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100 LEGAL STATUS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Iowa law authorizes the creation of a Common Schools System. As part of this Common Schools System, this school district is a school corporation created and organized under Iowa law. This school district is known as the Shenandoah Community School District.

This school corporation is located in Page, Fremont, Mills and Montgomery Counties, and its affairs are conducted by elected school officials, the Shenandoah Community School District Board of Directors. This school corporation has exclusive jurisdiction over school matters in the territory of the school district.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code §§ 274.1, .2, .6, .7; 278.1(9); 279.8; 594A (2009).
Cross Reference: 200 Legal Status of the Board of Directors

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101 EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

As a school corporation of Iowa, the Shenandoah Community School District, acting through its board of directors, is dedicated to promoting an equal opportunity for a quality public education to its students. The board's ability may be limited by the school district's ability and willingness to furnish financial support in cooperation with student's parents and school district community. The board is also dedicated to providing the opportunity to develop a healthy social, intellectual, emotional, and physical self-concept in a learning environment that provides guidance to and encourages critical thinking in the students for a lifetime.

The board endeavors, through the dedication of the school district's resources, to encourage students, who come to the school district from a variety of backgrounds, to look forward to the time when they will have jobs, homes, families, places in the school district community, and attain recognition as individuals. In order to achieve this goal, the board will seek qualified employees dedicated to development of their professional skills for the betterment of the education program and for the expertise for educational productivity.

Instruction and curriculum are the key elements of a public education. Critical thinking and problem-solving skills that will assist the students' preparation for life is instructed as part of a sequentially coordinated curriculum. The school district strives to prepare students for employment, to discover and nurture creative talent and to prepare them to meet and cope with social change in an atmosphere conducive to learning.

The support and involvement of the home and the school district community are essential to achieve educational excellence in the school district. The school district strives to maintain an active relationship with the home and the school district community to create within the students an awareness of dignity and worth of the individual, civic responsibility and respect for authority.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code §§ 256.11, .11A (2009).

Cross Reference: 103 Equal Educational Opportunity
 105 Long-Range Needs Assessment
 600 Goals and Objectives of the Education Program
 602 Curriculum Development

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101.1 MISSION STATEMENT

The Shenandoah Community School District, in partnership with families and the community, will provide each student an educational environment that maximizes his or her potential to become responsible, successful citizens and lifelong learners in an ever-changing world.

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102 SCHOOL DISTRICT INSTRUCTIONAL ORGANIZATION

The Shenandoah Community School District offers an educational program for grades pre-kindergarten through twelve. The levels of instruction are organized by the following levels:

Elementary: Pre-kindergarten through fourth grade will attend at the PK-8 Building in Shenandoah. Middle School: Fifth grade through eighth grade will attend at the PK-8 Building in Shenandoah.

High School: Ninth grade through twelfth grade will attend at the Shenandoah High School in Shenandoah.

Alternative High School, otherwise known as the Flex Ed Center, will serve students in grades 9-12 at the High School.

Each school level will have a principal or designee responsible for the administration and management of the school building, the school building employees and the education program. The principals and designees shall work closely with the superintendent, who shall oversee the administration and management of the school district.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code §§ 256.11, .11A; 275.1; 279.11; 280.14 (2009).

Cross Reference: 501 Student Attendance

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103 EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

It is the goal of the board to develop a healthy, social, intellectual, emotional, and physical self-concept in the students enrolled in the school district. Each student attending school will have the opportunity to use its education program and services as a means for self-improvement and individual growth. In so doing, the students are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that assures each student.

The Shenandoah Community School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, religion, creed, age (for employment), marital status (for programs), sexual orientation, gender identity, and socioeconomic status (for programs) in its educational programs and its employment practices. The belief in equal education opportunity serves as a guide for the board and employees in making decisions related to school district facilities, employment, selection of educational materials, equipment, curriculum, and regulations affecting students. There is a grievance procedure for processing complaints of discrimination. If you have any questions or a grievance related to this policy please contact Aaron Burdorf, Equity Coordinator, 601 Dr. Creighton Cir., Shenandoah, IA 51601, (712) 246-2520, burdorfa@shencsd.com.

Board policies, rules and regulations affect students while they are on school district property or on property within the jurisdiction of the school district; while on school owned and/or operated school or chartered vehicles; while attending or engaged in school activities; and while away from school grounds if misconduct will directly affect the good order, efficient management and welfare of the school district.

The board requires all persons, agencies, vendors, contractors and other persons and organizations doing business with or performing services for the school district to subscribe to all applicable federal and state laws, executive orders, rules and regulations pertaining to contract compliance and equal opportunity.

Inquires by students regarding compliance with equal educational opportunity and affirmative action laws and policies, including but not limited to complaints of discrimination, are directed to the Affirmative Action Coordinator by writing to the Affirmative Action Coordinator, Aaron Burdorf, Shenandoah Community School District, 601 Dr. Creighton Cir, Shenandoah, IA 51601; or by telephoning (712) 246-2520.

Inquiries by students regarding compliance with equal educational opportunity and affirmative action laws and policies, including but not limited to complaints of discrimination, may also be directed in writing to the Director of the Region VII office of Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education, John C. Kluczynski Federal Building, 230 S. Dearborn St., 37th Floor, Chicago, IL, 60604 (312) 730-1560, fax (312) 730-1576 OCR.Chicago@ed.gov, the Iowa Civil Rights Commissioner, <https://icrc.iowa.gov>, (515) 281-4121 or the Iowa Dept. of Education, Grimes State Office Bldg., Des Moines, IA 50319. (515) 281-5294. This inquiry or complaint to the federal or state office may be done instead of, or in addition to, an inquiry or complaint at the local level.

Legal Reference: 20 U.S.C. §§ 1221 *et seq.*
20 U.S.C. §§ 1681 *et seq.*
20 U.S.C. §§ 1701 *et seq.*
29 U.S.C. § 206 *et. seq.*
29 U.S.C. § 794.
42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d and 2000e.
42 U.S.C. §§ 12101 *et seq.*
34 C.F.R. Pt. 100.
34 C.F.R. Pt. 104.
Iowa Code §§ 216.6; 216.9; 256.11; 280.3.
281 I.A.C. 12.

Cross Reference: 101 Educational Philosophy of the School District
401.1 Equal Employment Opportunity
500 Objectives for Equal Educational Opportunities for Students
506.1 Student Records

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103.E1 SECTION 504 NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION

Students, parents, employees and others doing business with or performing services for the Shenandoah Community School District are hereby notified that this school district does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, national origin, religion, creed, gender, gender identity, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, or disability in admission or access to, or treatment in, its programs and activities. Any person having inquiries concerning the school district’s compliance with the regulations implementing title VI, Title VII, Title IX, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), § 504 or Iowa Code §280.3 is directed to contact:

(Title) Equity Coordinator, Aaron Burdorf

(Where Located) Shenandoah K-8 Building

(Telephone Number) (712) 246-2520

who has been designated by the school district to coordinate the school district’s efforts to comply with the regulations implementing Title VI, Title VII, Title IX, the ADA, § 504 and Iowa Code 280.3.

103.E2 GRIEVANCE FORM FOR COMPLAINTS OF DISCRIMINATION OR NON-COMPLIANCE WITH
FEDERAL OR STATE REGULATIONS REQUIRING NON- DISCRIMINATION

I, _____, am filing this grievance because

(Attach additional sheets if necessary)

Describe incident or occurrence as accurately as possible:

(Attach additional sheets if necessary)

Signature_____

Address_____

Phone Number_____

If student, Name_____ Grade Level_____

Attendance Center_____

103.E3 GRIEVANCE DOCUMENTATION

Name of Individual Alleging Discrimination or Non-Compliance:

Grievance Date: _____

State the nature of the complaint and the remedy requested:

Indicate Principal's or Supervisor's response or action to above complaint:

Signature of Principal or Supervisor: _____

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DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINT FORM

Date of complaint: _____

Name of Complainant: _____

Are you filling out this form for yourself or someone else (please identify the individual if you are submitting on behalf of someone else): _____

Who or what entity do you believe discriminated against, harassed, or bullied you (or someone else)? _____

Date and place of alleged incident(s): _____

Names of any witnesses (if any): _____

Nature of discrimination, harassment, or bullying alleged (check all that apply):

<input type="checkbox"/>	Age	<input type="checkbox"/>	Physical Attribute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sex
<input type="checkbox"/>	Disability	<input type="checkbox"/>	Physical/Mental Ability	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sexual Orientation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Familial Status	<input type="checkbox"/>	Political Belief	<input type="checkbox"/>	Socio-economic Background
<input type="checkbox"/>	Gender Identity	<input type="checkbox"/>	Political Party Preference	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other – Please Specify:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Marital Status	<input type="checkbox"/>	Race/Color		
<input type="checkbox"/>	National Origin/Ethnic Background/Ancestry	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion/Creed		

In the space below, please describe what happened and why you believe that you or someone else has been discriminated against, harassed, or bullied. Please be as specific as possible and attach additional pages if necessary.

I agree that all of the information on this form is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

103.E4 SECTION 504 STUDENT AND PARENTAL RIGHTS

The Shenandoah Community School District does not discriminate in its educational programs and activities on the basis of a student's disability. It has been determined that your child has a qualifying disability for which accommodations may need to be made to meet his or her individual needs as adequately as the needs of other students. As a parent, you have the right to the following:

- Participation of your child in school district programs and activities, including extracurricular programs and activities, to the maximum extent appropriate, free of discrimination based upon the student's disability and at the same level as students without disabilities;
- Receipt of free educational services to the extent they are provided students without disabilities;
- Receipt of information about your child and your child's educational programs and activities in your native language;
- Notice of identification of your child as having a qualifying disability for which accommodations may need to be made and notice prior to evaluation and placement of your child and right to periodically request a re-evaluation of your child;
- Inspect and review your child's educational records including a right to copy those records for a reasonable fee. You also have a right to ask the school district to amend your child's educational records if you feel the information in the records is misleading or inaccurate should the school district refuse to amend the records, you have a right to a hearing and to place an explanatory letter in your child's file explaining why you feel the records are misleading or inaccurate;

Inquiries concerning the school district's compliance with the regulations implementing Title VI, Title IX, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), § 504 or Iowa Code § 280.3 should be directed to:

(Title) Equity Coordinator, Aaron Burdorf

(Where located) Shenandoah K-8 Building (Telephone No.) 712-246-2520

who has been designated by the school district to coordinate the school district's efforts to comply with the regulations implementing Title VI, Title IX, the ADA, § 504 or Iowa Code § 280.3.

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103.R1 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Students, parents of students, employees, and applicants for employment in the school district will have the right to file a formal complaint alleging discrimination under federal or state regulations requiring non-discrimination in programs and employment.

Level One Principal, Immediate Supervisor or Personal Contact Person
(Informal and Optional-may be bypassed by the grievant)

Employees with a complaint of discrimination based upon their age, race, color, national origin, gender, religion, creed, marital status, sexual orientation, or disability are encouraged to first discuss it with their immediate supervisor, with the objective of resolving the matter informally. An applicant for employment with a complaint of discrimination based upon their age, race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity, religion, creed, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, or disability are encouraged to first discuss it with the personnel contact person.

A student, or a parent of a student, with a complaint of discrimination based upon their age, race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity, religion, creed, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, or disability are encouraged to discuss it with the instructor, counselor, supervisor, building administrator, program administrator or personnel contact person directly involved.

Level Two-Compliance Officer

If the grievance is not resolved at level one and the grievant wishes to pursue the grievance, the grievant may formalize it by filing a complaint in writing on a Grievance Filing Form, which may be obtained from the Compliance Officer. The complaint will state the nature of the grievance and the remedy requested. The filing of the formal, written complaint at level two must be within 15 working days from the date of the event giving rise to the grievance, or from the date the grievant could reasonably become aware of such occurrence. The grievant may request that a meeting concerning the complaint be held with the Compliance Officer. A minor student may be accompanied at that meeting by a parent or guardian. The Compliance Officer will investigate the complaint and attempt to resolve it. A written report from the Compliance Officer regarding action taken will be sent to the involved parties within a reasonable time after receipt of the complaint.

Level Three-Superintendent/Administrator

If the complaint is not resolved at level two, the grievant may appeal it to level three by presenting a written appeal to the superintendent within five working days after the grievant receives the report from the Compliance Officer. The superintendent may request a meeting with the grievant to discuss the appeal. A decision will be rendered by the superintendent within a reasonable time after the receipt of the written appeal. If, in cases of disability grievances at the elementary and secondary level, the issue is not resolved through the grievance process, rather, the parents have a right to an impartial hearing to resolve the issue.

This procedure in no way denies the right of the grievant to file formal complaints with the Iowa Civil Rights Commission, the U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights or Office of Special Education Programs, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, or the Iowa Department of Education for mediation or rectification of civil rights grievances, or to seek private counsel for complaints alleging discrimination.

Level Four-Appeal to Board

If the grievant is not satisfied with the superintendent's decision, the grievant can file an appeal with the board within five working days of the decision. It is within the discretion of the board to determine whether it will hear the appeal.

The Compliance Officer is:

Name Equity Coordinator, Aaron Burdorf

Office Address Shenandoah K-8 Building

Phone Number (712) 246-2520

Office Hours 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

104 THE PEOPLE AND THEIR SCHOOL DISTRICT

The board recognizes the value of interaction and participation of the citizens of the school district. The board will cooperate and participate, whenever possible, with residents in the district while carrying out its elected responsibilities.

It shall be the responsibility of the superintendent to keep the board apprised of opportunities for involvement with the school district.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code § 279.8 (2009).

Cross Reference: 209.1 AD HOC Committee
215 Public Participation in the Board Meetings
401.15 Employee Political Activity
402.6 Employee Relations to the Public
504.7 Student Work/Intern Programs
703.1 Budget Planning
901 Public Communications
904.2 Community Resource Persons and Volunteers

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104.1 ANTI-HARASSMENT/BULLYING POLICY

Harassment and bullying of students, employees, officers, board directors and volunteers are against federal, state and local policy, and are not tolerated by the board. The board is committed to providing all students, employees, officers, board directors and volunteers with a safe and civil school environment in which all members of the school community are treated with dignity and respect. To that end, the board has in place policies, procedures, and practices that are designed to reduce and eliminate bullying and harassment as well as processes and procedures to deal with incidents of bullying and harassment. Bullying and harassment of students, employees, officers, board directors or volunteers or by other students, employees, officers, board directors, or volunteers or by others such as parents, vendors, and persons doing business with the school district, will not be tolerated in the school or school district.

For the purpose of this policy, the term “volunteer” includes, but is not limited to, a person performing a service for the benefit of and at the request of the school district.

The board prohibits harassment, bullying, or hazing of students, employees, officers, board directors and volunteers based on any of the following actual or perceived traits or characteristics: age, color, creed, national origin, race, religion, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, physical attributes, physical or mental ability or disability, ancestry, political party preference, political belief, socioeconomic status, or familial status.

This policy is in effect while students, employees, officers, board directors and volunteers are on property within the jurisdiction of the board; while on school-owned or school-operated vehicles; while attending or engaged in school-sponsored or school approved activities or functions regardless of location; and while away from school grounds if the misconduct directly affects the good order, efficient management and welfare of the school or school district.

If, after an investigation, a student is found to be in violation of this policy, the student shall be disciplined by appropriate measures up to, and including, suspension and expulsion. If after an investigation a school employee is found to be in violation of this policy, the employee shall be disciplined by appropriate measures up to, and including, termination. If, after an investigation, a school officer or board director is found to be in violation of this policy, the officer or director shall be subject to appropriate measures which may include public reprimand or removal from office, in accordance with applicable board policies and procedures and the law. If, after an investigation, a school volunteer is found to be in violation of this policy, the volunteer shall be subject to appropriate measures up to, and including, exclusion from school grounds.

Harassment and bullying mean any electronic, written, verbal, or physical act or conduct toward a student, employee, officer, board director or volunteer which is based on any actual or perceived trait or characteristic of the individual and which creates an objectively hostile school or work environment that meets one or more of the following conditions:

Places the student, employee, officer, board director or volunteers in reasonable fear of harm to their person or property;

- Has a substantially detrimental effect on the student’s, employee’s, officer’s, board director’s or volunteer’s physical or mental health;
- Has the effect of substantially interfering with the student’s academic performance or an employee’s, officer’s, board director’s or volunteer’s work performance; or
- Has the effect of substantially interfering with the student’s, employee’s, officer’s, board director’s or volunteer’s ability to participate in or benefit from the services, activities, or privileges provided by a school.

“Electronic” means any communication involving the transmission of information by wire, radio, optical cable, electromagnetic, or other similar means. “Electronic” includes but is not limited to communication via electronic mail, internet-based communications, pager service, cell phones, electronic text messaging, or similar technologies.

Harassment and bullying may include, but are not limited to, the following behaviors and circumstances:

- Verbal, nonverbal, physical or written harassment, bullying, hazing, or other victimization that have the effect of causing injury, discomfort, fear, or suffering to the victim;
- Repeated remarks of demeaning nature that have the effect of causing injury, discomfort, fear, or suffering to the victim;
- Implied or explicit threats concerning one’s grades, achievements, property, etc. That have the effect of causing injury, discomfort, fear, or suffering to the victim;
- Demeaning jokes, stories, or activities directed at the victim that have the purpose or effect of causing injury, discomfort, fear, or suffering to the victim; and/or
- Unreasonable interference with a victim’s performance or creation of an intimidating, offensive, or hostile learning or work environment.

Sexual harassment means unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when:

- Submission to the conduct is made either implicitly or explicitly a term or condition of the student’s education or benefits or the individual’s work or employment;
- Submission to or rejection of the conduct by a student or school employee is used as the basis for academic decisions affecting that student or employment decisions affecting the individual; or
- The conduct has the purpose or effect of substantially interfering with the student’s academic performance or individual’s work performance, or creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive education or work environment.

In situations between students and school officials, faculty, staff, or volunteers who have direct contact with students, bullying and harassment may also include the following behaviors:

- Requiring that a student submit to bullying or harassment by another student, either explicitly or implicitly, as a term or condition of the targeted student’s education or participation in school programs or activities; and/or
- Requiring submission to or rejection of such conduct as a basis for decisions affecting the student.

To the extent provided in Iowa Code Section 280.28, any person who promptly, reasonably, and in good faith reports an incident of bullying or harassment under this policy to a school official, shall be immune from civil or criminal liability relating to such report and to the person’s participation in any administrative, judicial, or other proceeding relating to the report.

Retaliation, reprisal, or false accusation against any person because the person has filed a bullying or harassment complaint or assisted or participated in a harassment investigation or proceeding is also prohibited. Individuals who knowingly file false harassment complaints and any person who gives false statements in an investigation shall be subject to discipline by appropriate measures, as shall any person who is found to have retaliated against another in violation of this policy. Any student found to have retaliated in violation of this policy shall be subject to measures up to, and including, suspension and expulsion. Any school employee found to have retaliated in violation of this policy shall be subject to measures up to, and including, termination of employment. A school officer or board director found to have retaliated in violation of this policy shall be subject to measures up to, and including, public reprimand and removal from office, in accordance with applicable board policies and procedures and the law. Any school volunteer found to have retaliated in violation of this policy shall be subject to measures up to, and including, exclusion from school grounds. Other persons found to have retaliated in violation of this policy shall be subject to appropriate measures as determined by the school district.

The school or school district will promptly and reasonably investigate allegations of bullying or harassment. The building principal or designee will be responsible for handling all complaints alleging bullying or harassment at the school building level. The superintendent or designee will be responsible for handling all complaints of bullying and harassment at the district administration or board level.

It also is the responsibility of the superintendent, in conjunction with principals, to develop procedures regarding this policy. The superintendent also is responsible for organizing training programs for students, employees, school officers, board directors and volunteers. The training will include how to recognize harassment and what to do in case someone is bullied or harassed. It will also include proven effective harassment prevention strategies. The superintendent will also develop a process for evaluating the effectiveness of the policy in reducing bullying and harassment. The superintendent shall report to the board on the progress of reducing bullying and harassment.

The board will annually publish this policy. The policy may be publicized by the following means:

- Inclusion in the student handbook,
- Inclusion in the employee handbook
- Inclusion in the registration materials
- Inclusion on the school or school district's web site,

And a copy shall be made available to any person at the central administrative office at 304 West Nishna, Shenandoah, IA 51601

Legal References:

20 U.S.C. §§ 1221-1234i (2004).

29 U.S.C. § 794 (1994).

42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d-2000d-7 (2004).

42 U.S.C. §§ 12001 *et. seq.* (2004).

Senate File 61, 1st Regular Session, 82nd General Assembly, (2007). Iowa Code §§ 216.9; 280.3 (2009).

281 I.A.C. 12.3(6).

Morse v. Frederick, 127 S.Ct. 2618 (2007)

Cross References:

502 Student Rights and Responsibilities

503 Student Discipline

506 Student Records

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104.E1 ANTI-BULLYING/HARASSMENT COMPLAINT FORM

Name of complainant: _____

Position of complainant: _____

Name of student or employee target: _____

Date of complaint: _____

Name of alleged harasser or bully: _____

Date and place of incident or incidents: _____

Nature of Discrimination or Harassment Alleged (Check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Age	<input type="checkbox"/>	Physical Attribute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sex
<input type="checkbox"/>	Disability	<input type="checkbox"/>	Political Belief	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sexual Orientation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Familial Status	<input type="checkbox"/>	Race/Color	<input type="checkbox"/>	Socio-economic Background
<input type="checkbox"/>	Marital Status	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion/Creed	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other – Please Specify:
<input type="checkbox"/>	National Origin/Ethnic Background/Ancestry	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gender or Gender Identity		

Description of misconduct: _____

Name of witnesses (if any): _____

Evidence of harassment or bullying, i.e., letters, photos, etc. (attach evidence if possible):

Any other information: _____

I agree that all of the information on this form is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____

Date: ____ / ____ / ____

104.1E2 ANTI-BULLYING/HARASSMENT WITNESS DISCLOSURE FORM

Name of witness: _____

Position of witness: _____

Date of testimony, interview: _____

Description of incident witnessed: _____

Any other information: _____

I agree that all of the information on this form is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____

Date: / / _____

104.1E3 DISPOSITION OF ANTI-BULLYING/HARASSMENT COMPLAINT FORM

Name of complainant: _____

Name of student or employee target: _____

Grade and building of student or employee: _____

Name and position or grade of alleged perpetrator /respondent: _____

Date of initial complaint: _____

Nature of discrimination or harassment alleged (Check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Age	<input type="checkbox"/>	Physical Attribute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sex
<input type="checkbox"/>	Disability	<input type="checkbox"/>	Political Belief	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sexual Orientation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Familial Status	<input type="checkbox"/>	Race/Color	<input type="checkbox"/>	Socio-economic Background
<input type="checkbox"/>	Marital Status	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion/Creed	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other – Please Specify:
<input type="checkbox"/>	National Origin/Ethnic Background/Ancestry	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gender or Gender Identity		

Summary of investigation: _____

I agree that all of the information on this form is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____

Date: ____ / ____ / ____

104.1R1 ANTI-HARASSMENT/BULLYING INVESTIGATION PROCEDURES

Individuals who feel that they have been harassed should:

Communicate to the bully/harasser that the individual expects the behavior to stop, if the individual is comfortable doing so. If the individual wants assistance communicating with the bully/harasser, the individual should ask a teacher, counselor, principal, or superintendent to help.

If the harassment does not stop, or the individual does not feel comfortable confronting the harasser, the individual should:

1. tell a teacher, counselor, principal or superintendent: and
2. write down exactly what happened, keep a copy and give another copy to the teacher, principal or superintendent including:
 - what, when and where it happened;
 - who was involved;
 - exactly what was said or what the harasser did;
 - witnesses to the harassment;
 - what the complainant said or did, either at the time or later;
 - how the complainant felt; and
 - how the bully/harasser responded.

COMPLAINT PROCEDURE

An individual who believes that the individual has been harassed or bullied will notify the building principal or designee for all complaints at the school building level. The superintendent or designee will be responsible for handling all complaints of bullying and harassment at the district administration or board level. The alternate investigator is the Equity Coordinator, Assistant Principal or designee. The investigator may request that the individual complete the Harassment/Bullying Complaint form and turn over evidence of the harassment, including, but not limited to, letters, tapes, or pictures. However, completion of a complaint on the Harassment/Bullying Complaint form is not mandatory for purposes of investigating a complaint. The complainant shall be given a copy of the completed complaint form. Information received during the investigation is kept confidential to the extent possible.

An investigator, with the approval of the principal or the superintendent has the authority to initiate an investigation in the absence of a written complaint.

INVESTIGATION PROCEDURE

Level One

The building principal (or designee), for harassment or bullying occurring at the school building level, and the superintendent (or designee), for harassment or bullying occurring at the district administration or board level, will assign an investigator. The investigator will be designated by the building principal or superintendent and can be a supervisor, a building or district administrator, or a designated level 1 investigator for Chapter 102 complaints. The complainant should be informed of these choices and given the opportunity for input into the choice of investigator assigned to the complaint. Once assigned, the investigator will reasonably and promptly commence the investigation. The investigator will interview the complainant and the alleged harasser/bully. The alleged harasser/bully may file a written statement in response to the complaint. The investigator may also interview witnesses and consider other evidence as deemed appropriate. Upon completion of the investigation, the investigator will make written findings and conclusions as to each allegation of harassment or bullying and report the findings and conclusions to the principal (or designee), superintendent (or designee) or board president (or

designee), depending upon whether the alleged harassment or bullying occurred at the school building or district administration or board level. The investigator will provide a copy of the written findings and conclusions of the investigation to the principal (or designee), superintendent (or designee) or board president (or designee), as appropriate.

Following receipt of the investigator's report, the principal, superintendent, or board president designee, as appropriate, may investigate further, if deemed necessary, and make a determination of any appropriate additional steps, which may include discipline or other remedial action.

Prior to the determination of the appropriate discipline or other remedial action, the principal, superintendent, or designee, as appropriate, may, at his/her discretion, interview the complainant and the alleged harasser/bully. The principal, superintendent, or designee, as appropriate, will file a written report closing the case and documenting any disciplinary action taken or any other action taken in response to the complaint. The complainant, the alleged harasser/bully and the investigator will receive notice as to the conclusion of the investigation. The principal, superintendent, or designee, as appropriate will maintain a log of information necessary to comply with Iowa Department of Education reporting procedures.

Level Two

If the complaint is not resolved at level one to the satisfaction of the complainant or the alleged harasser/bully, the grievant(s) may appeal the findings to the superintendent or appropriate designee. The filing of the level two complaint must be within fifteen (15) working days from the date of the conclusion of the level one investigation and must be made in writing using the anti-harassment/bullying complaint form stating the nature of the grievance. The grievant may request a meeting concerning the complaint with the superintendent or designee. A parent or guardian may accompany a minor student. The superintendent or designee shall investigate the complaint and attempt to resolve it. A written report from the superintendent or designee regarding action taken will be sent to the involved parties within fifteen (15) working days after receipt of the level two complaint.

POINTS TO REMEMBER IN THE INVESTIGATION

- Evidence uncovered in the investigation is treated as confidential, to the extent possible.
- Complaints must be taken seriously and investigated.
- No retaliation will be taken against individuals involved in the investigation process.
- Individuals who retaliate will be subject to discipline as appropriate.
- The totality of the circumstances will be considered in determining whether conduct constitutes harassment or bullying in violation of this policy.
- Students, employees, officers, board directors, and volunteers are expected to fully and fairly cooperate in any investigation.

CONFLICTS

If the designated investigator is the subject of or a witness to the incident or is otherwise personally affected by the complaint procedures related to the incident, an alternate investigator shall investigate the complaint. If the building principal, superintendent, or designee involved in the investigation procedure and resolution of the complaint is the subject of or a witness to the incident or is otherwise personally affected by the complaint procedures related to the incident, an alternate administrator shall serve as a substitute.

This procedure in no way denies the right of a person to file a formal complaint with the Iowa Civil Rights Commission, the Federal Office of Civil Rights for the U.S. Department of Education, the Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and/or the Iowa Department of Education for mediation or rectification of civil rights grievances, or to seek private counsel for complaints alleging bullying, harassment, or discrimination.

The Superintendent for the school district is responsible for ensuring the proper implementation of this policy and

procedures.

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105 LONG-RANGE NEEDS ASSESSMENT

School districts also need to develop a process for long-range needs assessment. The process needs to include three items:

- Provisions for collecting, analyzing and reporting information derived from local, state and national sources;
- Provisions for reviewing information acquired on the following:
 - State indicators and other locally determined indicators,
 - Locally established student learning goals,
 - Specific data collection required by state and federal programs;
- Provisions for collecting and analyzing assessment data on the following:
 - State indicators,
 - Locally determined indicators,
 - Locally established student learning goals.

106 DISCRIMINATION AND HARASSMENT BASED ON SEX PROHIBITED

In accordance with Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972, the Shenandoah Community School District prohibits sex discrimination, including sexual harassment as defined by the regulations implementing Title IX (34 C.F.R. § 106.30), against any individual participating in any education program or activity of the District. This prohibition on discrimination applies to students, employees, and applicants for employment.

The Board authorizes the Superintendent to adopt procedures for any individual to report sexual harassment to the District’s Title IX Coordinator, for the provision of supportive measures to anyone who has been subjected to sexual harassment whether or not they proceed with a formal complaint under those procedures, and for the investigation and resolution of such complaints, as required by Title IX. This Title IX grievance process shall be used to respond to all complaints of sexual harassment that fall within the scope of Title IX. For complaints of sexual harassment that do not fall within the scope of Title IX, the District may still offer supportive measures to the subject of such conduct and shall apply any other policy or procedure applicable to the alleged conduct.

Any individual with questions about the District’s Title IX policy and procedures, or who would like to make a report or file a formal complaint of sex discrimination or sexual harassment may contact the District’s Title Coordinator, Aaron Burdorf, JK-8 Principal & Equity Coordinator, Shenandoah JK-8, 601 Dr. Creighton Circle, Shenandoah, IA 51601, (712) 246-2520, email burdorfa@shencsd.com.

Retaliation against a person who made a report or complaint of sexual harassment, assisted, or participated in any manner in an investigation or resolution of a sexual harassment report or complaint is strictly prohibited. Retaliation includes threats, coercion, discrimination, intimidation, reprisals, and/or adverse actions related to employment or education. Any individual who believed they have been retaliated against in violation of this Policy should immediately contact the District’s Title IX Coordinator.

Legal Reference: 20 U.S. C. § 1681 *et seq.*
 34 C.F.R. § 106 *et seq.*

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