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## MEMO

**TO:** Central Lyon Board of Education  
**FROM:** Brent Jorth, Superintendent  
**DATE:** December 6, 2019  
**RE:** Policy Revision: 502.1-502.10

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I recommend the Board approve the policies as submitted. The Board may waive the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Below is a summary, an addendum to the Board Packet has the policies as revised for review.

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### **502.1 Student Appearance**

This policy reflects the current status of the law regarding student appearance.

### **502.2 Care of Student Property/Vandalism**

Students are expected to treat school district property with the care and the respect they would treat their own property. If not, students may be required to reimburse the school district, and may be subject to discipline under board policy and the school district rules and regulations.

### **502.3 Student Expression**

The title has changed to Student Expression from Freedom of Expression. This policy represents the current status of students' first amendment rights.

### **502.4 Student Complaints and Grievances**

Student complaints and grievances regarding board policy or administrative regulations and other matters should be addressed to the student's teacher or another licensed employee, other than the administration, for resolution of the complaint. It is the goal of the board to resolve student complaints at the lowest organizational level.

#### **502.4.1 Grievance Procedures-Title IX & Section 504 Students**

This policy does not align with IASB. It is recommended that it be removed because the district's non-discrimination policy (102) covers Title IX and student and parental rights under Section 504 are addressed in 102.E3.

### **502.5 Student Lockers**

Some minor language tweaks. Iowa law requires students or another individual to be present during the inspection of lockers. For locker searches, see Policy 502.8, Search and Seizure.

### **502.6 Weapons**

This is a mandatory policy. The board may specifically authorize individuals to be armed with, carry, or transport a firearm on school grounds under limited circumstances outlined in law. Reasons for this authorization may include, conducting instructional programs regarding firearms or for conducting an Iowa Department of Natural Resources approved hunter education course or shooting sports activities course on school property.

## **502.7 Smoking - Drinking - Drugs**

This was updated and approved earlier this fall.

### **502.7.1 Student Assistance Program**

It is recommended this policy be removed and administrators develop rules for documenting their interventions when working with at-risk students. The school board will be informed of these rules when they approve the at-risk/dropout prevention plan annually.

## **502.8 Search and Seizure**

### **502.8E1 Search and Seizure Checklist**

### **502.8R1 Search and Seizure Regulation**

This policy reflects current law regarding school district authority and aligns with IASB sample policies for searching students, their possessions, lockers, desks and vehicles. Language that is being updated now includes "protected student areas" and eliminates language defining protected student areas such as: "lockers, personal effects, desks, work or student vehicles."

The checklist and regulation are procedural safeguards for administrators in their enforcement of search and seizure policy.

## **502.9 Interviews of Students by Outside Agencies**

Iowa law does not address access to students by law enforcement authorities or other officials. This policy reflects the generally accepted practice of school districts.

## **502.11 Use of Motor Vehicles**

While this policy is not mandatory, the highlighted language was criteria adopted by a previous Central Lyon School Board and needs to continue to be in board policy according to IASB.

It is my recommendation to change this policy number to 502.10 to align with IASB.

December 4, 2019

Dear Superintendent Jorth and the Central Lyon School Board,

Please accept my resignation from my position as the high school English teacher here at Central Lyon High School. The past three years with Central Lyon have been the most formative and inspiring years of my teaching career, and the students, staff, and community have been so welcoming and supportive! I have chosen to move forward with my teaching career somewhere closer to my home and my growing family, and plan to continue to develop my skills as an educator. I am proud to have been a part of such an inspiring district of passionate teachers, staff, and community, and I will greatly miss my time at Central Lyon. I have truly been blessed with the opportunities presented to me during my time here, and I look forward to using the skills I've developed here in my future professional endeavors. I wish the Central Lyon School District the very best.

Sincerely,

Tabitha Snyder