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## Section 1 Intent of Handbook

This handbook is intended to be used by students, parents and staff as a guide to the rules, regulations and general information about Sterling Public High School. Each student is responsible for becoming familiar with the handbook and knowing the information contained in it. Parents are encouraged to use this handbook as a resource and to assist their child in following the rules contained in it.

Although the information found in this handbook is detailed and specific on many topics, the handbook is not intended to be all encompassing so as to cover every situation and circumstance that may arise, during any school day or school year. This handbook does not create a "contract." The administration reserves the right to make decisions and make rule revisions at any time to implement the educational program and to assure the wellbeing of all students. The administration will be responsible for interpreting the rules contained in the handbook. Should a situation or circumstance arise that is not specifically covered in this handbook, the administration will make a decision based upon all applicable school district policies, and state and federal statutes and regulations.

The rules and standards in this handbook apply to all school buildings or any school grounds during, immediately before or immediately after school hours. They also apply to any school-sponsored functions or events whether on or off school grounds. This handbook does not define all types and aspects of student conduct. However, the Board of Education has the responsibility to set forth policies, rules and regulations to help students conduct themselves in a proper manner as good citizens of the school community.

Policy explanations in this handbook are suspended by any and all school board policies passed regarding any of the items. Notification of changes will be made available to students and parents. In addition, items may need to be revised to meet new laws; regulations or situations, any questions related to them should be referred to the school administration. This handbook is in effect until the issuance of a new addition.

The Sterling Public School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, religion, age or other protected status in its programs and activities and provides equal access to designated youth groups. The following persons have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:

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