

Phone Numbers

Superintendent's Office	393-2101
Junior High/Senior High Principal	393-2112
Elementary Principal	393-4997
School Fax Line	393-2101
High School Fax Line	393-4334
Homework Hotline	1-888-443-4741 (Toll Free)

School Hours

Grades K through 12	8:40AM – 3:20PM
Pre-Kindergarten	8:40AM-11:15AM 12:45PM – 3:15PM

Web Site Sentinel.k12.ok.us

Administration

Superintendent – Mr. Hal Holt
Secondary Principal – Mr. Benny Barnett
Elementary Principal – Mrs. Paula Combs

All rules and regulations contained in this handbook are developed so that the best educational opportunities can be provided for our school children while in a safe and secure environment. We realize that rules cause an occasional inconvenience, but we are sure that you understand that they are made with the best interest of all students in mind. We encourage both parents and students to wholeheartedly support these guidelines.

NOTICE TO PARENTS

Parents are always welcome to visit the school. If parents wish to have a conference with a teacher, they should contact the office at least one day prior to the desired meeting day and schedule a time. Unnecessary interruptions consume time and hinder the program. Parents should not interrupt class without first gaining permission from the office. **The proper chain of command when dissatisfied is to visit with the teacher first, principal second, superintendent third, and school board as a last resort.**

SAFE CALL – 1-877-723-3225

This toll free call for student use statewide will provide an anonymous avenue for students to report circumstances they think could put someone in their school at risk. A course of action will be determined for each phone call.

INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES

When conditions exist which may cause the dismissal of school, students and parents should not call teachers or other school-related personnel. News concerning the dismissal of schools for any reason will be broadcast over KWTW (Channel 9), KOCO (Channel 5), and KFOR (Channel 4), as well as 105.9 FM and 96.5 FM radio stations.

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

For admission to the Sentinel Public Schools, a student must be a resident of the School District or a legal transfer, must be living with parents or legal custodian, and must be willing to abide by the rules and regulations set forth by the Board of Education, Administration, and Teachers of the school.

Certain requirements for enrollment into the schools of Oklahoma have been determined by the legislature. Detailed requirements are recorded in the Oklahoma School Code. Basic requirements are as follows:

A pre-kindergarten child must have attained the age of four years on or before September 1 to enroll. A kindergarten child must have attained the age of five years on or before September 1 to enroll. Children wishing to enroll after previously enrolling in another school district shall be considered on a case by case basis.

If the enrollment is the first into public school after attaining the legal age for kindergarten and/or first grade, the student must present at the time of enrollment: a. Birth Certificate b. An Immunization record designating that the child is adequately protected against diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, measles, mumps, rubella and polio. c. social security number.

Any student enrolling in the school for the first time must present a proper immunization record and provide the school with the address of the previous school attended and authorize the school to request records from that school.

State law requires for school entry kindergarten and first grade no less than: 5 doses DTaP/DTP (note: 4 doses if 4th dose given on or after 4th birthday); 4 doses Polio (note: 3 doses if 3rd dose given on or after 4th birthday); 2 doses MMR; 3 doses Hepatitis B; 2 doses Hepatitis A; 1 dose or history of disease Varicella.

ATTENDANCE

Schoolwork takes precedence over everything else. All visiting, shopping, dental appointments and other engagements are expected to be planned so that parents will not request or permit students to remain away from school. The work offered in Sentinel Public Schools is based on the assumption that the student will be present every day. Experience has shown that a high quality of work is not possible with irregular attendance. All students will be required to attend 80 percent of the time during the semester to receive credit for coursework or 80 percent of the time during the school year to be promoted to the next grade. If an emergency situation exists and proper documentation is presented to the principal, the attendance rule may be waived. When absences exceed the number allowed, the parents will be notified. **Parents should notify the elementary and second-**

ary principals if a student is to be absent. This should be done on the day of the absence before 9AM. Documentation verifying doctor appointments should be given to the principal upon returning to school.

No student will leave school except by permission of the office, and such permission during school hours shall be given only in case of sickness, or upon personal or written request of the parent of guardian, within the discretion of the Principal. After permission has been secured from the Principal, the student must sign the checkout sheet in the office stating the time of departure and the student's destination. When the student re-enters school, the student must then check the time of his return on the checkout sheet. Do not sign the checkout sheet in the office until you have received official permission to leave the school grounds.

Types of Absences:

Excused: When absent for illness, death in the family, doctor/dental appointments, and unavoidable emergencies (approved by the principal). If a student finds it necessary to be absent from school for other reasons than these stated, and arrangements are made beforehand by the parents, the absences may be considered an excused absence.

Unexcused: All other absences will be considered unexcused. It will be the Principal's discretion as to the type of punishment to be given this type of absence.

Whether or not the student is allowed to make up work missed will be determined by the principal and noted on the admit.

ONE MINUTE OF SILENCE

Sentinel Public School District will observe one minute of silence each school day as mandated by SB 815 for the purpose of allowing each student, in the exercise of his or her individual choice, to reflect, mediate, pray, or engage in any other silent activity that does not interfere with, distract, or impede other students in the exercise of their **individual choice**.

NOTICE TO PARENTS

The Sentinel School District is part of a joint venture involving the Oklahoma State Department of Education to collect selected information on physically, emotionally and mentally handicapped children, birth through 21 years of age, for the purpose of determining present and future program and placement needs for statistical reporting.

As a parent you are guaranteed the right to inspect any such information which is subject to collection and to require the accuracy of such information. Access by any unauthorized person to information which would identify an individual child without the informed consent of the parent is expressly forbidden.

This agency is responsible for the confidential maintenance of this information and for its destruction. It is required that this data be destroyed following the completion of special services to the child, but not sooner than five years after a record is generated. Parents will be notified and asked to consent to submission prior to the entry of any personally

identifiable data for this collection and prior to the destruction of this data. If you have questions regarding confidential data on your child, you may contact the school.

The Sentinel Public School District may disclose any of the items listed as directory information to military recruiters without prior written consent, unless notified in writing to the contrary. The parents, legal guardian of the student, or the student age 18 or over may also provide written notification to the principal within 10 days of the time the handbook is issued to the student requesting directory information not be released to the military service recruiters.

If you do not fully understand this notice, please ask the school to explain its meaning to you. This notice is placed here under federal regulations related to the confidentiality of information.

CHILD IDENTIFICATION/AWARENESS

Child Find Services of Sentinel Public School is seeking information concerning handicapped children who might be eligible for educational services from the public school and vocational-technical education program.

The Bureau of Education for the Handicapped has mandated that the public education facilities will be responsible for education of all handicapped children aged 0-21 regardless of their handicapping condition.

The State Department of Education has approved regulations to meet minimum guidelines to implement such services. Sentinel Public School is asking for everyone's help in locating all unserved handicapped children. It is the responsibility of each local school district to locate and refer all handicapped children who are not receiving education services from the public school.

To refer a child with a suspected handicap, please call 580-393-2101 for information and programming available for handicapped students.

GRADING

Your teacher will use the following standard: however, there may be a few exceptions.

90 - 100	.....	. .A
80 - 89	.....	.B
70 - 79	.....	. .C
60 - 69	.....	. . D
Below 60	.....	. .F

Any student contracting to take an Advanced Placement (AP) course will have ten points added to their average for all purposes, including eligibility, grade reports, and nine week and semester grades.

CHEATING

No credit should be given or expected for any work that is not your own. Cheating is as dishonest as stealing. Any student caught cheating in any form, including assisting another student cheat, may receive a “zero” for the assignment. Cheating will not be tolerated. Multiple offenders will be dealt with harshly.

REPORT CARDS

Report cards are distributed every nine weeks. A child is graded against grade level objectives. Letter grades of A, B, C, D, and F reflect the child’s performance against grade level requirements. Students may be retained if they do not pass basic skill objectives at their grade level. If there are any questions about your child’s report card, please contact his/her teacher immediately.

HONOR ROLL

At Sentinel Public Schools an Honor Roll is published each nine weeks. To be eligible for the Superintendent’s Honor Roll, a student must have straight A’s. To be eligible for the Principal’s Honor Roll, a student must have all A’s and B’s.

FAILURE AND RETENTION

Whenever a teacher or teachers recommend that a student be retained at the present grade level or not passed in a course, the parent or guardian, if dissatisfied with the recommendation, may appeal the decision by complying with the District’s appeal process. They may appeal to the principal, a committee assigned by the superintendent, and the Board of Education, in the order listed. The decision of the Board of Education shall be final. The parent may prepare a written statement to be placed in and become part of the permanent record of the student stating the reason(s) for disagreeing with the decision of the Board.

PROGRESS REPORT

Students will receive progress reports the fifth (5th) week of each nine (9) week period.

PROFICIENCY BASED PROMOTION POLICY

Sentinel Public Schools will follow all state requirements concerning Proficiency Based Promotion. Students will have the opportunity for proficiency based promotion in the core areas of social studies, language arts, the arts, languages, mathematics, and science. Assessment will be made using appropriate tests, portfolio, thesis, project, products and/or performance. Students must score 90% or above on tests to be successful. All assessment will be made during the last ten school days of April or during the month of August. Parents must register for their children to take the assessment two weeks prior to the assessment. Assessment will be administered by a counselor or classroom teacher. If the student is successful in the assessment, a committee will be formed consisting of the

building principal, counselor, classroom teacher, and a parent of the student. This committee will review the student's records and plan for the student's educational needs. Students demonstrating proficiency in a core curriculum area will be given credit for their learning, and appropriate notation will be placed on the high school transcript. Failure to demonstrate proficiency will not be noted on the transcript. Options for accommodating student needs for advancement after they have demonstrated proficiency may include individualized instruction, correspondence courses, independent study, concurrent enrollment, cross-grade grouping, cluster grouping, grade/course advancement, individualized educational programs, or other appropriate options.

EMERGENCY ALARMS

When an emergency alarm or warning is sounded, school staff members are to implement the procedures as directed in the Standard Emergency Operating Procedures pamphlet and announcements and directives given. If a student is not under the supervision of a staff member at the time of the alarm or warning, they shall proceed directly to the nearest school staff member and follow any announcement and directions given. Students and staff members alike should respond in accordance to the safety procedures as they have been trained.

Students should stay with their teachers. Teachers should take their class roll with them and take roll upon arrival to the designated area. During a crisis or emergency situation, students will not be released without the approval of the principal.

SCHOOL VISITORS

Parents are always welcome to visit the school. If parents wish to have a conference with a teacher, they should contact the office at least one day prior to when they want to meet and schedule a time. Teachers and students work on a planned schedule and program. Unnecessary interruptions consume time and hinder the program. Parents should not interrupt a class without first gaining permission from the office.

For the protection of the students, security of the school, and minimizing disruption of the educational process, it is required that any person coming on the school campus during the school day go directly to the office before going to any other part of the school. They must register at the office and state the reason for their visit and pick up and wear a Visitors Tag. Visitors will not be allowed to visit classrooms or mingle with students during class or noon breaks without a necessary reason and without receiving special permission from a school administrator. Students are not allowed to bring other children as visitors to school.

Parents, patrons and visitors do not need to register if attending a special function, program, game, assembly, elementary class party, or if their presence has been requested by a school staff member.

CLASSROOM BEHAVIOR

Every teacher is in charge of the class they are teaching during the period that class meets. Teachers may take disciplinary action when needed. These teachers are giving a valuable gift of knowledge and deserve all respect from the students.

If everyone is courteous at all times it is easier to learn and to enjoy learning. Not only do fellow students and teachers deserve our courtesy, but also the school administrators who keep our building in excellent working order.

STUDENT CONDUCT GENERAL RULES

1. Students shall not have in their possession any gun or weapon while on school premises or at school-sponsored events, either on their person, locker, bags, vehicle, etc.
2. All forms of harassment, intimidation, and bullying are prohibited and students involved in such behavior will be subject to appropriate discipline, including suspension and expulsion.
3. Book bags, sports bags, and back packs should not be left unattended other than in designated storage areas or lockers.
4. Playing cards will not be allowed during school hours.
5. Students who are not in their classroom after the last bell stops ringing will be tardy.
6. No student may leave the campus without clearing through the office. This will be kept to a minimum.
7. Students are not permitted to play in the gym or P. E. building after school hours unless they receive permission from one of the coaches or administrators.
8. Students will not be allowed to possess any tobacco products on school grounds or in the school building at any time.
9. Any student using profanity should be immediately taken to the appropriate principal for disciplinary action.
10. Fighting on school campus is prohibited.
11. No physical contact by students in halls, classrooms, campus or buses at any time.
12. No student will be allowed to sit in/on parked vehicles on school campus.
13. Students should not run to class or to the lunchroom.
14. No one will be excused to go to the beauty shop or barber shop during school hours.
15. Remember that all teachers have authority at all times and places during school and school activities and will be backed fully by the administration.
16. Students may not bring cups filled with drinks onto campus. All drinks should be finished before entering campus.
17. Students are not allowed to have drinks and candy in classrooms without permission from the principal. Drinks are not allowed in the halls.
18. Students may eat and drink in the gymnasium area during noon or before school provided they clean up after themselves and dispose of their trash in an appropriate manner.

19. Students in grades 10-12 will have open campus privileges during the lunch period. School administrators have authority to stop all off-campus privileges at any time. All other students will have a closed campus.
20. Students involved in inappropriate behavior while off campus during school hours will be disciplined and may lose their open campus privileges.
21. Students may carry prescription inhalers, prescription insulin and prescription epee pins with the Principal's approval. All other medication should be delivered to the principal's office and will be administered by the principal's designee.
22. Loyalty to Sentinel Schools is to be encouraged at all times. Camaraderie among our student body is essential to a positive learning environment. Therefore, adherence to school colors is expected when wearing public school apparel.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

The use of electronic paging devices, cellular phones, wireless telecommunication devices, radio/tape players, CD players, MP3 players, and/or electronic devices other than those furnished by Sentinel Public Schools, or other materials that distract from the learning environment of the students, are prohibited during school hours. Electronic devices must remain concealed and turned off during the school day from 8:00a.m. to 3:20p.m. while on school premises.

Penalties for Violations:

- 1st offense-student will receive detention and device may be confiscated for a 24-hour period at the principal's discretion**
- 2nd offense-student will receive detention, device will be confiscated and parent will be required to conference with principal to receive device**
- 3rd offense-device confiscated and suspension of student**

USE OF TELEPHONE

The school's telephone was installed primarily to aid in carrying on official school business. It is available for the use of students only in emergencies deemed justifiable by the Principal. All calls made by students should be brief, and good manners and courtesy should be practiced. Students may use the office phones by permission only.

Persons calling students while the student is in class will be asked to leave a number or a message for the student, except in emergencies. The student may return the call between classes.

Long distance calls may be made on the school telephone only upon the approval of the Principal.

BUS RIDER RULES

Riding a school bus is a privilege, and the privilege may be removed for not abiding by the bus rider rules.

Prior to loading, students should:

1. Be on time at the designated school bus stops--keep the bus on schedule.

2. Stay off the road at all times while waiting for the bus.
3. Not move toward the bus at the school loading zone until the bus has been brought to a complete stop.
4. Be careful in approaching bus stops.
5. Wait until the bus comes to a complete stop before attempting to enter.
6. Respect people and their property while waiting for the bus.
7. Receive proper school official authorization to be discharged at places other than the regular bus stop.

While on the bus, students should:

1. Keep all parts of the body inside the bus.
2. Refrain from eating and drinking on the bus.
3. Refrain from the use of any form of tobacco, alcohol, or drugs.
4. Assist in keeping the bus safe and clean at all times.
5. Remember that loud talking and laughing or unnecessary confusion diverts the driver's attention and may result in a serious accident. (The life you save may be your own!)
6. Treat bus equipment as you would valuable furniture in your own home. Damage to seats, etc., must be paid for by the offender.
7. Should never tamper with the bus or any of its equipment.
8. Maintain possession of books, lunches, or other articles, and keep the aisle clear.
9. Help look after the safety and comfort of small children.
10. Not throw objects in or out of the bus.
11. Remain in the seats while the bus is in motion.
12. Refrain from horseplay and fighting on the bus.
13. Be courteous to fellow pupils, the bus drivers, and the patrol officers or driver's assistants.
14. Remain quiet when approaching crossing stops.
15. Remain in the bus during road emergencies except when it may be hazardous to their safety.

After leaving the bus, students should:

1. Go at least 10 feet in front of the bus, stop, check traffic and wait for bus driver's signal, then cross road.
2. Go home immediately, staying clear of traffic.
3. Help look after the safety and comfort of small children.

Extracurricular Trips

1. The above rules and regulations should apply to all trips under school sponsorship.
2. Sponsors should be appointed by the schools officials.

LOCKERS

Pupils shall not have any reasonable expectations of privacy towards school personnel in the contents of a school locker, desk or other school property. Such items may be opened and examined by school officials at any time, and no reason shall be necessary for such search.

SEARCH AND SEIZURE

Student search may be made based on reasonable suspicion of a violation of school rules and/or state or federal law by a student. The search shall be made pursuant to the reasonableness, under all the circumstances, of the search. The search of the student shall be justified at its inception, based on reasonable suspicion and reasonable in scope and in light of the age and sex of the student and the nature of the infraction. Contraband and other property unauthorized to be on school property or school sponsored activities will be seized for evidentiary purposes. Return of the property may be made to the parents/guardians of the student. Illegal contraband or other property will be turned over to law enforcement.

DRUG/ALCOHOL POLICY

Students found to be under the influence of or in possession of drugs, alcohol, drug paraphernalia, concealed weapons, mood altering substances, or other prohibited items, will be expelled for the remainder of the current semester and the following semester. Within five days of the incident, an evidentiary hearing will be held between the parents and a hearing panel. The hearing panel will consist of the principal and two other people appointed by the principal. If the parent and student present evidence and offer reasons for the student to be reinstated, the hearing panel may waive the expulsion if they feel such evidence and reasons are sufficient cause for leniency.

Sentinel Schools may acquire the services of a drug dog, which will make unscheduled, periodic visits to our school building and grounds. The dog and dog handler will have access to all buildings, rooms, vehicles, and lockers located on school property. If the dog alerts on anything on school grounds, standard legal procedures will be followed.

Students and their parents have all rights to due process. If parents have any questions about due process rights, they may contact a school administrator.

Sentinel Schools will provide, free of charge, urine screening drug test upon request by a parent. Alcohol detection kits will also be provided upon parent request.

STUDENT ACCOUNTABILITY RELATIVE TO SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY

Attending classes alert and ready to learn is a prime responsibility of students at Sentinel Schools. The inability to function in class may occur because of several reasons including illness, injury, or drug use (prescribed or illegal). A student may be referred to the principal's office after demonstrating one or more of the following behaviors:

- Sleeping in class
- Drowsiness or listlessness
- Slurred speech
- Poor general health (red eyes, flushed skin, etc.)
- Odor of smoke or alcohol
- Abnormal, erratic, or suspicious behavior
- Inability to concentrate

- Wearing jewelry or clothing which promotes drug or alcohol use
- Fighting, violence, or inciting behavior
- Possession of an illegal drug, alcohol, or possession of medication without notifying office
- Unexcused absences or tardiness

A trained employee of Sentinel Schools may check neurological function by means of a simple examination of the pupillary reflexes and muscle functions of the eye. If neurological dysfunction is suspected, regardless of the cause, the parent or guardian of the student will be contacted immediately.

The above behaviors, as well as the neurological examination, may be sufficient probable cause to search for illegal drugs or drug paraphernalia in the student's clothing, locker, or automobile.

CAFETERIA COLLECTION POLICY

All lunch bills must be paid by the 10th of the month following the month charged. Past due accounts must be paid on a daily basis. All returned checks will be charged a \$15.00 fee.

WITHDRAWAL PROCEDURE

Students who are moving or leaving this school for any reason should come to the Principal's office before school on the last day of attendance to get proper instructions on withdrawing. All books must be checked in, workbooks paid for and fees and lunch bills paid before a transcript of grades can be forwarded to another school.

DISCRIMINATION POLICY

The Sentinel Public Schools, in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 38-352) Executive Order 11246 as amended, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, and other federal laws and regulations, does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, handicap or status in any of its policies, practices or procedures. This includes, but is not limited to admissions, educational services, financial aid, and employment. Inquiries concerning application of this policy may be referred to the compliance coordinator, which is Superintendent of School, P. O. Box 640, Sentinel, OK 73664, (580)393-2101.

NOTICE REGARDING ASBESTOS

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act of 1986 requires the inspection of all buildings in the school district for asbestos. The Sentinel School district has complied with the act. A management plan documenting these inspections is on file for public review. You may examine the plan, located in the elementary principal's office, upon request.

The Sentinel Public Schools annually notifies parents, teachers, and other employees by handouts. Additionally, information regarding any asbestos related activities, planned or in progress, will be disseminated by handouts when they arise.

The asbestos identified in our management plan is checked regularly by an asbestos company and our staff to scrutinize any changes in the material which could cause a health hazard. We will continue to monitor the asbestos as defined by the EPA guidelines. If changes occur, our asbestos coordinator will notify the appropriate people as prescribed by law.
Paula Combs and Randy Carlson, Asbestos Coordinators

SENTINEL PUBLIC SCHOOL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR USE OF INTERNET

Internet access is available to students and teachers in the Sentinel Public School district. We are very pleased to have this access to Sentinel School and believe the Internet offers vast, diverse and unique resources to both students and teachers. Our goal in providing this service to teachers and students is to promote educational excellence in Sentinel Public Schools by facilitating resource sharing, innovation and communication.

The Internet is an electronic highway connecting thousands of computers all over the world and millions of individual subscribers. Students and teachers have access to:

1. electronic mail communication with people all over the world.
2. information and news.
3. public domain and shareware of all types.
4. discussion groups on an abundance of topics ranging from diverse cultures to the environment to music to politics.
5. access to many university catalogs.

With access to computers and people all over the world also comes the availability of material that may not be considered to be of educational value in the context of the school setting. Sentinel Public School has taken available precautions to restrict access to controversial materials. However, on a global network it is impossible to control all materials and an industrious user may discover controversial information. We firmly believe that the valuable information and interaction available on this worldwide network far outweighs the possibility that users may procure material that is not consistent with our educational goals.

Internet access is coordinated through a complex association of government agencies, and regional and state networks. In addition, the smooth operation of the network relies upon the proper conduct of the end users who must adhere to strict guidelines. These guidelines are provided here so that you are aware of the responsibilities you are about to acquire. In general this requires efficient, ethical and legal utilization of the network resources. If a Sentinel Public School user violates any of these provisions, his or her access will be terminated and future access could possibly be denied. Signature(s) at the end of the use of internet document is (are) legally binding and indicates the party (parties) who

signed has (have) read the terms and conditions carefully and understand(s) their significance.

Internet - Terms and Conditions

- 1) Acceptable Use - The purpose of Internet is to support research and education in and among academic institutions in the U.S. by providing access to unique resources and the opportunity for collaborative work. School use must be in support of education and research and consistent with educational objectives. Use of other organization's network or computing resources must comply with the rules appropriate for that network. Transmission of any material in violation of any U.S. or state regulation is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to: copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, or material protected by trade secret.
- 2) Privileges - The use of Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges. Each student who receives access will participate in a discussion with a Sentinel Public School faculty member pertaining to the proper use of the network. The school administrators and teachers will deem what is inappropriate use and their decision is final. The district may deny, revoke, or suspend specific user access.
- 3) Netiquette - You are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These include, but are not limited to the following:
 - a) Be polite. Your messages should not be abusive to others.
 - b) Use appropriate language. Do not swear, use vulgarities or any other inappropriate language.
 - c) Do not reveal your personal address or phone number or the addresses and/or phone numbers of students or colleagues.
 - d) Illegal activities are strictly forbidden.
 - e) Note that electronic mail (e-mail) is not guaranteed to be private. People who operate the system do have access to all mail. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities may be reported to the authorities.
 - f) Do not use the network in such a way that you would disrupt the use of the network by other users.
 - g) All communications and information accessible via the network should be assumed to be private property.
- 4) Security - Security on any computer system is a high priority, especially when the system involves many users. If you feel you can identify a security problem on Internet, you must notify a teacher who will in turn notify a system administrator. Do not demonstrate any problems to other users. Do not use another individual's account without written permission from that individual. Attempts to login to Internet as a system administrator will result in cancellation of user privileges. Any user identified as a security risk or having a history of problems with other computer systems may be denied access to Internet. **Students shall not use the Internet without the direct supervision of school personnel.**

5) Vandalism - Vandalism will result in cancellation of privileges. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy hardware, data of another user, Internet, or any agencies or other networks that are connected to the Internet.

GENERAL SUGGESTIONS TO PARENTS

1. Encourage your child to come home immediately after school is dismissed.
2. Please do not phone your child during school hours unless there is an emergency.
3. Place names on all articles of outer clothing – coats, gloves, hats, caps, sweaters, rain-coats, etc.
4. The school maintains a lost and found department. Please feel free to investigate if your child loses or misplaces something.
5. Instruct your child never to converse with a stranger, never accept a gift from a stranger, and never to get into a car with a stranger.
6. Your child must have plenty of sleep each night for him or her to do good school work.
7. If there is something that you want to know about school, if something has happened at school that worries you or your child, if there is a misunderstanding, or if you need more information for any reason, see your child's principal.
8. Visit our school. You, as a parent, are not only welcome at school, you are urged to visit. It is highly desirable that you attend the various meetings arranged by the principal.
9. You will also want to know your child's teachers. If you wish to confer with a teacher, please call the school and make an appointment. You should not take his/her class time to discuss an individual problem.

IDEAS FOR HELPING YOUR CHILD

Parents can do their part to improve homework when they:

1. Cooperate with the school to make homework effective.
2. Provide your children with suitable study conditions (desk or table, lights, books and supplies).
3. Reserve a time for homework and turn off the television.
4. Encourage your children, but avoid undue pressure.
5. Show interest in what your children are doing, but do not do the work for them.
6. Understand that the school expects homework to be completed and returned.

SUMMER REMEDIATION

During the 3rd Nine Weeks Period any student in grades 3-8 who has an average of 69 or below (grade average will include 1st semester and current) in math and/or reading will be considered for summer remediation.

A committee consisting of teacher, parent, counselor, and principal will use the following guidelines and considerations:

- Other assessments showing that the student is working below grade level
- Attendance is below 80%

ADDITIONAL SECONDARY POLICIES

ADMISSION AFTER ABSENCE

On the day following an absence, the student goes to the office for an admit slip, unless otherwise noted on the posted absentee sheet. The student must have a written excuse from their parents or guardian (when a phone is not available) or the parent must call before the admit slip will be given. Each teacher signs the slip, and the student at that time arranges for make-up work. It is the student's responsibility to see the teacher about the make-up work.

EXCUSES FROM CLASS DURING THE DAY

A student may not be excused from classes by a teacher of another class at any time. If the situation warrants, permission to miss a class may be obtained from the Principal. The student is required to personally present it to the teacher. Under no circumstances should a student expect a teacher to accept a verbal excuse.

TARDINESS

When a student is late for any period, the student must obtain a tardy permit from the Principal. All tardies are considered unexcused except when specified otherwise by the Principal. If a student exceeds three tardies in a 9-week period they will be required to attend detention with the principal.

MAKE UP WORK AND INCOMPLETES

Students that have excused absences will be given an equal number of days to their absence to make up work missed. If the work is not completed in this time, it will go into the grade book as a zero. If a student misses a portion of the school day, they should get their assignments missed upon returning to school.

DISCIPLINE POLICY

The school's primary goal is to educate, not discipline. However, when the behavior of an individual student comes in conflict with the rights of others, corrective actions are necessary for the benefit of the individual and of the school.

By Oklahoma statutes, the teacher of a child attending a public school shall have the same rights as a parent or guardian to control and discipline such child according to local policies during the time the child is in attendance or in transit to or from the school or any other school function authorized by the school district or classroom presided over by the teacher.

The goal of this disciplinary policy is to correct the misconduct of the individual and to promote adherence by that student and by other students to the policies and regulations of the district. Faculty response to student misconduct is a matter directly influencing the moral of the entire student body. As such, all students will be treated in a fair and equitable manner.

Disciplinary action will be based on a careful assessment of the circumstances surrounding each infraction. Examples of these circumstances are: The student's attitude, the seriousness of the offense, and its potential effect on other students, among other things.

In administrating discipline, consideration will be given to alternative methods to insure that the most effective discipline is administered in each case. In all disciplinary actions, the faculty will consider consultation with parents on disciplinary measures that might prove most effective in particular instances.

In considering alternatives for disciplinary action, the faculty and administration of Sentinel Public Schools will be using items from the following:

- Conference with student and parents
- Corporal punishment
- Probationary period
- Parental conference/Advise parents
- Suspension
- Expulsion
- Removal from class or group (temporary or permanent)
- Financial restitution
- Reference to other social agencies
- Involvement of law enforcement
- Saturday detention
- Noon & after school detention
- Isolation
- Graduated Sanctions
- Any other disciplinary action deemed appropriate under the circumstances

We would like to emphasize the alternatives for discipline will include the items listed above, but will not be limited to the list, nor should it be misconstrued in any way that this list reflects an order or sequence of events as to how disciplinary actions will take place.

The Principal shall have authority to suspend any pupil who is guilty of any of the following acts while in attendance at school or in transit by school transportation or under school supervision to or from school or at any school function authorized by the school district or when present on any facility under the control of the school.

- Immorality or profanity
- Violation of written school rules, regulations or policies
- Possession, threat, or use of a dangerous weapon, as defined by the State Statute
- Assault and Battery
- Possession of any narcotic drug, stimulant, barbiturate or alcohol
- Conduct which jeopardizes the safety of others
- Conduct calculated to disrupt the operation of the school
- Truancy
- Violent acts or threatened violence

When the Principal has determined that a pupil is guilty, he/she may suspend said pupil from school for the current semester and the following semester. When any pupil is determined to have threatened or attempted to use a dangerous weapon or to have used a dangerous weapon, the Principal shall for the tranquillity of the school, and the safety of others suspend the pupil for the balance of the current school year.

Suspended students may not be on school property or attend school activities until the student is reinstated in good standing with the school by the Principal. It may be considered trespassing and charges filed if a student is found to be on school property. When a student is suspended, there must be a parent/principal conference before the student can be reinstated.

Suspended students will have the right to appeal their suspension to the appropriate committee.

Any student who is determined to have brought a firearm to school shall be expelled from school for a period of no less than one year except that the superintendent may modify such expulsion on a case-by-case basis. Such pupil suspended shall have the right to appeal the decision of such Principal to the Board of Education. Such pupil shall give notice in writing to the superintendent within the five days of his appeal to the Board of Education. The Superintendent shall notify the Board of Education immediately, which shall as soon as possible conduct a full investigation of the matter and determine the guilt or innocence of the pupil. The decision of the Board of Education shall be final.

DRESS CODE

Proper clothing and good grooming is an asset to anyone and should be a part of your training. You should dress for school each day in a manner that would be acceptable (for the most part) in the business world. This is part of your training for applying and holding a job; therefore, you will be expected to conform to these suggestions:

Clothing shall not display any figures or lettering which carry a connotation of immorality, vulgarity or obscenity. Hats and caps are to be removed upon entering the building. School-sponsored organization shirts may be worn.

Students attending any school function, such as dances, proms, graduations, etc. are expected to dress appropriately for the occasion. Students wearing attire that is either inappropriate or too risqué will not be admitted, or may be asked to leave or change.

Exposed body piercing shall be limited to the student's ears.

These items of clothing are prohibited:

1. Halter Tops
2. Tube Tops
3. Midriff-Baring Tops
4. Off the Shoulder Tops
5. Backless Shirts
6. Spaghetti Strapped Tops
7. Muscle Shirts or Tank Tops
8. Mesh Tops or See Through Shirts

9. Unstrapped Overalls
10. Pajama-Type or Bedtime Wear or House Shoes
11. Mini-Shorts, Mini-Skirts, or any Short or Skirt that is not below the Middle of the Thigh (Basic Check for Students – With Arms Straight and Extended to the Side Downward to the Legs, Shorts and Skirts Should be at a Minimum, Below Finger Tips Plus Two Inches)
12. Shorts, Jeans, Slacks, or Pants Worn Below the Waist Line (Sagging) or with Holes/Rips Above the Knees
13. Any Apparel that is Too Revealing, Too Sheer, or Too Low Cut
14. Headgear such as Hats, Bandannas, Stocking Caps, or Sunglasses. Any exceptions are only at principal's discretion.
15. Any Chains, Such as Bill Fold Chains, Bike Chains, and Animal Chains
16. Any Apparel or Accessories with Offensive or Suggestive Slogans or Logos that Pertain to Immorality, Vulgarity, Obscenity, the Use of Tobacco, Alcohol, Drugs or The Promotion of Violence and/or Gang or Cult Activity

DRIVING PERMIT

1. Each student who drives a street legal vehicle must sign a driving permit.
2. Street legal vehicles are not to be parked in the bus parking area or anywhere else except in the designated areas.
3. Street legal vehicles are not to be driven on the school grounds around the grade building and behind the Technology Building.
4. Students may not drive more than 10 mph on the school grounds.
5. Students are not to honk horns near school grounds.
6. Spinning wheels on take off is prohibited.
7. Excessive speed in front of the school will not be permitted.
8. Students are not to allow anyone to ride on fenders or in the back of pickups.
9. Driving misconduct outside of school area is considered an offense.
10. No sitting in/on parked street legal vehicles.
11. Unlicensed drivers are not permitted to drive on campus at any time.

Penalties for Violations:

First offense – warning

Second offense – stop driving for two weeks

Third offense – stop driving for four weeks

Fourth offense – stop driving for remainder of year

DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING

Secondary students wishing to participate in extra-curricular activities at Sentinel Schools must submit to drug testing. Students and their parents must sign a consent form prior to participation in extra-curricular activities. School administrators shall develop procedures in regard to the number and frequency of testing, actions to be taken in re-

sponse to a positive test, and measures to assure the confidentiality of testing results, the fair treatment of students, and the accuracy and integrity of the testing program.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Extra-curricular participants must have passed at least 5 courses the last semester enrolled in school or will be ineligible for the first 6 weeks of the current semester.
- Weekly eligibility checks will begin after the 3rd week of each semester. If at any time a student is failing for two consecutive weeks in any class, that student shall be ineligible for a period of one week, beginning on Monday. To regain eligibility the student must be passing all subjects at the next eligibility check. They will be eligible to compete the following Monday.
- All OSSAA eligibility requirements will be followed by Sentinel Schools.
- Sportsmanship and citizenship must be displayed at all times, or the athlete may forfeit their eligibility.
- The athlete must represent Sentinel Schools in a way that is acceptable by fans and school officials.

SPORTSMANSHIP CODE

This code is to promote friendliness, respect, cooperation, cheerfulness, fairness, loyalty and sincerity toward the students of the participating schools and citizens of the communities.

We will be courteous and gracious to all schools. This not only pertains to when they are our guests, but when we are accepting their hospitality, as well. Our opponents will be greeted with a sincere welcome and will be congratulated whether they win or lose.

Schools will cooperate with each other in making pre-game arrangements, in observing local rules and regulations, and will show a genuine willingness to cooperate. We will strive to maintain cheerful associations before and after the game. We will strive to maintain a sense of balance by keeping our emotions and sentiments from overcoming our better judgment and common sense. We will appreciate the game for its own sake and not for what winning will bring. We will be fair and considerate to all our opponents and visitors in each and every sporting event in which we participate. We will win without boasting and lose without excuses.

VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN SELECTION

Valedictorian and Salutatorian will be determined on College Preparatory/Work Ready Curriculum for high school graduation and overall grade- point average (weighted*/non-weighted). Determination is based on the students' grade- point average figured from semester grades (ninth through first semester of twelfth grade) and the third nine weeks of the twelfth grade year figured into the calculation (seven semesters plus third nine weeks). Beginning with the seniors of 2012, students must also pass the required four of seven EOI (End of Instruction) tests or approved alternative tests as set by the Oklahoma State Department of Education.

Concurrent enrollment will be transcribed but will not count toward Valedictorian and Salutatorian standings.

Any student who signs to option out of College Preparatory/Work Ready Curriculum will not be considered for Valedictorian and Salutatorian selection.

College Preparatory/Work Ready Curriculum for High School Graduation

(Title 70 O.S. § 11-103.6)

Beginning with students entering the ninth grade in the 2006-07 school year, in order to graduate from a public high school accredited by the State Board of Education with a standard diploma, students shall complete the following college preparatory/work ready curriculum units or sets of competencies at the secondary level. In lieu of the requirements of the college preparatory/work ready curriculum for high school graduation, a student may enroll in the core curriculum for high school graduation, upon written approval of the parent or legal guardian of the student.

4 Units English

to include Grammar, Composition, Literature, or any English course approved for college admission requirements;

3 Units Mathematics

limited to Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, Trigonometry, Math Analysis, Calculus, Advanced Placement Statistics, or any mathematics course with content and/or rigor above Algebra I and approved for college admission requirements;

3 Units Laboratory Science

limited to Biology, Chemistry, Physics, or any laboratory science course with content and/or rigor equal to or above Biology and approved for college admission requirements;

3 Units History and Citizenship Skills

including one unit of American History, one-half unit of Oklahoma History, one-half unit of United States Government and one unit from the subjects of History, Government, Geography, Economics, Civics, or non-Western culture and approved for college admission requirements;

2 Units of the same Foreign or non-English language, or 2 Units Computer Technology

approved for college admission requirements, whether taught at a high school or a technology center school, including computer programming, hardware, and business computer applications, such as word processing, databases, spreadsheets, and graphics, excluding keyboarding or typing courses;

1 Additional Unit

selected from the courses listed above or career and technology education courses approved for college admission requirements; and

1 Unit or Set of Competencies of Fine Arts such as music, art, or drama, or 1 Unit or Set of Competencies of Speech

23 Total Credits 17 cores 6 electives

***Honors (AP) courses that are on a 5.0 weighted grade scale will be converted to a 4.0 grade scale and then figured into the overall GPA, with a 4.0 being the highest GPA possible.**

Junior High School GPA, for selection for valedictorian and salutatorians, are figured from semester grades earned in the seventh grade, eighth grade, and first semester of the ninth grade plus the 3rd nine weeks grades of the ninth grade year.

Schedule changes are permitted before the 3rd day of each semester with permission from the principal and counselor.

Early graduation from high school is not offered through this district. Students are expected to complete eight (8) semesters of high school in order to graduate and receive a diploma.

Rank

Rank is figured from the GPA reported on transcripts, which is GPA rounded to two digits past the decimal.

CLASSIFICATION OF STUDENTS

In order to more clearly show a students expected graduation date, they will be classified according to the following:

Freshmen.....	Less than 5 units
Sophomore.....	5 to 10 ½ units
Juniors.....	10 ½ units
Seniors.....	16 or more units

**Sentinel Public Schools offers a full curriculum. On-line instruction for high school credit will not be accepted or transcribed.

CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT

The concurrent enrollment program provides an opportunity for interested seniors to expand their course studies. A cooperative program set forth by the State Board of Education and the Regents for Higher Education, concurrent enrollment allows juniors and seniors enrolled in accredited Oklahoma high school to be admitted provisionally to a college or university in the Oklahoma State System of High Education as special students, provided they meet certain requirements. The school counselor has further information about ACT and GPA requirements for eligibility. A concurrent student must bring proof of enrollment back to the high school and once a semester is completed, must provide the high school with a college transcript. If the student drops a college class, they must enroll back at Sentinel Schools. The student will be responsible for their own transportation.

HARASSMENT

It is the policy of this school district that harassment of students by other students, personnel, or the public will not be tolerated. This policy is in effect while the students are on school grounds, in school transportation, or attending school-sponsored activities, and while away from school grounds if the misconduct directly affects the good order, efficient management, and welfare of the school district.

Harassment is intimidation by threats of or actual physical violence; the creation by whatever means of a climate of hostility or intimidation; or the use of language, conduct, or symbols in such manner as to be commonly understood to convey hatred, contempt, or prejudice or to have the effect of insulting or stigmatizing and individual. Harassment in-

cludes but is not limited to harassment on the basis of race, sex, creed, color, national origin, religion, marital status, or disability.

As used in the School Bullying Prevention Act, “harassment, intimidation, and bullying” means any gesture, written or verbal expression, or physical act that a reasonable person should know will harm another person, damage another student’s property, place another student in reasonable fear of harm to the student’s person or damage to the student’s property, or insult or demean any student or group of students in such a way as to disrupt or interfere with the school’s educational mission or the education of any student. Harassment, intimidation, and bullying included, but are not limited to, a gesture or written, verbal, or physical act. Such behavior is specifically prohibited,

Harassment set forth above may include, but is not limited to, the following:

1. Verbal, physical, or written harassment or abuse;
2. Repeated remarks of a demeaning nature;
3. Implied or explicit threats concerning one’s grades, achievements, etc.;
4. Demeaning jokes, stories, or activities directed at the student;
5. Unwelcome physical contact.

HAZING

It is the policy of this school district that no student or employee of the district shall participate in or be members of any secret fraternity or secret organization that is in any degree related to the school or to a school activity. No student organization or any person associated with any organization or any person associated with any organization sanctioned or authorized by the board of education shall engage or participate in hazing.

For the purposes of this policy, hazing is defined as an activity that recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental health or physical health or safety of a student for the purpose of initiation or admission into or affiliation with any organization sanctioned or authorized by the board of education.

“Endanger the physical health” shall include, but is not limited to, any brutality of a physical nature, such as whipping; beating; branding; forced calisthenics; exposure to the elements; forced consumption of food, alcoholic beverage, drug, or controlled dangerous substance; or other forced physical activity which could adversely affect the physical health or safety of the individual.

“Endanger the mental health” shall include any activity, except those activities authorized by law, which would subject the individual to extreme mental stress, such as prolonged sleep deprivation, forced prolonged exclusion from social contact, forced conduct which would result in extreme embarrassment, or any other forced activity which could adversely affect the mental health or dignity of the individual.

Any hazing activity upon which the initiation or admission with an organization sanctioned or authorized by the board of education is conditioned, directly or indirectly, shall be presumed to be a forced activity, even if the student willingly participates in such activity.

This policy is not intended to deprive school district authorities from taking necessary and appropriate disciplinary action toward any student or employee. Students and employees who violate this policy will be subject to disciplinary action that may include expulsion for students and employment termination for employees.

CLUBS

Following is a list of clubs and organizations provided at Sentinel Public School. Please be advised that parents need to notify the school office if they choose to withhold permission to allow their child to participate in any club or organization.

The purpose of each club or organization is to provide activities for students to enhance educational opportunities in that particular area.

Academic Team (HS)	Nathan Friesen
Academic Team (JH)	Cheryl Rose
Academic Bowl (JH)	Jeanette Diffendaffer
Athletics (Boys)	Brad Lenaburg-Randy Smith
Athletics (Girls)	Leland Williams-Brad Lenaburg
Annual	Donna Mecham
Beta	Jill Henderson
Cheerleaders (HS)	Marty Chandler
Cheerleaders (JH)	Melinda Griffith
FFA	Randy Henderson
FCCLA	Dixie Williams
Gifted/Talented 7-12	Jill Henderson
Senior 4-H	Rhonda Holman
Junior 4-H	Angela Block
Student Council	Benny Barnett
TSA	Kevin Rozell

ADDITIONAL ELEMENTARY POLICIES

ATTENDANCE

If a student is absent because of an emergency or illness, please call the office before 9:00 a.m. on the day of the absence. Every absence must be followed by a note from home stating the nature of the absence. If communication with the school is not made, the principal or office staff will contact the parent.

TARDINESS

When a student is late for any period, the student must obtain a tardy permit from the Principal. All tardies are considered unexcused except when specified otherwise by the principal. A student will be required to stay in detention if they are tardy three times during a nine-week period.

DISCIPLINE

In order for all Sentinel students to learn, live, and work together in a productive, safe environment, appropriate behavior is necessary. The school system, the school, and each class have established realistic and reasonable guidelines for all students to follow so that learning can take place without disruption. Minor problems are handled in a routine manner by the classroom teacher. Repeated disruptive incidents will be handled by the principal. In most cases parents will be contacted regarding this. Your cooperation and understanding is essential.

The schools are established for the benefit of all students. The educational purpose of the schools is accomplished best in a climate of student behavior which is socially acceptable and conducive to the learning and teaching process. Student behavior which disrupts this process or which infringes upon the rights of other individuals will not be tolerated.

What are some of the forms of discipline that the principal will use? They include but are not limited to: Conference with student, conference with student and parent, detention during noon recess and/or P.E., working by cleaning the school grounds or school property, corporal punishment (parent's permission form), not being allowed to go on certain field trips, suspension, and any other discipline deemed appropriate by the principal.

ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

Students should arrive in the mornings after 8:00 a.m. Parents of students who need to arrive before 8:00 a.m. should make arrangements with the Principal. If grade school students arrive early, they should go to the cafeteria area until 8:15. They can then go to their classrooms. Secondary students should be in either the cafeteria area or gymnasium seats.

Students Pre-Kindergarten - 6 will be dismissed at 3:15 p.m. Bus students will load on buses at 3:20 p.m. and will depart at 3:25 p.m.

Students walking or riding a bicycle to or from school should not get in other people's yards or property. Parents should advise their children not to accept rides, clothing, gifts, pills, eats, drinks, etc. from stranger. Parents should advise the Principal if unusual incidents of this nature occur to their child.

If it becomes necessary for a parent to pick up a child before regular school dismissal, the parent must notify someone in the school office. No student will be dismissed without office approval. This is a protective measure for the student.

When it becomes necessary to dismiss school early because of emergency situations, the elementary office makes an effort to notify the parent or contact person of each student. If a parent hears through the media or otherwise of an early dismissal, the parent is encouraged to call the school to make arrangements for their child.

The following regulations apply for students who ride bicycles to school: The rider should know & observe all traffic laws. Bicycles are to be parked in bicycle racks upon arriving at school and not ridden again until after school. The school will not be held responsible for stolen bicycles.

PERMITS TO LEAVE SCHOOL

No student may leave school except at regular dismissal time without permission from the office. If the student knows in advance that he will need to leave school, his parents should call the school explaining the necessity of leaving school and the time the student should be dismissed. The student must check out through the office before leaving campus.

MAKE UP WORK

When students miss school it is important in most situations that work missed be made up. In grades 3-6, two days will be allowed for each day missed to make up work. For example, if a student missed two days, he or she would have four days to make up the work missed. After that time, credit will not be given for work not completed. Kindergarten, first and second grade make up work will be handled on individual need basis.

PLAYGROUND AND P.E.

All students are expected to participate in class activities unless they have a note from a parent stating that they have an illness or injury. Students are expected to go out on the playground at noon unless they have a note from a parent, or a teacher permission slip signed by the teacher, requesting the student to stay in the classroom.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ELIGIBILITY

Extra-curricular “elementary school” activities are grade basketball (4th/5th/6th), music trips during school, tri-track meet, and 4-H events that require a student missing school. **All 4th, 5th, and 6th graders who participate in grade school basketball must have a physical on file.**

We want all students to be able to participate/attend as many extra-curricular activities as possible. However, we believe that an extra-curricular activity is an activity that should be earned or deserved.

A student in grade 4, 5, or 6 will not be allowed to participate/attend a school function extra-curricular activity if he/she does not meet the following requirements:

- Must be passing (60 percent minimum passing grade) on core subjects of math, reading, science, language/spelling, and social studies**
- Must be meeting 80 percent attendance rule.

**the school will use the previous 9-week average or the current average after the 3rd week of the 9 week period in determining a student’s average for eligibility. In leu of a probationary week, each student will be allowed one exemption per semester.

Students may also be declared ineligible to participate in an athletic event as a disciplinary measure for inappropriate conduct, attitude, absences, and irresponsibility for athletic uniforms and equipment. Cheerleaders will be required to fulfill the same eligibility rules as team players to be eligible to perform at athletic games.

AWARDS

Students are presented various awards at the Elementary School Awards Program during the last week of school each spring.

Teachers may select students from their classes (grades 4, 5, 6) to receive an award in an academic area for outstanding work in an area during the school year.

LUNCH

A lunch program is provided in the cafeteria for the benefit and convenience of the students. Official applications for free and/or reduced lunches are made available to every student, and parents may submit them for approval if they desire.

Students may bring their lunches, but they will be required to eat in the cafeteria. No soft drinks such as pop or colas are permitted at the lunch table during lunch. No elementary students are to be excused to go off campus for lunch unless accompanied by a parent or designated adult.

PARTIES

Parents may assist with three parties during the school year: Halloween, Valentines and Christmas. Grades K-4 will also have an Easter party.

HOMEWORK

Sentinel School recognizes the fact that homework is desirable and necessary. Students at Sentinel Elementary will be assigned homework as a means of encouraging independent study, establishing good work habits, and reinforcing basic subject skills. Homework will be given the entire school year. All homework assignments may not be written, but could be in the form of study or review for a test or research for projects or book reports. All written homework will be checked, graded, filed, or returned to the student in order to provide relevant feedback.

Parents should be aware of the purpose of homework and encourage and support the school in completion of all assignments.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

In order to have perfect attendance at Sentinel Elementary School a student must:

- Be here every school day.
- It will be considered a half-day absence if a student arrives at school after 10:20 a.m.; is away from school for more than one-and-one-half hour; checks out of school before 1:45 p.m. (Three times maximum allowed for entire year)
- Please note: School related absence(s) will not count against perfect attendance.

DRESS CODE

The dress code for elementary students grades pre K – 3 will be determined by the elementary Principal. Dress code for grades 4 – 6 will be the same as the high school dress code found on pages 17 and 18.