

Minneola Elementary and Junior High



Student Handbook 2026-2027

Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians,

Welcome to a new school year! This handbook is designed to help you understand our school's expectations, policies, and opportunities. As we begin this exciting journey together, we are "Wild About Learning" and committed to creating a fun, engaging, and supportive environment where every student can grow and succeed.

We encourage all students and families to read this handbook carefully and use it as a guide throughout the year. By showing kindness, responsibility, and respect, we can build a positive school community where everyone feels valued and inspired to learn.

At Minneola Grade School, our primary goal is to ensure each child has a positive learning experience. We believe in the importance of collaboration among the student, home, and school. Your help, support, input, and cooperation are essential components of your child's educational success. To facilitate communication, students in Grades 2-8 will use a planner/assignment notebook, which needs to be signed and returned daily with your signature.

Use our handbook as a tool to familiarize yourselves with our school policies and procedures, including bus regulations, school lunch programs, dress code, and payment schedules.

If you have any questions regarding school policies or any aspect of your child's education, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here to support you every step of the way.

We look forward to a wonderful year of learning, discovery, and success together!

Warm regards,

Donna Roetzer
PreK-8 Principal/ Athletic Director

Minneola Elementary School Faculty and Staff

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Minneola Junior High Coaches/Sponsors

FOOTBALL:	Brandon Cole (Head)	Reigo Hahn (Assistant)
VOLLEYBALL:	Tricia Jaeger (Head)	Kim Nelson (Assistant)
BOYS' BASKETBALL:	(Head)	(Assistant)
GIRLS' BASKETBALL:	Jim Nelson (Head)	Ashlee Haughton (Assistant)
CHEERLEADING:	Sydnee Cole	
QUIZ BOWL:	Dona Esplund	
BOYS TRACK:	Sydnee Cole (Head)	
GIRLS TRACK:	Beth Hornback (Head)	

School Hours and Attendance

School hours are as follows:

Preschool Hours: AM session: 8:00-11:00 PM session 12:30-3:40 Mon.-Thurs.
12:30-2:45 Friday

K-8 Hours:

8:05	**First Bell (K-8 students dismissed to rooms)**
8:10 AM to 3:40 PM	Regular schedule for Grades K-8
8:10 AM to 2:45 PM	Short schedule on Fridays and when announced

School Arrival Time

Unless participating in the breakfast program, students are asked not to arrive at the Grade School building until **8:00 AM**. Upon arrival all students, **grades K-8**, are required to go to the gym until dismissed.

Dress Code

Students are expected to dress appropriately at school and school related activities. Articles of clothing which display negative connotations are not allowed. Clothing tops with no straps, tops with thin straps, bare midriff (arm in any position without showing skin), low cut tops, or that advertises any alcohol, cigarettes, a Bar or Pub, or which is sexually suggestive will not be allowed. Tank tops with wide shoulder straps are allowed. Shorts should be of mid-thigh length. When the student puts their hands down at their side, the shorts should be longer than their arms/fingertips. ***Inappropriate dress will be left to the discretion of the principal.*** No shorts will be worn from Oct. 15-Apr. 15 for grades PreK-5 because of outside recess. Shoes should be appropriate for activities at school so students can move in the halls and on the playground without any danger to themselves or others. . Hats or headgear of any kind will not be worn at school or school activities except on special designated days.

Violation of Dress Code

Students who violate the Dress Code Policy will be given appropriate clothing to wear for that school day, parents will be notified, and in the instance of a third violation there will be a conference held with the student, parents, and principal to establish a new Dress Code for that particular student.

Transportation

The safe transportation of your child to and from school is of utmost concern to us. If, for any reason, your child will not be riding their regular bus home, **a note must be sent to the teacher or a phone call to the office before 3:00 explaining the plans for that day.** If neither the teacher nor the office receives notification of the change in transportation plans, your child will be placed on his/her regular bus at the end of the day. This policy will be in effect for all Elementary School Students, grades K-8.

School Meals

Minneola school kitchen personnel are proud to provide our students with delicious meals, both breakfast and lunch. The school breakfast program is available to all USD #219 students' grades PreK-12. **Breakfast is served to students each morning beginning at 7:45 AM.** Students not participating in the breakfast program are asked to go to the gym until they are dismissed for class.

The school lunch program is available to students' grades K-12. Applications for free or reduced prices for school meal programs are available through the Elementary School Office. Parents who wish to eat with their children are asked to come to the Elementary School Office to sign in before eating. You're invited to one meal during the year free of charge.

Meal Prices

Lunch	$3.30—grades K-4	Breakfast	$2.40—grades K-4
	$3.40—grades 5-12		$2.45—grades 5-12
	$4.30—Adults		$2.75—Adults
	$1.80- 2nd Main Dish		$1.80- 2nd Salad
Extra Milk	$0.50		

Bus Loading & Unloading Zones

All buses will be loading and unloading east of the Grade School. There will be **NO parking** in the designated bus zone area during the posted times.

P.E. and Recess

Please send a note or call if your child is not to participate in P.E. or recess stating the duration of the request. Your child will be excused from participation in P. E. for only 48 hours unless a note is sent with a doctor's signature.

Birthdays

If your child would like to bring favors or treats for class members on their birthday, please check with his/her teacher to schedule a convenient time. Only prepackaged items that are purchased will be allowed for treats. (Please do not send drinks or items requiring refrigeration.)

Language

The use of inappropriate or foul language is not be tolerated in the school or on the school grounds at any time. Your support in instructing and setting a good example of appropriate language usage is appreciated. Parents will be notified and disciplinary action taken should your child choose to use inappropriate language at school.

Optional Insurance

The school district will offer a student insurance program. It is available as a "school time" policy or "24 hour" policy. Parents are advised to read and review thoroughly the statement of coverage and determine if it meets the needs of their family. Forms are available at the Elementary School Office.

Visitors at the Elementary School

Visitors are welcome at the Elementary School. However, there are some guidelines which must be followed:

1. All visitors must report to the office first (including parents bringing something to or picking up their child during the school day).
2. Please make arrangements with the classroom teacher ahead of time if you wish to visit school.
3. Any student returning/leaving after school has started for the day, needs to be signed in/out in the Grade School Office.
4. Children not enrolled in school are not permitted to visit school unless prior arrangements have been made through the principal.

Personal Electronic Devices

The possession and use of personal electronic devices at Minneola Grade School is prohibited. This includes JH activities and events also. It is strongly recommended that personal devices be left at home. Personal devices include, but are not limited to: phones, smartwatches, laptops, tablets, air pods or other wireless devices, etc. If necessary and with staff permission, a student may make a phone call using one of the school's phones. Each classroom and the Grade School Office have phone access. Also, sponsors/coaches have phones available for students on field/activity trips if needed. The school is not responsible for lost, stolen, or broken personal electronic devices. **The first violation will be considered a severe behavior and will result in one day in-school suspension. Parents will also have to come to the school to pick up the device.**

Collection Procedures

Unpaid Fees and Negative Account Balances

Unpaid or overdue accounts disrupt accounting practices within the district. All persons who owe overdue fees or have negative account balances with the district shall be notified of the delinquency up to three times in not less than ten day increments by the superintendent or superintendents designate via letter sent by U.S. First Class Mail providing that the individual owes the district fees or that a specified account has insufficient funds or a negative balance and the reason for the fees or account withdrawals.

If, within ten days after the second notice was mailed, the debt is not paid in full or arrangements have not been made with the superintendent or superintendent's designee to pay it, a third and final notice shall be sent to the debtor by mail. Postage and stationary costs may be added to the original bill.

If full payment is not received by the clerk within ten days after mailing of the final notice, authorization for the enforcement of collections may be obtained through the local small claims court in compliance with Kansas statutes or the superintendent or superintendent's designee may turn the matter over to legal counsel to commence debt collection proceedings on behalf of the district.

Insufficient Funds Checks

The superintendent or the superintendent's designee is authorized to request charges to be filed against a person or persons giving worthless or insufficient fund checks to the school district. In addition, the board adopts the following procedures for dealing with returned checks in the school setting.

Once the person is notified of the first returned check via U.S. First Class Mail, if restitution is made within five working days from the notification being mailed, there will be no charge for a returned check. If after a second notification is sent, restitution is not made within an additional five working days, a fee of $10.00 will be charged.

- If a person has a second returned check, he/she will be notified and assessed a $15.00 fee, providing restitution is made within five working days. After the second notification is mailed concerning the second returned check, a fee of $20.00 will be assessed.
- For a third returned check, the person will be notified, assessed a $30.00 fee, and informed that the district and its schools will not accept any future checks from such person. All future payments to the district or individual schools would then need to be in the form or cash, cashier's check, or credit/debit card payment.

- If restitution of the third check is not made within five working days from mailing the final notification, the superintendent or superintendent's designee will be notified, and the superintendent or superintendent's designee may turn the matter over to the county attorney for legal action.

Attendance

Our goal is to have every child in attendance every day. Homework can be made up, but lost instruction time with a teacher cannot. If your child is ill, please call the Grade School Office at 885-4571 **before 8:30 a.m**. the day of the absence. Absences for other reasons will be excused at the discretion of the Principal. It is **your responsibility** to contact the school when your child is not in attendance. If the school is not notified of an absence, the absence will be recorded as unexcused.

The definition of "excused absence" includes the following:

- Personal illness;
- Health-related treatment, examination, or recuperation;
- Serious illness or death of a member of the family;
- Obligatory religious observances;
- Participation in a district-approved or school sponsored activity or course;
- Absences prearranged by parents and approved by the principal; and
- Students of active duty military personnel may have additional excused absences at the discretion of the principal for visitations relative to leave or deployment.

All absences which do not fit into one of the above categories would be considered an unexcused absence. A student serving a period of suspension or expulsion will not be considered inexcusable absent.

According to Kansas Statute 72-1113 a child is considered truant if that child is "inexcusably absent from school either three consecutive days, or five days in any semester, or seven days in any school year." The school is legally bound to report any student truancy to either juvenile services or the county attorney.

Five excused absences will be accepted per semester. After five excused absences during a semester, subsequent absences may only be excused by either providing a written Doctor's note excusing a student or by the Principal's approval. The doctor's note needs to be turned into the office within 2 school days following the absence.

Children will be counted tardy after the 8:10 a.m. bell. Each semester, students are allowed 2 unexcused tardies. After 2 infractions, detentions will be assigned. Those students that are unexcused tardy after 9:00 will be issued a 30 minute detention. Missed school time may need to be made up either before or after regular school hours. The 3rd tardy will be 30 minutes after school, 4th tardy= 30 minutes after school, and 5th tardy= 30 minutes after school and movement on the disciplinary plan.

The removal of Grade School Students from school must be done by a parent or by arrangements approved by the Principal. Please do not go to the classroom to pick up or drop off your child without first checking in at the Grade School Office to officially sign your child in or out of school. Thank you so much for your cooperation! We want school to be safe and well attended. Good school attendance leads to successful learning. All doctor appointments must be accompanied with a doctor's note.

Storm and Emergency Dismissals

Just remember, that if it becomes necessary to cancel school or dismiss early due to poor weather conditions, parents will be notified by the following media.

Television Stations: KWCH, KSN, & KAKE
Radio Stations: Q97, K95, & KJIL (99)

- **On days that we have a 2 hour late start, morning preschool will not have a session.**

E notes

Another way to stay informed of school cancellations/dismissals is to sign up for E notes. E notes is a program that allows participants to receive text messages to your cell phone or email about school cancellations or event notices and changes. You may sign up for various groups by going to the school webpage: USD219.org, fill in the required information on the left hand side to subscribe. You will need to fill in the information again for each group you would like to receive texts from. If you have questions, please feel free to contact the office for more information.

Toys Policy

Toys, or items used as toys, cell phones, and electronics of any kind aren't permitted at school unless approved in advance by a teacher for a specific learning occasion. This is to avoid them from being broken, lost, or stolen. Even if the object is brought for an approved lesson, the school and school staff bear no responsibility for lost or stolen personal property. If the child is using the object in school (other than during the approved lesson), it will be taken away.

Weekly Eligibility-Junior High (6-8 Grade)

1. Each nine weeks, teachers will send grades to the office for the purpose of establishing student eligibility. Missing assignments will be tracked immediately, failing grades will be tracked beginning the third Thursday of the grading period. Failing is determined by an F in a class.
2. An ineligible list will be created and the students and parents on the list will be notified of their standing. Students with missing assignments or a failing grade will be considered ineligible the following week if the missing assignment is not turned in, or a passing grade is not established.
3. Students will have until 8:00 AM the following Monday morning to turn in assignments, or to establish a passing grade. Parents and students will be contacted on Monday if the student is ineligible. (Missing assignments will be graded at the teacher's discretion)
4. Grades will be turned into the office to determine eligibility every Thursday for the rest of the nine weeks. The process will start over at the start of every nine weeks.
5. Students who have failing grades(s) and/or missing assignments(s) as of 8:00 AM on Monday are considered ineligible for that week's school activities. Students will not be allowed to participate in any district activities that occur outside the normal school day. This includes, but is not limited to games, rehearsals, performances, dances, bus trips, and field trips. (Participation in academic activities is at the teacher's/principal's discretion.)
6. Students who are ineligible will be required to attend a mandatory afternoon study hall Monday-Thursday until missing assignments are completed and/or their grade is passing. If they are on the list, they will attend study hall at least one day even if they have completed the work by study hall time. If it is a week with no school on Monday, then they will attend Tues-Friday. This will help your child complete & avoid missing assignments, and failing grades.
7. Those students out for sports will attend study hall from 3:00-3:30 and then attend practice. Those students who are not out for sports will attend study hall from 3:30-4:00.

DISCIPLINE POLICY

Minneola Grade School

School-Wide Rules:

(1) Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself;
(2) Respect and obey school personnel;
(3) No "put downs";
(4) No obscenity, profanity, or vulgarity;
(5) No disruptive behavior.

CONSEQUENCES (per school year)

Level I
FIRST TIME: After-school detention (30 minutes today or tomorrow), student is to call a parent and make transportation arrangements in the presence of office personnel. Detention form copies to be sent to parents, kept in office, and given to detention room teacher who will send the report to the originating teacher.

2nd, 3rd, & 4th TIMES: After-school detention (30 minutes today or tomorrow), student to contact parents and copies sent as above.

Level II
(After a specified "Severe" incident or four instances at Level I)

FIRST TIME: In school suspension for the following school day;
SECOND TIME: In school suspension for the next two school days.

Level III
(After a specified "Severe" incident or two instances at Level II)

FIRST TIME: Out of school suspension for the following school day;
SECOND TIME: Out of school suspension for the next two school days;
THIRD TIME: Out of school suspension for the next three school days;
ALL OTHER OFFENSES: Out of school suspension for five school days/or Principal discretion.

SEVERE INCIDENTS
In the following instances of severe behavior the normal progression through the levels will be interrupted and special consequences will apply;

(1) Blatant defiance of authority
(2) Fighting
(3) Stealing or destruction of property
(4) Use of tobacco, drugs, alcohol, etc.
(5) Other items covered in district policy

ABOUT LEVEL II AND LEVEL III
Student work made up as a result of out of school suspension will be for credit. Completed work must be turned in upon the student's arrival back to school following the suspension in order to receive credit.

EXPLANATION
If student fails to fulfill the consequence assigned to him/her properly then student goes to next step.

EXPULSIONS
All expulsions will be handled on an individual basis as determined by the administration.

SUSPENSIONS: Any student that is issued an Out of School Suspension may not attend any school functions that day.

USD 219 Bullying Policy

USD 219 Board of Education Policy prohibits bullying in any form on school property, in a school vehicle or at a school-sponsored activity or event. Students who have been subjected to bullying should immediately report bullying incidences to the appropriate authority which may include any USD 219 staff member including certified or non-certified personnel, building administration, or district administration. Once a report of bullying has been made to a USD 219 staff member, appropriate reporting and investigation will pursue. Students who have bullied others in violation of this policy may be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including suspension and expulsion. If appropriate, students who violate the bullying prohibition shall be reported to local law enforcement.

Nature of Complaint: I believe that I or someone I know has been subjected to bullying in the following form(s):

Physical Bullying: *(persistent pushing/shoving, making threats, defacing property, stealing, etc.....)*

Emotional Bullying: *(persistent name calling, teasing, insulting, harassing phone calls, etc.....)*

Social Bullying: (*persistent gossiping, teasing about looks, excluding someone from groups, arranging public humiliation, etc.....)*

Cyber-Bullying: *(persistent texting/messaging threats, posting defamatory web sites, e-mailing derogatory photos, etc.....)*

Minneola U.S.D. #219 Mission Statement

Minneola Schools will provide opportunities that will challenge students to prepare them to be today's learners and tomorrow's leaders.

STUDENT HEALTH

Administration of Medicine

Unified School District No. 219 cannot dispense or supervise internal medication of any kind to children unless by doctor's and/or parent's written request. This would include aspirin or pain relievers.

Any medication sent to school with the child must be sent to the office in the original container. Any prescribed medication must have the student's name on the prescription and dosage given.

If it is necessary for your child to take such medication during the school day, the medication should be provided from the parent or guardian along with instructions explaining how the child is to administer the medication to him or herself.

External medication such as Band-Aids for school-incurred injuries or disinfectants for scratches sustained at school will be available through the office.

School Nurse

Our school nurse will conduct routine sight and hearing examinations, can provide immunizations, and will be involved in various other aspects concerning the health of our students. The school nurse, however, is not authorized to administer any medication, including aspirin, without the written order of a doctor or parent.

Illness and Injury

Should your child become ill during the school day, school personnel will contact parents before sending the child home. Any child with a fever of 100° F or above will be considered ill and will not be allowed to return to the classroom.

In the event of an injury or other emergency, school personnel will attempt to contact parents and a family physician immediately. **Please make sure that emergency phone numbers and doctors' names are on file and kept current in the office.**

Wellness

We are concerned with keeping all children healthy and attending school as much as possible. Should your child become ill, however, we ask that you please not send him/her to school. If your child has an illness with fever, we advise that you keep them at home for a full 24 hours after their fever has broken.

72-5209. (1981 H.B. 2352*1) Certification of immunization; alternatives; copies of act and policy to be given to prospective pupils.

(a) *Subject to provisions of subsection* (c), in each school year every pupil enrolling or enrolled in any school for the first time in this state and such other pupils as may be designated by the secretary, prior to admission to and attendance in school, shall present to the appropriate school board certification from a physician or local health department that the pupil has received, or is in the process of receiving and will have completed within 90 days after admission to school, such tests and inoculations as are deemed necessary by the secretary by such means as are approved by the secretary.

(b) *As an alternative to the certification required under subsection* (a). A pupil shall present:

(1) Certification from a licensed physician stating the physical condition of the child to be such that the tests or inoculations would seriously endanger the life or health of the child, or

(2) a written statement signed by one parent or guardian that the child is an adherent of a religious denomination whose religious teachings are opposed to such tests or inoculation, or

(3) a written statement signed by one parent or guardian that such tests or inoculations are in the process of being received and will be completed within 90 days after admission to school.

(c) *Every pupil enrolling or enrolled in any school in this state who has not complied with the requirements of subsections (a) or (b) of this sections, shall present evidence of compliance with either of such subsections to the school board upon admission to school.*

(d) Prior to the commencement of each school year the school board of every school affected by this act shall give to all known pupils who are enrolled or who will be enrolled in the school, or as designated by the secretary, a copy of this act and any policy regarding the implementation of the provisions of this act adopted by the school board.

(e) *If a pupil transfers from one school to another, the school board of the school from which the pupil transfers shall forward with the pupil's transcript, upon request of the parent or guardian of the pupil therefore, the certification or statement showing evidence of compliance with the requirements of this act to the school board of the school to which the pupil transfers. (L.1975, ch.462*107:L. 1978, ch.291, *2; L 1981, ch. 285, *1; July 1.)*

Supervision of School Activities

Children who attend activities within the school building are the responsibility of the parent. **If they are not accompanied by the parent and proper behavior is not maintained, school personnel may ask the parent to accompany the child or have the student leave the building.**

Safety First

Students walking to school or riding bicycles should be cautioned to practice proper city crossing techniques and to not walk or ride behind cars parked in front of the school. Bikes should be parked in the bike racks located at the East end of the Elementary Building. **Please walk bikes along sidewalk in front of the school building.**

Computer Use

Students shall have no expectation of privacy when using district e-mail or computer systems. E-mail messages shall be used only for approved educational purposes. Students must use appropriate language in all messages. Students are expected to use the system following guidelines approved by teachers or the administration.

Any e-mail or computer application or information in district computers or computer systems is subject to monitoring by the staff and/or administration. The school retains the right to duplicate any information created by students in a computer system or on any individual computer. Students who violate these rules or any other classroom rules relating to computer use are subject to disciplinary action up to and including suspension from school.

JCDBB Weapons

A student shall not knowingly possess, handle, or transmit any object that can reasonably be considered a weapon on the school grounds or off the school grounds at a school activity, function or event.

This policy shall include any weapon, any item being used as a weapon or destructive device, or any facsimile of a weapon.

Possession of a firearm shall result in expulsion from school for a period of one year (186 school days), except that the superintendent may recommend that this expulsion requirements be modified on a case-by-case basis under the provisions of JDC (Probation).

As used in this policy, the term "firearm" means any weapon (including a starter gun) which will or is designed to or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive, the frame or receiver of any such weapon, or any firearm muffler or silencer; or any destructive device.

As used in this policy, the term "destructive device" means any explosive, incendiary or poison gas: bomb, grenade, rocket having a propellant charge of more than four ounces, missile having an explosive or incendiary charge of more than one-quarter ounce, mine, or other device similar to any of these devices.

Examples of weapons include, but are not limited to: firearms--loaded or unloaded--including BB guns and pellet guns; knives having a blade of three and one-half inches or more; any knife which can be opened by means of a switch, button or spring mechanism or which is displayed in any manner which tends to threaten, intimidate, frighten or harass another person; brass knuckles or other objects placed on the fist; numchucks or any other martial arts weapon; slingshots; bludgeons, including any instruments intended to strike another person.

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Special Education Services

In accordance with the provisions of Federal and state law, it is the policy of this district to provide a free appropriate public education for every exceptional child (as defined by K.S.A. 72-962) who is a resident of this district or attends a private or parochial school located in this district. Special education services are provided for such children, including individual educational programs offered in the least restrictive environment.

Child Find, Identification, and Eligibility The district shall coordinate and maintain a system which schedules and structures available services for pupils who are referred to determine eligibility for special education services in accordance with procedural processes established in Federal and state law.

Actions and Due Process for Students Parental involvement and cooperation is important to the success of these educational programs. In order to encourage the involvement and cooperation of parents in special education services and to safeguard the rights of exceptional children to a free appropriate public education, the board utilizes and refers parents to the "Procedural Safeguards in Parent Rights in Special Education" published by the Kansas State Department of Education.

In the provision of special education and related services, the district will implement all Federal and Kansas statutes, rules, and regulations.

Adopted 08-08-2014

Special Education Child Find Public Notice

Minneola USD #219 and the Southwest Kansas Special Education Cooperative (SKACD) #613 work together to identify every student, ages birth through 21, living within the district boundaries, that has developmental delays or maybe in need of special education. Child Find in Kansas involves an early childhood screening process for children from birth to age 5, and a general education intervention process for children from kindergarten through age 21. Our school and special education cooperative in conjunction with parents use these processes to locate, evaluate,

and identify children who may need special education services and supports. If you have a child or know of a child who you think has development delays or special needs, contact your building Principal or the SKACD at 620-865-2054.

Areas of special education include: birth through age two (infant-toddler), early childhood – disability, developmentally delayed, visual impairments including blindness, hearing impairments including deafness, deafblindness, autism, traumatic brain injury, emotional disturbance, specific learning disabilities, mental retardation, multiple disabilities, orthopedic impairments, other health impairments, speech or language impairments, and gifted. Parents are advised that all special education services are designed to offer the utmost in educational opportunities for each qualifying student, as well as to provide assistance and support in the areas of physical, mental, emotional, and social growth. State and federal laws are followed in providing each student with a free appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment. If you have a child or know of a child who may need special education services please notify the school district or SKACD.