# **CN Day School**

# Parent – Student Handbook

# **Dear Turning Pointe Families,**

Welcome to Turning Pointe CN Day School. The purpose of this Handbook is to provide our families with information about our program and policies.

Parents are an integral part of partnering with us in student achievement. I encourage you to become familiar with the handbook by reading it carefully. During the registration process, you will acknowledge that you have received, read, understand, and agree to the contents of this handbook. Please note this handbook may be amended and updated during the school year as needed. You will be notified in the case of an update.

If you have any questions about the program, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Your Partner in Education,

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# **Program Description**

### History

After interventions from specialists around the country, Kim & Randy Wolf were humbled by the progress they witnessed in their son Jack. With the conviction to offer the same proven interventions to children unable to access the same specialist, Kim & Randy decided to start a school. Their vision was to create an ideal learning environment for a student with autism. With comprehensive academic and clinical supports Turning Pointe Autism Foundation began in 2007 and Turning Pointe CN Day school was opened to more families.

### Mission

Turning Pointe Autism Foundation creates opportunities and programs to educate individuals with autism through proven interventions to increase independence, encourage meaningful lifelong pursuits, and enrich the community at large.

### **Purpose and Scope**

Our program is designed to teach skills within the areas of communication, socially appropriate behavior, and functional living to individuals with autism whose needs cannot be met within their home school district. This focus helps our students gain access to education, their families, friends, and the community by building a foundation of independence and self-reliance.

Turning Pointe utilizes an interdisciplinary approach that supports the core deficits of autism spectrum disorder, multiple and intellectual disabilities, and speech/language disorders through Evidence-Based Practices (EBPs) and assists students as they grow and learn to manage everyday challenges. Communication, socially appropriate behavior, and functional living skills, with an emphasis on skill generalization, is our overall program model that guides student programming, data collection procedures, and implementation of EBP's. This model uses the latest research and clinical expertise to help students develop new skills and enhance personal talents and strengths as they navigate towards independent thriving futures.

### **General Program Overview**

Turning Pointe CN Day School is a therapeutic day school for individuals impacted by Autism Spectrum Disorder and other related disabilities who require a high degree of support and individualized instruction. Turning Pointe is approved to provide educational programming for Intellectual Disabilities, Speech or Language Impairment, Multiple Disabilities, and Autism for students 5-21 years of age. Our ISBE-approved program is currently serving students who are impacted by Autism Spectrum Disorders, providing middle school through transition-aged students with therapeutic interventions and ongoing opportunities in the areas of: communication, socially appropriate behavior, and independent living skills.

Turning Pointe CN Day School operates from 8:15am–2:30pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and 8:15am-1:15pm on Wednesdays during the regular school year from August to May. Our Extended School Year (ESY) session is an essential piece of our program as it ensures structure and consistency for our students during the summer, as well as decreases the likelihood of regression in skills. ESY focuses on maintaining and improving progress of student

Individualized Education Plan (IEP) goals, as well as continuation of the same academic rigor as in the regular school year. ESY operates for approximately six weeks starting in mid-June and concluding at the end of July. Students are in attendance from 8:15am-1:15pm Monday through Thursday, and 8:15am-1:00pm on Fridays.

#### **Classroom Structure**

Our classrooms are smaller in size with a high staff to student ratio to provide the assistance needed to support our students. Class sizes vary with no more than 8 students per classroom. All classrooms include at least one licensed special education teacher in addition to licensed paraprofessional staff. The amount of paraprofessional staff within a classroom is dependent on student's Individualized Education Plans (IEPs), the level of support needed, and the goal to foster independence.

All staff are certified or licensed according to their position and highly trained. Our multi-disciplinary team approach includes the following qualified professionals:

- Intensive Behavioral Interventionists (IBI's) which hold a Paraprofessional or Substitute Teaching License
- Special Education Teachers hold a Professional Educator License (PEL) and a Learning Behavior Specialist 1 (LBS1) endorsement
- Occupational Therapists (OT's)
- Speech and Language Pathologists (SLP's)
- Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBA's)
- Behavior Analysts hold a Masters in Applied Behavior Analysis and work under the supervision of a BCBA
- Administrators who hold a professional educator license with a General Administrative endorsement
- Registered Nurse (RN)

### **Related Services**

Therapeutic services at Turning Pointe can be provided in an individual and/or group setting, and/or as consult services, as well as woven into our program throughout the day. Occupational Therapists, Speech and Language Pathologists, and Board Certified Behavior Analysts work closely together to ensure cohesive programming for each student that works towards their goals. To promote generalization of skills, services can occur in a variety of settings and various times of the day (i.e. breakfast, community, life skills). Our therapeutic team maintains collaboration with family and other professionals to ensure consistency and home-to-school carryover. Parent trainings are offered to bridge the home-to-school gap as parents and families play a vital role in working with the school team on the goals.

### Speech and Language Services

Certified speech and language pathologists work to help students increase functional communication and overcome other language barriers to actively participate in everyday life. Multi-modal communication assessments are conducted to determine communication modalities and deficits in receptive and expressive language. Therapy programming focuses on individual students' needs to request wants and needs, initiate and respond to social interactions, and protest or comment about the environment with multiple communication partners in various settings.

### **Occupational Therapy**

Our certified occupational therapists work with our students in individual and group settings to increase independence in everyday activities and routines. Fine and gross motor skills, sensory processing, and visual-motor skills are assessed to determine current levels and the best strategies to utilize for success. Daily regulation strategies, environmental modifications, and safety are all key components. Sessions are tailored to student specific needs and programming focuses on functional living skills, personal care, meal preparation, Activities of Daily Living (ADL), and sensory regulation and calming strategies.

#### **Behavior Intervention**

Behavior Interventions are founded on the principles of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA). ABA is a treatment approach that applies principles of learning theory to produce positive and meaningful changes in behavior. Board Certified Behavior Analysists (BCBAs) utilize function-based interventions to decrease maladaptive behaviors and increase socially appropriate behaviors. Replacement behaviors are taught proactively to increase student success. Interventions are customized, adjusted as needed, and created in conjunction with evidenced-based practices.

### **Curriculum and Program**

Turning Pointe CN Day School students have the opportunity to take the same courses as their home school districts, but with intense individual attention, individualized modifications and accommodations, and greater structure. Each student has an individualized program that is created specifically for their individual goals and is aligned to the Essential Elements (EE's). Essential Elements are grade level expectations determined by the state on what students with the most significant cognitive disabilities should know and be able to do. Turning Pointe's overall aim is to bridge the achievement gap between the grade level expectation and the students' current level.

Turning Pointe uses a wide variety of materials and assistive devices with varying communication software to accommodate every student's individualized needs. Materials, lesson plans, and community-based opportunities are all adapted to fit the developmental needs of each student. Instructional approaches for each approved category used may include, but is not limited to:

#### Autism

- Continuous objective measurement of performance to ensure effective instruction
- Systems of reinforcement to teach and maintain a variety of skills across multiple conditions and environments
- Individualized comprehensive behavior packages to reduce challenging behavior, and teach and improve communication and other socially important behaviors
- Through functional assessment, identify and alter environmental variables to prevent challenging behavior
- Behavior chains used to teach a variety of complex multi-step skills in smaller units
- Individualized sensory diets allow students to access sensory items throughout lessons

#### **Intellectual Disabilities**

- Systematic instruction across multiple environments to promote generalization of skills
- Succinct instructions provided and supplemented with a variety of visual supports
- Behavior management strategies are implemented following identification of function of behavior and builds on skills to meet individual needs of students
- Large and complex tasks are broken down to smaller components to promote success and independence

• Variety of sensory items and experiences are incorporated into daily lessons

#### Speech & Language Impairment

- Individualized instruction to promote success, ongoing gains, and maximize carryover across settings
- Increased time with Speech Language Pathologist
- Teach new and socially important behaviors by systematically and differentially reinforcing smaller approximations to increase a variety of skills
- Community-based instruction to promote maintenance and generalization of skills

#### **Multiple Disabilities**

- Systematic prompting and fading procedures to teach new skills
- Multiple opportunities to practice skills in a variety of settings to promote generalization
- Technology-aided instruction and intervention
- Unique behavior intervention plans to teach and increase adaptive behavior

### **Evidence-Based Practices**

Evidence-based practices (EBPs) include empirically supported techniques found within research journals, textbooks and accredited education programs. EBPs utilized by Turning Pointe which are a part of on-going staff training, may include but are not limited to:

- Antecedent-based
- Differential Reinforcement
- Partner Augmented Input (PAI)
- Communication Systems
- Social Stories
- Task Analysis
- Naturalistic Intervention (NI)
- Direct Instruction

- Visual Supports
- Prompting
- Video Modeling
- Discrete Trial Training
- Precision Teaching
- Functional Communication Training
- Structured Teaching
- Errorless Teaching Procedures

Academic and IEP progress is reported quarterly and distributed to parents/guardians and students' home school districts. The following subjects are interwoven throughout a student's day and occur in a variety of settings, including the community, to promote generalization of skills:

**English and Language Arts:** A variety of materials and supports are utilized to assist students in making progress in understanding text, comprehension abilities, writing for a purpose, using language to communicate and inquire about their world. Resources that support students English and Language Arts programming may include but are not limited to: Links, Reading A-Z, Boardmaker

**Math:** Fundamental math concepts are taught with an emphasis on number sense, geometry and spatial reasoning, measurement, and problem solving. Resources that support math skills may include but are not limited to: Links, Touch Math, Splash Math

**Science:** Real-life application of fundamental science topics from Physical, Life, Earth Science are unified. Emphasis is placed on topics such as: matching and measurement, recognizing and observing, life processes, cooking, nutrition, and weather. Supporting resources: Links, Science A-Z

**Social Studies:** Social studies courses study a variety of subject areas in geography, current issues, government, and history. Topics that are examined may include but are not limited to: relationships between people and the physical environment, human interactions, contemporary issues facing the U.S., weather and climate, emergencies and community helpers, current events, laws and rules, and community and socialization. Supporting resources: Links

**Physical Education:** Health enhancing key concepts are taught and may include: demonstrating control in performing movement, spatial awareness, rules and safety, health-related fitness and effects on the body, following directions, remaining on task, accepting responsibility, participation in group activities and working cooperatively, health promotion and illness prevention, hygiene and proper care, identifying environmental health risks, basic body parts and systems, nutrition and diet, and positive vs. negative behaviors and choices.

### **Curriculum Resources & Assessments**

- *Links* Links is a comprehensive functional curriculum used for teaching skills and concepts that students need to be successful in school and the community. Links focuses on independence, includes assessments and progress monitoring, uses evidence-based practices, and is aligned to the Essential Elements.
- *Reading A- Z* Includes several resources for reading comprehension, vocabulary building, lesson plan ideas, and assessments that are leveled and allow for differentiating instruction.
- Touch Math Multisensory math program that teaches key concepts through hands-on activities
- *Splash Math* A comprehensive high-tech math curriculum that allows the flexibility for personalized math lessons and monitors student progress. Various topics that are aligned to Common Core are covered in a fun and engaging way.
- *Boardmaker* A resource and curriculum collection of standardized picture symbols used to support and teach communication skills.
- *Essentials for Living (EFL) The Essential for Living assessment tool and curriculum is one of the resources used to determine current levels in the areas of communication, behavior, and functional skills.*
- *The Assessment of Basic Language and Learning Skills (ABBLS-R)* This assessment tool and curriculum guide assists in identifying language and other critical skills that are in need of intervention in order to develop an educational program that helps the acquisition of new skills.
- *The Assessment of Functional Living Skills (AFLS)* The AFLS assists in evaluating, tracking, and teaching functional skills to help individuals become more independent at home, school, and in the community. This system assesses the following skills: basic living, home, community participation, school, vocational, and independent living.
- *Verbal Behavior Milestones Assessment and Placement Program (VB-MAPP)* A language and social skills assessment program for children with autism or other intellectual disabilities based on the principals of Applied Behavior Analysis.
- *TEACCH Transition Assessment Profile (T-TAP)* Comprehensive formal assessment that assesses strengths, interests, and abilities in the areas of: vocational skills and behaviors, independent functioning, leisure skills, functional communication, and interpersonal behavior both in the home and school environment.

- *Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test (PPVT)* Evaluates receptive vocabulary, as well as identifies strengths and weaknesses in identifying nouns, verbs, and attributes, in order to implement evidence-based interventions.
- Sensory Processing Measure (SPM) Standardized assessment for school aged children intended to support the identification and treatment of children with Sensory Processing Disorders. Items covered in the home and classroom forms include: social participation, vision, hearing, touch, taste, smell, body awareness, balance and motion, planning and ideas.
- *Social Skill Checklist* Qualitative checklist completed by multiple communication partners to help evaluate socials skills, such as: conversation skills, problem solving, understanding emotions, complimenting, and flexibility.
- *Science* A-Z Leveled content and high-interest activities are available to teach a variety of science units that cover all four domains: Life, Earth and Space, Physical, and Process Science. Reading instruction and literacy are interwoven into the curriculum.
- *Augmentative & Alternative Communication Profile* Assessment tool that measures subjective functional skills for developing communicative competence using AAC systems, re-evaluate skill level, and/or monitor progress.
- AAC Evaluation Genie Informal diagnostic tool used to identify skill areas related to language representation methods found on AAC systems. 13 subtest areas can be administered to help build a framework to assist in selecting an appropriate AAC device.
- *Reading Milestones* Alternative language-controlled program effective for students with language delays and other learning disabilities.

Turning Pointe CN Day School is committed to providing ongoing services to our students as they become adults. This is why transition and vocational programming is a critical component of our programming and begins once they enter Turning Pointe. Our classroom teams and parents collaborate on transition plans and determine appropriate post-high school goals. The goals are incorporated into the students programming throughout the day and aim to build student independence. At Turning Pointe, we are dedicated to our students' goals for adult hood.

## **Clinical Model**

Turning Pointe utilizes an interdisciplinary approach that supports the core deficits of autism spectrum disorder, multiple and intellectual disabilities, and speech/language disorders through Evidence-Based Practices (EBPs) and assists students as they grow and learn to manage everyday challenges. Communication, socially appropriate behavior, and functional living skills, with an emphasis on skill generalization, is our overall program model that guides student programming, data collection procedures and implements EBP's. This model uses the latest research and clinical expertise to help students develop new skills and enhance personal talents and strengths as they navigate towards independent thriving futures.

Communication – A variety of communication skills are targeted to maximize student independence across all environments. Skills are taught throughout the year within a student's IEP and other individualized programming. Targeted skills from evidence-based assessments are measured regularly in the areas of expressive, receptive, pragmatic, syntax and/or grammar, and are leveled and individualized to best meet each student's needs. Communication skills may include but are not limited to requesting items/activities, asking for help, asking/answering questions, greetings, protesting and conversational skills. Students will have the opportunity to practice these communication skills within the structured school environment and during regularly scheduled

community-based activities throughout the year. Communication programming is driven by current research and interventions within the field of Speech Language Pathology.

- Socially Appropriate Behavior Behavior analytic programming is utilized to impact skills and skill deficits within the area of socially appropriate behavior(s). Individualized programming focuses on skill deficits, determined by assessment, that directly affect the specific student, their caretakers, educators, and/or peer relationships within their everyday lives. These skills may include but are not limited to: waiting, accepting no, increasing on task behavior, and/or decreasing maladaptive behavior(s). To promote skill generalization, students are exposed to a variety of settings and situations in which to practice these skills in both structured settings and within a naturalistic teaching environment. Socially appropriate behavior programming is driven by current research and interventions within the field of Applied Behavior Analysis.
- *Functional Living Skills* Functional programming is designed to increase skills in the areas of functional living skills, vocational/supported employment opportunities, independent living and Activities of Daily Living (ADLs). Students will develop skills in order to maximize independence through programming focused on: fine/gross motor activities, toileting, dressing, grooming, meal preparation, housekeeping, chores, task completion, assembly, job readiness, etc. The overall goal of this clinical field is to promote students' ability to live as independently as possible and access vocational opportunities based on individualized skill sets and living arrangements. Functional living programming is driven by current research and interventions within the field of Occupational Therapy.

#### **Programmatic Outcomes**

All students that have attended Turning Pointe's CN Day School's program for one full quarter will maximize independence by 50%. Individualized targets will be chosen and measured based on current level of performance and subsequent skill mastery in the following three areas: functional communication, socially appropriate behavior, and independent living skills based on Turning Pointe's Independence Rubric. Student specific data will be collected quarterly and analyzed both program wide and per individual student annually.

#### Reintegration

Skills necessary for a student to reintegrate into the Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) include: socially appropriate behavior, independence with a decreased staff-student ratio, and functional communication skills. Skills are tailored to the specific student and their goals, with an emphasis on skill generalization to the new team and environment to which the student is reintegrating.

Turning Pointe's overall goal is to help students function in the Least Restrictive Environment (LRE). The reintegration process will be discussed, evaluated, and agreed upon at the student's IEP meeting and revisited quarterly during progress reporting. If a student is ready for reintegration, the IEP team determines the best schedule, process, and supports that the student will need. Turning Pointe offers staff to assist in transitions and a fading process for student success. BCBA's collaborate with the home school district and Turning Pointe team, to constantly monitor and collect relevant data to assess how the process is going, when to increase time, if other supports are needed, etc.

Turning Pointe has had one student transition to partial days back to their home school district, and two students who are currently in the planning process of reintegration. Generalization of skills is a major component in Turning Pointe's teaching methodologies. This allows students to understand and apply the knowledge and skills they have learned to other settings, such as another school and their home life.

### **Data Collection**

Continuous student specific data is taken for all Turning Pointe students on IEP goals, academic performance, and socially significant behaviors. Data collection procedures may be outlined by specific curriculum resources and/or assessments, or created by Turning Pointe specialists. Data collected in all areas is analyzed regularly to maximize instruction and behavioral interventions, and also used to adjust student programming as necessary.

### **Family Partnership**

Family partnership is a key component of the Turning Pointe philosophy. The involvement of parents and families in the education process is critical to students' success. Parents are active participants in their child's education through trainings, meetings and student conferences, and on-going collaboration. Daily home notes are sent home for reciprocated communication regarding daily student happenings. Remaining connected through daily home notes is essential to maintain program consistency and work together towards student progress and accomplishments.

# **Community Outings**

Community outings may be a part of student programming. These opportunities allow for the generalization of skills to occur. Parents/Guardians have the opportunity to consent to their child's participation during registration. New students will be monitored for readiness to participate in outings. If a student does not meet safety criteria to go on an outing, an alternative experience will be provided at school. Outings may be canceled without prior notice due to unforeseen events or conditions.

# Safety and Security

Turning Pointe Autism Foundation has an Emergency Action Plan (EAP) that is reviewed annually and updated as needed. Our goal to provide safety and security to everyone in the school is a top priority. During the school year, safety drills are conducted in accordance to the School Safety Drill Act (105 ILCS 128). Drills include:

- Building evacuation, one of which includes the presence of the local fire department
- Severe weather and shelter-in-place
- Law enforcement, which occurs within 90 days of the start of the school year

# **Emergency Closing**

Turning Pointe will close school, when in the opinion of the leadership team, an emergency or hazardous condition exists that may jeopardize the health and safety of students and staff. In severe weather cases, school closings or early dismissals are announced through https://www.emergencyclosingcenter.com/, posted on social media, and via email to families. Safety of students, safety of staff, road conditions, weather conditions, transportation availability, and whether partner school districts are closed, are all needs that are considered when determining whether a school closing should occur.

A wind chill advisory is issued when conditions do not meet a wind chill warning but still cause significant concern. The weather is not life-threatening but presents conditions that may pose a moderate risk for safety. It is typically issued when the wind chill is -20 degrees Fahrenheit or colder. If a wind chill advisory is issued, community outings and all outdoor activities will be canceled.

A wind chill warning indicates that life-threatening conditions and a risk to safety exists. It is typically issued when the wind chill will be -30 degrees Fahrenheit or colder OR the actual air temperature is -15 degrees Fahrenheit. If a wind chill warning is issued, all community outings and outdoor activities will be canceled and school may be closed.

## **Smoking/Tobacco**

Turning Pointe is smoke free as required by 105 ILCS 5/10-20. Smoking and the use of tobacco products on school property by any school personnel, student, visitor, or other person is strictly prohibited without exception. Turning Pointe property includes buildings, sidewalks, lawn, and parking lots. Smoking is not permitted in vehicles parked on Turning Pointe property. Tobacco includes cigarettes, cigars, or tobacco in any other form, including e-cigarettes, vaporizers, and smokeless tobacco which is any loose, cut, shredded, ground, powdered, compressed or leaf tobacco that is intended to be placed in the mouth without being smoked. Tobacco product use is prohibited on school grounds regardless of whether students are present and whether school is in session. This also applies to attending any functions on school property outside of regular school hours.

# Absences, Tardies, or Picking Up Children During the Day

To report an absence, tardy, or if your child will need to be picked up before the end of the school day, please call the main office (630) 570-7948, or send a note or email to your child's teacher. If your child arrives on district transportation, please inform the transportation company of any changes.

Extended absences that are due to illness lasting for 3 or more consecutive days, will require a physician's note for the student to return to school.

Students will be released only to their parents/guardians or other emergency contacts who have pick up permission as indicated during registration, unless prior arrangements have been made by parents/guardians. Individuals picking up students will need to bring a photo ID.

# **Medication Administration in Schools**

Students should not take medication during school hours or during school-related activities unless it is <u>absolutely</u> <u>necessary</u> for the critical health and well-being of the student. When a student's licensed health care provider and parent/guardian believe that it is absolutely necessary for the student to take a medication during school hours or school-related activities, the parent/guardian must request that the school dispense the medication to the child and otherwise follow Turning Pointe's procedures and guidelines on dispensing medication.

When a student requires daily or regular medication, parents must make every effort to give prescribed doses of the medication at home. It is recommended that parents consult with their doctor to see if midday medication can be adjusted and given at another time outside of school hours. Therefore, only medications (prescription, non-prescription and herbal) which are prescribed by a physician and which are essential for the student to remain in school shall be given, provided that the conditions outlined below are followed.

• The Registered Nurse or school administrator shall review the written order, require any additional information from the parent or guardian or the student's licensed prescriber appropriate to complete the review, consult with a school administrator of the school or Foundation's medical advisors, as appropriate, and accept the written order or

seek further clarification of the order if necessary. An appeal regarding the denial of any order prescribing the administration of medication at school may be made to a school administrator or nurse by the parent or guardian.

- The Registered Nurse or school administrator, in consultation with the student's health care provider, shall retain the right to decline to allow a medication to be administered. The parent and prescriber will be notified if any medical order is declined, a rationale will be provided, and an offer to accommodate with a different medication or regimen will be presented.
- No Turning Pointe employee shall administer to any student any prescription or nonprescription medication until a properly completed and signed "Authorization for Administration of Medication" form is completed and submitted by the student's parent/guardian. The form must be signed by both the parent/guardian and the physician/prescriber. No student shall possess or consume any prescription or non-prescription medication on school grounds or at a school-related function other than as provided for in this policy and its implementing procedures.
- The school may elect, on a case-by-case basis, to allow a parent/guardian or other adult family member to directly give the student a legal medication as if they were doing so at home.
- This policy does not prohibit any school employee from providing emergency assistance to a student.
- Each dose of medication shall be documented in the student's individual medication log and includes the date, time, dosage, route, and signature of the person administering the medication. In the event a dosage is not administered as ordered, the reasons shall be entered in the log. Medication log information is documented and generally discarded at the end of two school years. The empty medication container will be sent home with the student when re-supply is necessary and the parent will be notified.
- All efforts will be made to administer the medication for the time prescribed, however during any unforeseeable circumstances, medication will be administered within a 30-minute window of the specified administration time. Prescribers may indicate on the authorization form to allow for an hour window.
- Medication shall be brought in an original, properly labeled container either labeled by the pharmacy with the student's name, medication name, dosage and instructions, and name of pharmacist and contact information, or labeled by the retailer with the name of the drug, other ingredients, dosage, and the student's name affixed to the original container.
- Medications will be stored in a locked container in a secure area with access limited to nurses and administrators. Medication requiring refrigeration must be refrigerated in a secure area. Medications that must be available while a student is engaged in a school activity conducted away from the customary site of storage must be kept with the staff designated by the nurse or administrator.
- A licensed nurse or qualified administrator are allowed to dispense medications to students under these guidelines. Every effort will be made to schedule medication administration for a time when either a nurse or administrator is in the building. In the event a nurse or school administrator is unavailable, in accordance with the Nurse Practice Act, a nurse may delegate a non-nurse willing school staff member, who is trained and approved by administration, to administer medication by mouth or skin to a student if the nurse is comfortable with the student's safety and the staff member's competence to do so. Under no circumstances shall teachers or other non-administrative school employees, except certified nurses and non-certificated registered professional nurses, be required to administer medication to students. Parents may also administer medication with the approval of a nurse or school administrator. Administration of medication will start when the medication and permissions are reviewed and approved.

- Trained staff members may administer medication in the event of a life-threatening allergic reaction or situation.
- If a student needs medication to be with them at all times and/or easily accessible outside of the assigned medication location (i.e. asthma inhaler, EpiPen, Diastat, etc.), a nurse, administrator, or willing non-nurse designated by the nurse and approved by the administrator will be responsible for transporting and maintaining such medications if needed. Situations are outlined in the individual student medical/health plan.
- Turning Pointe has a standing order for EpiPen and EpiPen Jr. that can be administered by trained staff in an emergency situation to any student experiencing life threatening anaphylaxis.
- The Foundation's medical advisors or nurse will interpret to school personnel and parents, if necessary, the need for observation of the student's reaction to the medication including potential benefits and side effects.
- A nurse or administrator shall provide feedback concerning medication to the licensed prescriber when requested.
- Parents will submit the authorization and indemnity agreement to allow the administration of any injectable medication by a nurse or administrator in a non-emergency situation.
- Over-the-counter medication (i.e. Advil, Ibuprofen, cough/cold medicine, cough drops, Motrin, etc.) shall be given after consultation with the student's parent/guardian and authorization from a prescriber with proper forms completed and submitted.
- P.R.N. prescriptions (medications on an as needed basis) can be administered with proper authorization. The nurse or school administrator will contact parents for permission to administer non-emergency P.R.N. prescriptions. If parents are unreachable by phone, Turning Pointe administration or nurse can make the determination to administer per doctor's order.
- No staff member shall recommend or advise to a student or student's parent/guardian that a prescription medication should be administered.
- All staff will be trained on this policy and those administering medication will be trained on the actual administration of medication. School administrators shall include this policy in the staff training manual and Parent-Student Handbook.

#### Parent Responsibilities and Guidelines for Administration of Medication

- Only medications that are "absolutely necessary for the critical health and well-being of the student" shall be requested to be administered during school hours. All efforts should be made by the parent and physician for students to take medication at home.
- The parent/guardian must provide a completed "Authorization for Administration of Medication" form at the beginning of each school year for the administration of prescription and non-prescription medications (i.e. Tylenol, Advil, cough drops, cough medicine, sunscreen, insect repellent, etc.). The form includes an order and permission from a licensed physician and parent/guardian permission. This form will be valid for the school year and shall be updated annually.
- The student's parent/guardian must obtain written orders for the administration of medication at the beginning of the school year, and whenever a change in the child's medication or health occurs, or upon the request of the Turning Pointe nurse or administrator. The school must receive an updated physician's order in writing before administrating a new dosage. Forms are available on the registration webpage and upon request.
- The parent must report immediately any change in prescription dosage, and new permission forms must be obtained and approved for each change.

- Medication must be provided in its original container labeled by the pharmacist with the student's name, medication, dosage, and time to be given at school.
- Medications must be brought to school by a parent/guardian or a designated adult and are never to be sent to school with the student. Please contact the school administrator or nurse to make arrangements to drop off/pick up medications.
- Due to the possibility of unexpected allergic reactions or adverse side effects, the initial dose of any new medication needs to be given by the parents at home to monitor reactions.
- Medications and special items necessary to administer medications or treatments (i.e. such as syringes, testing supplies, etc.) must be supplied by a parent or guardian and will be stored in an appropriate area designated by a nurse or administrator.
- Administration of medication on field trips and community outings is at the discretion of Turning Pointe. Medication error will be recorded and parent will be notified if medication was not provided.
- The student's parent(s) or guardian will be responsible for removing from the school any unused and expired medication, or at the end of the school year. If the parent(s) or guardian do not pick up the medication, the school administrator or nurse will dispose of the medications(s) and document that it was discarded. Medication must be discarded in the presence of a witness and documentation signed by both parties.

# **Behavioral Interventions**

#### Introduction/Purpose

Behavior supports and interventions should be used by all Turning Pointe school staff to promote and impact socially significant behaviors in all Turning Pointe's students. It is the intent of the school that all behavior interventions will incorporate procedures and methods consistent with evidence-based practices within the field of Applied Behavior Analysis. The use of behavior interventions is consistent with the educational goals of enhancing students' academic, social, and personal growth. As such, school staff should conscientiously design student specific interventions which promote desirable student behavior.

Using the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) regulations and guidelines as a reference, the policies and procedures on the use of behavioral interventions for students with disabilities will be reviewed annually. The policies and procedures may be amended to reflect additional or changing ISBE rules and guidelines as they arise. Turning Pointe stays up to date on current rules and regulations and adheres to the code. The policies and procedures will be distributed to parents or guardians of students enrolled at Turning Pointe upon enrollment and annually.

School students will be supported by an individual Behavior Intervention Plan (BIP) as appropriate and as indicated in their Individualized Education Plan (IEP). A student's BIP is developed based on: review of previous records, interviews of parents/caregivers, direct observation of target behaviors, current baseline data, and formal and informal behavior assessments. With the analysis of the data and following a Functional Behavior Assessment (FBA), the IEP team develops the specific behavior plan. Behavior Intervention Plans may include but are not limited to, modified environmental factors, individualized instruction and curriculum, positive behavior supports or antecedent interventions, motivators and/or preferences, restrictive (reactive) procedures, crisis plan and data collection procedures and methods.

The Turning Pointe behavior teams should consistently monitor and adapt procedures for the use of behavioral interventions for Turning Pointe students according to each students IEP, most recent evaluations and assessments, and current behavior data. The school leadership team will regularly review the Illinois State Board of Education's guidelines on the use of behavioral interventions.

#### Nonrestrictive (Proactive) Interventions

Nonrestrictive interventions are the preferred interventions because of the low risk of negative impact and the emphasis on positive behavior change. These interventions may be used without the development of a written behavior management plan as part of the student's IEP. Nonrestrictive interventions may include but are not limited to:

- Errorless Teaching Procedures
- Shaping
- Chaining
- Prompting
- Redirection
- Modeling

- Planned Ignoring
- Positive/Negative Reinforcement
- Token Economy
- Naturalistic Teaching Strategies
- Schedule/Activity Choice

#### **Restrictive (Reactive) Interventions**

Nonrestrictive (proactive) interventions are preferred as they are typically less restrictive for the student involved and generally have a lower risk of negative side effects. It is recognized that nonrestrictive interventions alone may not always succeed in controlling all topographies of target behavior, therefore, more restrictive interventions may be necessary.

Restrictive interventions may be appropriate during emergency situations or when less restrictive interventions have been attempted and failed. Restrictive interventions shall be used for the minimal amount of time necessary and only as a last resort. They shall be used in conjunction with positive/negative reinforcement procedures designed to increase appropriate behaviors. The use of more restrictive procedures should always be considered temporary, and approached with caution and restraint. Examples of restrictive interventions include but are not limited to:

• Extinction procedures

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- Interventions to decrease problem behavior
- Time out area/roomIsolated time out
- behavior •
- Forced physical guidance and restraint

• Exclusion from activities

Neither isolated time out nor physical restraint shall be used in administering discipline to individual students, i.e., as a form of punishment. (Admin Code 23, Sec 1.285)

Data collection should support the choice of restrictive interventions when in use.

Any and all use of restrictive interventions should maintain respect for the student's dignity and personal privacy, and adhere to professional practices. All of the procedural safeguards available to students with disabilities and their parents under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), including notice and consent, opportunity for participation in meetings, and right to appeal, shall be observed when implementing behavioral interventions.

### **Prohibited Interventions**

Corporal punishment is an illegal intervention and shall not be used. In addition, expulsion with loss of services is also considered illegal for students identified with a disability. Examples of other prohibited interventions include any intentional infliction of bodily harm, coercion, intimidation, bullying or threat of any kind to a student, and chemical or mechanical restraint.

#### **Discipline of Students with Disabilities**

The Foundation will comply with the IDEA Improvement Act of 2004 and the Illinois State Board of Education's Special Education Rules when disciplining special education students. No special education student may be expelled if the student's particular act of gross disobedience or misconduct is a manifestation of the student's disability.

### **Crisis Management**

It is the policy of Turning Pointe to manage behavior through evidence-based practices and through systematic, prescribed steps that will eliminate the need to use Physical Crisis Management (PCM) procedures, safety equipment, and time-out procedures. However, under some circumstances, and where necessary, these means will be used until individual safety criteria is met. When PCM procedures are employed, trained staff will use the least to most restrictive procedures necessary to maintain safety of the student and staff.

PCM is a complete system designed to manage crisis situations effectively, safely, and with dignity. PCM strategies and interventions include: prevention, de-escalation, intervention, and post-crisis strategies. Crisis is defined as one or more of the following behaviors: continuous aggression, and/or continuous self-injury, and/or continuous high magnitude disruption. The specific PCM procedures will be applied only by staff who have been trained in these particular techniques. Staff receive yearly training by a certified PCM trainer and must pass physical and written examination.

"Time out" means a behavior management technique that involves the monitored separation of a student from classmates with a trained adult for part of the school day, usually for a brief time, in a non-locked setting. An isolated time out occurs when the student is confined alone in a time out room or other enclosure involuntarily without a supervising adult in the room or enclosure because the adult is in imminent danger of serious physical harm by a student who is unable to cease actively engaging in extreme physical aggression.

"Physical restraint" is defined as holding a student or otherwise restricting his or her movements with planned techniques. Physical restraint can only be used to prevent harm to self or others. Restraint does not include momentary periods of physical restriction by person-to-person contact, without the aid of material or mechanical devices, accomplished with limited force and designed to: prevent a student from completing an act that would result in potential physical harm to himself, herself, or another, or damage to property, or remove a disrupting student who is unwilling to leave the area voluntarily.

"Safety Equipment" refers to protective items that may include but are not limited to: helmet, posy mitts, scratch/bite guards, goggles, etc. or other garments or equipment that is designed to protect the body from injury.

Instances where safety equipment may need to be utilized includes but is not limited to: putting posy mitts on a student who is attempting to scratch staff, staff wearing scratch/bite guard sleeves to protect themselves, staff wearing googles to protect themselves from exposure of bodily fluids, and a student needing a helmet to protect their head from self-injury. If

a student requires the continuous use of safety equipment, additional parent permission will be documented. The use of safety equipment is to protect the body from injury.

The determination as to whether or not to use PCM, time out procedures, and/or safety equipment is at the discretion of trained staff, and exercised consistent with Turning Pointe's behavioral interventions policy and PCM procedures. When a student receives a period of time out or a PCM procedure is utilized, required notices will be sent to districts, parents, and ISBE concerning the incident as required by ISBE code.

# **Time Out and Physical Restraint**

In order to keep students, staff, and property safe, it may be necessary for Turning Pointe to utilize time out and physical restraint procedures. The use of time out procedures and physical restraint is only as a means to maintain a safe and orderly learning environment by keeping students, staff, and property safe. Neither time out nor physical restraint shall be used in administering discipline to individual students, (i.e., as a form of punishment) or to inflict pain as an intentional method of control. In addition, no mechanical or chemical restraint will be used. Time out and physical restraint procedures are implemented by staff trained in the systematic approaches, when absolutely necessary, as a therapeutic intervention, when less restrictive and intrusive interventions have been tried and proved ineffective in stopping the imminent danger, and as allowed by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE).

If a time out or physical restraint is utilized, it is least to most restrictive and as a last resort. Both procedures allow for means of communication by the student's preferred method when the safety of others is not compromised, (i.e. hands for signing, gestures, AAC device, etc.), and do not restrict or impair a student's ability to breath normally, nor obstruct their airway. All instances for time out and physical restraint are documented on the required Physical Restraint and Time Out Form (ISBE 11-01) and administration, parent/guardian, the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE), and the home school districts are notified.

#### **Time Out**

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A student placed in time out will have reasonable access to food, water, medication, and toileting. Except in circumstances in which there is a risk of self-injury or injury to staff or others, students in time out situations shall not have clothing removed (i.e. shoes, belts, etc.).

In addition, any enclosure used for time out shall:

• have the same ceiling height as the surrounding room/s and is large enough to accommodate the student in time out and any other staff who is required to accompany the student if applicable

- be constructed of materials that cannot be used by students to harm themselves or others, be free of electrical outlets, exposed wiring, and other objects that could be used by students to harm themselves or others, and be designed so that students cannot climb up the walls
- be designed to permit continuous visual monitoring of and communication with the student

#### **Physical Restraint**

*Physical restraint* is defined as holding a student or otherwise restricting his or her movements with planned techniques. Physical restraint can only be used to prevent harm to self or others. Restraint does not include momentary periods of physical restriction by person-to-person contact, without the aid of material or mechanical devices, accomplished with limited force and designed to: prevent a student from completing an act that would result in potential physical harm to himself, herself, or another or damage to property; or remove a disrupting student who is unwilling to leave the area voluntarily.

The use of physical restraint may only be employed when the student poses a physical risk to himself, herself, or others, there is no medical contraindication to its use, and the staff applying the restraint has been trained in its safe application of the agreed upon crisis management system. Any application of physical restraint shall take into consideration the safety and security of the student and will include only the number of staff that is necessary to hold the student safely.

Students will not be subjected to physical restraint for using profanity or other verbal displays of disrespect for themselves and others. A verbal threat is not considered a physical danger unless a student also demonstrates a means of or intent to carry out the threat.

Staff may need to determine whether a student who is being physically restrained should be removed from the area where the restraint was initiated. In this case, the supervising staff will consider the potential for injury to the student, the student's need for privacy, and the educational and emotional well-being of other students in the vicinity. The supervising staff will not be involved in the physical holding of the student.

#### Notifications

- The School Administrator, Administration, or other Turning Pointe Foundation designee, will be notified in the event of a time out procedure or physical restraint as soon as possible, but no later than the end of the school day on which it occurred
- The time out and Physical Restraint Form is completed and includes all required components pursuant to Section 1.285 including but not limited to: ISBE Physical Restraint and Time Out Form (ISBE 11-01), Parent Notification Form, and Behavior Log
- Written notice is provided to the parents within 24 hours after any use of time out or physical restraint and sent to ISBE and the home school district within 48 hours or the required time frame

The Turning Pointe staff member completing the forms (BCBA, teacher, or administrator), provides the forms to the student's teacher. The teacher notifies the parent and administration with the written documentation. The school administration sends the documentation to the home school district and Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) and maintains a separate file in the students file, as well as in the office of administration.

Time Out and Physical Restraint Form and Extended Time Out/Physical Restraint Forms are reviewed by a BCBA or PCM trained Administrator. All staff are to report any staff or student injuries to administration and/or the nurse. Administration and/or a nurse evaluates the need for further documentation or assessment (i.e Student Incident Form, telephonic injury assessment phone call, etc.).

Parents are notified of time out and physical restraint procedures and policies during registration and annually. Parents and districts are invited to behavior review meetings for the student after the 3rd instance as indicated on the parent notification form.

#### **Time Limits**

Neither procedure shall last longer than therapeutically necessary. Any student placed in a secluded time out will be assessed by a trained adult no less than once every 15 minutes to determine whether the student has ceased presenting behaviors for which the time out was imposed. Any student in a physical restraint must be released immediately upon a determination that the student is no longer in imminent danger of causing physical harm to himself, herself, or others. A physical restraint in the prone or supine position shall not exceed 30 minutes without the approval from an administrator in consultation with the nurse, BCBA's, and specific student team. If 2 separate instances of physical restraint occur within a 30-school day period, the school personnel involved in the incident, along with the student's therapeutic team of professionals, will review the effectiveness. All behavior interventions, supports, related data and functional behavioral analysis findings must be reviewed and considered.

#### **Extended Time Out/Physical Restraint**

Neither procedures will be used longer than therapeutically necessary but not to exceed more than 30 minutes after a behavior ceases for a time out in seclusion and immediately when behavior ceases for a physical restraint. If a time out in seclusion exceeds 30 minutes, a physical restraint exceeds 15 minutes, or repeated episodes occur in a 3-hour period, the following apply:

- Professional Educator Licensed PCM certified administrator and/or BCBA are notified prior to the time limit and evaluate the situation
- Evaluation considers the appropriateness of continuing the procedure, student's potential needs (i.e. bathroom, water), and possible alternative strategies (i.e. ambulance, police, crisis team)
- An additional section on the ISBE Physical Restraint and Time Out Form (ISBE 11-01) must be completed

#### **Staff Training**

Turning Pointe staff are trained upon employment and receive an annual review of the following:

• Time out and physical restraint procedures including reporting and documentation forms

- Specific physical restraint techniques utilized, which include but are not limited to: prevention, de-escalation, relationship-building, and other alternatives to restraint
- Description of dangerous behaviors and determining the need for physical restraint procedures
- Simulated experiences of administering a variety of physical restraint techniques from minimal to very controlling interventions
- Physical effects of restraint on the person restrained and instruction on monitoring physical signs of distress and obtaining medical assistance
- Notification to administration regarding all instances and investigation of injuries and/or complaints

Only staff who are trained specifically as instructors may provide training in physical restraint procedures. Staff training is evident by documentation in their HR files.

# **Bullying Prevention and Response Plan**

The purpose of the policy is to provide students with a safe environment, free of offensive behavior, where everyone is surrounded by an atmosphere that upholds a core value of respect and dignity for all. Every person at Turning Pointe Autism Foundation has a right to feel respected and safe. Bullying and harassment diminish a student's ability to learn and a school's ability to educate. Preventing students from engaging in these disruptive behaviors and providing all students equal access to a safe, non-hostile learning environment are important goals of our organization.

#### Definitions from Section 27-23.7 of the School Code (105 ILCS 5/27-23.7)

Bullying on the basis of actual or perceived race, color, national origin, military status, unfavorable discharge status from the military service, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender-relate identity or expression, ancestry, age, religion, physical or mental disability, order of protection status, status of being homeless, or actual or potential marital or parental status, including pregnancy, association with a person or group with one or more of the aforementioned 19 actual or perceived characteristics, or any other distinguishing characteristic is prohibited in each of the following situations:

- 1. During any school-sponsored education program or activity.
- 2. While in school, on school property, on school buses or other school vehicles, at designated school bus stops waiting for the school bus, or at school-sponsored or school-sanctioned events or activities.
- 3. Through the transmission of information from a school computer, a school computer network, or other similar electronic school equipment.
- 4. Through the transmission of information from a computer that is accessed at a non-school-related location, activity, function, or program or from the use of technology or an electronic device that is not owned, leased, or used by a school district or school if the bullying causes a substantial disruption to the educational process or orderly operation of a school. This item (4) applies only in cases in which a school administrator or teacher receives a report that bullying through this means has occurred and it does not require an organization or school to staff or monitor any non-school-related activity, function, or program.

Bullying includes cyber-bullying and means any severe or pervasive physical or verbal act or conduct, including

communications made in writing or electronically, directed toward a student or students that has or can be reasonably predicted to have the effect of one or more of the following:

- 1. Placing the student or students in reasonable fear of harm to the student's or students' person or property;
- 2. Causing a substantially detrimental effect on the student's or students' physical or mental health;
- 3. Substantially interfering with the student's or students' academic performance; or
- 4. Substantially interfering with the student's or students' ability to participate in or benefit from the services, activities, or privileges provided by a school.

Bullying, as defined in this subsection (b), may take various forms, including without limitation one or more of the following: harassment, threats, intimidation, stalking, physical violence, sexual harassment, sexual violence, theft, public humiliation, destruction of property, or retaliation for asserting or alleging an act of bullying. This list is meant to be illustrative and non-exhaustive.

"Cyber-bullying" means bullying through the use of technology or any electronic communication, including without limitation any transfer of signs, signals, writing, images, sounds, data, or intelligence of any nature transmitted in whole or in part by a wire, radio, electromagnetic system, photoelectronic system, or photo optical system, including without limitation electronic mail, Internet communications, instant messages, or facsimile communications. "Cyber-bullying" includes the creation of a webpage or weblog in which the creator assumes the identity of another person or the knowing impersonation of another person as the author of posted content or messages if the creation or impersonation creates any of the effects enumerated in the definition of bullying in this Section. "Cyber-bullying" also includes the distribution by electronic means of a communication to more than one person or the posting of material on an electronic medium that may be accessed by one or more persons if the distribution or posting creates any of the effects enumerated in the definition.

"Restorative measures" means a continuum of school-based alternatives to exclusionary discipline, such as suspensions and expulsions, that: (i) are adapted to the particular needs of the school and community, (ii) contribute to maintaining school safety, (iii) protect the integrity of a positive and productive learning climate, (iv) teach students the personal and interpersonal skills they will need to be successful in school and society, (v) serve to build and restore relationships among students, families, schools, and communities, and (vi) reduce the likelihood of future disruption by balancing accountability with an understanding of students' behavioral health needs in order to keep students in school.

"School personnel" means persons employed by, on contract with, or who volunteer in a school district, charter school, or non-public, non-sectarian elementary or secondary school, including without limitation school and school district administrators, teachers, school guidance counselors, school social workers, school counselors, school psychologists, school nurses, cafeteria workers, custodians, bus drivers, school resource officers, and security guards.

#### Bullying Prevention and Response Plan

The Department Directors or designee shall develop and maintain a bullying prevention and response plan that advances the organization's goal of providing all students with a safe learning environment free of bullying and harassment. This plan must be consistent with the following requirements:

- 1. Using the definition of bullying as provided in this policy; the Department Director or designee shall emphasize to the school community that: (1) the organization prohibits bullying, and (2) all students should conduct themselves with a proper regard for the rights and welfare of other students. This may include a process for commending or acknowledging students for demonstrating appropriate behavior.
- 2. Bullying is contrary to State law and the policy of this organization. However, nothing in the organization's bullying prevention and response plan is intended to infringe upon any right to exercise free expression or the free exercise of religion or religiously based views protected under the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution or under Section 3 of Article I of the Illinois Constitution.
- 3. Students and staff are encouraged to immediately report bullying. A report may be made orally or in writing to a Department Director or any staff member with whom the student is comfortable speaking. Anyone, including staff members and parents/guardians, who has information about actual or threatened bullying is encouraged to report it to a Department Director or any staff member. Anonymous reports are also accepted and can be sent to the address below.

Department Directors can be reached by telephone at (630) 570-7948 or by email: Carrie Provenzale, Executive Director – cprovenzale@turningpointeaf.org Bernadette Bassett, Compliance Director – bbassett@turningpointeaf.org Barb Brauer, Operations and Development Director – bbrauer@turningpointeaf.org Bianca Frost, Program Director – bfrost@turningpointeaf.org Deb Cox, Human Resources Director – dcox@turningpointeaf.org

> Anonymous Reporting Address: ATTN: Human Resources Office 1500 W. Ogden Avenue Naperville, IL 60540

- 4. Consistent with federal and State laws and rules governing student privacy rights, the Department Director or designee shall promptly inform parent(s)/guardian(s) of all students involved in an alleged incident of bullying and discuss, as appropriate, the availability of social work services, counseling, school psychological services, other interventions, and restorative measures.
- 5. The Department Director or designee shall promptly investigate and address reports of bullying, among other things:
  - a. Making all reasonable efforts to complete the investigation within 10 school days after the date the report of the incident of bullying was received and taking into consideration additional relevant information received during the course of the investigation about the reported incident of bullying.
  - b. Involving appropriate school support personnel and other staff persons with knowledge, experience, and training on bullying prevention, as deemed appropriate, in the investigation process.
  - c. Notifying the supervisor or designee of the report of the incident of bullying as soon as possible after the report is received.
  - d. Consistent with federal and State laws and rules governing student privacy rights, providing parents and guardians of the students who are parties to the investigation information about the investigation and an opportunity to meet with the department director or designee to discuss the investigation, the findings of the investigation, and the actions taken to address the reported incident of bullying.

- 6. The Department Director or designee shall use interventions to address bullying, which may include, but are not limited to, school social work services, restorative measures, social-emotional skill building, counseling, school psychological services, and community-based services.
- 7. A reprisal or retaliation against any person who reports an act of bullying is prohibited. A student's act of reprisal or retaliation will be treated as bullying for purposes of determining any consequences or other appropriate remedial actions.
- 8. A student will not be punished for reporting bullying or supplying information, even if the organization's investigation concludes that no bullying occurred. However, knowingly making a false accusation or providing knowingly false information will be treated as bullying for purposes of determining any consequences or other appropriate remedial actions.
- 9. The organization's bullying prevention and response plan must be based on the engagement of a range of school stakeholders, including students and parents/guardians.
- 10. The Department Director or designee shall post this policy on the Organization's Internet website, if any, and include it in the student handbook, and, where applicable, post it where other policies, rules, and standards of conduct are currently posted. The policy must also be distributed annually to parents/guardians, students, and school personnel, including new employees when hired.
- 11. The Executive Director or designee shall assist the Board with its evaluation and assessment of this policy's outcomes and effectiveness. This process shall include, without limitation:
  - a. The frequency of victimization;
  - b. Student, staff, and family observations of safety at a school;
  - c. Identification of areas of a school where bullying occurs;
  - d. The types of bullying utilized; and
  - e. Bystander intervention or participation.
- 12. The Executive Director or designee must post the information developed as a result of the policy evaluation on the Organization's website, or if a website is not available, the information must be provided to school administrators, Board members, school personnel, parents/guardians, and student.
- 13. The Executive Director or designee shall fully inform staff members of the Organization's goal to prevent students from engaging in bullying and the measures being used to accomplish it. This includes each of the following:
  - a. Communicating the Organization's expectation and State law requirement that teachers and other certificated or licensed employees maintain discipline.
  - b. Establishing the expectation that staff members: (1) intervene immediately to stop a bullying incident that they witness or immediately contact a Department Director and/or law enforcement if the incident involves a weapon or other illegal activity, (2) report bullying, whether they witness it or not, to an administrator, and (3) inform the administration of locations on school grounds where additional supervision or monitoring may be needed to prevent bullying.
  - c. Where appropriate in the staff development program, providing strategies to staff members to effectively prevent bullying and intervene when it occurs.
  - d. Establishing a process for staff members to fulfill their obligation to report alleged acts of bullying

# **Personal and Intimate Care**

#### Personal and Intimate Care

The following guidelines and procedures are designed to safeguard students, provide guidance to staff, and to reassure parents that the personal and intimate care of their child is a paramount priority of Turning Pointe. All students have the right to privacy and must be treated with respect and dignity during personal and intimate care tasks.

We are committed to developing skills of independence for each student, however students may require assistance and support for personal and intimate care. At Turning Pointe, personal and intimate care tasks may occur on a regular basis or during a one-time incident. We recognize that each student has their unique needs. School staff and parents discuss the needs of each student and work in partnership as to how the student's needs can be met.

"Personal care" refers to providing assistance and support to everyday essential activities to individuals who are unable to care for themselves. Personal care is less intimate and usually has the function of helping with personal presentation.

Personal care tasks may include but are not limited to:

- □ Assisting in feeding
- $\Box$  Assisting with hygiene routines: hair care, applying deodorant, oral care, etc.
- □ Dressing and undressing without the removal of undergarments
- □ Washing non-intimate parts of the body
- □ Supervising in independent toileting

"Intimate care" refers to tasks of an intimate nature, associated with bodily functions, bodily products and personal hygiene, which demands direct or indirect contact with, or exposure of, the sexual parts of the body.

The tasks can include but are not limited to:

- $\Box$  Dressing and undressing
- □ Toileting
- □ Changing diapers, pull-ups, and/or swim diapers
- □ Changing and/or washing after soiling
- □ Showering
- □ Menstrual care
- □ Cleaning/wiping/washing intimate parts of the body

#### Principles of Intimate Care

- $\checkmark$  Every child has the right to be safe
- $\checkmark$  Every child has the right to personal privacy
- $\checkmark$  Every child has the right to be valued as an individual
- $\checkmark$  Every child has the right to be treated with dignity and respect
- $\checkmark$  Every child has the right to be involved and consulted in their own intimate care to the best of their abilities
- Every child has the right to express their views on their own intimate care and to have such views taken into account
- $\checkmark$  Every child has the right to have levels of intimate care that are as consistent as possible

#### General Procedures

All personal and intimate care assistance is highly individualized to meet students' needs. Collaboration between Turning

Pointe staff and parents is necessary to deliver and implement personal and intimate care plans. Independence is encouraged throughout all processes and the least restrictive assistance is always used first.

The following outlines the general procedures used in all personal and intimate care tasks:

- □ Students will always be given the opportunity to change, toilet, shower, etc. in private, unless the student is in such distress that it is not possible to do.
- □ Staff will use the necessary personal protective equipment (PPE) necessary for the task (i.e. gloves).
- □ Staff utilize the following prompt hierarchy from least to most restrictive:
  - 1. Independent Student completes task independently without prompts, hesitation, or help from a staff member.
  - 2. Minimal Staff provides minimal touch or minimal gestural prompt. This can include pointing to a visual or item. (i.e. staff points to student's toothbrush)
  - 3. Partial Staff provides a partial physical or partial demonstration prompt. This can include tapping the student to initiate the task or modeling the task. (i.e. staff taps student's elbow in the direction of the toothbrush)
  - 4. Full Staff provides a full physical or demonstration prompt. This may include physically manipulating the student's body to complete the activity. (i.e. staff hand-over-hand assists student with brushing their teeth)
- □ In instances where clothing is soiled, the clothing will be sealed in a plastic bag and returned to the parent. In the event the clothing is saturated and unsalvageable it may be necessary to dispose of and notify the parent.
- □ Parents are notified in the event of situations that are out of the ordinary for their individual child.

It is important that staff are aware that these tasks may leave staff more vulnerable to accusations of abuse. It is also important to bear in mind that some care tasks can be open to misinterpretation. Any staff member that has concerns about a colleague's care practice, or discovers any unusual markings on any area of a student's body, must immediately report their concern to the School Administrator. Adhering to the following guidelines of good practice should safeguard students and staff.

### General Guidelines for Good Practice

- □ Staff encourage and support students to participate in their own intimate and personal care to increase independence within activities of daily living
- □ Staff are sensitive to each student's individual needs
- □ The Foundation provides facilities that maintain privacy and dignity, such as separate changing areas and bathroom areas, and/or appropriate screening
- □ Where available, same gender support will be provided
- □ If a student expresses a staff preference for a personal/intimate care task, this must be respected if possible
- □ A single staff member may assist students during personal/intimate care, however, it may be necessary to have more than one staff member assist in personal/intimate care tasks because of health and safety or other considerations
- At least two staff members will assist students during intimate care when their care requires full staff assistance
- □ Accidents and/or soiled messes may result in full showering/bathing for the health, safety, and comfort of the student
- □ Necessary items, such as toilet paper, soap, trash bins, etc. are available, as well as sufficient space, heating, and ventilation to ensure individual health, safety, and comfort

- □ Cleaning and disinfecting supplies are available and utilized as needed
- □ Personal protective equipment, such as gloves are readily accessible
- □ Parents shall supply fresh clothing and necessary personal, intimate, and hygiene items

In addition, all staff meet Illinois State Board of Education pre-employment screening requirements, are trained in the aforementioned procedures and guidelines, bloodborne pathogens/hazardous waste procedures, and all policies are reviewed upon employment, annually, and as needed.

## **Visitor Policy and Procedures**

Turning Pointe encourages and welcomes a collaborative team environment to benefit our students, staff and families. Access to classrooms and school personnel is permitted in limited situations by 105 ILCS 5/14-8.02(g-5), as amended. Visits will have a legitimate purpose and will not interfere with continuity of instruction. The following procedures apply to, but are not limited to, parents/guardians, and qualified professionals retained by and/or on behalf of the parent/guardians and/or serving home school district. A *qualified professional* means "an individual who holds credentials to evaluate the child in the domain(s) for which an evaluation is sought or an intern working under the direct supervision of a qualified professional, including a master's or doctoral degree candidate." To limit disruption of the daily schedule for staff and students, protocols for visits are essential to promote our end goal of collaboration. Turning Pointe will allow for visitation at any time, with or without prior notice, by personnel from the State Board of Education or the school district of residence of any enrolled student, as required by 23 Illinois Administrative Code 401.220(f).

#### Procedures and guidelines are below. Visitors will:

- Complete the visitor request form and obtain permission in advance. Appropriate notice allows for our team to ensure that adequate time is allotted for the visit and for the scheduling of additional meeting times if necessary.
- Sign in at the front desk and will be provided with instructions and an escort if necessary. Identification may be required.
- Sign out at the front desk upon departure.
- Comply with all school policies and procedures, including but not limited to school safety, security, and visitation.
- Comply with privacy laws, including but not limited to: those laws protecting the confidentiality of education records such as the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), the Illinois School Student Records Act, the Illinois Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Confidentiality Act, and their respective regulations.
- Respect/Not disrupt the educational process including but not limited to: the operations of the school, school and classroom instruction, school and classroom activities, and/or school personnel.
- Not compromise the safety of student and/or staff.
- Agree to hold harmless and indemnify the Turning Pointe Autism Foundation, its directors, officers, employees and agents against any and all claims and actions arising out of the Visitors(s) presence within the Foundation's facilities, classrooms and buildings, including, without limitation, expenses, judgments, claims, causes of action, fines, settlements and other amounts actually and reasonably incurred in connection with any liability, suit, action, loss, or damage arising.

• Be scheduled for up to 60 minutes per visit at the discretion of administration.

#### In addition,

- Qualified professionals may consult on specific items presented in the agenda pertaining directly to the student's IEP and the collaborative role between the provider and the staff members directly associated with that provider's area of expertise.
- Parent/guardian visitors will be afforded reasonable access as described above for the purpose of: observing his/her child in the child's current educational placement, services, or program, or visiting an educational placement or program proposed for the child by the IEP team
- If the visitor is an independent educational evaluator or a qualified professional retained by or on behalf of a parent or child, the independent educational evaluator or qualified professional will be provided reasonable access for the purpose of conducting an evaluation of the child, the child's performance, the child's current educational program, placement, services, or environment, or any educational program, placement, services, or environment, or any educational program, placement, services, or environment, or any educational personnel, child observations, assessments, tests, or assessments of the child's educational program, services, or placement or of any educational program proposed by the IEP team, services, or placement. An independent educational evaluator or qualified professional may bring and use reasonable testing or assessment materials. Audio and/or video recording devices (including but not limited to tape recorders, video cameras, computers with recording capabilities, and picture phones) are prohibited, unless deemed necessary and appropriate by the student's IEP team.
- If the visitor violates any policy or procedure or interferes with a school activity or duties of school personnel, Administration may direct the visitor's immediate removal from school grounds.
- Before the visit, any visitor must acknowledge that he or she is obligated to honor all students' confidentiality rights and refrain from any re-disclosure of information.
- Administration will attempt to arrange the visit(s) at times that are mutually agreeable. Administration or designee will accompany any visitor for the duration of the visit, including during any interviews of staff members.
- In the event of a circumstance necessitating more immediate attention and/or more time for the visit, special arrangements may be made at the discretion of administration.

\*Please know that we are committed to provide our families with the best means of obtaining and sharing information. General allotted times for meetings with Turning Pointe staff are 7:45-9:00am and 2:30-4:00pm M-TH, if a meeting is requested following a visit. As we grow and service an increasing number of students, it is necessary for us to ensure that meetings are as efficient and productive as possible. Thank you in advance for assisting us in working to better meet your student's specific needs and partnering with you in achieving the highest level of quality and collaboration between parents and your student's school team. Completing the following form allows us to ensure the proper staff personnel are present for the visit/meeting and that we are prepared to provide any information that will enhance the collaboration for the student's needs.

#### **Visitor Request Form**

Student Name:	DOB:
After reading the Visitor Policy and Procedures, please	complete and return this Visitor Request Form:
Name:	
Address:	
Relationship to Student:	-
□ Parent/Guardian	
District Representative	
Other: Qualifications	/Licensure:
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Purpose for the visit:	
<ul> <li>Student Observation</li> <li>Student Evaluation</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Program Observation for Potential Placement</li> </ul>	
□ Clinical Student or Student Teacher	
□ Other:	
Requested Date(s):	
Specific goal(s) of this visit:	
allow me reasonable access to the school, school facilities of my visit. I agree to hold harmless and indemnify the Tu against any and all claims and actions arising out of the V including, without limitation, expenses, judgments, claims incurred in connection with any liability, suit, action, loss, Visitors Policy and agree to comply with its terms and cor	<i>ag the access request.)</i> I understand that Turning Pointe Autism Foundation will , or educational programs or individual(s) I have requested as related to the purpose trning Pointe Autism Foundation, its directors, officers, employees and agents isitor(s) presence within the Foundation's facilities, classrooms and buildings, s, causes of action, fines, settlements and other amounts actually and reasonably or damage arising or resulting from such visit(s). I have received and reviewed the additions. I further understand that during my visit, I must honor all students' losure of any information regarding other students that is obtained during my visit.
Signature Date	
behalf of the parent/guardian requests access.)	ever an independent educational evaluator or other qualified professional on
	of the above-named student, and I confirm that I have requested an evaluation of rpose(s). If requested above, I consent to my child being observed and interviewed

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_, and the parent/guardian of the above-named student, and I confirm that I have requested an evaluation of my child by the individual named herein, for the stated purpose(s). If requested above, I consent to my child being observed and interviewed by the named evaluator as part of this evaluation understanding that the Turning Pointe Autism Foundation has not conducted a background check on the evaluator. I have no reason to believe the evaluator poses a safety risk to my child or others. I further understand and agree that it is my responsibility to notify the Turning Pointe Autism Foundation in writing if I end my working relationship with the named evaluator to provide reasonable access to the school school building, school facility, personnel or my child at mutually agreed upon times and in a manner that is least disruptive to the school setting or any child's academic program.

Signature

# **Meal Programming**

We are always working towards increasing independence at Turning Pointe. One of the ways we work towards this goal is through student participation in our meal preparation programming.

Please send breakfast and lunch food items with your student. Only send what they need for one week of breakfast and what they will eat for lunch daily, especially if the items need to be refrigerated or frozen. Refrigerator space is limited, therefore, **lunches will not be stored in the refrigerator** on a daily basis. **Please send your students' lunch to school in an insulated lunch box** with ice packs if necessary. Each student has a sealed 18 Quart size plastic bin to store his/her pantry items.

#### Things to Remember for Breakfast:

- 1. If your student needs to eat something at home before they leave, please provide them with a light snack. If they can wait to have breakfast at school that is preferred.
- 2. Each week you can send in breakfast supplies for the week. We will keep food here at Turning Pointe to be used each day.
  - a. Please send food that is not already measured or prepared
  - b. Label items with your student's name or initials
  - c. Ensure the items do not contain peanuts/tree nuts

#### **Breakfast Food Ideas:**

(Please send in specific food items that your child prefers)

- Box of cereal with half gallon (or smaller) of milk
- Bread or English muffin with jelly or butter
- Bagel and cream cheese/jelly/butter
- Frozen waffles or frozen pancakes
- Frozen breakfast sandwiches or microwavable frozen breakfast sausage or bacon
- Microwaveable oatmeal
- Yogurt
- Fruit- grapes, oranges, apples, bananas, etc. (students will wash, cut, etc. at school)

#### Things to Remember for Lunch:

1. Lunches are sent in daily unless otherwise arranged with your teacher

Lunches should be sent in a lunch box with insulation if they need to be kept cold throughout the day.

a. Make sure your child's lunch box is labeled with their name or initials.

Lunches can be sent with items that are not already prepared for that day (i.e. pieces of bread, lunch meat, cheese, for student to make a sandwich, microwave meal to cook at school, piece of fruit that needs to be washed, peeled, cut, etc.) Some items sent for breakfast can be used at lunch as well (i.e. yogurt, jelly, condiments). If you have any questions, please contact your classroom teacher. We are excited to continue this program!

# Health and Communicable Disease

School attendance is important; however, your child may need to stay home because they are too sick to effectively learn at school and they might spread a contagious illness to other students. While not all illnesses require exclusion, there are instances when students may be sent home from school. School staff will notify parents/guardians when a student needs to be picked up from school.

# Parents are asked to keep their children home OR they will be sent home if an illness or injury results in the following:

- Prevents the student from participating comfortably in academics or activities
- Results in needed care that is greater than school personnel can provide considering the health and safety of your child and other students
- Poses a risk of spread of diseases to others

# Please keep your student home in the following situations. If a student is already at school and shows any of the following signs, they may be sent home:

- \*Fever (100.4 or deviation from child's baseline)
  - \*Without the use of fever reduction medication
- Vomiting
- Persistent diarrhea
- Rash
- Malaise or general feeling of being unwell

- Unexplained fatigue
- Sore throat
- Mouth sores
- Eye infections (conjunctivitis or pink eye)
- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- Drastic change in baseline behavior

### \*\*\*In the event that your child displays any of the above symptoms, please keep them home from school. Thank you for your assistance.\*\*\*

Additionally, please follow the guidelines below:

- Students may return to school once they are symptom free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever reduction or other symptom relief medication
- Absences due to illness that last 3 or more days need a release from a physician to return to school
- Communicable diseases (i.e. step throat, influenza, conjunctivitis "pink eye," chicken pox, mumps, pertussis, measles, rubella, staph infections, scabies, fifths disease, hand, foot, and mouth, impetigo, and head lice, etc.), must be reported to the school
- Confirmed cases of communicable diseases will need a note from a physician to be released to school

The list of symptoms and communicable diseases is not a complete list and Turning Pointe will make decisions based on the health and safety of everyone. Notice of potential exposure to communicable diseases will be sent home when cases appear in the school. Please be assured that your student's name will <u>not</u> be released on the notice.

# Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention Program

The purpose of this policy is to protect the health and well-being of students and staff by having procedures in place to prevent, assess the risk of, intervene in, and respond to suicide. Turning Pointe recognizes that physical, behavioral, and emotional health is an integral component of a student's educational outcomes. Turning Pointe also recognizes that suicide is a leading cause of death among young people, and an ethical responsibility exists to take a proactive approach in preventing deaths by suicide, furthermore acknowledge our role in providing an environment which is sensitive to individual and societal factors that place youth at greater risk for suicide and one which helps to foster positive youth development.

This policy covers actions that take place in the organization, school, on school property, and at school-sponsored functions and activities where school and organizational staff are present.

#### Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention Program

A designated prevention coordinator(s) will be responsible for planning and coordinating implementation of this policy for the organization. They shall implement and maintain a suicide and depression awareness and prevention program that advances the goals of increasing awareness and prevention of depression and suicide. The prevention coordinator(s) will also be the main contact for issues relating to suicide prevention and policy implementation. All staff members shall report staff or students they believe to be at elevated risk for suicide to the suicide prevention coordinator(s).

Angela Williams, Faculty Supervisor/School Administrator – for Day School Students Bianca Frost, Program Director – for Adult Student Programs Carrie Provenzale Executive Director – for Staff

#### \*Any staff and any student can report to any of the prevention coordinators or any adult if needed.

Staff will receive suicide prevention and awareness professional development and related topics will be included in student curriculum. This program will be consistent with the requirements of Ann Marie's Law listed below; each listed requirement, 1-6, corresponds with the list of required policy components in the School Code Section 5/2-3.163(c)(2)-(7). The Program includes:

- 1. Protocols for administering youth suicide awareness and prevention education to students and staff.
  - a. For Day School students, implementation will incorporate curriculum content which implements 105 ILCS 5.2-3.139 and 105 ILCS 5/27-7, which requires education for students to develop a sound mind and a healthy body. The curriculum will include developmentally-appropriate, student-centered educational materials that will be integrated into all K-12 health classes. The content and objectives will lead to the development of self-awareness and self-management skills and cover the importance of healthy choices and coping strategies, recognizing risk factors and warning signs, and help-seeking strategies. Key concepts and objectives highlighted may include but are not limited to: understanding and identifying emotions, understanding one's own escalation cycle and identifying ways to calm yourself, recognizing how others feel around you, asking for help and identifying individuals who are helpers in the community, identify foods and behaviors that are healthy vs. unhealthy, and identify your own talents.
  - b. For Adult Services students, implementation will incorporate curriculum content which requires education for students to develop a sound mind and a healthy body. The curriculum will include developmentally-appropriate, student-centered educational materials that will be integrated into Adult Services courses. The content and objectives will lead to the development of self-awareness and self-management skills and cover the importance

of healthy choices and coping strategies, recognizing risk factors and warning signs, and help-seeking strategies. Key concepts and objectives highlighted may include but are not limited to: identifying and managing one's emotions and behavior, recognizing the feelings and perspectives of others, recognizing personal qualities and talents, identifying external supports, demonstrate an ability to prevent, manage, and resolve interpersonal conflicts in constructive ways, and demonstrate healthy life style choices.

- c. For staff, implementation will incorporate staff development under 105 ILCS 5/3-14.8 which requires training of the warning signs of suicidal behavior. Staff will complete a training that includes: the awareness and prevention by understanding and recognizing suicide risk factors and warning signs, referral, intervention and response, reporting, and have access to resources. Staff training will be required upon hire, and at least annually. See staff Suicide Policy Training document.
- 2. Procedures for methods of suicide prevention with the goal of early identification and referral of students possibly at risk of suicide.
  - a. For students in grades 7 through 12, implementation shall incorporate the training required by 105 ILCS 5/10-22.39 for school guidance counselors, teachers, school social workers, and other school personnel who work with students to identify the warning signs of suicidal behavior in adolescents and teens along with appropriate intervention and referral techniques, including methods of prevention, procedures for early identification, and referral of students at risk of suicide.
  - b. For all students, implementation shall incorporate Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE)-recommended guidelines and educational materials for staff training and professional development, along with ISBE-recommended resources for students containing age-appropriate educational materials on youth suicide and awareness, if available pursuant to Ann Marie's Law on ISBE's website.
- 3. Methods of intervention, including procedures that address an emotional or mental health safety plan for use during the school day and at school-sponsored events for a student identified as being at increased risk of suicide. Implementation will incorporate paragraph number 2, above, along with:
  - a. Including and implementing Student Social and Emotional Development and the goals and benchmarks of the Ill. Learning Standards and 405 ILCS 49/15(b), requiring student social and emotional development in the organization's educational programming;
  - b. Implementing guidance and counseling program(s) for students, and 105 ILCS 5/10-22.24a and 22.24b, which allow a qualified guidance specialist or any licensed staff member to provide school counseling services. Guidance and counseling programs can be available.
  - c. Implementing the Children's Mental Health Act of 2003, 405 ILCS 49, requiring protocols for responding to students with social, emotional, or mental health issues that impact learning ability; and
  - d. Including state and/or federal resources that address emotional or mental health safety plans for students who are possibly at an increased risk for suicide, if available on the ISBE's website pursuant to Ann Marie's Law.
- 4. Methods of responding to a student or staff suicide or suicide attempt. Implementation of this requirement shall incorporate building-level Student Support Services.
- 5. Reporting procedures will include paragraph 4 above and the implementation of guidance and counseling program and student support services in addition to other State and/or federal resources that address reporting procedures.
- 6. A process to incorporate ISBE-recommend resources on youth suicide awareness and prevention programs, including current contact information for such programs in the Organization's Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention Program.

Illinois Suicide Prevention Strategic Planning Committee

The Executive Director or designee shall attempt to develop a relationship between the Organization and the Illinois

Suicide Prevention Strategic Planning Committee, the Illinois Suicide Prevention Coalition Alliance, and/or a community mental health agency. The purpose of the relationship is to discuss how to incorporate the goals and objectives of the Illinois Suicide Prevention Strategic Plan into the Organization's Suicide Prevention and Depression Awareness Program.

#### Monitoring

The Board or appointed member(s) of the Organization will review and update this policy pursuant to Ann Marie's Law and Board policy 2:240.

#### Information to Staff, Parents/Guardians, and Students

The Executive Director or designee shall inform each employee about this policy and ensure its posting on the Organization's website and/or the distribution of this policy to the parent or legal guardian of each student enrolled in the Organization.

#### Implementation

This policy shall be implemented in a manner consistent with State and federal laws, including the Children's Mental Health Act of 2003, 405 ILCS 49/, Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Confidentiality Act, 740 ILCS 110/, and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 42 U.S.C. §12101 et seq.

The Organization, Board, and its staff are protected from liability by the Local Governmental and Governmental Employees Tort Immunity Act. Services provided pursuant to this policy: (1) do not replace the care of a physician licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches or a licensed medical practitioner or professional trained in suicide prevention, assessments and counseling services, (2) are strictly limited to the available resources within the Organization, (3) do not extend beyond the school day and/or school-sponsored events, and (4) cannot guarantee or ensure the safety of a student or the student body.

Additional Documents: Staff Suicide Prevention Policy Training

# School Supply Wish List & Life Skills Supplies

#### **School Supply Wish List**

- 2 2-Pocket Poly Folders
- 2 1" Poly Binder
- 2 1" View Binders (White)
- 1 Package of Binder Dividers
- 4 Packages Fine-Tip/Low Odor Dry Erase Markers (Black)
- 1 Package of Pens (Blue or Black)
- 1 Glue Stick Pack
- 2 Containers of disinfecting wipes (Lysol/Clorox)
- 3 Boxes of Kleenex
- 3 Digital Timers
- 2 Hand sanitizers
- 2 Antibacterial Hand Wipes

#### Life Skills Supplies

- 1 Toothbrush (manual or battery operated)
- 1 Toothpaste
- 1 Hairbrush or comb
- 1 Facial cleansing wipes or wash cloth and cleanser
- 1 Deodorant
- 1 Bathroom wipes
- 1 Small clear plastic bin with lid (to hold grooming supplies)
- 2 Extra sets of clothes

Other grooming supplies as needed (i.e. floss, mouthwash, etc.)

Personal Sensory supplies as needed (i.e. headphones, chewy, sunglasses, fidgets, reusable water bottle)

# **Day School Calendar**

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PTC	=	No School/Conferences

ED	=	Early Dismissal (1:15)
ESY	=	Extended School Year (ESY)

Regular School Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:15 - 2:30, Wednesday 8:15 - 1:15 Summer School Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:15 - 1:15, Friday 8:15 - 1:00

June 1st-3rd: Emergency Days used only if needed. No planned absences for any reason should be scheduled until after the last Emergency Day on June 3rd.

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### Day School Calendar 2020-2021

#### August 2020

- 3-7 No School Summer Break
- 10-11 No School Staff Inservice
- 12-14 Early Dismissal Staff Inservice
- 12 First Day of School

#### September 2020

7 No School – Labor Day Holiday

#### October 2020

- 9 No School Staff Inservice
- 12 No School Columbus Day Holiday
- 16 1st Quarter Ends

#### November 2020

- 3 No School Election Day
- 24 No School P/T Conferences (PTC)
- 25-27 No School Thanksgiving Break

#### December 2020

18	1st Semester Ends
21-31	No School – Winter Break

#### January 2021

- 1 No School Winter Break
- 4 No School Staff Inservice
- 18 No School Martin Luther King Holiday

#### February 2021

- 12 No School Staff Inservice
- 15 No School Presidents' Day

#### March 2021

- 1 No School Staff Inservice
- 19 3rd Quarter Ends
- 26 No School P/T Conferences (PTC)
- 29-31 No School Spring Break

#### April 2021

- 1-2 No School Spring Break
- 5 No School Staff Inservice

#### May 2021

28	2nd Semester Ends
	Last Day of School
	(if no emergency days needed)

31 No School – Summer Break

#### June 2021

#### 1-3 Emergency Days Only if Needed

- 1-14 No School Summer Break
- 15 No School Staff Inservice
- 16 First Day of ESY

#### July 2021

- 5 No School Observe 4th of July
- 29 Last Day of ESY
- 30 No School Summer Break

# **Parking Lot Traffic Pattern**

### **Yellow Bus Entrance 3 Route**

- 1. Yellow busses will enter from Quincy Ave.
- 2. Once in the parking lot, yellow busses will immediately turn right.
- 3. Yellow busses will wait until there is an available space in the Bus Zone.
- 4. When there is a space available in the Bus Zone, a yellow bus may pull forward once instructed by staff.
- 5. Busses must be in the Bus Zone to pick up and drop off students from Door 3.

### **Yellow Bus Exit Route**

- 1. Once students have entered/exited the bus, the bus will pull forward toward Quincy Ave.
- 2. All yellow busses must exit using Quincy Ave.

### Parent/District Van Entrance Route 1 Route

- 1. District vans and all parent vehicles will enter using Ogden Ave.
- 2. District vans/parent vehicles will go to the end of the parking lot and U-turn to Door 1.
- 3. All districts vans/parent vehicles must to be in the unloading zone in order to pick up and drop off students.

\*If special circumstances require a parent/guardian to pick up or drop off a student using a parking spot, they must contact Bianca Frost (bfrost@turningpointeaf.org) or Samantha Camacho (scamacho@turningpointeaf.org) to make arrangements.

### **Parent/District Van Exit Route**

- 1. District vans and parent vehicles will pull forward toward Ogden Ave.
- 2. District vans and parent vehicles will wait until there is space to exit via Ogden Ave. without blocking yellow bus traffic.
- 3. District vans and parent vehicles will pull forward when there is space at the end of the parking lot to exit using Ogden Ave.
- 4. For safety and efficiency, it is strongly recommended that district vans and parent vehicles turn right out of the parking lot and proceed north onto Ogden Ave.

