then released shall be promptly reassessed by the Key Identified School Employee and also monitored for a reasonable period of time to help ensure the continued safety and well-being of the student and others. Monitoring should include observation for signs of such things as injury, severe distress, or continued escalation, and the Principal and medical personnel shall be notified when warranted.

10.5.5 The Principal shall ensure that all the following individuals are debriefed at an appropriate time after a student seclusion has taken place:

- (a) all witnesses;
- (b) all School staff who were involved;
- (c) the student who was secluded; and
- (d) the parent of the student who was secluded.

10.5.6 The Principal shall also ensure that a proper review of the decision to use seclusion is performed as soon as reasonably possible after a student seclusion has taken place.

10.5.7 The School does not allow the designation of any enclosed area in its building for the sole purpose of seclusion. If the School chooses to operate a room primarily intended for seclusion, the room shall comply with the physical standards and other requirements for seclusion rooms as set forth in Utah Code Ann. § 53G-8-301(14), even if the room is also used for other purposes. These requirements include, but are not limited to, physical standards governing square footage, distance between walls, ceiling height, and construction design; requirements for lighting, ventilation, climate, safety features, and audio and video recording equipment; and compliance with building and fire codes.

10.6 Notification of the Use of an ESI

10.6.1 If an ESI is used on a student, the School or the employee who used the ESI shall immediately notify the following:

- (a) the student's parent; and
- (b) School administration.

This notice shall be provided no later than 15 minutes after the use of an ESI.

10.6.2 If the student's parent cannot be reached after 15 minutes, and the 30-minute time limit has been reached, the School or the employee who used the ESI may:

- (a) conduct a reassessment of the student's condition;
- (b) determine whether the student continues to pose an immediate and significant threat to the student or others; and
- (c) if the School determines that the threat continues and that less restrictive interventions remain ineffective, place the student back in seclusion for an additional period not to exceed 30 minutes, after which the same process described above shall be repeated if necessary.

10.6.3 Parent notifications made under this Section shall be documented in the School's student information system.

10.7 Documentation of the Use of an ESI

10.7.1 If an ESI is used on a student, the School or the employee who used the ESI shall document the use of the ESI. This shall include a written description of the type of ESI used, the date and time the ESI was used, the location where the ESI was used (and if a seclusion room was used, whether the room complied with Utah Code Ann. § 53G-8-301(14)), the length of time the ESI was used, the reason the ESI was used, the alternative interventions or de-escalation strategies

attempted before the ESI was used, and demographic information on the student (sex, gender, age, grade in school, and disability status, if any). This documentation shall be provided to the School's Emergency Safety Intervention Committee and the student's parents.

10.7.2 In addition, upon request of a student's parent, the School shall provide the parent with a copy of any notes or additional documentation taken during the use of the ESI, including a description of the physical space in which a seclusion occurred or the type of physical restraint that was used.

10.7.3 Within 48 hours of using an ESI on a student, the School shall notify the parent that the parent may request a copy of any notes or additional documentation taken during the use of the ESI.

10.7.4 A parent may request a time to meet with School staff and administration to discuss the use of an ESI.

10.7.5 The documentation of an ESI described in this Section shall be documented in the School's student information system.

10.8 Emergency Safety Intervention (ESI) Committee

10.8.1 The School shall establish an ESI committee that includes:

- (a) at least one administrator;
- (b) at least one parent of a student enrolled in the School, appointed by the School's Principal;
- (c) at least one licensed educational professional with behavior support training and knowledge in both state law and the School's conduct and discipline policies related to ESIs; and
- (d) at least one other licensed educator.

10.8.2 The ESI committee shall:

- (a) meet often enough to monitor the use of ESIs within the School;
- (b) determine and recommend professional learning needs;
- (c) develop policies for processes to resolve concerns regarding the use of ESIs; and
- (d) ensure that each emergency incident where a School employee uses an ESI is documented in the School's student information system and reported annually to the State Superintendent of Schools through UTREx.

10.9 ESI Records and Reporting

10.9.1 The School shall collect, maintain, and periodically review the documentation or records regarding the use of ESIs in the School.

10.9.2 The School shall annually provide documentation of any School use of an ESI to the State Superintendent of Schools in accordance with Utah Code Ann. § 53G-8-301(11). This includes documentation described in Section 10.7.

10.10 Violation of ESI Requirements

10.10.1 Violations of Seclusion Rooms Standards

If the School identifies or receives a report of a violation of the physical standards applicable to a seclusion room, the School shall notify the Board, develop a corrective action plan, and report the violation and corrective action plan to the USBE within the timeframe established by USBE rule. If the USBE identifies or receives a report of such a violation and notifies the School, the School shall investigate the matter and take corrective action as required by law. If the School fails to develop an appropriate corrective action plan or achieve compliance within the timeframe established by the USBE, the USBE may take further action as authorized by law.

10.10.2 Violations of Seclusion or Physical Restraint Requirements

If the School identifies or receives a report of a violation of the statutory requirements governing the use of seclusion or physical restraint, including improper use of seclusion or physical restraint, failure to provide the required parent notification, or failure to properly document the use of an ESI, the School shall investigate the matter, take appropriate disciplinary action against involved staff, and implement corrective measures to prevent future violations. Any violation constituting unlawful detention, including the use of seclusion or physical restraint in violation of Utah Code Ann. § 53G-8-301(10), shall be handled in accordance with applicable law, including a referral to local law enforcement and the Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission.

10.11~~0~~ Corporal Punishment

“Corporal punishment” means the intentional infliction of physical pain upon the body of a student as a disciplinary measure. Corporal punishment at the School is prohibited. School employees may not inflict or cause the infliction of corporal punishment upon a student. The School shall take prompt and appropriate action, including in-service training and other administrative action, upon confirming a violation with respect to corporal punishment. School personnel who inflict corporal punishment on a student will be subject to discipline up to and including termination. School personnel who have been disciplined for the infliction of corporal punishment upon a student may appeal the disciplinary action in accordance with the School’s Staff Grievance Policy.

11. SEARCHES OF PERSON OR PROPERTY

Given the School's custodial and tutelary responsibility for children, and the Board's intent to preserve a safe environment for all students and staff, School officials must have the authority to conduct reasonable searches of students and student property. School officials engaging in searches of students and property shall abide by the following guidelines:

11.1 General Guidelines for Searches of Person or Property

11.1.1 Student Lockers

Students have no right or expectation of privacy in School lockers. While lockers are under the joint control of students and the School, lockers are solely School property and may be searched at any time by School officials with or without cause. Once a locker is opened for search, any search of student belongings contained within the locker must comply with the guidelines for searches of personal belongings in Section 11.2 of these procedures.

11.1.2 Searches of Students and Student Property

Searches of a student's person, personal property (coats, hats, backpacks, bookbags, purses, wallets, notebooks, gym bags, etc.) may be conducted whenever the student's conduct creates a reasonable suspicion that a particular School rule or law has been violated and that the search is reasonably related to the suspicion and not excessively intrusive in light of the age and sex of the student and nature of the infraction. Circumstances warranting a search include those in which School officials have a reasonable suspicion that the student or student property is concealing items including but not limited to weapons, drugs, controlled substances, electronic cigarettes, alcohol, tobacco, unsafe contraband, pornography, electronic devices, or lost/stolen/misplaced items.

11.2 Searches of Personal Belongings

11.2.1 Personal belongings may be searched by School officials whenever School officials have a reasonable suspicion to believe a student is concealing evidence of a policy violation or criminal activity and the items being searched are capable of concealing such evidence. The student may be asked to open personal belongings and to turn over personal property for search by a School official. All searches of student property by School officials shall be witnessed by an objective third party (such as another teacher, or police officer) to observe that the search is not excessively intrusive.

11.2.2 All contraband discovered in a search by School officials shall be immediately confiscated and turned over to law enforcement officers if School officials have reason to believe the contraband is related to the commission of a criminal act.

11.3 Searches of Person

11.3.1 School officials shall make sure the search meets the following guidelines:

- (a) The search shall be conducted in a private area of the School by a School official.

- (b) The search shall be observed by an objective third party adult (i.e., Principal, teacher, police officer).
- (c) School officials may ask the student to remove his/her hat, coat, shoes and socks, turn pockets inside out, and roll up sleeves to see if the student is hiding contraband. Under no circumstances may School officials require students to remove any other items of clothing or touch students in any way during the search.
- (d) If this limited search does not turn up suspected contraband and School officials have reasonable suspicion that the student is concealing contraband in his/her inner clothing (i.e., hiding drugs, weapons or other contraband underneath shirts, pants or underwear), law enforcement officers shall be summoned immediately to conduct further search and investigation.
- (e) In general, all questioning and searching of students conducted by law enforcement officers shall proceed according to proper law enforcement investigation guidelines.

11.4 Documentation of Searches

School officials shall thoroughly document the details of any search conducted of a student's property or person. Documentation shall be made at the time of the search, or as soon as possible thereafter, and shall include the following:

11.4.1 The time, place and date of the search;

11.4.2 The reasonable suspicion giving rise to the search (what did School officials suspect to find during the search);

11.4.3 The name and title of individuals conducting and observing the search;

11.4.4 A statement about evidence that was found or not found as a result of the search;

11.4.5 A statement about who took possession of contraband (i.e., police, school, etc.);

11.4.6 Information regarding the attempts of School officials to notify parents about the search.

11.5 Nothing herein prohibits the Principal or their designee from investigating an alleged drug offense that involves School property, a student, or a School employee, including conducting a search on School property, before notifying a law enforcement officer or agency. Any such investigation, search, and handling of evidence shall comply with the requirements of Utah Code Ann. § 53G-8-511 and related USBE rules.

12. RECORDS—INTERAGENCY COLLABORATION – 20 U.S.C. § 1232g(h)(i)-(2); Utah Code Ann. § 53G-8-402-405

12.1 Requirements After Receiving Notification From Juvenile Court and/or Law Enforcement Agencies of a Student's Serious Offense or Sexual Crime.

12.1.1 If the President of the Board is notified by the juvenile court or a law enforcement agency that a current or former student of the School was arrested for, charged with, or has been adjudicated in court for a serious offense or sexual crime ~~or is notified by a law enforcement agency that a current or former student of the School has been taken into custody or detention for a serious offense or sexual crime~~, the President of the Board shall notify the Principal within three (3) days of receiving the notification.

“Serious offense” is defined in Utah Code Ann. § 80-6-103 and means the following: a violent felony as defined in § 76-3-203.5; an offense that is a violation of Title 76, Chapter 6, Part 4, Theft, and the property stolen is a firearm; or an offense in violation of Title 76, Chapter 110, ~~Part 5~~ Weapons.

“Sexual crime” or “sexual misconduct” means any conduct described in Title 76, Chapter 5, Part 4, Sexual Offenses; Title 76 Chapter 5b, Sexual Exploitation Act; or § 76-7-102, i~~ncest; § 76-9-702, lewdness; and § 76-9-702.1, sexual battery.~~

12.1.2 Upon receipt of the information about a student's serious offense (whether from the President of the Board or directly from the juvenile court or law enforcement agency), the Principal shall make a notation in a secure file other than the student's permanent file. Beginning no later than July 1, 2025, the School shall digitally maintain the secure file or, if available, the student's related reintegration plan described below, for one year from the day the notice is received and ensure the secure file follows the student if the student transfers to a different school.

12.1.3 Upon receipt of the information about a student's serious offense or sexual crime (whether from the President of the Board or directly from the juvenile court or law enforcement agency), the Principal shall, if the student is still enrolled in the School, notify staff members who, in the Principal's opinion, should know of the adjudication, arrest, or detention. Staff members receiving information about a juvenile student's adjudication, arrest or detention may only disclose the information to other persons having both a right and a current need to know.

12.2 Multidisciplinary Team and Reintegration Plan

12.2.1 In addition to complying with the requirements above, the School shall, within ~~five (5)~~seven (7) School days after receiving, while School is in session, a notification described in Section 12.1.1 about a student, or within a reasonable time after otherwise being notified of a student being arrested for, charged with, or adjudicated in juvenile court for committing a serious offense or sexual crime, develop a reintegration plan for the student with a multidisciplinary team, the student, and the student's parent. If the School receives the notification when School is not in session, the School shall develop the reintegration plan within seven (7) days of School being back in session from summer break. The multidisciplinary team should include the following or their designees, if applicable: the School, the juvenile court, the Division of Juvenile Justice and Youth Services, the School's Safety and Security Specialist, the School's Safety and Security Director,

the School's Resource Officer (if any), and any other relevant party that should be involved in a reintegration plan.

12.2.2 The reintegration plan shall ~~address~~include:

- (a) a behavioral intervention for the student;
- (b) a short-term mental health or counseling service for the student;
- (c) an academic intervention for the student; ~~and~~or
- (d) any other intervention that the multidisciplinary team, the student, and the student's parent determine are necessary.

12.2.3 ~~If~~ the serious offense or sexual crime was directed at a School employee or another student within the School, notification of the reintegration plan shall be provided to that School employee or student and the student's parent.

12.2.4 ~~3~~ The School may deny admission to the student until the School completes the reintegration plan.

12.2.5 ~~4~~ The School's Resource Officer (if any) shall provide input for the School to consider regarding the safety risks a student may pose upon integration. The School shall also notify its Resource Officer (if any) of any student who is on probation.

12.2.6 ~~5~~ The School shall not reintegrate a student when:

- (a) a student or staff member of the School has a protective order against the student being reintegrated; or
- (b) a student or staff member of the School is a victim of ~~the serious~~an offense ~~or sexual crime or forcible felony (as defined~~listed in Utah Code Ann. § ~~76-2-402~~76-3-203.5 committed by the student who is seeking reintegration or continued enrollment) ~~committed by the student being reintegrated.~~

12.2.7 ~~6~~ The School may elect to not integrate a student into the School if the student has committed, or allegedly committed, a forcible felony. If the School elects to not integrate such a student, the School shall provide alternative education options for the student.

12.2.8 ~~7~~ A reintegration plan under this Section is classified as a protected record under Utah Code Ann. § 63G-2-305. All other records of disclosures under this Section are governed by the Government Records Access and Management Act and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

12.2.9 A reintegration plan shall remain in effect for an entire school year or 180 days from the plan's implementation, or as long as the multidisciplinary team deems the reintegration plan necessary.

12.3 Students Committing a Serious Offense or Sexual Crime are Subject to Suspension or Expulsion

Students who commit a serious offense or sexual crime, whether on or off School property, are subject to the suspension and expulsion provisions of these procedures.

13. REFERRAL OF STUDENTS

13.1 The school shall follow Utah Code Ann. § 53G-8-211 with respect to referring a minor who is alleged to be a habitual truant or who is alleged to have committed an offense on School property when School is in session or during a School-sponsored activity. Depending on the alleged offense, the referral shall be to an evidence-based alternative intervention, prevention and early intervention youth services, a law enforcement officer or agency, a prosecuting attorney, or a court.

13.2 If a ~~minor~~student allegedly commits an offense on School grounds when School is in session or at a School-sponsored activity and that information is reported to, or known by, a School employee, the School employee shall notify the Principal. After receiving such a notification, the Principal shall notify:

- (a) a law enforcement officer or agency if the Principal may refer the offense to a law enforcement officer or agency as provided in Utah Code Ann. § 53G-8-211; ~~The Principal shall also notify~~
- (b) other school personnel if the Principal determines that other School personnel should be informed; and
- (c) the student's parent.

The Principal may not disclose to the student, or to the student's parent, the identity of the School employee who made the initial notification referenced above. The identity of a School employee who notifies the Principal shall be kept confidential, except that the identity of a School employee may be disclosed to a law enforcement officer or agency for purposes of an investigation or prosecution.

13.3 The School shall provide the juvenile court documentation of an alleged class B misdemeanor or a nonperson class A misdemeanor before referring a student with an alleged class B misdemeanor or a nonperson class A misdemeanor to the juvenile court.

13.4 Referral of Students for Firearm Offense

If a student brings a firearm or weapon to the School, the student shall be referred directly to a law enforcement officer or agency, a prosecuting attorney, or a court.

14. TRAINING

14.1 All new employees shall receive information about these procedures and the administrative Student Conduct and Discipline Plan(s) at new employee orientation. All other employees shall be provided information on a regular basis regarding these procedures, the Student Conduct and Discipline Plan(s), and the School's commitment to a safe and orderly school environment.

14.2 Employees who have specific responsibilities for investigating, addressing, and resolving issues addressed in these procedures shall receive annual training on these procedures and related legal developments.

14.3 The Principal of the school shall be responsible for informing students, parents, and staff of the terms of these procedures and the Student Conduct and Discipline Plan, including the procedures outlined for investigation and resolution of violations.

15. REPORTING ON SUSPENSIONS AND EXPULSIONS

15.1 The School shall develop a consistent process to collect incident, infraction, and discipline data, including the number of days of student suspensions and expulsions.

15.2 The School shall submit all required incident, infraction, and discipline data, including suspensions and expulsions consistent with R277-484. The School shall submit any yearly and comprehensive updates no later than June 30th of each year.

15.3 The School shall compile an annual report of all out-of-school suspensions and expulsions and submit it to the ~~Utah State Board of Education~~ USBE as described in Utah Code Ann. § 53G-8-205(5).

16. POLICY DISSEMINATION AND REVIEW

16.1 The policy and these procedures shall be posted in a prominent place in the School and posted on the School's website. The policy and these procedures shall also be published in student registration materials, student and employee handbooks, and other appropriate school publications as directed by the Board.

16.2 The policy and these procedures shall be reviewed as necessary with appropriate revisions recommended to the Board. The data described in Section 15 may be used by the School to evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of the policy and these procedures.

REFERENCES

Gun Free Schools Act; 20 U.S.C. § 7151

Requires schools that receive federal financial assistance to have a policy requiring the expulsion from school for a period of not less than one year of any student who brings a weapon firearm, explosive or flammable material to school.

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; 20 U.S.C. § 1415(K); 34 C.F.R. § 300.520-529.

A student with a disability who carries a weapon to school or to a school function, or who knowingly possesses or uses illegal drugs or sells or solicits the sale of a controlled substance while at school or a school function may be placed by school officials in an interim alternative educational setting, in accordance with State law, for not more than 45 school days. A hearing officer may order a change in placement for a student with a disability to an appropriate interim alternative educational setting for not more than 45 school days if the hearing officer determines that there is substantial evidence that maintaining the current placement of the student is substantially likely to result in injury to the student or to others.

Family Educational and Privacy Rights Act; 20 U.S.C. § 1232g (h)(1)-(2), 34 C.F.R. § 99.36

Allows schools to include appropriate information in the education record of any student concerning disciplinary action taken against such student for conduct that posed a significant risk to the safety or well-being of that student, other students, or other members of the school community. Also allows schools to disclose such information to teachers and school officials, including teachers and school officials in other schools, who have legitimate educational interests in the behavior of the student.

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), 20 U.S.C. §§ 1400-1485.

Assures all children with eligible disabilities a free appropriate public education and related services designed to meet their unique needs.

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. § 794. Prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability.

Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. § 705 (2)(C)(iv).

Stipulates that schools may take disciplinary action pertaining to the use or possession of illegal drugs or alcohol against any student who is an individual with a disability and who currently is engaging in the illegal use of drugs or in the use of alcohol to the same extent that such disciplinary action is taken against students who are not disabled.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Title II, 42 U.S.C. § 12132. Prohibits public entities from discriminating on the basis of disability.

U. S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) Memorandum (April 26, 1995). Questions and answers on disciplining students with disabilities.

U. S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights (OCR) Memorandum (January 28, 1991) ADA Amendments to Section 504 - Discipline of Students Using Drugs or Alcohol.

Utah Code Ann. § 53E-6-701 and § 80-2-602 - Mandatory reporting of physical or sexual abuse of students.

Utah Code Ann. § 53G-8-301 - Use of reasonable and necessary physical restraint and seclusion.

Utah Code Ann. §§ 53G-8-201 to 53G-8-213 - School Discipline and Conduct Plans.

Utah Code Ann. §§ 53G-8-401 to -405 - Notification by juvenile court and law enforcement agencies.

Utah Code Ann. § 80-2-610 - Immunity from liability.

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Board Financial Summary – 10-2026 Board Meeting

The financials presented are as of 8/31/2026, which means we are roughly 17% through FY27. As we compare budget to actuals we would anticipate being at or near 17%. An explanation is provided for any budget category where the actual expenditures exceed 17%.

Income Statement

Salaries and Benefits:

Salaries and benefits always lag until the end of the fiscal year. The reason for this is that a large portion of the salary and benefit expense is related to teachers and full-time staff that have agreements that start 8/15 rather than 7/1/2026.

Purchased Professional & Technical Services

This is slightly elevated, but the reason for this is that this includes 3 AW Services payments, rather than 2. The school pays on or around the 25th of the month for the upcoming month (so on 8/25 they paid for September services provided by AW).

Purchased Property Services

The last payments for the field hit construction, but the budget for this expense was anticipated in Land and Site Improvements, see budget below (Under Property). This can be remedied during a mid-year budget adjustment, but until then this account will show actuals that exceed the budget.

Other Purchased Services

This is slightly elevated due to the one-time payment that was due in July 2026 for the School's property and liability insurance. This is a one-time payment and the budget to actuals will fall in line as the year progresses.

Debt Service and Miscellaneous

This is high, but we expect it to be high due to the annual principal bond payment that is due in July. We will need to adjust the budget midyear to include the new debt from the 2025 bond issuance. This was not included in the initial budget, so the principal and interest payments will be higher than what was originally budgeted.

Balance Sheet

The only true number we get for day's cash on hand is provided when the audit report is finished later this year. However, we can provide a rough estimate of days cash on hand. The estimated days cash on hand as of 8/31 is approximately 250 days. Cash looks strong.

Accounts Receivable and Accounts Payable look good. No concerns to note.

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North Davis Preparatory Academy Statement of Activities

Created on September 10, 2026
For Prior Month

	Annual June 30, 2027 Budget	Year-to-Date August 31, 2026 Actual	% of Budget
Net Income			
Income			
Revenue From Local Sources	404,596	69,506	17.2 %
Revenue From State Sources	11,004,200	2,227,549	20.2 %
Revenue From Federal Sources	552,613	0	0.0 %
Revenue from Other Sources	350,000	0	0.0 %
Total Income	12,311,409	2,297,055	18.7 %
Expenses			
Instruction/Salaries	6,301,392	374,713	5.9 %
Employee Benefits	1,670,400	50,545	3.0 %
Purchased Prof & Tech Serv	725,000	142,601	19.7 %
Purchased Property Services	363,500	545,190	150.0 %
Other Purchased Services	272,500	54,891	20.1 %
Supplies & Materials	871,000	89,004	10.2 %
Property	1,055,000	19,675	1.9 %
Debt Services & Miscellaneous	933,895	753,498	80.7 %
Total Expenses	12,192,687	2,030,117	16.7 %
Total Net Income	118,722	266,938	224.8 %

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**North Davis Preparatory Academy
Statement of Financial Position
Created on September 10, 2026
For Prior Month**

	Period Ending 08/31/2026 Actual	Period Ending 08/31/2025 Actual
Assets & Other Debits		
Current Assets		
Operating Cash	7,031,268	6,591,048
Accounts Receivables	1,742	1,023
Other Current Assets	2,297	20,000
Total Current Assets	<u>7,035,307</u>	<u>6,612,071</u>
Restricted Cash	<u>184,082</u>	<u>149,184</u>
Net Assets		
Fixed Assets	18,650,097	17,760,196
Depreciation	(5,992,420)	(5,389,807)
Total Net Assets	<u>12,657,677</u>	<u>12,370,389</u>
Total Assets & Other Debits	<u>19,877,066</u>	<u>19,131,644</u>
Liabilities & Fund Equity		
Current Liabilities	61,136	63,655
Long-Term Liabilities	<u>9,750,000</u>	<u>10,240,000</u>
Fund Balance	<u>9,166,805</u>	<u>6,714,428</u>
Net Income	<u>899,125</u>	<u>2,113,561</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	<u>19,877,066</u>	<u>19,131,644</u>

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NDPA Board of Director's Meeting Wednesday, October 7, 2026

Consent Item: *Ratifying September Minutes*

Issue:

Ratifying September Minutes, specifically the motion.

Background:

During the September 22nd Electronic Board Meeting the motion made to approve the LEA-Specific Educator Licenses was missing one person from the motion. The documentation and the minutes discussed a license for **Doreana Cedenas Hernandez (Dora)**. However, when the motion was made, her name was omitted from the motion. We want to correct this error and ratify the motion while approving the minutes.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board Ratify the requests for an LEA-specific educator license for the following: *Mary Ahistrom for a Dance (K-12) Endorsement; Naomi Campbell for a Family & Consumer Sciences Comprehensive Endorsement; Toni Leora for an Elementary License; Marieicira Parra de Arocha for a Secondary License with a Spanish Endorsement; and Doreana Cedenas Hernandez for an Elementary License* all for 3-years

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North Davis Preparatory Academy

Electronic Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 22, 2026

Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87053781083?from=addon>

Meeting ID: 870 5378 1083

Mobile: (669) 900-9128



In Attendance: Monte Poll, Maggie Arave, Tyler O'Brien, Clint Heiner,

Excused: Rita Brock,

Others in Attendance: Ryan Robinson, Heidi Bauerle, Dawn Kawaguchi, Shannon Greer, Jon McQueary (1:05 p.m.),

VISION:

North Davis Preparatory Academy students develop a love of learning, experience high academic achievement, and enjoy high bi-literate proficiency.

BOARD CONSTITUTION:

- ★ We will Govern, not Manage. We will set the direction and goals for the school, but we will not micromanage the day to day administration of the school.
- ★ We will speak with "One Voice". We will recognize that our authority is only valid as a group and not as individuals. We will not use our position on the Board to promote our own personal agendas.
- ★ We will make the Spanish language a key element of our school.
- ★ We will make decisions that will keep NDPA financially stable.
- ★ We will review our Charter before making any dramatic changes to school policy.

MINUTES

1:02 PM – INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

- Welcome and Roll Call – Monte Poll

There was no PUBLIC COMMENT.

CONSENT ITEMS

- August 5, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes – There was no further discussion. **Monte Poll made a motion to approve the consent items. The votes were as follows:**

Monte Poll – Aye

Maggie Arave – Aye

Clint Heiner – Aye

Tyler O'Brien – Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

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VOTING ITEMS

- LEA-Specific Educator License(s) – Ryan Robinson explained the process of supporting teachers obtaining their teaching licenses, mentioning specific teachers including Naomi Campbell, Toni Lorea, Mari, Mary Ahistrom, and Dora who are currently working toward certification. **Monte Poll made a motion to approve the requests for an LEA-specific educator license for the following: *Mary Ahistrom for a Dance (K-12) Endorsement; Naomi Campbell for a Family & Consumer Sciences Comprehensive Endorsement; Toni Lorea for an Elementary License; Marieicira Parra de Arocha for a Secondary License with a Spanish Endorsement; and Doreana Cedenas Hernandez for an Elementary License* all for 3-years.**

The votes were as follows:

Monte Poll – Aye

Maggie Arave – Aye

Clint Heiner – Aye

Tyler O'Brien – Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Cont.)

- Due to a technology malfunction, **Shannon Greer** was allowed to make a public comment to inquire about continuing with the CSP grant application with UAPCS, noting the deadline is the following day and offering the option to modify the application from a high-quality status but could be submitted as an alternative entity to address non-English speaking student population needs. Ryan Robinson agreed to make the necessary amendment to the application after the meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Calendaring Items – Monte Poll

- Next Board Meeting – October 7th
- Next PreBoard Meeting – November 17th
- Board Meeting – December 2nd
- Holiday Social on November 4th – Monte stated that while the venue is still undecided, he is open to suggestions or requests. We plan to have a location within the next week.

1:14 PM – Monte Poll made a motion to ADJOURN. The votes were as follows:

Monte Poll – Aye

Maggie Arave – Aye

Clint Heiner – Aye

Tyler O'Brien – Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

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NDPA Board of Director's Meeting Wednesday, October 7, 2026

Action Item: *Amending Teacher Student Success Act Framework*

Issue:

North Davis Preparatory Academy's Board of Directors must approve any changes made to the TSSA Framework.

Background:

The TSSA framework is required to be updated to include a Literacy Achievement in accordance with SB 241 (2026) and State Rule R277-927. The Plan has been updated to address the school's progress toward statewide literacy proficiency goals and if the school fails to meet statewide literacy goals, the school must dedicate at least 50% of TSSA funds toward evidence-based literacy interventions and practices as described in 53G-7-921304(2)(e).

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board approve the Amended Teacher Student Success Act Framework.

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NORTH DAVIS

PREPARATORY ACADEMY

Student Success Framework

Pursuant to UCA 53G-7-1304, North Davis Preparatory Academy's Board of Directors adopts the following framework to provide guidelines and processes for the development of a Teacher and Student Success Plan ("Plan"). The school's Director will develop a Plan in accordance with this framework and submit the Plan to the Board for approval. The Plan will be developed by integrating school-specific goals and criteria for improving the school's performance within the state accountability system.

The goal of the School's Plan shall be to improve school performance and student academic achievement. The Plan may contain any of the following strategies:

1. school personnel stipends for taking on additional responsibility outside of a typical work assignment;
2. professional learning;
3. additional school employees, including counselors, social workers, mental health workers, tutors, media specialists, information technology specialists, or other specialists;
4. technology;
5. before- or after-school programs;
6. summer school programs;
7. community support programs or partnerships;
8. early childhood education;
9. class size reduction strategies;
10. augmentation of existing programs; or
11. any other strategy reasonably designed to improve school performance or student academic achievement.

Funding received pursuant to the school Plan may not be used:

1. to supplant funding for existing education programs;
2. for administrative costs;
3. for capital expenditures.

Literacy Achievement Requirement

1. The Plan shall address the school's progress toward statewide literacy proficiency goals in accordance with SB 241 (2026) and State Rule R277-927.
2. If the school fails to meet statewide literacy goals, the school must dedicate at least 50% of TSSA funds toward evidence based literacy interventions and practices as described in 53G-7-921304(2)(e).

NDPA Board of Director's Meeting Wednesday, October 7, 2026

Action Item: *Amending Attendance Policy*

Issue:

Amending the School's Attendance Policy.

Background:

The school's Attendance Policy and administrative procedures have been revised to reflect several bills enacted during the 2026 legislative session. HB 145 amended the definition of a “valid excuse.” HB 502 authorizes schools to include attendance as up to twenty percent (20%) of a student's final course grade for students in grades 7 through 12. SB 58 revised several attendance-related definitions, including “instructional hours” and “chronic absenteeism,” and established additional requirements for schools and governing boards. Among other things, SB 58 requires schools to regularly review attendance data to identify students at risk of chronic absenteeism, train relevant staff on the school's attendance policies and procedures, and implement attendance monitoring and intervention practices. It also requires governing boards to annually review attendance data, evaluate the effectiveness of attendance interventions, and ensure that the school has adequate resources to support attendance monitoring and intervention programs.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board approve the Amended Attendance Policy.

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North Davis Preparatory Academy Attendance Policy



POLICY

North Davis Preparatory Academy (the “School”) is committed to providing a quality education for every student. The School firmly believes that consistent attendance teaches students responsibility. Students learn the value of being punctual and prepared. Frequent absences and tardiness result in a loss of continuity of instruction. Also, frequent absences and tardiness prove disruptive for students, teachers, and staff. Excessive unexcused absences may lead to a student’s permanent dismissal from the School.

Parents are expected to take a proactive role in ensuring their children attend school. We recommend families plan their vacation schedule around the existing School calendar. When possible, medical and dental appointments should take place outside of school hours and parents should notify the School in advance of any absence. Parents and students are responsible for obtaining homework or assignments for the time period which the student is absent.

The School intends for this policy to be consistent with the provisions of Utah’s compulsory education laws, Utah Code Ann. §§ 53G-6-201 through 53G-6-215~~+~~, as well as Utah Administrative Code Rule R277-607.

The Principal will establish attendance procedures consistent with this policy and applicable law and will ensure that the policy and procedures are implemented consistently at the School and are publicized and distributed to parents annually.

Review and Evaluation

The School’s Board of Directors shall review this policy in an open and public meeting at least every five years~~regularly~~.

On an annual basis, the Board shall also review relevant School attendance data, evaluate the effectiveness of the School’s attendance interventions, and ensure that adequate resources are allocated to support the School’s attendance monitoring and intervention programs and efforts.



Attendance

Administrative Procedures

These procedures are established in accordance with the Attendance Policy established by the School's Board of Directors.

Definitions

"**Absence**" or "**absent**" means the failure of a school-age child assigned to a class or class period to attend at the class or class period for a given day or class period. ~~"Absence" or "absent" does not mean multiple tardies used to calculate an absence for the sake of a truancy.~~

"**Chronic absenteeism**" or "**chronically absent**" means a student who:

1. was enrolled in an LEA for at least 60 calendar days; and
2. has been absent for at least ~~misses~~ 10% of days of instruction, whether the absence was excused or not excused or more of days enrolled, for any reason, and makes a school aware that a beginning of tiered supports may be needed.

"**Instructional day**" means a school day on which an LEA provides educational services through scheduled periods with direct teacher interaction. "Instructional day" does not include:

1. days where educational services are not actively provided to students; or
2. any day in a program that an LEA designated as learner validated solely to avoid providing direct educational services that would otherwise be required for an attendance validated program.

"**Valid excuse**" or "**excused absence**" means an absence resulting from:

1. an illness, which may be either mental or physical, regardless of whether the school-age child or parent provides documentation from a medical professional;
2. mental or behavioral health of the school-age child;
3. a death of a family member or close friend;
4. a scheduled family event or a scheduled proactive visit to a health care provider in accordance with Section 53G-6-803(5);
5. a family emergency;
6. an approved school activity or suspension;
7. a preapproved extended absence for a family activity or travel, consistent with school policy; ~~or~~
8. an absence permitted by an individualized education program or Section 504 accommodation plan, developed pursuant to relevant law;
9. a waiver of participation in accordance with Section 53G-10-205;

10. competition in a rodeo sanctioned by an international, non-profit organization dedicated to the development of sportsmanship, horsemanship, and character in youth through the sport of rodeo; or
11. any reason a parent provides to justify a student's absence if the student maintains a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0, including an event related to participation in the following clubs:
 - a. mountain biking;
 - b. shooting sports; or
 - a.c. a youth development program Utah State University administers, which provides educational experience in areas including agriculture, science, technology, engineering, mathematics, civic engagement, leadership, and healthy living through hands-on learning, mentoring, and community-based clubs or activities.

The Principal has the discretion to consider other absences as "valid excuses."

"Valid excuse" or "excused absence" does not mean a parent acknowledgement of an absence for a reason other than those described above.

"Habitual truant" means a school-age child who:

1. is in grade 7 or above and at least 12 years old;
2. is subject to the requirements of Section 53G-6-202; and
3. (a) is truant at least 20 days during one school year; or (b) fails to cooperate with efforts on the part of school authorities to resolve the school-age child's attendance problem as required under Section 53G-6-206.

"School-age child" means a minor who is at least six years old but younger than 18 years old and who is not emancipated.

"School day" means the portion of a day that school is in session in which a school-age child is required to be in school for purposes of receiving instruction.

"Truant" means a condition by which a school-age child, without a valid excuse, is absent for at least half of the ~~school~~ instructional day. A school-age child may not be considered truant under this policy more than one time during one day.

Attendance Requirements: Students are expected to have no more than five (5) unexcused absences per year.

Attendance-Based Grading: For students in grade 7 or above, a teacher may base up to 10% of a student's final course grade on the student's attendance in the course.

Excused Absences: An oral or written communication documenting a valid excuse must be received from the student's parents/guardian within one (1) business day of the absence in order for the absence to be excused. In the event of multiple consecutive absences, written communication must be received within one (1) business day of the student's return to school.

In the event of an unforeseeable illness or emergency, the School should be notified as soon as reasonably possible.

Preapproved Extended Absence: A parent/guardian may request approval from the principal prior to a student's extended absence of up to ten (10) days per school year. The principal will approve the absence if the principal determines that the extended absence will not adversely impact the student's education.

Medical Documentation: The School may not require documentation from a medical professional to substantiate a valid excuse that is a mental or physical illness.

Make-up Work: Make-up work is permitted for students who have excused absences. The teacher will provide the student or the parent/guardian with any make-up work upon request. Make-up work must be completed within a reasonable time-frame as determined by the teacher.

Tardiness: A student is tardy if he or she is not in the assigned classroom when the late bell rings. In general, tardiness will be handled on an individual basis with the teacher. If a student is chronically tardy, then the student may be referred to the administration.

Notification of Absences and Tardies: In the event a student is absent, parents/guardians will be notified by phone on the day of the absence. The School will notify parents within two instructional days of a student's unexcused absence, including the total number for the school year. The School will maintain accurate and timely attendance records in the School's student information system. Parents and students are responsible for tracking the total number of absences and tardies. Parents may be notified when their student reaches the 4th unexcused absence of the year or if their student is excessively tardy. If a student reaches five (5) or more unexcused absences, the Principal will attempt to schedule a meeting with the parents to review the situation and will outline the appropriate corrective action.

Notice of Compulsory Education Violation (For Students in Grades 1-6)

Consistent with Section 53G-6-202, ~~T~~he School may issue a "notice of compulsory education violation" to a parent/guardian of a school-age child who is in grades 1 through 6 if the student is truant at least five (5) times during the school year.

This notice shall:

1. Direct the parent/guardian to meet with School authorities to discuss the student's attendance problem and cooperate with the principal and Board to secure regular attendance by the student;
2. Designate the School authorities with whom the parent/guardian is required to meet;
3. State that it is a class B misdemeanor for the student's parent/guardian to intentionally or recklessly fail to meet with the designated school authorities to discuss the student's attendance problems, or fail to prevent the student from being truant an additional five (5) or more times during the remainder of the school year; and
4. Be served on the parent/guardian by personal service or certified mail.

If School personnel have reason to believe that, after a notice of compulsory education violation is issued, the parent/ guardian has failed to make a good faith effort to ensure that the child receives an appropriate education, the issuer of the compulsory education violation shall report to the Division of Child and Family Services the information required by Utah Code Subsection 53G-6-202(8) (also in accordance with the School's Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Policy). The School shall maintain records of each notice of compulsory violation issued and any resulting referrals and general outcomes.

Chronic Absenteeism Prevention and Intervention Program

The School's Chronic Absenteeism Prevention and Intervention Program is established to encourage good attendance, improve academic outcomes, and reduce negative behaviors. Through this program, the School hopes to create a trusting relationship between teachers, students, and parents/guardians.

The School's efforts to prevent chronic absenteeism include, but are not limited to:

- Regularly reviewing student attendance data to identify students at risk of chronic absenteeism.
- Serving students breakfast and lunch at the School each school day.
- Providing classroom and/or schoolwide rewards and/or incentives to students for good attendance.
- Notifying parents/guardians by phone each time a student is absent, and making such notification on the day of the absence.
- Contacting parents/guardians of students who reach four (4) and/or five (5) unexcused absences to try to resolve the students' attendance problems.
- Providing parents/guardians with notices of compulsory education violations or notices of truancy, as appropriate and as outlined herein.
- Making habitual truancy referrals, as appropriate and as outlined herein.
- Providing parents/guardians with the School's attendance policies and procedures each year at the time of registration.

The School will seek to help students struggling with absenteeism (including chronically absent students) through implementing a tiered system of research or evidence-based absenteeism and dropout prevention interventions. Those efforts will include documented earnest and persistent efforts to resolve a student's attendance problems through the following interventions:

- When a student's attendance is negatively affecting the student's learning, the classroom teacher will notify the student and/or the student's parent/guardian of the concern. The teacher will set up a conference with the student and/or the student's parent/guardian to identify and resolve any problems that prevent the student from attending school. The student's progress will be monitored.
- If meeting with the student and parent/guardian does not adequately address the problems and the student's learning continues to suffer, then the School counselor or Principal will work with the teacher and parent/guardian in finding a solution to the problems that are preventing the student from attending to his/her learning. Efforts to resolve the problems may include, but are not limited to, the following: making adjustments to the curriculum

or the schedule; counseling of the student by School authorities; mentoring the student; providing the student with increased academic support; teaching the student executive function skills such as planning, goal setting, understanding and following multi-step directions, and self-regulation; considering alternatives proposed by the parent/guardian; or providing the parent/guardian with a list of community resources to help the family.

- The Principal may consult with a parent/guardian to determine if mitigating circumstances such as medical or psychological problems indicate the use of intervention methods for resolving the attendance problems.
- In the event that the preceding interventions fail, the Principal will contact the parent/guardian and request a formal meeting to discuss and resolve the attendance problems. A copy of the communication (letter, email, etc.) will be kept by the School.
- The Principal will notify the student and a parent/guardian of the actions the School may take should the student be truant in the future.

Notice of Truancy (For Students in Grade 7 or Above)

Consistent with Section 53G-6-203, the School may issue a notice of truancy to a school-age child who is in grade 7 or above, at least 12 years old, and is truant at least five (5) times during the school year.

A notice of truancy will only be issued after the School has made earnest and persistent efforts to resolve student attendance problems, which efforts may include those set forth above.

A notice of truancy will:

1. Direct the school-age child who receives the notice of truancy, and the parent/guardian of the school-age child, to meet with School authorities to discuss the student's attendance problem and cooperate with the Principal and Board to secure regular attendance by the student; and
2. Designate the School authorities with whom the school -age child and parent/guardian is required to meet.

A notice of truancy will be served on the parent/guardian by personal service or regular mail. ~~The parent/guardian will have the right to appeal a notice of truancy in writing to the Principal within ten (10) days of being issued.~~ The School shall maintain records of each notice of truancy and any resulting referrals and general outcomes.

The School may impose administrative penalties on a school-age child who is in grade 7 or above, at least 12 years old, and is truant.

Referrals for Habitual Truancy (For Students in Grade 7 or Above)

In accordance with Utah Code § 53G-8-211, the School shall refer a student who is a habitual truant to an evidence-based alternative intervention described in Utah Code § 53G-8-211(3), including:

- a mobile crisis outreach team;
- a youth services center, as defined in Section ~~80-6-901~~ 80-5-102;

- a certified youth court, as defined in Section 80-6-901, or comparable restorative justice program;
- an evidence-based intervention created and developed by the School or other governmental entities as set forth in Section 53G-8-211(a); or
- truancy mediation.

If the student who is a habitual truant refuses to participate in an evidence-based alternative intervention described above, the School shall refer the student for prevention and early intervention youth services, as described in Section 80-5-201, by the Division of Juvenile Justice and Youth Services.

The School may only refer a student who is a habitual truant to a law enforcement officer or agency or a court if:

- The student was previously alleged of being a habitual truant at least twice during the same school year; and
- The student was referred to an evidence-based alternative intervention, or for prevention and early intervention youth services, as described above for at least two of the previous habitual trancies.

If the School refers a student who is a habitual truant to a law enforcement officer or agency or a court, the School shall appoint a School representative to continue to engage with the student and the student's family through the court process. The School shall include the following in its referral to a law enforcement officer or agency or a court:

- Attendance records for the student;
- A report of evidence-based alternative interventions used by the School before the referral, including outcomes;
- The name and contact information of the School representative assigned to actively participate in the court process with the student and the student's family;
- If the student was referred to prevention or early intervention youth services, a report from the Division of Juvenile Justice and Youth Services that demonstrates the student's failure to complete or participate in prevention and early intervention youth services; and
- Any other information that the School considers relevant.

Appeals Process

Parents/guardians who believe that all or part of their student's absences and/or tardies should be considered excused, or if they want to contest a notice of truancy, notice of compulsory education, habitual truancy referral, or any disciplinary action taken against their student pursuant to the School's Attendance Policy or these procedures, shall follow the School's Parent Grievance Policy.

Students with Qualified Disabilities

If students with disabilities under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, or students protected under either Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act or the Americans with Disabilities Act, have excessive absences, including but not limited to absences for mental or behavioral health

reasons, and fall within the criteria of these procedures, the School will ensure that these procedures are applied in a manner consistent with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations. Excused absences for known mental or behavioral health reasons do not absolve the School of FAPE responsibilities.

Attendance Data Quality and Review

The School shall ensure that its student information system accurately captures and reports student enrollment, attendance, and membership data. The School shall meet the minimum standards for LEA attendance data quality established by the Utah State Board of Education.

The School shall, under the direction of the Principal, conduct an annual internal review of attendance data accuracy.

Annual Report

The School shall annually report the following data separately to the State Board of Education:

1. absences with a valid excuse; and
2. absences without a valid excuse.

NDPA Board of Director's Meeting Wednesday, October 7, 2026

Action Item: *Amending Capitalization & Expense Policy*

Issue:

Amending the School's Capitalization and Expense Policy.

Background:

Federal regulations (2 CFR § 200.313) and the Utah Division of Finance's Capital Assets Policy 9-1 were amended to increase the capitalization threshold from \$5,000 to \$10,000. The school's Capitalization and Expense Policy has been revised accordingly. The school's accountant supports this policy change.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board approve the Amended Capitalization and Expense Policy.

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North Davis Preparatory Academy Capitalization & Expense Policy



PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to allow for accounting to depreciate rather than expense qualified inventory items.

POLICY

Items, including associated components necessary to use the item, which (a) have a fair market value over ~~\$5,000.00~~\$10,000.00 and (b) have a useful life of more than three (3) years shall be depreciated rather than expensed. The period of time items will be depreciated will be based on the length of the item's useful life.

NDPA Board of Director's Meeting Wednesday, October 7, 2026

Action Item: *Amending Enrollment & Lottery Policy*

Issue:

Amending the School's Enrollment & Lottery Policy.

Background:

The changes to this policy are intended to bring the policy into compliance with current law and the School's charter and Schedule A (if applicable) regarding enrollment preferences, and to reflect current law governing the denial of student admission based on prior disciplinary issues and misconduct (see SB 131 and SB 167 from 2026 legislative session). Additional revisions clarify the school's procedures for addressing material misrepresentations or omissions in lottery applications that are discovered after a student has been enrolled.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board approve the Amended Enrollment & Lottery Policy.

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North Davis Preparatory Academy Enrollment & Lottery Policy



PURPOSE

To provide guidelines on appropriate procedures on enrollment and lottery processes for North Davis Preparatory Academy (the “School”).

POLICY

In regard to applications, enrollment, and lottery procedures, the School ~~North Davis Preparatory Academy~~ will follow all state and federal laws ~~and guidelines~~.

General Information

Notice of the opportunity to submit an application and procedures for enrollment at the School shall be published on the School’s website beginning no later than sixty (60) days before the School’s initial open enrollment period. The School’s website shall also include, but not be limited to, the following enrollment information: (i) a description of the procedures for applying for admission to the School; (ii) the School’s calendar; and (iii) a description of how a student may transfer from the School to another charter school or district school.

For each enrollment period during which the School accepts applications from students, the School shall publicize that it is accepting applications on the School website.

The School shall follow the provisions of Utah Code § 53G-6-503, Utah Administrative Code Rule R277-551, and Utah Administrative Code Rule R277-472, each of which include requirements related to admissions, enrollment, withdrawals, and transfers.

Lottery

For each enrollment period, if there are more applications for admission in any grade than there are available openings in that grade, the School shall conduct a lottery to determine which students will be admitted to the School. The School shall conduct its lottery electronically and notify accepted students via e-mail or telephone.

In accordance with Utah Code § 53G-6-502, the following students shall receive preference in the School’s lottery in the following order: siblings of current students; children of faculty and staff; students who transfer from other DLI Spanish programs; children of a military service member as defined in Utah Code § 53B-8-102; and students articulating between the School’s campuses (starting FY 28). Such students shall not, however, be given priority notice or guaranteed admission to the School.

The School shall not give preference to any student and shall not make any enrollment decision on any basis prohibited by state or federal law, including Utah Code § 53G-6-403(3)(a), federal civil

rights laws, and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 (“IDEA”).

The School’s lottery shall be held in approximately January or February of each year with additional lotteries held periodically as needed until the desired enrollment numbers are reached. The School may, at the discretion of the School’s Principal, continue to enroll students from the lottery throughout the school year to fill spots left open when students withdraw.

Past Disciplinary Issues

Any student seeking enrollment in the School who was previously suspended or expelled from another school for serious misconduct may not be admitted to the School until a thorough review of the student’s prior conduct is evaluated by the School’s administration and the School’s administration approves the student to be admitted. In addition, the School may not enroll a student from another school unless the student record from the previous school, including the discipline file (if applicable), is received or the School’s administration reviews the data gateway for any safe-school violation, reintegration, or threat assessment.

In accordance with Utah Code § 53G-8-205(3), the School may deny admission to the School to students who were expelled from the School or any other school during the preceding twelve (12) months.

Consistent with Utah Administrative Code Rule R277-472-7, the School may deny admission to the School to students who have disciplinary procedures pending at their previous school until previous allegations have been resolved. The School generally recognizes and honors disciplinary actions imposed on a student by another school. Accordingly, the School may deny admission to a student who is currently under suspension or expulsion from another school.

In accordance with Utah Code § 53G-6-403(3)(b), the School may deny admission to students who (i) have committed serious infractions of the law or school policies, including policies of the School; (ii) have been guilty of chronic misbehavior which would, if it were to continue after the student was admitted to the School, endanger persons or property, cause serious disruptions in the School, or place unreasonable burdens on School staff; or (iii) have any school safety incidents or safe-school violations.

Parents of students seeking admission to the School must disclose in their application to the School information about their student’s past serious disciplinary actions and criminal convictions. If this information is not disclosed, if materially false or misleading information is provided in the application, or if information that would have been relevant to the School’s enrollment decision is omitted, and the School discovers the omission or misrepresentation after the student has been enrolled in the School, the School may place the student’s enrollment under review while the School investigates the matter. Following the investigation, the School may take appropriate action in accordance with this and other School policy, which may include but is not limited to continued enrollment, continued enrollment subject to conditions, or rescission of the student’s enrollment if the School determines that the undisclosed information would have provided a lawful basis to deny admission at the time of the application. Parents of students whose enrollment has been rescinded consistent with this paragraph may appeal the decision in accordance with the School’s Parent

Grievance Policy.

During the investigation process mentioned above, the School may restrict a student's attendance at the School if deemed necessary by the School to protect student safety or facilitate the review.

Situations involving students receiving special education and related services under the IDEA shall be handled in a manner consistent with applicable laws and School policy.

Temporary Leave of Absence

~~North Davis Preparatory Academy (NDPA)~~The School recognizes that students will occasionally be required to leave ~~NDPA~~the School on a temporary basis but intend to return. ~~NDPA~~The School desires to establish a policy by which such students, may retain their enrollment slot in ~~NDPA~~the School after a temporary absence without being required to re-enter ~~NDPA~~the School through the lottery process. Accordingly, students who have enrolled in ~~NDPA~~the School through the lottery process and must temporarily transfer to another educational institution due to extenuating family circumstances may petition the Board for approval of a temporary leave of absence no less than thirty (30) days prior to withdrawing from ~~NDPA~~the School. The decision on the petition will be made pursuant to procedures established by the ~~p~~Principal and a representative of the Board.

NDPA Board of Director's Meeting Wednesday, October 7, 2026

Action Item: *Amended Fee Waiver Policy*

Issue:

Amending the School's Fee Waiver Policy.

Background:

HB 142 permits students to receive fee waivers for no more than two (2) school-sponsored trips per school year. To qualify for a fee waiver for a second school-sponsored trip during the same school year, a student must request the waiver and, in coordination with school administration, complete an action plan describing how the student or the student's family will contribute to the School or the community through work or other service in lieu of paying the trip fees. The School's Fee Waiver Policy has been revised to reflect these statutory changes.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board approve the Amended Fee Waiver Policy.

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North Davis Preparatory Academy

Fee Waiver Policy



PURPOSE

North Davis Preparatory Academy (the “School”) must abide by the Utah State Board of Education rules which direct the School’s Board of Directors (the “Board”) to implement a policy regarding student fees in the event the School elects to charge such fees. The purpose of this policy is to provide educational opportunities for all students. This allows the School to establish a reasonable system of fees, while prohibiting practices that would exclude those unable to pay from participation in School-sponsored activities.

POLICY

Under the direction of the Board, the School’s Principal (the “Principal”) is authorized to administer this policy and is directed to do so fairly, objectively, and without delay, and in a manner that avoids stigma and unreasonable burdens on students or parents/guardians.

Definitions

“Common education expense”

- (a) means an expense the School incurs that is related to the delivery of instruction for all courses, unrelated to a specific course, program, or activity; and
- (b) includes the employment of educators and staff, the provision of capital facilities, and operation and maintenance costs.

“Course” or “class”

- (a) means an activity, a course, or a program that the School:
 - (i) intends to deliver instruction;
 - (ii) provides, sponsors, or supports; and
 - (iii) conducts primarily during school hours.
- (b) includes a course in which a student is required to enroll as a condition of participation in a separate extracurricular activity.

“Discretionary project” means a project that a student completes in lieu of or in addition to a required classroom project in accordance with Section 53G-7-503.

“Extracurricular activity”

- (a) means an activity or a program that:
 - (i) is not a course; and
 - (ii) the School provides, sponsors, or supports.
- (b) does not include a noncurricular club as defined in Section 53G-7-701.

“Fee” means a charge, expense, deposit, rental, or payment:

- (a) regardless of how the School terms, describes, requests, or requires the charge, expense, deposit, rental, or payment, directly or indirectly;

- (b) in the form of money, goods, or services; and
- (c) that is a condition to a student's full participation in or admission to an activity, course, or program that the School provides, sponsors, or supports.

"Fee" includes:

- (a) payments to a third party that provides a part of a School activity, class, or program; and
- (b) a fine other than a fine described below.

"Fee" does not include:

- (a) a student fine that the School approves for:
 - (i) failing to return School property;
 - (ii) losing, wasting, or damaging private or School property through intentional, careless, or irresponsible behavior, including defacing or damaging School property as described in Utah Code 53G-8-212; or
 - (iii) improper use of School property, including a parking violation;
- (b) a payment for School breakfast or lunch;
- (c) a deposit that:
 - (i) is a pledge securing the return of School property; and
 - (ii) the School refunds upon the return of School property;
- (d) a charge for insurance, unless the insurance is required for a student to participate in an activity, course, or program; or
- (e) money or another item of monetary value that a student or the student's family raises through fundraising.

"Fee course" means a course that is not a non-fee course.

"Instructional equipment"

- (a) means an activity-, course-, or program-related tool that:
 - (i) a student is required to use as part of an activity, course, or program in a secondary school; and
 - (ii) becomes the property of the student upon exiting the activity, course, or program.
- (b) does not include School equipment, an instructional supply, or a personal student supply for a secondary student.

"Instructional supply"

- (a) means a non-reusable or a consumable material or supply that is necessary to use, expend, or deplete as a component or element of an activity, course, or program in a secondary school.
- (b) does not include a personal student supply for a secondary student.

"Non-fee course" means a course that results in course credit or a course grade within the core standards the USBE establishes under Section 53E-4-202 and other statutory requirements for:

- (a) English language arts;
- (b) health education;
- (c) mathematics;

- (d) science; and
- (e) social studies

"Non-waivable charge" means a cost, payment, or expenditure that:

- (a) is a personal discretionary charge or purchase, including:
 - (i) a charge for insurance, unless the insurance is required for a student to participate in an activity, class, or program;
 - (ii) a charge for college credit:
 - (A) from an institution of higher education; or
 - (B) for post-secondary related courses; or
 - (iii) except when requested or required by the School, a charge for a personal consumable item such as a yearbook, class ring, letterman jacket or sweater, or other similar item;
- (b) is subject to sales tax as described in Utah State Tax Commission Publication 35, Sales Tax Information for Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools; or
- (c) by Utah Code, federal law, or State Board of Education rule is designated not to be a fee, including:
 - (i) a school uniform as provided in Utah Code § 53G-7-801;
 - (ii) a school lunch; or
 - (iii) a charge for a replacement for damaged or lost School equipment or supplies.

"Personal student supply"

- (a) means, for a secondary student, an object, tool, material, or supply that:
 - (i) is the personal property of the student;
 - (ii) regardless of the use of the supply in the instructional process, individuals not enrolled in the course or activity also commonly purchase and use; and
 - (iii) has a high probability of regular use in activities other than School-sponsored activities.
- (b) includes pencils, papers, notebooks, crayons, scissors, and basic clothing.

"Provided, sponsored, or supported by the School"

- (a) means an activity, class, program, club, camp, clinic, or other event that:
 - (i) is authorized by the School; or
 - (ii) satisfies at least one of the following conditions:
 - (A) the activity, class, program, club, camp, clinic, or other event is managed or supervised by the School, or a School employee in the employees School employment capacity;
 - (B) the activity, class, program, club, camp, clinic, or other event uses, more than inconsequentially, the School's facilities, equipment, or other School resources; or
 - (C) the activity, class, program, club, camp, clinic, or other event is supported or subsidized, more than inconsequentially, by public funds, including the School's activity funds or minimum school program dollars.
- (b) does not include an activity, class, or program that meets the criteria of a noncurricular club as described in Title 53G, Chapter 7, Part 7, Student Clubs.

“Provision in lieu of fee”

- (a) means an alternative to fee payment; and
- (b) may include a plan under which fees are paid in installments or under some other delayed payment arrangement or a service in lieu of fee payment agreement.

"Requested or required by the School as a condition to a student's participation" means something of monetary value that is impliedly or explicitly mandated or necessary for a student, parent, or family to provide so that a student may:

- (a) fully participate in school or in a School activity, class, or program;
- (b) successfully complete a School class for the highest grade; or
- (c) avoid a direct or indirect limitation on full participation in a School activity, class, or program, including limitations created by:
 - (i) peer pressure, shaming, stigmatizing, bullying, or the like; or
 - (ii) withholding or curtailing any privilege that is otherwise provided to any other student.

“School activity clothing” means special shoes or items of clothing that:

- (a) meet specific requirements, including requesting a specific brand, fabric, or imprint;
- (b) the School requires a student to provide and to wear for an activity-, course-, or program-related activity; and
- (c) that the student rents while participating in the activity, or become the property of the student upon exiting the activity, course, or program.

“School activity clothing” does not include:

- (a) a school uniform; or
- (b) clothing that is commonly found in students’ homes.

“School equipment” means a machine, equipment, facility, or tool that:

- (a) is durable;
- (b) is reusable;
- (c) a secondary school owns; and
- (d) a student uses as part of an activity, course, or program in a secondary school.

"Something of monetary value"

- (a) means a charge, expense, deposit, rental, fine, or payment, regardless of how the payment is termed, described, requested or required directly or indirectly, in the form of money, goods or services; and
- (b) includes:
 - (i) charges or expenditures for a School field trip or activity trip, including related transportation, food, lodging, and admission charges;
 - (ii) payments made to a third party that provide a part of a School activity, class, or program;
 - (iii) classroom textbooks, supplies or materials;
 - (iv) charges or expenditures for school activity clothing; and
 - (v) a fine, except for a student fine specifically approved the School for:
 - (A) failing to return School property;

- (B) losing, wasting, or damaging private or School property through intentional, careless, or irresponsible behavior; or
- (C) improper use of School property, including a parking violation.
- (c) does not include a payment or charge for damages, which may reasonably be attributed to normal wear and tear.

“Textbook”

- (a) means instructional material necessary for participation in an activity, course, or program, regardless of the format of the material;
- (b) includes:
 - (i) a hardcopy book or printed pages of instructional material, including a consumable workbook; or
 - (ii) computer hardware, software, or digital content; and
- (c) does not include School equipment, instructional equipment, or instructional supplies.

“Waiver” means a full release from:

- (a) a requirement to pay a fee; and
- (b) any provision in lieu of fee payment.

General School Fees Provisions

The School may only charge a fee for an activity, class, or program provided, sponsored, or supported by the School that is noticed and authorized by School policies and state law.

If the School imposes a fee:

- (a) the fee shall be directly related to the expense incurred by the School in providing for a student the activity, course, or program for which the School imposes a fee;
- (b) the fee shall be equal to or less than the expense described immediately above; and
- (c) the School may not impose an additional fee or increase a fee to supplant or subsidize another fee that the School is prohibited from charging, including the normal expense of delivering instruction in a course.

The School may not sell textbooks or otherwise charge a fee for textbooks, except for a textbook used for a concurrent enrollment, International Baccalaureate, or Advanced Placement course.

All fees are subject to the fee waiver requirements of this policy.

The School shall not charge a fee that is general in nature and for a service or good that does not have a direct benefit to the student paying the fee. In addition, the School may not charge a fee for a common education expense.

Beginning for the 2026-2027 school year, the School shall, with respect to awarding secondary students credit toward graduation, ensure that it has at least one option for each graduation requirement that:

- (a) fulfills the graduation requirement; and
- (b) does not require the payment or waiver of any fee.

However, the restriction above does not apply to the School if the School only offers one of the following for a given graduation requirement:

- (a) an Advanced Placement course;
- (b) an International Baccalaureate course; or
- (c) a concurrent enrollment course, as described in Section 53E-10-302.

Fees for Classes & Activities During the Regular School Day

Fees for Students in Kindergarten through Sixth Grade

The School may not charge a fee in kindergarten through sixth grade for materials, textbooks, supplies, or for any class or regular school day activity (except for discretionary projects), including assemblies and field trips.

Elementary students cannot be required to provide their own student supplies. However, the School or teacher may provide to a student's parent a suggested list of student supplies for use during the regular school day so that a parent or guardian may furnish, only on a voluntary basis, those supplies for student use. The list provided to a student's parent or guardian must include the following language before identifying the supplies:

"NOTICE: THE ITEMS ON THIS LIST WILL BE USED DURING THE REGULAR SCHOOL DAY. THEY MAY BE BROUGHT FROM HOME ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS, OTHERWISE, THEY WILL BE FURNISHED BY THE SCHOOL."

The School may charge a fee to a student in grade six if all of the following are true:

- (a) the School has students in any of the grades seven through twelve;
- (b) the School follows a secondary model of delivering instruction to the School's grade six students; and
- (c) The School annually provides notice to parents that the School will collect fees from grade six students and that the fees are subject to waiver.

Fees for Students in Seventh through Ninth Grade

Fees may be charged in grades 7-9 in connection with an activity, class, or program provided, sponsored, or supported by the School that takes place during the regular school day if the fee is noticed and approved as provided in R277-407 and is allowed to be charged by state law. All such fees are subject to waiver. In addition, if an established or approved class requires payment of fees or purchase of items in order for students to fully participate and to have the opportunity to acquire skills and knowledge required for full credit and highest grades, the fees or costs for the class are subject to waiver.

In project related courses, projects required for course completion will be included in the course fee.

Secondary students may be required to provide their own student supplies, subject to the fee waiver requirements of this policy.

The School may charge students in grades 7-9 a fee for:

- (a) relating to a non-fee course or a fee course, for:
 - (i) instructional equipment;
 - (ii) a School field trip or activity trip or performance, including related transportation, food, lodging, and admission charges or participation fees;
 - (iii) School activity clothing;
 - (iv) a discretionary project as described herein; or
 - (v) a competency remediation program in accordance with Section 53G-9-803;
- (b) an expense related to a course, activity, or program that is a fee course, including:
 - (i) instructional supplies;
 - (ii) the life-cycle replacement costs for School equipment directed related to the fee course;
 - (iii) a music instrument rental;
 - (iv) licensing fees for fine arts intellectual property; or
 - (v) participating in a driver education course described in Section 53G-10-503;
- (c) an expense related to the following post-secondary-related courses, including tuition, college credit, an exam, or a textbook:
 - (i) an Advanced Placement course;
 - (ii) an International Baccalaureate course; or
 - (iii) a concurrent enrollment course, as described in Section 53E-10-302.

If the School charges fees for a fee course or a non-fee course, such fees are limited to those described above.

Fees for Optional Projects

The School may require students at any grade level to provide materials or pay for an additional discretionary project if the student chooses a project in lieu of, or in addition to a required classroom project. A student may not be required to select an additional project as a condition to enrolling, completing, or receiving the highest possible grade for a course. The School will avoid allowing high cost additional projects, particularly when authorizing an additional discretionary project results in pressure on a student by teachers or peers to also complete a similar high cost project.

Fees for Activities Outside of the Regular School Day

Fees may be charged in all grades for any School-sponsored activity that does not take place during the regular school day if the fee is approved as provided in this policy and is allowed by state law and if participation in the activity is voluntary and does not affect the student's grade or ability to participate fully in any course taught during the regular school day. Fee waivers are available for such fees.

Activities that use the School facilities outside the regular school day but are not provided, sponsored, or supported by the School (e.g., programs sponsored by the parent organization and/or an outside organization) may charge for participation, and fee waivers are not available for these charges.

An activity, class, or program that is provided, sponsored, or supported by the School outside of the regular School day or School year calendar is subject to this policy and state law regardless of the time or season of the activity, class, or program.

Fees for Extracurricular Activities

The School may charge students in grades 7-9 fees for an extracurricular activity. The School may also charge students in grades K-6 fees for an extracurricular activity if it takes place outside of the regular school day and meets the other requirements described above. A fee for an extracurricular activity for students in grades 7-9 may include the life-cycle replacement costs for School equipment directly related to the extracurricular activity.

A fee related to an extracurricular activity may not exceed the maximum fee amounts for the extracurricular activity adopted by the Board, as provided below.

Other Miscellaneous Fees

Fees for Adult Education

The School may charge students in grades 7-9 fees for an adult education course in accordance with Section 53E-10-202.

Fees for Remediation Programs

The School may charge students in grades 7-9 fees to participate in the School's remediation programs.

The School may not charge students in grades K-6 fees to participate in the School's remediation programs.

Fees for Charter School Application Processing

The School may charge students in grades 7-9 a fee for charter school application processing in accordance with Section 53G-6-503.

Fee Schedule

The Board will approve a Fee Schedule at least once each year on or before June 1. The Fee Schedule will establish the maximum fee amount per student for each activity and the maximum total aggregate fee amount per student per school year. No fee may be charged or assessed related to an activity, class, or program provided, sponsored, or supported by the School, including for a course or extracurricular activity, unless the fee has been set and approved by the Board, is equal to or less than the established maximum fee amount for the activity, and is included in the approved Fee Schedule.

The School will encourage public participation in the development of the Fee Schedule and related policies.

Before approving the School's Fee Schedule, the School will provide an opportunity for the public to comment on the proposed Fee Schedule during a minimum of two public Board meetings. In addition to the standard notice of Board meetings under the Open and Public Meetings Act, the School will provide notice of these Board meetings using the same form of communication regularly used by the administration to communicate with parents.

After the Fee Schedule is adopted, the Board may amend the Fee Schedule using the same process.

Maximum Fee Amounts

In connection with establishing the Fee Schedule, the Board will establish a per student annual maximum fee amount that the School may charge a student for the student's participation in all courses, programs, and activities provided, sponsored, or supported by the School for the year. This is a maximum total aggregate fee amount per student per School year.

The Board may establish a reasonable number of activities, courses, or programs that will be covered by the annual maximum fee amount.

Notice to Parents

The Principal will annually provide written notice of the School's Fee Schedule and Fee Waiver Policy to the parent or guardian of each student in the School by ensuring that a written copy of the School's Fee Schedule and Fee Waiver Policy is included with all registration materials provided to potential or continuing students each year. The Fee Schedule shall clearly identify any fee for each activity, course, or program alongside the description of the activity, course, or program.

The School will also post the following on its website each school year:

- (a) The School's Fee Schedule, including maximum fee amounts, and Fee Waiver Policy;
- (b) The School's fee waiver application;
- (c) The School's fee waiver decision and appeals form; and
- (d) The School's fee notice(s) for families.

Donations

The School may not request or accept a donation in lieu of a fee from a student or parent unless the activity, class, or program for which the donation is solicited will otherwise be fully funded by the School and receipt of the donation will not affect participation by an individual student.

A donation is a fee if a student or parent is required to make the donation as a condition to the student's participation in an activity, class, or program.

The School may solicit and accept a donation or contribution in accordance with the School's policies, including the Donation and Fundraising Policy, but such requests must clearly state that donations and contributions by a student or parent are voluntary.

If the School solicits donations, the School: (a) shall solicit and handle donations in accordance with policies and procedures established by the School; and (b) may not place any undue burden on a student or family in relation to a donation.

Fee Collection

The School may pursue reasonable methods for obtaining payment for fees and for charges assessed in connection with a student losing or willfully damaging school property.

The School may not exclude students from school, an activity, a class, or a program that is provided, sponsored, or supported by the School during the regular school day; refuse to issue a course grade; or withhold official student records, including written or electronic grade reports, class schedules, diplomas, or transcripts, as a result of unpaid fees.

The School may withhold the official student records of a student responsible for lost or damaged School property consistent with Utah Code § 53G-8-212 until the student or the student's parent has paid for the damages, but may not withhold a student's records required for student enrollment or placement in a subsequent school.

A reasonable charge may be imposed by the School to cover the cost of duplicating, mailing, or transmitting transcripts and other school records. No charge may be imposed for duplicating, mailing, or transmitting copies of school records to an elementary or secondary school in which the student is enrolled or intends to enroll.

Consistent with Utah Code § 53G-6-604, the School will forward a certified copy of a transferring student's record to a new school within 30 days of the request, regardless of whether the student owes fees or fines to the School.

Students shall be given notice and an opportunity to pay fines prior to withholding issuance of official written grade reports, diplomas and transcripts. If the student and the student's parent or guardian are unable to pay for damages or if it is determined by the School in consultation with the student's parents that the student's interests would not be served if the parents were to pay for the damages, then the School may provide for a program of voluntary work for the student in lieu of the payment. A general breakage fee levied against all students in a class or school is not permitted.

Budgeting and Spending Revenue Collected Through Fees

The School will follow the general accounting standards described in Rule R277-113 for treatment of fee revenue.

The School will establish a spend plan for the revenue collected from each fee charged. The spend plan will (a) provide students, parents, and employees transparency by identifying a fee's funding uses; (b) identify the needs of the activity, course, or program for the fee being charged and include a list or description of the anticipated types of expenditures, for the current fiscal year or as carryover for use in a future fiscal year, funded by the fee charged.

School Fee Collections & Accounting Procedures

It is the responsibility of the Principal to ensure that all student fees collected are in compliance with the Fee Schedule and applicable financial policies and procedures.

Fees must be received and deposited in a timely manner.

Money may only be collected by staff authorized by the Principal. Students may not collect fees.

The School may not use revenue collected through fees to offset the cost of fee waivers by requiring students and families who do not qualify for fee waivers to pay an increased fee amount to cover the costs of students and families who qualify for fee waivers. However, the School may notify students and families that the students and families may voluntarily pay an increased fee amount or provide a donation to cover the costs of other students and families.

Fee Waiver Provisions

To ensure that no student is denied the opportunity to participate in a class or activity that is provided, sponsored, or supported by the School because of an inability to pay a fee, the School provides fee waivers or other provisions in lieu of a fee. Fee waivers or other provisions in lieu of a fee payment will be available to any student whose parent cannot pay a fee.

All fees are subject to waiver.

Non-waivable charges are not subject to waiver.

Fee Waiver Administration

The Principal will administer this policy and will review and grant fee waiver requests or designate another staff member to do so. The process for obtaining waivers or pursuing alternatives will be administered in accordance with this policy, fairly, objectively, and without delay, and in a manner that avoids stigma, embarrassment, undue attention, and unreasonable burdens on students and parents.

The School will not treat a student receiving a fee waiver or provision in lieu of a fee waiver differently from other students. The process for obtaining waivers or pursuing alternatives will create no visible indicators that could lead to identification of fee waiver applicants.

The process for obtaining waivers or pursuing alternatives will comply with the privacy requirements of The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, 20 U.S.C. 1232g

(FERPA). The School may not identify a student on fee waiver to students, staff members, or other persons who do not need to know. As a general rule, teachers and coaches do not need to know which students receive fee waivers. Students may not assist in the fee waiver approval process.

Fee Waiver Eligibility

A student is eligible for a fee waiver if the School receives verification that:

- (a) In accordance with Utah Code § 53G-7-504(4), family income falls within levels established annually by the State Superintendent and published on the Utah State Board of Education website;
- (b) The student to whom the fee applies receives Supplemental Security Income (SSI). If a student receives SSI, the School may require a benefit verification letter from the Social Security Administration;
- (c) The family receives TANF or SNAP funding. If a student's family receives TANF or SNAP, the School may require the student's family to provide the School an electronic copy or screenshot of the student's family's eligibility determination or eligibility status covering the period for which the fee waiver is sought from the Utah Department of Workforce Services;
- (d) The student is in foster care through the Division of Child and Family Services or is in state care. If a student is in state care or foster care, the School may rely on the youth in care required intake form or school enrollment letter provided by a caseworker from the Utah Division of Child and Family Services or the Utah Juvenile Justice Department; or
- (e) The student qualifies for McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act assistance. If a student qualifies for McKinney-Vento, verification is obtained through the School's McKinney-Vento liaison.

The School will not maintain copies of any documentation provided to verify eligibility for a fee waiver.

The School will not subject a family to unreasonable demands for re-qualification.

The School may grant a fee waiver to a student, on a case by case basis, who does not qualify for a fee waiver under the foregoing provisions but who, because of extenuating circumstances, is not reasonably capable of paying the fee.

The School may charge a proportional share of a fee or a reduced fee if circumstances change for a student or family so that fee waiver eligibility no longer exists.

The School may retroactively waive fees if eligibility can be determined to exist before the date of the fee waiver application.

Fee Waiver Approval Process

The School will inform patrons of the process for obtaining waivers and will provide a copy of the standard fee waiver application on the School's website.

The Principal or a designee will review fee waiver applications within five (5) school days of receipt. If the School denies a request for a fee waiver, the School will provide the decision to deny a waiver in writing and will provide notice of the procedure for appeal in the form approved by the Utah State Board of Education.

Any requirement that a student pay a fee will be suspended during any period in which the student's eligibility for a waiver is being determined or during the time a denial of waiver is being appealed.

Each year the School will maintain documentation regarding the number of School students who were given fee waivers, the number of School students who worked in lieu of fee waivers, the number of School students who were denied fee waivers, the total dollar value of student fees waived by the School, and the total dollar amount of all fees charged to students at the School, as this information may be requested by the Utah State Board of Education as part of its monitoring of the School's school fees practices.

The School shall also submit school fee revenue information in the Utah Public Education Financial System as provided in R277-113.

Appeal Process

Denial of eligibility for a waiver may be appealed in writing to the Principal within ten (10) school days of receiving notice of denial. The School shall contact the parent within two (2) weeks after receiving the appeal and schedule a meeting with the Principal to discuss the parent's concerns. If, after meeting with the Principal, the waiver is still denied, the parent may appeal, in writing, within ten (10) school days of receiving notice of denial to the Board.

In order to protect privacy and confidentiality, the School will not retain information or documentation provided to verify eligibility for fee waivers.

Alternatives to Fees and Fee Waivers

The School may allow a student to perform service or another approved task (as described in Utah Code § 53G-7-504(2)) in lieu of paying a fee or, in the case of an eligible student, in lieu receiving a fee waiver, but such alternatives may not be required. If the School allows an alternative to satisfy a fee requirement, the Principal will explore with the interested student and his or her parent/guardian the alternatives available for satisfying the fee requirement, and parents will be given the opportunity to review proposed alternatives to fees and fee waivers. However, if a student is eligible for a waiver, textbook fees must be waived, and no alternative in lieu of a fee waiver is permissible for such fees.

The School may allow a student to perform service in lieu of paying a fee or receiving a fee waiver if: (a) the School establishes a service policy or procedure that ensure that a service assignment is appropriate to the age, physical condition, and maturity of the student; (b) the School's service

policy or procedure is consistent with state and federal laws, including Section 53G-7-504 regarding the waiver of fees and the federal Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. 201; (c) the service can be performed within a reasonable period of time; and (d) the service is at least equal to the minimum wage for each hour or service.

A student who performs service may not be treated differently than other students who pay a fee.

The service may not create an unreasonable burden for a student or parent and may not be of such a nature as to demean or stigmatize the student.

The School will transfer the student's service credit to another LEA upon request of the student.

The School may make an installment payment plan available for the payment of a fee. Such a payment plan may not be required in lieu of a fee waiver.

The School may provide optional individual fundraising opportunities for students to raise money to offset the cost of the student's fees as provided in R277-408.

Fee Waivers for School Trips

Students may be granted a fee waiver for no more than two School-sponsored trips per school year. A student who has been granted a fee waiver for one School-sponsored trip may request a fee waiver for a second School-sponsored trip during the same school year. The fee waiver request for a second School-sponsored trip shall be accompanied by an action plan, developed in consultation with and approved by the Principal, that addresses how the student or family will contribute to the School or community through one or more of: (a) participation in approved fundraising; (b) approved custodial work or service in lieu of fees consistent with R277-407 and the Fair Labor Standards Act; (c) installment-payment arrangements for ancillary trip costs not covered by waiver; or (d) other contributions specified in the action plan.

The fee waiver request for a second School-sponsored trip shall be granted upon Principal approval of the action plan unless documentation establishes the student's participation would impose an undue financial burden on the School beyond fee-waiver expectations.

For purposes of this section, "trip" and "action plan" have the meanings assigned to those terms in Utah Code § 53G-7-504.

Annual Review, Approval, and Training

The Board will review and approve this policy annually.

The School will develop a plan for at least annual training of School employees on fee-related policies specific to each employee's job functions.

NDPA Board of Director's Meeting Wednesday, October 7, 2026

Action Item: *Amending Financial Reporting, Debt & Risk Management Plan Policy*

Issue:

Amending the School's Financial Reporting, Debt & Risk Management Plan Policy.

Background:

Audits of the school's financial reporting must now be conducted in accordance with both Generally Accepted Auditing Standards (GAAS) and Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards (GAGAS). Because this policy currently references only GAAS, it has been revised to also require compliance with GAGAS. The policy has also been updated to correct the reference to the "Financial Accounting Standards Board" (FASB) to the "Governmental Accounting Standards Board" (GASB), as well as a couple other minor changes.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board approve the Amended Financial Reporting, Debt & Risk Management Plan Policy.

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North Davis Preparatory Academy

Financial Reporting, Debt & Risk Management Plan Policy



North Davis Preparatory Academy (the “School”) practices sound financial reporting in accordance with state and federal law and applicable accounting standards.

Additionally, the Board of Directors and administration of the School shall manage the financial affairs of the School based on the following principles: (1) comply with all applicable laws and bond covenants; (2) provide the best educational services to the students of the School consistent with the School’s charter; and (3) get the most effective and cost efficient services possible in all areas at the School.

Financial

Financial Reporting

The School will ensure that financial reporting for the School is performed in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and that audits of the School’s financial reporting are performed in accordance with Generally Accepted Auditing Standards (GAAS) and Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards (GAGAS).

The School will provide financial reporting in a manner consistent with the basis of accounting as required by GAAP, as applicable to the School.

The School will provide reconciliation between the accrual basis of accounting and modified accrual basis of accounting, as applicable.

The School will provide data and information consistent with budgeting, accounting (including the uniform chart of accounts for LEAs), and auditing standards for Utah LEAs provided online annually by the Utah State Superintendent of Public Education.

General Financial Management

The Board understands that the School is a steward over the financial resources and assets entrusted to it by the state of Utah. The Board recognizes the need to abide by all applicable laws and regulations, including the following acknowledgements: (i) fiscal procedures will be consistent with generally accepted financial management standards; and (ii) neither the chartering entity nor the state, including an agency of the state, is liable for the debts or financial obligations of the School or persons or entities who operate the School, unless agreed to in writing with the School.

The School adheres to ~~GAAP~~Financial Governmental ~~Generally Accepted Accounting Principles~~ Accounting Standards Board. The School also complies with all

applicable areas of the Utah Money Management Act. Cash collected at the School is handled properly, as set forth in the School's Cash Handling Policy.

In accordance with state law, the School, prior to June 30th of the each fiscal year, prepares an annual operating budget for the next fiscal year. The budget is designed so that the School priorities, as established by the Board, are met. All budgets and budget amendments are approved by the Board through a vote in a public meeting in accordance with the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act.

Subject to appropriation limits with object codes and other restrictions, the School reserves the right to reallocate funds from one line item in the budget to another if purchasing practices or conservation result in an expenditure different from the budgeted amount. The Board may choose to add undistributed reserves from the School operational budget to the following year and/or may reallocate them to the current fiscal year's budget, at its discretion. The budget and cash flow projections utilized by the School provide sufficient detail to enable reasonably accurate projections of revenues and expenses, separation of capital and operational items, cash flow, and subsequent audit trail documentation.

In addition, the School understands and complies with all applicable fiscal rules and regulations, including completion and submission of an annual financial audit of the current fiscal year conducted by an independent certified public accounting firm by November 30th of the following fiscal year, submission of October and December student counts in accordance with state-mandated deadlines, Utah Money Management reports, wages and benefits negotiation reports, Utah Transparency Act reports and updates, October 1st AFR and APR submissions, and any other regular enrollment and financial reports as required by the State Board of Education now or in the future.

Purchases are authorized and carried out in accordance with the Purchasing and Disbursement Policy and the Procurement Policy adopted by the Board and the Utah Procurement Code.

The School tracks fixed assets in accordance with the Capitalization and Expense Policy and other applicable requirements.

All fiscal policies and procedures comply with the School's Conflict of Interest Policy.

The School assigns a representative, which may be a representative of the School's management company, to attend school finance and statistics training and all required finance training. The School will continue to take the measures necessary so that its representatives attend future trainings as announced or provided to ensure accounting and management of the School resources are in compliance with any revisions to applicable rules and statutes.

Minimum Reserve and Coverage Levels

The School will maintain minimum reserve and coverage levels that the Board determines are consistent with long-term financial health. The Board Financial Coordinator, administration,

management company and accounting staff will regularly monitor the status of reserve and coverage ratios and report that information to the Board.

The School will ensure that it satisfies minimum reserve and coverage levels as required by law or applicable bond covenants.

The School will take reserve and coverage levels into consideration when making budgeting, financial planning, and other financial decisions, including decisions regarding major purchases.

Financial Forecasting and Budgeting

Throughout the fiscal year, the Board Financial Coordinator, administration, management company and accounting staff will meet regularly to discuss the budget, the School financial status, and any changes. The Board will be fully engaged in the budgetary process and informed of such issues on a regular basis.

The Board Financial Coordinator, administrator, management company and accounting staff will meet to prepare a tentative budget. The School's budgeting philosophy will be to conservatively project both revenues and expenses while achieving the level of accuracy required by state standards. The tentative budget will be circulated to the Board for further review and discussion. The tentative budget will be scheduled for discussion on a board meeting agenda, further discussed, and adopted at the annual board meeting.

As the October 1 count is finalized, and as the School receives new revenues, the Board will be updated on new figures. In order to account for these changes, the Board will approve revisions and amendments to the budget over the course of the fiscal year, as needed and appropriate.

Debt

The School will seek to avoid debt to the extent possible. The School's plan is to only assume debt as absolutely necessary or when the benefits of a purchase will, in the judgment of the Board, benefit the School's students for the life of such debt. The Board recognizes that the ability to take on debt will be governed by the covenants of existing indebtedness and pending indebtedness. The School's accounting staff, administration and Board Financial Coordinator will be informed of the requirements affecting the School ability to incur debt. Any debt assumed by the School will therefore comply with applicable laws and any existing bond covenants.

As economical or in its best interests, the School will seek refunding opportunities to either lower its debt profile, meet bond covenants or other advantageous benefits realized through a restructure of its debt.

Academy will ensure that it satisfies the debt service coverage levels as required by law or applicable bond covenants. The general goal of the Academy is to maintain 1.10x debt service coverage.

Risk Management

As a nonprofit corporation and public school, the School shall actively seek to avoid unnecessary risks to the greatest extent possible. The School shall always maintain insurance at the highest amount that is either (a) required by law, (b) required by existing bond covenants, (c) is reasonable and customary for a Utah charter school, or (d) is considered prudent by the Board after consulting with qualified professionals. In the event any material risk is identified by the School's Board or administration that is not covered by existing insurance, a qualified professional shall promptly be engaged to evaluate such risk and recommend the appropriate action.

The Board will work with qualified professionals to recognize and avoid risks associated with its governance of the School. In particular, the Board will be cognizant of financial risks that are addressed by the provisions above, compliance with applicable laws, including but not limited to the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act and the Government Records Access and Management Act. The Board will periodically review the policies that it has adopted to ensure that it has all necessary policies in place and that the policies that have been adopted comply with current law, adequately address issues at which they are aimed, and cover all areas requiring board guidance. The Board may periodically request that the administration provide assurance that Board policies are being complied with. In the event the Board learns that policies are not being complied with, it will request the administration to create a plan to remedy any deficiencies and establish procedures to ensure that the policies are complied with in the future.

The administration is also directed to work with qualified professionals, including the School's management company and loss control representatives of the School insurer, to recognize, manage and avoid risks associated with the operation of the School. In particular, the administration will be cognizant of risks associated with human resources activities, student safety and security, facility matters, and state and federal legal compliance, including civil rights issues. The administration will establish procedures in order to address key issues pertaining to the School operations and will ensure that all the School employees and, to the extent necessary, students and parents, are aware of such procedures. The administration will periodically review and revise administrative procedures in order to ensure that they adequately address the pertinent issues and are consistent with the School situation and needs.