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0100 - DEFINITIONS

Whenever the following items are used in these bylaws, policies, **and administrative guidelines**, they shall have the meaning set forth below:

Administrative Guideline

A statement, based on policy, usually written, which outlines and/or describes the means by which a policy should be implemented and which provides for the management cycle of planning, action, and assessment or evaluation.

Agreement

A collectively negotiated contract with a recognized bargaining unit.

Apps and Services

Apps and services ("**apps/services**") are software (i.e., computer programs **and applications**) that support the interaction of personal communication devices (as defined in Bylaw 0100, **below~~above~~**) or **technology resources (as defined by Bylaw 0100, below) or information resources (as defined by Bylaw 0100, below)** over a network, or client-server applications in which the user interface runs in a web browser. Apps and services are used to communicate/transfer information/data that allow students to perform actions/tasks that assist them in attaining educational achievement goals/objectives, enable staff to monitor and assess their students' progress, and allow staff to perform other tasks related to their employment. Apps and services also are used to facilitate communication to, from, and among and between staff, students, and parents, Board members and/or other stakeholders, and members of the community.

Board

The Board of Education.

Bylaw

Rule of the Board for its own governance.

Classified Employee

An employee who provides support to the District's program and whose position does not require a professional license.

Compulsory School Age

A child between six (6) and eighteen (18) years of age or a child under six (6) years of age who has been enrolled in kindergarten unless at any time the child's parent or guardian, at the parent's or guardian's discretion and in consultation with the child's teacher and principal, formally withdraws the child from kindergarten.

District

The School District.

Due Process

The safeguards to which a person is entitled in order to protect their rights.

Educational Service Center Superintendent

The Superintendent of Schools for the Hamilton County Educational Service Center Schools.

Full Board

Authorized number of voting members entitled to govern the District.

Information Resources

The Board defines Information Resources to include any data/information in electronic, audio-visual, or physical form, or any hardware or software that makes possible the storage and use of data/information. This definition includes, but is not limited to, electronic mail, voice mail, social media, text messages, databases, CD-ROMs/DVDs, websites, motion picture film, recorded magnetic media, photographs, digitized information, or microfilm. This also includes any equipment, computer facilities, or online services used in accessing, storing, transmitting, or retrieving electronic communications.

May

This word is used when an action by the Board or its designee is permitted but not required.

Meeting

Any prearranged discussion of the Board's public business by a majority of Board members.

Parent

The natural, adoptive, or surrogate parents or the party designated by the courts as the legal guardian or custodian of a student. Both parents will be considered to have equal rights unless a court of law decrees otherwise. When a student is the subject of a power of attorney or caretaker authorization affidavit executed by the student's grandparent(s), the term parents shall also refer to the grandparent designated as the attorney-in-fact under the power of attorney or the grandparent who executed the affidavit.

Although the grandparent shall have rights and responsibilities with regard to the care, physical custody, and control of the student, including the ability to enroll the student in school, to obtain from the District educational or behavioral information about the student, consent to all school-related matters, and consent to medical, psychological, or dental treatment for the student, the power of attorney does not convey legal custody of the grandchild to the grandparent and does not affect the rights of the parent, guardian, or custodian of the student in any future proceeding concerning the custody of the student or allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care of the student.

Likewise, although the grandparent shall have rights and responsibilities with regard to the care, physical custody, and control of the student, including the ability to enroll the student in school, to discuss with the District the student's educational progress, consent to all school-related matters, and consent to medical, psychological, or dental treatment for the student, the caretaker authorization affidavit does not convey legal custody of the grandchild to the grandparent and does not affect the rights of the student's parents, guardian or custodian regarding the care, physical custody, and control of the child.

R.C. 3313.64, 3109.52, 3109.65

Personal Communication Devices

Personal communication devices ("PCDs") are electronic communication devices powered by batteries or electricity that are capable of receiving, transmitting, or receiving and transmitting communication between individuals or groups that are not issued by the District for the purpose of instruction. Examples of PCDs include computers, laptops, tablets, e-readers, cellular telephones, smartphones, gaming devices, smartwatches and other wearable technology, and other web-enabled devices used to communicate. R.C. 3313.753

Policy

A general, written statement by the Board of Education which defines its expectations or position on a particular matter and authorizes appropriate action that must or may be taken to establish and/or maintain those expectations.

President

The ~~President~~ chief executive officer of the Board of Education. (See Bylaw ~~0152 - Officers~~0173—Board Officers)

Principal

The educational leader and head administrator of one (1) or more District schools. In policy and administrative guidelines, implies delegation of designated responsibilities to appropriate members of the principal's staff.

Professional Staff Member

An employee who implements or supervises one (1) or more aspects of the District's program and whose position requires a professional credential from the ~~Ohio State Board of Education~~ Division of Teacher Education and Licensing.

Relative

The mother, father, sister, brother, spouse, parent of spouse, child, grandparents, grandchild, or dependent in the immediate household as defined in the negotiated, collectively-bargained agreement.

Secretary

~~The chief clerk of the Board of Education.~~

Shall

This word is used when an action by the Board or its designee is required. (The word "will" or "must" signifies a required action.)

Social Media

Social media are online platforms where users engage one another and/or share information and ideas through text, video, or pictures. Social media consists of any form of online publication or presence that allows interactive communication including, but not limited to, text messaging, instant messaging, websites, web logs ("blogs"), wikis, online forums (e.g., chat rooms), virtual worlds, and social networks. Examples of social media include, but are not limited to, Facebook, Facebook Messenger, Google Hangouts, Twitter, LinkedIn, YouTube, Flickr, Instagram, Pinterest, Snapchat, Skype, and Facetime. Social media does not include sending or receiving e-mail through the use of District-issued e-mail accounts. Apps and services shall not be considered social media unless they are listed on the District's website as District-approved social media platforms/sites.

Student

A person who is officially enrolled in a school or program of the District.

Superintendent

The chief executive officer of the School District. In policy, implies delegation of responsibilities to appropriate staff members.

Technology Resources

The Board defines Technology Resources to include computers, laptops, tablets, e-readers, cellular/mobile telephones, smartphones, web-enabled devices, video and/or audio recording equipment, SLR and DSLR cameras, projectors, software and operating systems that work on any device, copy machines, printers and scanners, information storage devices (including mobile/portable storage devices such as external hard drives, CDs/DVDs, USB thumb drives and memory chips), the computer network, Internet connection, and online educational services and apps.

Textbook

This word is used to describe the learning material duly adopted and required as standard work for the study of a particular subject. It may be bound and printed with a hard or soft cover, or it may be electronic, e.g., computer software, interactive videodisc, magnetic media, CD ROM, computer courseware, online service, electronic medium, or other means of conveying information.

Treasurer

The chief fiscal officer of the District.

Vice-President

The Vice-President of the Board of Education. (See Bylaw ~~0173 - Board Officers~~ 0152 - Officers)

Voting

A vote at a meeting of the Board of Education. The law requires that Board members must be physically present in order to have their vote officially recorded in the Board minutes. R.C. 3313.18, 3313.20

Citations to Ohio Statute are noted as R.C. (Revised Code). Citations to Rules of the State Board of Education are noted as A.C. (Administrative Code). Citations to the Federal Register are noted as FR, to the Code of Federal Regulations as C.F.R., and to the United States Code as U.S.C.

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Legal

R.C. 3109.52, 3109.65

R.C. 3313.18, 3313.20, 3313.64, 3313.753