



PELICAN RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOL – ISD 548 PRHS Conference Room School Board Agenda

District Priorities:

Community Engagement
Educate the Whole Child
Increase Student Enrollment
Sound and Transparent Financial Practices

School Board:

Jon Karger, Chairperson
Anne Peterson, Vice-Chair
Brenda Olson, Clerk
Staci Allmaras, Director
Greg Larson, Director
Molly Welch, Director

Administration:

Brian Korf, Supt
Derrick Nelson, Elem Principal/AD
Laura Januszewski, H.S. Principal
Rudy Martinez, Finance Director

April 19, 2023 - Following 6:00pm Regular Meeting

Policy Committee Meeting to discuss policy updates.

1. First and second reading at May meeting

Policy 501: School Weapons Policy

The purpose of this policy is to assure a safe school environment for students, staff and the public.

*(Updates to the definition of a “weapon.” Addition of reporting of dangerous weapons per Minnesota Statute.
Updated/spelled out references/statutes)*

Policy 503: Student Attendance

The purpose of this policy is to encourage regular school attendance. It is intended to be positive and not punitive. This policy also recognizes that class attendance is a joint responsibility to be shared by the student, parent or guardian, teacher, and administrators. This policy will assist students in attending class.

*(Moved some verbiage regarding religious observance accommodation to a new section. Addition of requirement for schools to provide annual notice to parents regarding religious observance for student absences.
Updated/spelled out references/statutes)*

Policy 504: Student Dress and Appearance

The purpose of this policy is to enhance the education of students by establishing expectations of dress and grooming that are related to educational goals and community standards.

(Very minimal updates/spelled out references/statutes)

Policy 506: Student Discipline

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that students are aware of and comply with the school district’s expectations for student conduct. Such compliance will enhance the school district’s ability to maintain discipline and ensure that there is no interference with the educational process. The school district will take appropriate disciplinary action when students fail to adhere to the Code of Student Conduct established by this policy.

(Very minimal updates/spelled out references/statutes)

Policy 507: Corporal Punishment

The purpose of this policy is to describe limitations on corporal punishment of students.

(Very minimal updates/spelled out references/statutes)

Policy 508: Extended School Year for Certain Students with Individualized Education Programs

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that the school district complies with the overall requirements of law as mandated for certain students subject to individualized education programs (IEPs) when necessary to provide a free appropriate public education (FAPE).

(Very minimal updates/spelled out references/statutes)

Policy 509: Enrollment of Nonresident Students

The purpose of this policy is to set forth the application and exclusion procedures used by the school district in making said determination.

(Very minimal updates/spelled out references/statutes)

Policy 515: Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records & FORM

The school district recognizes its responsibility in regard to the collection, maintenance, and dissemination of pupil records and the protection of the privacy rights of students as provided in federal law and state statutes.

(Updates to "Education Support Services Data". Very minimal updates/spelled out references/statutes)

Policy 516: Student Medication

The purpose of this policy is to set forth the provisions that must be followed when administering nonemergency prescription medication to students at school.

(Very minimal updates/spelled out references/statutes)

Policy 517: Student Recruiting

The purpose of this policy is to prevent school district employees from exerting undue influence for purposes of securing or retaining the attendance of a student in a school.

(Very minimal updates/spelled out references/statutes)

Policy 519: Interviews of Students by Outside Agencies

The purpose of this policy is to establish the procedures for access to students by authorized individuals during the school day.

(Very minimal updates/spelled out references/statutes)

Policy 520: Student Surveys & FORM

The purpose of this policy is to establish the parameters of information that may be sought in student surveys.

(Very minimal updates/spelled out references/statutes)

Policy 521: Student Disability Nondiscrimination & FORM

The purpose of this policy is to protect students with disabilities from discrimination on the basis of disability and to identify and evaluate learners who, within the intent of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504), need services, accommodations, or programs in order that such learners may receive a free appropriate public education.

(Change of term "Disabled Student" to "Students with disabilities". Very minimal updates/spelled out references/statutes)

Policy 523: Policies Incorporated by Reference

Certain policies as contained in the school district's policies are applicable to students as well as to employees.

(Removal of many policies. Very minimal updates to references/statutes)

Policy 525: Violence Prevention (Applicable to Students & Staff)

The purpose of this policy is to recognize that violence has increased and to identify measures that the school district will take in an attempt to maintain a learning and working environment that is free from violent and disruptive behavior.

(Very minimal updates/spelled out references/statutes)

Policy 527: Student Use and Parking of Motor Vehicles; Patrols, Inspections, and Searches & FORM

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for use and parking of motor vehicles by students in school district locations, to maintain order and discipline in the schools, and to protect the health, safety, and welfare of students and school personnel.

(Very minimal updates/spelled out references/statutes)

Policy 528: Student Parental, Family, and Marital Status Nondiscrimination

The purpose of this school district policy is to provide equal educational opportunity for all students and to prohibit discrimination on the grounds of sex, parental, family, or marital status.

(Very minimal updates/spelled out references/statutes)

Policy 529: Staff Notification of Violent Behavior by Students & LETTER

The purpose of this policy is to address the circumstances in which data should be provided to classroom teachers and other school staff members about students with a history of violent behavior and to establish a procedure for notifying staff regarding the placement of students with a history of violent behavior.

(Very minimal updates/spelled out references/statutes)

Policy 532: Use of Peace Officers and Crisis Teams to Remove Students with IEPs from School Grounds

The purpose of this policy is to describe the appropriate use of peace officers and crisis teams to remove, if necessary, a student with an individualized education program (IEP) from school grounds.

(Very minimal updates/spelled out references/statutes)

Policy 533: Wellness

The purpose of this policy is to set forth methods that promote student wellness, prevent and reduce childhood obesity, and assure that school meals and other food and beverages sold and otherwise made available on the school campus during the school day are consistent with applicable minimum local, state, and federal standards.

(Very minimal updates/spelled out references/statutes)

2. First Reading at May Meeting & Second Reading at June Meeting

Policy 524: Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy & FORM

The purpose of this policy is to set forth policies and guidelines for access to the school district computer system and acceptable and safe use of the Internet, including electronic communications.

(Addition of sections on Notification Regarding Tech Providers, School-issued Devices, and Limit on Screen Time for Children in Preschool and Kindergarten. Very minimal updates/spelled out references/statutes)

Policy 535: Service Animals in School & FORM

The purpose of this policy is to establish parameters for the use of service animals by students, employees, and visitors within school buildings and on school grounds.

(NEW)