

**ELEMENTARY HANDBOOK  
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## **NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION**

Bancroft-Rosalie Community School 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 Bancroft-Rosalie Community School 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 Bancroft-Rosalie Community School

Inquires regarding grievance procedures or the application of these policies of nondiscrimination can be obtained by contacting Superintendent Jon Cerny, Box 129, Bancroft, NE 68004 or call 402-648-3336.

## **SCHOOL HOURS**

School begins at 8:15 a.m. PARENTS PLEASE NOTE--- Pre-School & K-12 students from Rosalie are not to arrive at the Rosalie building before 7:30 a.m. The breakfast bus will leave for Bancroft at 7:40 a.m. A second bus will leave at 7:50a.m. Pre-School & K-12 students from Bancroft are not to arrive at the Bancroft building until 8:00 a.m. unless they are eating breakfast, which will start at 7:45a.m. A.M. Pre-School students will leave Bancroft at 11:50 and P.M. Pre-school students will be picked up in Rosalie at 12:00. Pre-school hours are 8:15-11:45 for the A.M. class and 12:15-3:45 for the P.M. class.

## **SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS**

The school office is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Parents are encouraged to call the office for an appointment if they wish to have a conference with the principal or the teacher. The Bancroft office phone number is 648-3336.

## **CHAIN OF COMMAND**

The Superintendent is ultimately responsible for all phases of the educational program. The organization and administration is delegated to the Principal. Any problems should follow the chain of command.

Board of Education  
Superintendent  
Principal  
Classroom Teacher  
Teacher's Aide

## **PARENT CLASSROOM VISITATIONS**

Parents are not only invited to visit school, but are strongly encouraged to do so. Parents are asked to make prior arrangements with the classroom teacher. Visits will be no longer than 2 hours on any given day.

## **STUDENT VISITORS FROM OTHER SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

Prior arrangements through the office are needed for all student visits. Guest students are welcome to visit during noon, but will not be allowed during class time without principal permission.

## **PARTY INVITATIONS/GIFT EXCHANGES**

If invitations for parties are to be handed out in school, all boys or girls must be included. No student Gift Exchanges will be allowed at school.

## **STUDENT RECORDS**

SEC 79-4, 158. SCHOOL BOARD; BOARD OF EDUCATION; OFFICIAL POLICY RESPECTING PERSONNEL FILES AND STUDENTS RECORDS, RULES AND REGULATIONS; of each school district shall adopt and publish an official policy respecting personnel files and student records, which policy shall not conflict in any manner with rules and regulations of the State Records Administrator adopted pursuant to section 84 -1201 to 84-1220, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943. (laws 1973)

A cumulative record will be kept for each student in Bancroft-Rosalie Community School which will include such information as: test scores, school marks, health records, work experience, high school activities, and any other information that will be meaningful. I.E.P. records are kept in a separate file.

This information will be available to the counselor and to the teachers so that each may better understand the student. NO information will be provided other school systems, agencies, prospective employers, or institutions of higher learning unless a release form for the same has been signed by the parents or a student (18 years old).

The counselor will supply an official transcript of grades from the permanent record of pupils transferring to another school or seeking admission into college upon written request.

The transcript will be sent directly to the receiving school or college. Pupils who are 18 or have graduated or their parents or guardian may review and challenge the pupils records according to law.

### **CHECKING IN & OUT WITH THE OFFICE**

Please make sure that all students check in and out of the office when arriving late or leaving early from school. Parents should send notes explaining the student's absence or reason for leaving early.

### **ATTENDANCE**

Regular school attendance is necessary in order for your child to make satisfactory progress. In order to account for all children each day, please call us between 7:45 and 8:15 a.m. or send word, via a brother or sister, that your child will not be in school that day. If by 9:00 a.m. we have not received a message from you, we will attempt to contact you. On the day following the absence, please send a written note to school explaining the absence. If your child needs to be dismissed before the end of the regular school day, parents are requested to call the elementary office or send a written note to school prior to the dismissal.

After five days absence from school during a semester, a letter will be sent home notifying the parents. After the seventh day absent from school during a semester for any reason the student will be assigned to stay after school for fifteen minutes of make-up time for each hour missed from school.

K-6 absences, students will stay in from morning recess the day following an absence to get caught up with missed work. One recess for each day missed.

Example - A student misses eight days of school first semester. Two hours of make-up time will be assigned because 8 hours have been missed. Doctor's excuses will not waive this procedure.

### **TARDINESS**

It is the responsibility of the parents to see that their children arrive at school on time. Students are tardy if they are not in their classrooms when class is scheduled to begin. Students are tardy up until 9:00 a.m., after that they are marked 1/2 day absent. Students that leave school before 3:00 p.m. are also 1/2 day absent.

### **HOMEWORK**

Elementary teachers realize that the normal, active child needs to be alone, to think, to relax, and to enjoy himself. Homework, therefore, in the elementary grades will be minimal. Homework will not be of a disciplinary nature, but just reinforce principles learned during the day. Homework assignments reflect a given lesson; provide practice for skills taught, and such that can be shared with the parents as well. Ample time will be given in school for students to complete most homework assignments. Time guidelines for homework when assigned:

Grades 1-2	10-20 minutes	Grades 3-4	20-40 minutes	Grade 5-6	30-60 minutes
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Special situations at any grade level may warrant deviations from this schedule. Remember - Homework is a joint activity between home and school.

### **PLAYGROUND**

Rules are established for the safety of the children. Hard balls and football equipment are not allowed. Contact sports such as tackle football are not permitted. Students are discouraged from bringing personal toys and equipment to school and do so at their own risk.

#### **Recess Rules for Playground**

1. Go down the slides on your bottom, feet first, one at a time. No climbing up the sides. No jumping off the sides of the slides.

2. No jumping off the equipment.
3. No climbing on top of the railings.
4. One at a time on all the equipment.

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5. Don't run under the monkey bars or the gliders.
6. No pushing or shoving on the playground or in line.
7. Football must be touch football using a soft football. Stay on your feet; no diving after the ball. No kicking the ball.
8. No kicking any ball, unless playing an organized game of kick ball.
9. Don't throw balls at other people. The exceptions are an organized dodge ball game or ball tag. Foam balls must be used for these games.
10. Don't throw wood chips or rocks.
11. No foot fighting on the monkey bars.

### Recess rules for the Gyms

1. No kicking balls unless in an organized game.
2. No pushing and shoving while playing or while in line.
3. No one can be excluded from an activity.
4. No lying on the floor—stay on your feet and don't dive after balls.
5. No crack the whip or running holding hands.
6. Don't throw balls at other people. The exceptions are dodge ball and ball tag, which must be played with foam balls.
7. Only soft footballs may be used in the gym.
8. Don't touch the volleyball nets.
9. Balls may be used in the gyms only, not in the commons.
10. Jump ropes may not be used in the new gym.

### ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Students are required to be in school for six of the eight periods in order to be able to attend school activities that night. Trips to daytime activities during school hours by students who are not authorized participants are not considered excused absences. (Example Students are not allowed to miss school to attend their brothers or sisters Track Meet) Students will receive an unexcused absence and they will be required to make up the time they missed.

Students may attend State Competitions as spectators with their parents as long as their absence is pre-arranged and all work is made up before the day the student is absent.

NO elementary students will be allowed in the gymnasium lobby during games without a parent. Students may go to the restrooms or concession stand between quarters or at half-time.

### RECESS-OUTDOORS

No outdoor recess is held if it's raining or the cold is excessive. Please dress your child according to the weather.

### PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Regular Parent-Teacher Conferences are held twice each year for students in Pre-school through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Special conferences may be arranged by calling the school or by sending a note to your child's teacher. Conferences may not be held when the teacher is responsible for class supervision.

The teacher is the first step in any concern, question, or complaint. The principal will be available to discuss the situation after the parent-teacher conference. The principal will attend any conference at the request of the parent or teacher.

### TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS

Parents may request to know the qualifications of their student's teachers. Requests need to be directed to the Administration.

### PHONE/ADDRESS CHANGE

The school should be notified of any change of address or home telephone number. If you are

uncertain as to whether we have current information, please contact office personnel so we can update as necessary. Emergency situations often arise when this information is vital to the school. Also, please notify us of any change or plans for moving so sufficient time is given for accumulating student records.

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Written parental permission is needed before students' records can be transferred or requested by schools.

### **CONDUCT**

Student responsibilities include the following:

- 1) To comply with the rules of the classroom and school.
- 2) To pursue the prescribed course of study.
- 3) To be alert and responsible to directions.
- 4) To respect and respond to the authority of teachers and other school personnel.
- 5) To be courteous to fellow students and school personnel and respect the rights and property of others.

With these responsibilities, students have the freedom and encouragement to express their individuality. That freedom cannot intrude upon or endanger the freedom of others, nor can it interfere with our teaching or other students' learning. Disobedience or open defiance of school regulations or authority shall constitute sufficient cause for disciplinary action from temporary suspension of in-school privileges or after school detention to suspension or expulsion from school.

Parents can assist in promoting good behavior by:

- 1) Supporting the school in requiring students to observe all school rules and regulations and helping students to accept responsibility for any willful misbehavior on their part.
- 2) Maintain an active interest in your child's daily work. Make it possible for students to complete assigned homework, particularly by providing suitable conditions for study at home.
- 3) Check both sides of the story before taking action.

### **REPORT CARDS-GRADING**

Report cards are sent home the week following the close of each quarter. The parents should examine the cards and call the school if they have a question. On the occasion of Parent-Teacher Conferences, report cards are usually held until parents come for their conference. Progress reports are sent home halfway through each quarter. The report card will report on the child's achievement and citizenship. The primary purpose of grades is to communicate student achievement to students, parents, schools and others.

Markings:	A - Excels in subject area	P - Pass
	B - Exceeds basic requirements	E - Excellent
	C - Meets basic requirements	S - Satisfactory
	N - Needs Improvement	U - Unsatisfactory
	NP - Not Passing	

### **Instructions for accessing your students grades via the Internet.**

Call the office for your password and log on at <http://br.powerschool.com>

### **HEALTH SERVICES**

Students are to report all injuries to the office immediately. A school nurse will give each student an eye, ear, and scoliosis screening every year.

### **STUDENT INSURANCE**

The school itself does not carry accident insurance on students in event of injury. Athletes may purchase insurance made available as a service of the school to help pay the cost of covered football injuries. There will also be insurance offered to the students for school-time, 24-hour accident and 24-hour dental accident plans.

### **PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS**

- REQUIRED FOR: Each student entering:
1. Kindergarten
  2. Seventh Grade
  3. From Another State Regardless of Grade Level

A student must provide written evidence signed by a qualified physician that the student has had a physical examination within six months prior to the opening of school. The cost of the required physical examination shall be borne by the parent or guardian of each child.

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Important! No student in any of the above groups (Kindergarten, Grade Seven, and any student new to the district from another state) will be permitted to enroll in school unless the school is provided with (1) evidence of a physical examination within the past six months, or (2) a parent signed waiver. Nebraska State School Law 79-444 establishes the above requirements as enacted by the legislature of the State of Nebraska.

ACCORDING TO STATE LAW ANY STUDENT WHO DOES NOT COMPLY WITH THE STATE IMMUNIZATION AND PHYSICAL EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS SHALL NOT BE PERMITTED TO CONTINUE IN SCHOOL

### **ILLNESS - COMMUNICABLE DISEASES**

Keep your child at home and consider calling the doctor if he/she has: nausea, sore throat, diarrhea, skin rash, enlarged glands, earache, inflamed eye, (Pink Eye for at least the first day- student must be on medication for 24 hours before coming to school) discharging ear, extreme paleness, coughing. The school reserves the right to exclude students at times of questionable health problems or conditions. The school may also require a signed physicians statement before allowing the student to return to school. If a student was sent home due to Head Lice they will need to be brought into the office by a parent and checked by school personnel before they will be allowed back into the classroom.

If your child is absent because of illness he/she should bring a note from home. Ill or injured children are not usually kept at school. The parents are contacted when this occurs so that they may come and take the child home.

First aid is administered to the students in the classroom, the office, or by the school nurse. The emergency page, which we have on file for each student, helps us to locate the parents or someone listed on the page in case we cannot locate the parents. In case of an emergency the rescue unit will take the student to the hospital if a parent cannot be reached.

### **IMMUNIZATION**

All students in graded K through 12 must be immunized. Protection against the following diseases is required:

1) Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (Whooping Cough); 2) Polio; 3) Measles/Rubella; 4) Mumps; 5) Hepatitis B (beginning August 2000) Schools are required to have either an adequate immunization history or a parent signed waiver of immunization from every student. Adequate proof of immunization shall be a written record listing at least the month and year of each immunization.

### **B-R'S DISCIPLINE PROCEDURES**

The purpose of discipline is to correct unacceptable behavior. When a student's actions interfere with the educational process, the rights of others or the operation of Bancroft-Rosalie Community School, appropriate action will be taken.

Each teacher will explain their procedures and rules to the students and what action may occur with the different types of behaviors.

### **CELL PHONES**

**Students are not allowed to have Cell Phones in their possession during the school day (8:15-3:43). If a student is caught with a cell phone during this time the following will take place:**

**First Offense - phone will be taken away and turned in to the office, parent will have to make arrangements to pick up the cell phone after school.**

**Second Offense - phone will be taken away for 5 days, parent will have to make arrangements to pick up the phone at school after a conference with the administration.**

**Third Offense – phone will be taken away for 10 days, parent will have to make arrangements to pick up the phone at school after a conference with the administration.**

**Fourth Offense - phone will be taken away for 15 days, parent will have to make arrangements to pick up the phone at school after a conference with the administration.**

**Fifth Offense - phone will be taken away for 20 days, parent will have to make arrangements to pick up the phone at school after a conference with the administration.**

**Sixth Offense - Cell Phone will not be given back until the end of the school year**

### **DETENTIONS**

A student assigned to a detention by a teacher or the office must serve the detention on the day it is received or the following day from 3:15 - 3:45 p.m. On the third detention of any quarter, the student will receive an in-school suspension, 4th detention - 3 day in-school, 5th detention - 1 day out of school suspension, 6th detention - 3 day out of school, any further detentions will result in expulsion.

### **IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSIONS**

Students will get their assignments from their teachers before school the day or days of their suspensions.

### **SUSPENSIONS**

The following behaviors deserve special attention and will result in suspension or expulsion:

1. Refusal to comply with reasonable standards of behavior established by teachers or building administrators. (In-school suspension)
2. Vandalism of property belonging to the school district, staff, students. (Pay for repair or replacement and one day in-school suspension)
3. Dangerous communicable disease transmissible through normal school contacts. (Removal from school) A Drs. note may be required before they will be admitted back in school
4. Gross disrespect for teachers, fellow students, school officials, and employees. (3-day in-school suspension or out-of-school suspension)
5. Fighting. (1-3 days in-school suspension or out of school suspension)
6. Theft. (3 days in-school suspension or out of school suspension)  
Subsequent offenses for 1-6 will result in a more severe suspension or an expulsion.
7. Engaging in the unlawful possession, selling, dispensing, or use of a controlled substance, or alcoholic liquor. A student found possessing drugs, drug paraphernalia, using or under the influence of an alcoholic beverage or controlled substance at school or a school activity will be suspended from school pending review of the case by the Board of Education. This in no way shall prevent prosecution by proper authorities.
8. Tobacco; State law prohibits smoking in public buildings except where authorized. There are no authorized places in Bancroft-Rosalie Community Schools for students. This ruling has been extended to include chewing tobacco and dipping snuff. A violation of the smoking policy will result in a one-day suspension from school. If there are repeated violations expulsion from

school

may be the only remedy.

### **LONG-TERM SUSPENSIONS AND EXPULSIONS**

Long-term suspensions shall mean the exclusion of a student from attendance in school within the Bancroft-Rosalie School System for a period exceeding five school days but less than twenty school days. Expulsion shall mean exclusion from attendance in school within the system for a period of time not to exceed the remainder of the semester in which it took effect. The following student conduct shall constitute grounds for a long-term suspension or expulsion subject to the procedural provisions of Nebraska State Law when such activity occurs on school grounds or during an educational function or event off school grounds:

1. Use of violence, force, coercion, threat, intimidation, or similar conduct in a manner that constitutes a substantial interference with school purposes;
2. Willfully causing or attempting to cause substantial damage to private or school property, stealing or attempting to steal private or school property of substantial value, or repeated damage or theft involving private or school property of small value.
3. Causing or attempting to cause physical injury to a school employee or any student. Physical injury caused by accident, self-defense or other action undertaken on the reasonable belief that it was necessary to protect some other person shall not constitute a violation of this subdivision;

4. Threatening or intimidating any student for the purpose of, or with the intent of, obtaining money or anything of value from such student;
5. Knowingly possessing, handling, or transmitting any object or material that is ordinarily or generally considered a weapon.
6. Engaging in the unlawful possession, selling, dispensing, or use of a controlled substance, or alcoholic liquor.

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7. Engaging in any other activity forbidden by the laws of the State of Nebraska which activity constitutes a danger to other students or interferes with school purposes; or
8. A repeated violation of any rules validly established pursuant to section 7 of this act if such violations constitute a substantial interference with school purposes.
9. If a student is determined to have brought a firearm to school, the student shall be expelled from school for a period of not less than one year. The superintendent may modify such one-year expulsion requirement on a case-by-case basis.  
It shall be the policy of Bancroft-Rosalie community Schools to ensure that students receive fair treatment consistent with their constitutional right to due process and fundamental fairness with the context of an orderly and effective educational process, prior to being subject to emergencies exclusion, short term or long term suspensions, expulsions, or mandatory reassignments.

### **BULLYING POLICY**

One of our missions of the district is to provide a physically safe and emotionally secure environment for all students and staff. Positive behaviors (non-violence, cooperation, teamwork, understanding and acceptance of others) are to be encouraged in the educational program and are required of all staff. Inappropriate behaviors (bullying, intimidation, harassment) are to be identified and students and all staff are required to avoid such behaviors. Strategies and practices are to be implemented to reinforce positive behaviors and to discourage and protect others from inappropriate behaviors.

### **BUSES/VANS**

The bus drivers are responsible for their buses and the discipline on them. Students may be refused transportation if they do not follow the rules and regulations for behavior on the buses. All passengers in school vans must wear a seat belt.

Students may not ride any bus other than the one to which they are assigned except in an emergency and then only with special permission being given by the principal. A note or phone call from the parents must precede this permission. Riding the bus is considered a "privilege" and one that can be denied. Don't lose your riding privilege - **FOLLOW THESE RULES:**

1. For your own safety, do not distract the bus driver through misbehavior.
2. Be courteous, use no profane language.
3. Do not eat or drink on the bus, unless your bus driver or sponsor has given permission.
4. Keep the bus clean. Put papers in the trashcan.
5. Cooperate with the driver.
6. Do not be destructive.
7. Stay in your seat when the bus is moving.
8. Keep head, hands and feet inside the bus.
9. No fighting, teasing, name calling, pushing or shoving.
10. Bus driver is authorized to assign seats.
11. No Balloons will be allowed on the Buses or School Vans

The following are the usual consequences to inappropriate behavior:

1. First Offense: Verbal warning from the bus driver; Student may be assigned a seat
2. Second Offense: Written notice sent home.
3. Third Offense: Written notice and phone call to parents from principal and may lose bus riding privileges.

### **SCHOOL CLOSING**

In the event of a severe blizzard or other emergency conditions, which would make it unsafe to transport students or to hold school, an announcement will be made as early as possible. School closings

will be broadcast over KFAB in Omaha, KWPN - AM 84 in West Point, and Sioux City Radio/TV stations.

### **LIBRARY**

Students are scheduled to go to the library for one period each week, but are allowed other visits as permitted by their teachers. Their privileges may be taken away if proper care of books is not maintained. Students may be assessed fines for damaged or lost books or other materials. If a student loses a book, he/she must pay for it before he/she is issued another one. Students may be charged the full price for replacing a book. Students may be also be charged for damaged or dirty books.

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### **MONEY**

When students bring money to school, it should be placed in an envelope with the student's name, grade, and purpose of the money written on the envelope. This will help prevent money from becoming lost or unidentified.

### **HOT LUNCH**

The school lunch program is available every day for all students (1-6). **Breakfast prices are \$1.25 for Elementary and Pre-School. Lunch prices are \$1.75 for Elementary and Pre-School.** Extra Milk or Juice is \$ .50. Free and reduced price lunches are available for families in financial need. Application forms must be completed and approved before these special prices can be given. There is a limit of \$50.00 that a family may charge. Families with outstanding charges from the previous school year will not be allowed to charge any meals until negative balances are taken care of.

In accordance with Federal law and the U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call (800) 795-3272 (voice) or (202) 720-6382 (TTY). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

### **FIELD TRIPS**

Various classes may take educational field trips during the school year. Such trips will be made in school buses with a teacher in charge. A permission slip will be sent home and must be signed by a parent in order for the child to attend.

### **FIRE AND TORNADO DRILLS**

The school is required by law to have drills. Designated areas and passageways are devised for the students and posted in the rooms. Teachers will describe the procedure for their room to each of their classes.

**Guidelines for Dispensing Medication During School Hours**

*Important Information for Parents/Guardians*

**Your Written consents if required prior to school personnel providing or administering medication to a child (including over-the counter, non-prescription medications)). By signing below, you acknowledge the following:**

If needed, the prescribing physician may be contacted by the school nurse for clarification on medication administered.

Your child’s medication will be given by school personnel deemed competent through training or supervision by the Registered School Nurse to provide medication as called for in the Nebraska Medication Aid Act.

You will notify the school promptly if there are changes in your child’s medication to be provided at school.

All medications products must be sent to the school in the original container with labels in tact, including child’s name, physicians name and directions for administering. Medications in bags or any other for of “Home Packaging” will not be accepted, due to safety considerations

**Written Parental Consent: Must be Complete prior to Medication Begin Given At School**

I give permission to the \_\_\_\_\_ school to provide \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of School Name of medication & dose

To \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ directed for \_\_\_\_\_  
Child’s Name time Reason For Medication

Date Medication is to begin \_\_\_\_\_

Date after which the medication should be provided: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of parent/guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

