

## K-12 Student Handbook

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"Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere." ~ Chinese Proverb ~

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#### **INTRODUCTION**

This handbook is designed to acquaint students and parents or guardians with the general requirements and regulations for our school. A handbook will be made available to each student or family. It will be of value to all students by enabling them to better plan their schedules and activities. This handbook will serve as a general guide and will not attempt to cover every detail needed as circumstances arise.

#### FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

I would like to welcome each of you to the Newman Grove Public Schools. It is our sincere desire to help you make this school year a most enjoyable and memorable one.

This handbook has been reviewed and approved by the Administration and the Board of Education. It is presented to you in order that you and your parents may better acquaint yourselves with the Newman Grove Public Schools. Read it carefully and keep it, for hand reference, in your notebook.

Your school performance is of vital importance to you now and even more so in your future. Your classroom performance and your permanent record are your tickets to the future. The grades you ear, your accomplishments in school activities, the friends you make and the habits you form can be a valuable asset to you for the rest of your life.

Let's start setting a good example by building a good reputation, by making ourselves known to the other students and to the staff as persons of good character, excellent scholarship and good sportsmanship, and by being friends to all.

--Superintendent Mikal Shalikow

#### **ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS**

(Source: Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services) Students from Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade, including all transfer students from outside the State of Nebraska and any foreign students

- 3 doses of DTaP, DTP, DT, or Td vaccine, one given on or after the 4th birthday; DTP booster for 7<sup>th</sup> grade;
- 3 doses of Polio vaccine;
- 3 doses of pediatric Hepatitis B vaccine or 2 doses of adolescent vaccine if student is 11-15 years of age.
- 2 doses of MMR or MMRV vaccine, given on or after 12 months of age and separated by at least one month;
- 2 doses of varicella (chickenpox) given on or after 12 months of age. Written documentation (including year) of varicella disease from parent, guardian, or health care provider will be accepted. If the child has had varicella disease, they do not need any varicella shots.

Students who enter Newman Grove Schools for the first time and must provide a copy of their birth certificate and immunization records.

#### NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

Newman Grove Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, marital status, or age in admission or access to, or treatment of employment in, its programs or activities. It is the intent of Newman Grove Public Schools to comply with both the letter and the spirit of the law in making certain discrimination does not exist in its policies, regulations and operations. Grievance procedures have been established for anyone who feels discrimination has been shown by Newman Grove Public Schools. Inquiries regarding grievance procedures or the application of these policies of nondiscrimination can be obtained by contacting the Superintendent Schools; Box 370; Newman Grove, NE 68758 or call 826-5855 for Title IX, Title VI, Section 504.

Newman Grove Public Schools no discrimina en la base de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, desabilidad, estado civil, o edad en admicion o acceso a, o tratmiento de empleo, programas, o actividades. Es el inteto de Newman Grove Schools de seguir con la carta y el espirito de la lay en haciendo que no exista sierta discriminacion en estas policas, regulaciones, y operaciones. Procedos de queja hansido establisadas para cualquier persona que sienta discriminacion que asido ensenada por Newman Grove Schools. Inquarios regardando procedos de queja o la applicacion de estas polizas de no discriminacion pueden ser obtenidas por contacto al Superintendent de las Esquelas; Box 370; Newman Grove, NE 68758 o llame 826-5855 por Title IX, Title VI, Section 504.

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#### PHILOSOPHY

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#### STUDENTS AND LEARNING

WE BELIEVE . . .

That students are unique in many respects and that maximum growth is achieved when programs are individualized.

That the acquisition of basic academic skills and applied life skills are the right and responsibility of each student.

That student learning is enhanced by a positive and supportive atmosphere.

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That students are better able to learn when they have a positive image of themselves as learners.

That wanting to learn is a natural drive for humans and that, under proper conditions, students will be motivated intrinsically to learn and achieve.

That students must be treated fairly and with respect in a setting that provides for discipline, clearly defined rules, and guidance.

That students should be challenged to maximize their potential.

That students must learn to be good decision-makers and to be responsible for their actions.

#### TEACHERS AND TEACHING

WE BELIEVE . . .

That teaching is a very important profession; a profession that requires talented individuals who are committed to ongoing professional growth.

That a positive and healthy self-image enhances the teacher's ability to help students.

That teachers who are empathetic, who are good communicators, and who have a healthy rapport with students, are better able to meet student needs.

That teachers should be skills in a variety of teaching approaches and techniques and should have effective classroom management skills.

That teachers are responsible for planning and promoting a positive, supportive and motivational classroom climate.

That teachers should recognize and react to individual student needs as well as group needs.

That teachers and administrators are important role models for students.

That teachers should be involved in the decision-making process of the school and the district.

#### SCHOOLS AND THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

#### WE BELIEVE . . .

That all school and district decisions should be based upon the mission of the school which is the education of all students.

That schools should be structured in a manner that helps students to mature, to become responsible for their behavior, and to become lifelong learners.

That the district should insist on an orientation toward quality and excellence at all levels of the organization.

That the district should promote a positive learning and working environment and a team approach to management.

That open and accurate communication between role groups and between the school and community is critical to an effective school and an effective district.

That the district should continue to improve through planning for the world of tomorrow through staff development, and through responsible experimentation and innovation.

That all support systems in the school and district earn their right to exist by providing support to the teaching-learning process.

That educating a child is the joint responsibility of the school and the parents, and that schools require parental support to be most effective.

Mikal Shalikow, Superintendent Darrell Barnes, Principal