Spectrum Academy Employee Handbook

NORTH SALT LAKE

Elementary School

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North Salt Lake, UT 84054

High School

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North Salt Lake, UT 84054

Intermediate School

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PLEASANT GROVE

Elementary School

867 S. 800 West

Pleasant Grove, UT 84062

Secondary School

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Pleasant Grove, UT 84062

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100 - Introduction

101 – How to Use this Handbook

This employee handbook will answer many questions you may have about Spectrum Academy policies. Please read and keep this copy so you can read it whenever you have questions. If your questions are not answered in the handbook, please ask the Principal or business manager for help.

102 - Handbook Disclaimer

The following policies cover many aspects of employee conduct while at work. There may be some conduct that is not covered here but the administration deems to be harmful to the school or its patrons. The administration will review and make decisions about what is best for Spectrum Academy in these situations. As the employee it is your responsibility to read, review and familiarize yourself with Spectrum Academy policies both in the employee handbook and online.

103 – Change in Policy

Spectrum Academy may change the policies in this handbook at any time. You will be notified of any changes. Please keep your copy of the handbook updated. The most current version of a policy will always be used. If you are unsure what the current version of a policy is, please contact your Principal or the Director of Academics.

200 - Professional Educator Conduct

As a Spectrum Academy Employee, you are expected to maintain the highest standards of professionalism at all times as set defined by the Utah State Office of Education. Your conduct reflects on Spectrum Academy. Your conduct also affects the quality of the work environment. Inappropriate behavior may include, but are not limited to, the following.

201 – You are responsible for compliance with federal, state and local laws.

202 - You are expected to conduct yourself in a way that enhances the success of Spectrum Academy, its students and other employees.

- 203 You are expected to communicate professionally and with civility with a colleague, school and community specialist, administrator and other personnel.
- 204 You are expected to maintain a professional and appropriate relationship and demeanor with a student, colleague, school community member and parent.
- 205 You may not promote a personal opinion, personal issue, or political position as part of the instructional process in a manner inconsistent with law.
- 206 You are expected to maintain verbal, physical, emotional, and social lines with students to ensure structure, security, and predictability in an educational environment.
- 207 You are expected to maintain a positive and safe learning and working environment.
- 208 You may not falsify employment or other company records.
- 209 No excessive, unnecessary or unauthorized use of school property and supplies, particularly for personal purposes.
- 210 You may not report to work under the influence of drugs or alcohol. The illegal manufacture, possession, use, sale, distribution or transportation of drugs, is strictly prohibited.
- 211 You may not bring or use alcoholic beverages on the school property or while engaged in school business off the school's premises, except where authorized.
- 212 You may not fight or use obscene, abusive, or threatening language or gestures.
- 213 You may not steal from co-workers, students or the school.
- 214 You may not be in possession of unauthorized firearms on the school premises or while on school business.
- 215 You are expected to maintain safety and security regulations while at work. Observe restricted areas and all warning signs.
- 216 You may not bully or harass other employees.
- 217 You are expected to know emergency procedures.
- 218 You are expected to report unsafe conditions or practices to any administrator.
- 219 You are expected to report every accident and injury to the office manager or other appointed personnel.
- 220 You are expected to follow the care prescribed by the attending physician when treated for an injury or illness occurring during working hours.
- 221 You may not bring any household chemicals or cleaners to school. All cleaning supplies must be from an approved list.
- 222 You may not bring candles or candle warmers.

- 223 You may not be insubordinate or incite others to insubordination including giving advice outside of your scope of licensure or position.
- 224 You may not gossip about your coworkers or students. Gossiping is defined as: Rumor or talk of a personal, sensational, or intimate nature. A person who habitually spreads intimate or private rumors or facts. Trivial, chatty talk or writing.
- 225 You are expected to maintain the confidentiality of school or student information under FERPA.
- 226 You may not possess, while at school or any school-related activity, any pornographic material in any form.
- 227 You may not exclude a student from participating in any program or deny or grant any benefit to any student on the basis of race, color, creed, sex, national origin, marital status, political or religious belief, physical or mental condition, family, social, or cultural background, or sexual orientation. In no way may staff encourage a student to develop a prejudice against another student, group, or organization.
- 228 You may not use your position or influence to solicit a colleague, student, or parent of a student to purchase equipment, supplies, or services from the educator or participate in an activity that financially benefits the educator unless approved in writing by the Director of Academics.
- 229 You may not use school property, facilities, or equipment for personal enrichment, commercial gain, or for personal uses without permission from the Director of Academics.

 230 You may not accept a bonus, or incentive from a vendor or potential vendor or a gift from a parent of a student or a student where there may be the appearance of a conflict of
- 231 Spectrum Academy's policy is as follows: if you have any felony charges and/or convictions at any time during your employment including any charges incurred prior to your first day, you are required to disclose that information to Spectrum Academy along with the nature of the charges.

300 – Boundary Violations

interest or impropriety.

"Boundary violation" means crossing verbal, physical, emotional, and social lines that an educator must maintain in order to ensure structure, security and predictability in an educational environment.

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A "boundary violation" may include:

- 301 Isolated, one-on-one interactions with students out of the line of sight of others.
- 302 Meeting with students in rooms with covered or blocked windows.
- 303 Telling risqué jokes to or in the presence of a student, using inappropriate language, using profane, foul or offensive or derogatory comments or language.
- 304 Giving gifts to individual students.
- 305 Educator-initiated frontal hugging or other inappropriate or uninvited touching.
- 306 Engaging in inappropriate or unprofessional contact outside of education program activities.
- 307 Exchanging personal email or phone numbers with a student.
- 308 Interacting privately with a student through social media, computer, or handheld devices.
- 309 Discussing personal life or personal issues with a student.
- 310 Soliciting, encouraging, or consummating an inappropriate relationship, whether written, verbal or physical with a student or minor.
- 311 Taking a student off campus without administration and parental permission.
- 312 It is suggested that you don't attend parties or gatherings for your students outside of school as this blurs the line between professional and personal relationships.
- 313 Photographing individual students for non-educational purposes.
- 314 Providing intoxicants of any kind to a student.

"Boundary violations" do not include:

Offering praise, encouragement, or acknowledgement, offering rewards available to all who achieve, asking permission to touch for necessary purposes, giving pats on back or shoulder, giving handshakes or high fives, offering warmth and kindness. Or contact permitted by an IEP or 504 plan.

400 – Meeting with Students Outside Normal School Day

School instruction, counseling, and other administrative tasks relating to students which require the presence of students should be accomplished on school premises within the normal school day. A "school related activity" means any event, activity, or program that

takes place at the school before, during, or after school hours or at a remote location with the school's authorization.

- 401 Approval of the school principal is required whenever it becomes necessary for an employee to meet with a student outside the normal school day for a "school related activity".
- 402 Notice shall be given to a parent, or legal guardian BEFORE detaining any student after school.
- 403 Employees are not authorized to invite school-aged persons to the employee's home. The exception is 406 407 below.
- 404 All extra-curricular student activity programs require authorization of the school principal.
- 405 Employees are not allowed to travel alone with a student.
- 406 Any Employee that transports a student from school property that is not their child or a child that they are not the legal guardian of, must have the permission of the parent or legal guardian of the student. That permission must be made evident to the front office staff or a member of the administration.
- 407 The employee must be clocked out and it should be after their scheduled work time before they are in supervision of their child or another student that they have parental permission to supervise and/or transport.

500 – Inappropriate Work Conduct Corrective Action

If your performance, work habits, overall attitude, conduct, or demeanor become unsatisfactory based on school policies, rules, or regulations, you may be subject to disciplinary action, which may include termination of employment. Before or during any discipline process, you may be given an opportunity to relate your version of the incident or problem and provide any explanation or justification you consider relevant. Where appropriate, corrective action may be followed by administrators as outlined as follows.

501 – Verbal Warning

Your Principal verbally warns you that your conduct is unacceptable, and that continued failure to change your conduct or performance will result in more severe disciplinary

action. A record of the notice of the verbal warning may be made and retained in your employee file. Before receiving a verbal warning, your Principal will counsel you and tell you what improvements are expected.

502 – Written Warning

Your Principal or the Director of Academics may write a document describing your unacceptable conduct or performance and may specify the needed changes or improvements. A copy of this document will be put into your employee file.

503 – Suspension

Suspension of your employment may, at the sole discretion of Spectrum Academy, be used. The length of the suspension will be based upon the severity of the offense, your overall performance, and your disciplinary record. You may be suspended for repeated instances of minor misconduct, failure to conform your conduct or performance to the standards, or for a single serious offense. A record of your suspension will be put into your employee file.

504 – Termination of Employment

If you fail to change your conduct or performance to the required standards, the school may, in its sole discretion, terminate your employment.

Spectrum Academy administration will administer discipline as they feel is reasonably appropriate to the circumstances, and they may eliminate any or all of the steps in the progressive discipline procedure.

600 – Employment Categories

Please get to know the terms and policies in this section. It will help you to understand your pay and benefits as well as employment laws that affect you at work.

601 – Full-time

Hourly: Works a normal full time (7.5 hours a day, 37.5 hours a week and no more than 40). Hourly employees are paid for days worked over the school year not including the

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summer months.

Salary: Works a normal full time shift (7.5 hours a day). Salary employees are paid over 12 months.

602 - Part-time

Works fewer than 29 hours in a workweek on a regular basis. Part-time employees are paid during the school year not including the summer months.

603 – Temporary

Works full-time or part-time hours, but only until a specific assignment is completed. A temporary employee may be offered another temporary assignment once the current one is completed. Employees from a temporary agency who work at Spectrum Academy continue to be employees of the agency.

604 - Nonexempt Jobs

Jobs that must be paid at least the minimum wage **AND** are paid overtime as required by the Fair <u>Labor Standards Act</u>. These employees are paid for all hours worked.

605 – Exempt Jobs

Jobs that are **NOT** required to be paid either minimum wage or overtime. They are paid on a salary basis for doing work within or beyond the workweek.

These are executive, administrative, or professional as defined in the Fair Labor Standards Act.

700 – Absenteeism & Tardiness

701 - It is extremely important that you arrive at work on time. If you know that you will be absent or late arriving for work, notify your building's Office Manager at least 1 hour before your scheduled start time.

702 - If you are absent for more than three consecutive workdays due to illness or injury, a statement from a physician may be required before you will be permitted to return to work.

A doctors note does not negate the PTO policy, it also doesn't excuse the absences. You will still need to use the PTO time you have available or it will be unpaid. If you do not have PTO time it will be unpaid and you still could get written up for excessive absences. You may also be required to submit to an examination by a physician designated by Spectrum Academy. The cost of such an examination is the responsibility of the school.

703 – Any days off over 8 days is considered excessive absenteeism and is grounds for disciplinary action up to and including termination. Excessive tardiness is also grounds for disciplinary action up to and including termination.

704 – An absence is an absence whether you call in sick, request time off, take time off for medical situations or appointments, bereavement, etc. All time gone is counted at the same level and any days over the 8 days will be grounds for disciplinary action.

705 - If you are absent for three or more days and fail to properly report your absences, your employment may be terminated for abandonment of your job.

706 – An employee's participation in outside activities must be separate and distinguishable from their school employment.

707 – Employees should never let outside employment interfere with the performance of their job duties. Employees may not conduct outside employment during their regular work hours unless the times is approved by Administration and they use and record PTO hours for all the time involved.

800 – Employment of Relatives

Spectrum Academy allows the employment of relatives of employees with appropriate job skills as long as the employment does not, in the school's opinion, create actual or perceived conflicts of interest. This policy applies to <u>ALL</u> employment categories in the school.

Definition of Relative: A relative is defined as a spouse, child, parent, sibling, grandparent, grandchild, aunt, uncle, first cousin, or corresponding in-law or step-relations.

801 - Relatives can work for Spectrum Academy if no direct reporting or management relationship exists which would have one relative determining another relative's work.

802 - Relatives may not be employed in any job in which Spectrum Academy believes a possible conflict of interest may exist.

803 - Employees who become relatives through marriage must then follow these guidelines. If management feels that a conflict or an apparent conflict has or may arise as a result of the marriage; one of the employees will be transferred at the earliest possible time or within 90 days or less. If a transfer is not possible; termination of employment of one of the employees may be necessary.

900 – Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO)

Spectrum Academy provides equal employment opportunities to all employees and applicants without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability, military status, or status as a Vietnam-era or special disabled veteran in accordance with applicable federal and state laws. This policy applies to all terms and

1000 - Company Employee Files

conditions of employment.

Spectrum Academy maintains an employee (personnel) file on every employee. You may review your personnel file upon request and in the presence of authorized personnel. If you are interested in reviewing your file, contact applicable human resources personnel to make arrangements. Please give 24 hours' notice.

You are responsible for keeping your personal information updated in your personnel file. Inaccurate information may affect the school's ability to give you your benefits. Changes in your name, telephone number, home address, marital status, number of dependents, beneficiaries, scholastic achievements, and individuals to notify in case of an emergency,

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and so forth can be updated on an Employee Change in Status Notice form from the school office.

1100 – Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires an employer to provide reasonable accommodations for individuals with disabilities, unless it would cause undue hardship. A reasonable accommodation is any change in the work environment or in the way a job is performed that enables a person with a disability to enjoy equal employment opportunities.

The process for requesting an ADA Accommodations is as follows:

- If you require an accommodation, you need to fill out an ADA Accommodation Request Form and turn it in to your Administration.
- The Administration will contact HR and set up an ADA Accommodations meeting with you, your administration and HR to discuss possible accommodations that can be made.
- It is important to note that this interactive process is incredibly important and will help determine the best way to accommodate you so you can successfully perform your job.
- Once you meet and agree on the accommodations that need to be made, we will
 work as a team to get the accommodations set up and in place for you.

The ADA Accommodation form must be returned within 15 days of receipt.

1200 – Anti-Harassment

Spectrum Academy vigorously strives to maintain a working environment which encourages mutual respect and congenial relationships between employees, and which is free from all forms of harassment of employees or employment applicants by anyone including vendors or school patrons.

1201 – What is harassment?

Harassment in any manner or form is prohibited and will not be tolerated by the

school. Everyone is responsible for maintaining a work environment free from harassment.

The term "harassment" includes but is not limited to unwelcome:

- slurs.
- risqué or offensive jokes told verbally or sent through email, text or social media.
- Inappropriate verbal comments,
- graphic communications, through email, text digital, social media or physical contact relating to an individual's race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age, national origin, or disability.

1202 – What is sexual harassment?

Sexual harassment consists of unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature where:

- Submission to such conduct is an explicit or implicit term or condition of employment,
- Employment decisions are based on an employee's submission to or rejection of such conduct.
- Such conduct interferes with an individual's work performance or creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working environment.

1203 - If you are being harassed or see harassment, what do you do?

- Any employee who feels that they have been or are being harassed or discriminated against should immediately inform the alleged harasser that the behavior is unwelcome.
- In most instances, the person is unaware that their conduct is offensive and when informed, can easily and willingly correct the conduct so that it does not reoccur.
- If employee feels unsafe confronting their harasser, they should inform administration immediately.
- If the informal discussion with the alleged harasser is unsuccessful in resolving the problem or if such an approach is not possible; the employee

should immediately report the concerns using the following chain of reporting:

- Principal
- o HR Representative
- o Academic Director
- Spectrum Academy's Board of Directors
- If the concern is with any individual in the positions listed above, then seek
 out the next individual in the chain of reporting.
- Any employee may file a harassment complaint, verbally or in writing, regarding incidents experienced personally or incidents observed in the workplace.
- The administration will investigate promptly and thoroughly all reported or suspected occurrences of harassment.

1204 - Confidentiality

Every attempt will be made to maintain the confidentiality of all concerned in a harassment complaint. Only those with a need to know will be allowed access to aspects of the investigation and results information. It is the employee's responsibility to maintain confidentiality of all parties. If this confidentiality is breeched corrective action will be taken.

1205 – Investigative Procedure

Once a complaint is received, the administration will begin a prompt and thorough investigation. The investigation may include interviews with all involved employees, including the alleged harasser, and any employees who are aware of facts or incidents alleged to have occurred.

Once the investigation is completed, a determination will be made regarding the validity of the harassment allegations. If it is determined that harassment has occurred; prompt, remedial action will be taken. This may include some or all of the following steps:

- Restore any lost terms, conditions, or benefits of employment to the complaining employee.
- Discipline the harasser. This discipline can include written disciplinary warnings, suspension, or termination of employment.

1206 - Administrator Duties

All Spectrum Academy administrators are expected to adhere to the school's antiharassment policy. Administrators' evaluations will include an assessment of their efforts in preventing harassment, and following and enforcing this policy.

If a complaint is raised, administrators are to act promptly to notify the respective Principal, Director of Academics, or a board member of the complaint so that the Principal, Director of Academics or board may proceed with an investigation.

If an administrator fails to follow this policy, the administrator will be disciplined which may include termination of employment.

1207 - Retaliation

Any acts of retaliation against anyone that files harassment complaints or cooperates in the investigation of harassment complaints will not be permitted nor condoned. Retaliation may result in disciplinary action including termination.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL EMPLOYEES

Employees who have experienced conduct they believe is contrary to this policy have an obligation to take advantage of this complaint procedure. An employee's failure to fulfill this obligation could affect his or her rights in pursuing legal action. Also, please note that federal, state and local discrimination laws establish specific time frames for initiating a legal proceeding.

1300 – Complaint Resolution Procedure

Misunderstandings or conflicts can arise in any organization. To ensure effective working relations, it is important that such matters be resolved before serious problems develop. Most incidents resolve themselves naturally. However, should a situation persist that you believe is detrimental to your employment with Spectrum Academy, you should follow this procedure.

1301 - Procedures

Discuss the problem civilly with the person closest to the problem.
 Generally, this is the person who can best address the issue. If this does

not resolve the problem or if speaking with this person is inappropriate, go to Step Two.

- Discuss the problem with your Principal. If this discussion does not resolve the problem or if speaking with your Principal would be inappropriate, go to Step Three.
- Set up a meeting with the Academic Director and discuss your concerns.
 In an effort to resolve the problem, the Academic Director will consider the facts and may conduct an investigation.
- It is the employee's responsibility to maintain confidentiality of all parties. If this confidentiality is breeched corrective action will be taken.

1400 – Electronic & Online Communication

This policy is intended to provide guidelines to Spectrum Academy Charter School employees and volunteers with regard to electronic information they may provide for public or private dissemination, as well as with regard to electronic communication with students / parents / guardians / public. All online, electronic or computerized means of communication are subject to this policy. Given the rapid pace of technological change it is not possible to identify all proprietary or commonly named or identified means of such communications. The use of the term staff in this policy is intended to include teachers, administrators, paraprofessionals, coaches and all other staff both full time and part time, as well as volunteers. This policy is adopted in addition to the School's Internet Acceptable Use Policy, which governs use of the school's technological resources.

Spectrum Academy Charter Schools' Board of Directors and Administration recognize the proliferation and usefulness of electronic communication between staff and students, their parents or guardians, and the public. Due to the nature of this kind of communication, there exists a risk, without care and planning, that the lines between one's professional life and personal life will be blurred. Staff should always be mindful of how they present themselves to the world, online and otherwise.

The following activities have been determined to have a high propensity to undermine the staff member's authority to maintain discipline, encourage inappropriate behavior and compromise the staff member's ability to remain truly objective with the students:

"friending" a student or parent/guardian on Facebook, subscribing to a student's "twitter" account, engaging in email "chat" with a student, exchanging text messages with students or engaging in other electronic communication. In addition, any electronic communication using one's own personal resources, as opposed to school resources, compromises the staff member's, as well as the school's, ability to retain public records in accordance with the requirements of the State of Utah's public records laws.

The law requires public employees who send, receive or maintain records in their capacity as public employees, to retain, disclose and dispose of such records in compliance with strict provisions of the public records law. This law applies whether or not the record is in the form of a paper document or an electronic communication. When staff members communicate through school-based resources, such as school cell phones, staff email or school sponsored web pages, such records can be retained and archived through the school's information technology department. If, however, a staff member communicates outside of these resources, the school's ability to retain such information is limited. The burden falls on the staff member to comply with public records laws when using personal cell phones, email or social network accounts to communicate with students and/or parents and guardians.

Expectations of Staff: With these concerns in mind, Spectrum Academy Board of Directors has instituted this "Electronic Communication/Social Media Policy," and announces its expectations for staff members' use of social media networks such as Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, personal email accounts, cell phones including text message features, use of blogs, and other electronic or technologically based communication systems. The implementation of these expectations will be set out as Administrative Procedures, which will be drafted and maintained by the Director of Academics, and which will be disseminated to all staff and volunteers annually. All staff members will be responsible for information that they make public through the use of electronic communication.

- **1401** We expect that the employee will maintain separate professional and personal virtual profiles.
- 1402 We expect that the employee will respect student privacy on social media.
- **1403** Social Networking:

Spectrum Academy recognizes both the educational value and dangers of social networking sites. To protect school personnel, students, parents, and school resources, the Board of

Trustees requires all educators who access social networking sites to abide by the following:

Definition of Webpage: A social networking site, personal web site, blog account or other Internet location which can be edited by an individual with the correct username and password.

1404 - Instructional Use

Web pages may only be accessed at school or using school resources for instructional purposes directly related to the educator's curriculum. Prior to creating or using a web page, the educator must have written consent from his or her school Principal. The consent must include the purpose of the access, the names of students permitted to access the site, and the anticipated duration of the instructional activity. Consent may be withdrawn at any time.

An instructional use web page shall comply with all school policies, including the student Code of Conduct. Profane, obscene, or defamatory comments are not permitted. Educators must comply with the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), and may not post student photos, or personally identifiable information without prior written parental consent. Educator web page postings may not violate any state or federal laws. Educators are responsible for ensuring that student posts which violate laws or school policies are removed immediately and appropriate disciplinary action is taken. Educators are responsible for all content on the educator's web page, including posts by students, and must limit access to those students with parental permission to participate in the instructional use.

School administrators must be granted access to the web page and shall monitor the site for compliance with this policy. Educators must include a disclaimer on the web page noting that the content, views, or opinions expressed on the web page do not represent the school and the educator is solely responsible for any opinions, views, or content on the web page.

1405 - Personal Use:

Educators who maintain a personal web page shall not allow students to access their personal web page.

Educators may not post images of students on personal web pages. If the educator takes a photo with a personal device, the educator must forward the image to appropriate channels and then delete the picture from their device.

Educators shall not solicit students as friends on their personal web pages or invite or encourage students to read or access their web pages.

Educators may not access personal web pages using school resources or on contract time. Educators may face disciplinary action for posts on their personal web pages that violate school policies and state rules regarding professional conduct and create a disruption in the school or interfere with the educator's ability to serve as an educator at the school. Educators may not use school logos, mascots, symbols, or district trademarks on their personal web pages.

Educators who use district resources to create, maintain, or post to personal web pages or the pages of others have no expectation of privacy and their activities may be subject to review by school administration. Corrective action will be taken consistent with the school's acceptable use policy and negotiated agreement.

1500 – Drug-Free Workplace

Spectrum Academy maintains a drug-free workplace. Employees are required to report to work in a suitable mental and physical condition, including freedom from the effects of alcohol, controlled substances and illegal use of drugs. The school has a zero-tolerance policy. Use of over-the-counter drugs for relief from minor ailments should be done with good judgment so that your work is not reduced in quality, quantity, or safety to yourself or others. If the prescription drug inhibits mental function or limits physical abilities, you may not use it at the workplace or during normal school hours.

The use of tobacco in any form, electronic cigarettes or vaping is prohibited on school property, in school vehicles or at school sponsored activities or events.

1501 - Definition of Workplace

Workplace is defined as school property, or the property of any school-sponsored activity, or any other site used for schoolwork including school vehicles.

1502 – Definition of Drug

The term "drug" includes alcoholic beverages, controlled substances, illegal use of

prescription drugs, illegal inhalants, and illegal drugs as defined by Federal, State, and local laws.

1503 – Definition of Prohibited Activities

Prohibited activities include distribution, possession, or use of a drug or controlled substance at the workplace or during school hours including school sanctioned activities.

1504 – Definition of Prescription Drugs

The use of prescription drugs, when taken as directed by a duly licensed physician, shall not be a violation of this policy. However, if the prescription drug inhibits mental functions or physical abilities, you may not use the prescription drug during normal school hours or on school property.

Activities prohibited by this policy are grounds for discipline including suspension or immediate termination of employment.

Spectrum Academy reserves the right to require drug testing at random or with cause of suspicion.

This policy does not prevent Spectrum Academy from complying with requirements of the U.S. Department of Transportation or any other federal, state or local agency that regulates drug-testing administration for a particular industry.

1600 – Safety & Health

Spectrum Academy vigorously strives to provide a safe and healthy workplace. Safety is everyone's responsibility. Every employee is expected to devote the time and effort necessary to ensure the safety of employees, students, and school visitors at all times.

1601 – Safety Guidelines

- Obey the safety rules.
- Properly supervise and ensure students' safety. Be aware that you can be held personally liable for the injuries that occur to students who are entrusted to your care.

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- Follow safe job procedures. Do not take shortcuts.
- Keep work areas clean and free from slipping or tripping hazards.
- Use prescribed personal protective equipment.
- Immediately report all malfunctions to any administrator.
- Use care when lifting and carrying objects.
- Observe restricted areas and all warning signs.
- Know emergency procedures.
- Report unsafe conditions or practices to any administrator.
- Promptly report every accident and injury to the office manager.
- Refrain from bringing any household chemicals or cleaners to school. All cleaning supplies must be from an approved list.
- Refrain from bringing and using candles or warmers.

1602- Steps to take if you are injured:

- If an injury occurs during school hours and on school grounds the School Nurse
 must be consulted. Spectrum Academy employs a RN and the nurse will be able to
 care for your injury. If the nurse feels that the injury needs further care, the nurse
 will contact the HR department to facilitate that next step.
 - The nurse will provide a form which needs to be completed in its entirety.
 - Once HR has been contacted HR will schedule a time for you to be taken to Work Med and HR will accompany you to Work Med.
 - You need to follow care prescribed by the nurse/attending physician when treated for an injury or illness that occurred during work hours.

Failure to observe these guidelines may result in disciplinary actions, including termination of your employment.

1700 – Violence-Free Workplace

Spectrum Academy vigorously strives to provide a safe workplace for employees, students, and others. The school has zero tolerance for violent acts or threats of violence for employees. Unacceptable violent behavior includes, but is not limited to the following:

1701 – Types of Unacceptable Violent Behavior

- Direct, conditional, or veiled threat of harm to any employee, student, or school patron,
- Direct, conditional, or veiled threat of harm to company property,
- Acts of violence or intimidation of employees, students or those doing business with the school on or off school premises.
- A violent act against any person while on school premises or off company premises while on company business.

1702 – Any Employee Who...

- is subjected to violence or threatened with violence, or
- is aware of another person subjected to violence or threatened with violence, or
- feels threatened and needs protection should immediately report this information to your Principal, the Director of Academics, or a Board Member.

Employees must assume that any threat is serious. Any employee who has a restraining order placed on a non-employee because of violence must report this immediately to your HR Representative or the Director of Academics. This notice allows the school to be aware of a potentially problematic visitor. Any threat reported will be brought immediately to the attention of the Board of Directors. Administration and/or the Board of Directors will carefully investigate all reports, and employee confidentiality will be maintained to the fullest extent possible.

1800 – Weapons & Explosives

The school **forbids the possession** of any type of unauthorized (legally unallowable) weapons or explosives on school property by anyone. Spectrum Academy has a **zero tolerance policy for employees** for possession of any type of unauthorized weapon, firearm, explosive, or ammunition.

It is against policy to disclose to any person that you are in possession of a legally authorized firearm.

1801 – Definition of School Property

School property includes school facilities, vehicles, or equipment whether owned or leased by the school or its clients.

1802 - Employee Vehicles

Unauthorized firearms, any type of weapon, or explosives in employee-owned vehicles parked on school property are strictly forbidden.

1803 - Inspections

In enforcing this guideline, Spectrum Academy reserves the right to request inspections of any employee and their personal effects, including vehicles while on school premises. Any employee who refuses to allow this inspection will be subject to the same disciplinary action as being found in possession of unauthorized firearms.

All employees share the responsibility for identifying violators of this policy.

1804 – Reporting Violations

Violations of this policy should be **immediately** reported to administration. Strict confidentiality will be kept on those who report violations.

Those who violate this policy will be subject to discipline, including termination of employment.

1900 - Mandatory Reporting

All States, the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands have statutes identifying persons who are required to report suspected child maltreatment to an appropriate agency, such as child protective services, a law enforcement agency, or a State's toll-free child abuse reporting hotline. Spectrum Academy school personnel have a mandated responsibility to report suspected abuse/neglect of a child. This policy is intended to provide clear understanding and direction to school personnel in regard to universal, effective, and sensitive handling of child abuse referrals.

The State of Utah law 62A-4-501 requires that... Whenever a person...has reason to

believe that a child has been subjected to incest, molestation, sexual exploitation, sexual abuse, physical abuse, or neglect or who observes a child being subjected to conditions or circumstances which would reasonably result in...(abuse) ...he/she shall immediately notify the nearest peace office, law enforcement agency, or office of the Division of Family Services, or Child Protection 1-855-323-3237.

The Division of Family Services is required to make a thorough investigation upon receiving a report of alleged abuse or neglect. The primary purpose of the investigation upon receiving a report is the protection and safety of the child. When the Division has completed its initial investigation, it may notify the person making the initial report of the completion. However, details of the investigation cannot be shared. All information is confidential and can be shared only with law enforcement, the court, public prosecutor, subject to the report of his/her guardian, or physician directly involved with that particular case. When a referral is made the Division will assign a priority to the case.

1901 – Priority is assigned based on:

- The immediate protection needs of the child.
- Current identified risk including the statement of the referent and the CPS history.
- Presence of physical evidence.

1902 – Priority Levels:

- Priority 1: Child is in need of immediate protection. No more than one hour for face to face after assignment to worker. This priority is rarely assigned and will generally involve police.
- Priority 2: Physical evidence is at risk of being lost. No more than 24 hours for a face-to-face after assignment to a worker.
- Priority 3: Low potential for further harm. No more than 3 working days after assignment to a worker for a face-to-face.
- Information Only: Information is documented and a reference number is given.

1903 – Mandatory Reporting Policy:

 Spectrum Academy staff will receive annual training about the procedures for reporting suspected abuse.

- If you have reason to believe that a child may have been subjected to abuse or neglect, an oral report shall be made immediately by the witness with the concern of abuse/neglect to DCFS. A written report must follow within 24 hours and is given to the school principal and the school director. Reason to believe does not mean that you must prove a child is being abused or neglected or to determine whether the child is in need of protection. It is the role of the investigators (law enforcement office or Protective Service Worker) to investigate and establish proof.
- Investigation or questioning by staff prior to submitting a report shall not go beyond that which is necessary to support a reasonable belief that a reportable problem exists.
- To determine whether or not there is reason to believe that abuse or neglect
 has occurred, professional school employees may (but are not required to)
 gather information only to the extent necessary to determine whether a
 reportable circumstance exists.
- Administrators or Spectrum Academy employees shall not conduct interviews with the child or suspected abuser.
- Any notes of voluntary or spontaneous statements by the child shall be made and given to the investigating agency.
- Principals, Spectrum Academy staff, DCFS, and law enforcement personnel are required to preserve the anonymity of those making the initial report and any others involved in the subsequent investigation.
- Principals or other Spectrum Academy employees shall not contact the parents, relatives, friends, neighbors, etc. for the purpose of determining the cause of the injury and/or apparent neglect.
- Spectrum Academy Staff will cooperate with social service and law
 enforcement agency employees authorized to investigate reports of alleged
 child abuse and neglect, assisting as asked as members of interdisciplinary
 child protection teams in providing protective diagnostic, assessment,
 treatment, and coordination services.
- Persons making reports or participating in good faith in an investigation of alleged child abuse or neglect are immune from any civil or criminal liability that otherwise might arise from those actions.

1904 – Mandatory Reporting Procedures:

- When you call DCFS @ the hotline 1-855-323-DCFS (3237) you will need to give:
 - Your name and title.
 - The number that you can be reached.
 - The student's full name.
 - o The student's DOB.
 - The student's address and phone.
 - The student's parent(s) name.
 - Any other siblings known in the home.
- You will be given a case number, write this down.
- Ask what priority the case is being assigned.
- Write a report and give a copy of the report to the school principal and to the school director. Search "Forms. 2015/2016. CPS Report." On the Spectrum Academy Google drive.
- A copy of the written report shall be put in a Child Abuse-Neglect file with the director and another copy shall be placed in a separate file to be maintained by the principal. All reported cases of suspected child abuse or neglect are confidential and not maintained as part of the student's records.

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2000 – Leave of Absence Policies

There are various types of leaves of absence. The first is Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), the second is short-term illness, and the third is military.

2001 – Purpose of FMLA

Family and Medical Leave is for any of the following:

- Absence due to a serious injury or illness that requires you to be away from
 work that involves either inpatient care or continuing treatment by a health
 care provider and which prevents you from performing at least one
 essential function of your job.
- The birth or adoption of a child, or state-approved foster care of a new child (both parents).
- The care of a family member (spouse/child/parent) who is unable to care for himself because of a serious health condition.

2001 – Eligibility

- Full-time and part-time employees are eligible for this leave if **ALL** of the following conditions are met:
- You have worked 12 months for the school and
- You have worked 1250 hours in the 12 months before leave is required,
 and
- You work in a location where there are 50 or more employees within a 75mile radius.
- You may take up to 12 weeks of <u>unpaid</u> Family and Medical Leave in a rolling 12-month period if the qualifications are met.

2003 – Use of Personal Paid Leave

Spectrum Academy's leave of absence policy is that you must use your PTO time simultaneously at the beginning of your leave of absence. Once you have exhausted your PTO time the remainder of your leave of absence will be unpaid.

All time off for FMLA will be added together within a rolling 12-month period beginning with the first day of the first FMLA leave. Only a total of 12 weeks is allowed within a 12-month period.

2004 – Birth, Adoption, and Foster care notes

- If you and your spouse both work for the school and want to take FMLA for the birth, adoption or foster care of a child, then the leave taken by both of you together for this event may total 12 weeks or less.
- FMLA for the birth, adoption, or foster care of a child must be taken within 12 months of the birth or placement of the child.
- FMLA for the birth, adoption, or foster care of a child must be taken as an uninterrupted, continuous leave of absence.

2005 - Notification Process

- Notify your Principal as soon as you know that you may have a need for FMLA or at least 30 days prior to the leave beginning. Failure to give 30 days' notice may result in a delay of the leave.
- Fill out the FMLA Request Form and return it to your Admin. Your Principal will then contact HR.
- The HR department will send you an email and tell you whether or not you qualify for a FMLA leave of absence. They will provide you with the Extended Absence Request Form to fill out and will also provide you will the other FMLA forms you will need for your leave.
- If requested, you will also need to provide any medical certification for your own serious health condition or that of a family member that you are assisting.
 - The school may request a second or third medical opinion of your serious health condition. This will be done at the school's expense. A third opinion from a health care provider jointly approved of by you and the school may be required. The third opinion will be binding.
 - While on FMLA for your own serious medical condition, you may be required to provide medical certification once every 30 days.
 During this time, the school may also ask about your intentions to return to work.

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2006 - Intermittent Use of FMLA

If you need FMLA intermittently for your own serious medical condition or a family member's serious health condition, this leave may be best accommodated through changes in scheduling. You may also be transferred temporarily to another position (which may be part-time) with equivalent pay to best accommodate this leave.

2007 – What happens to my job, pay, and benefits while I am on FMLA?

- While on FMLA, your health benefits will continue AS LONG AS YOU PAY YOUR REQUIRED PREMIUMS. These premiums can be paid to the payroll department.
- While on FMLA, you will need to pay your per pay period premiums by each pay day if you are not receiving a paycheck or your paycheck is not large enough. If you do not pay your premiums within 30 days of the due date or do not return to work, then you may receive continued health coverage through COBRA (605). If you will be on unpaid leave for part of the time, then contact payroll to discuss how to make loan or benefit premium payments.
- Salaried employees are paid their salary for working a specific number of contracted days in the school year. When an employee returns from unpaid FMLA, their salary will be adjusted to reflect the number of days they will work in the school (contracted days minus FMLA days missed). Their biweekly gross pay going forward will reflect the change. If you have questions about how your leave will impact your pay, please contact the HR department prior to your leave.

2008 - Returning from FMLA

- When you return from FMLA, you will be returned to the same or an
 equivalent position with no loss of benefits accrued prior to the leave.
- Before you can return to work from FMLA for your own serious medical condition, you must provide the school with a job-related medical certification. Failure to provide this may delay your return to work.

2009 - Medical Certifications

- If an event affects your position while you are on FMLA, then the effects of this event will be as if you were not on leave. This could entail reduction in force or reorganization of departments, etc.
- If you do not return from leave, then it will be treated as abandonment from your job and your employment will be terminated.

2010 – Key Positions and FMLA

Some employees work in key positions as defined by FMLA. To return the employee to their key job may be a substantial economic injury to the school. If you are in such a position, administration will discuss the options available to you when you apply for leave.

2011 – Worker's Compensations and FMLA

- With some exceptions, time off related to a workers' compensation injury is not counted against an employee's FMLA leave time.
- If you are seriously injured on the job and decline the offer of a "medically approved" light duty job, then you would need to go on FMLA if you qualify.
- You will be returned to your job after FMLA or light duty work when
 medically approved unless an event such as reduction in force, has changed
 your job. If such occurred, you would be treated as if you had not gone on
 FMLA or light duty work.

2012 - Short-Term Illness or Injury Leave

If you do not qualify for FMLA, you may be eligible for short-term illness leave up to 8 weeks for maternity or adoption. If you have a serious non-work related illness or injury and do not qualify for FMLA, you may take short-term illness leave. Work related injuries or illnesses are covered in the Worker's Compensation section (605). The criteria for leave notification, payroll issues while on leave, benefits, and job placement after the leave will be the same as for FMLA.

2013 – Military Leave of Absence

Military leave of absence is granted to regular part-time and full-time employees in the

United States armed services to participate in scheduled drills or training and serve on active duty. Military leave is unpaid leave. You may use unused personal leave time. During this leave, you will not receive holiday pay.

Spectrum Academy and the employee will continue to pay health insurance premiums as usual for the first 30 days or until military insurance begins, whichever occurs first. As the military insurance benefit "Tricare" covers a service member on active duty effective immediately upon entering that status, it will be presumed by the school that the employee is covered by Tricare and payments for insurance premiums will be discontinued for that period of active duty. If there is a discrepancy, and the employee believes his or her insurance premiums should be continued to be paid by the school, it is the employee's responsibility to bring such a request with supporting documentation to the Director of Finance.

As soon as you receive your military orders, you must give copies of these orders to your Principal and the Director of Finance. You must return from leave as soon as possible and in accordance with state and federal laws. If you do not, management will assume job abandonment and terminate your employment. Consistent with federal law, Spectrum Academy will return you to your job or a comparable job if you reapply for employment promptly as provided by federal and state laws.

2100 – Operations Policies

The policies that are explained in this section are those that directly affect what employees receive from Spectrum Academy. Please become familiar with this section so you understand what you may expect from the school.

2101 – Advancement & Promotion

Administration prefers to promote current employees to fill job vacancies. Administration will review the demonstrated ability and overall qualifications of those who apply or who are qualified. They will also review the recommendations of the employee's administrator. As you demonstrate the ability to take on additional responsibilities, your talents will be utilized in the manner deemed most suitable to your demonstrated ability and the needs of the school. Sometimes a job requires specialized skills that are not currently in the school.

In such cases, the school may hire someone from outside the present workforce.

2102 - Professional Dress Code

"I represent a profession of value – therefore, I need to look, act, and dress as if I value my profession."

-Anonymous

The personal appearance of Spectrum Academy employees affects the respect that others have for the organization, the faculty, the support staff, and the respect that the employees have for themselves and for each other. Dressing for success and following the established dress code policy will help obtain the respect and credibility from students and parents. As a representative of spectrum Academy, faculty and support staff are expected to dress with dignity and professionalism in a manner that is tasteful and not offensive, revealing, or distracting. Dressing for success has three main effects:

- Establishes credibility
- Establishes oneself as an authority figure
- Maintains respect

An effective staff member will dress appropriately as a professional in order to model success and establish authority. Students tend to model the behavior and appearance they see in the classroom. Therefore, establishing oneself as an authority figure by following the Dress Code Policy and the established rules of the school, will help instill a sense of integrity within each student, employee, and other stakeholders of Spectrum Academy.

2103 - Professional Dress Code General Guidelines

- Spectrum Academy Faculty and Staff will dress in a manner consistent
 with the guidelines outlined in this policy on Monday through Friday.

 Spectrum Academy spirit wear that is in clean, professional-level condition
 may also be worn, except for Parent Teacher Conferences.
- Parent-teacher conferencing, regional or area meetings, and training workshops warrant Spectrum Academy participants follow regular Professional Dress Code Guidelines, unless the workshop guidelines dictated otherwise.
- Staff Development Days (trainings, etc.) while not rising to the level of

- professional dress, require a higher level of attire than casual wear. For example, shorts, muscle shirts, tank tops, bare midriffs, yoga pants, flip-flops, clothing designated for working out, etc. are not appropriate for the work setting.
- On Teacher Workdays, Spectrum Academy employees are allowed to wear jeans, shorts, t-shirts, and/or appropriate casual attire due to the large amount of time spent moving furniture, books, displays, materials, etc.
- Attire must be seasonably modified according to a person's medical needs, the job they perform, inclement weather, for special field trips or field days, and for designated school spirit or theme days.
- All staff will maintain appropriate grooming and hygiene practices.
 Exposed tattoos that display gang signs, nudity or other sexually offensive content, inappropriate names or symbols, or that promote violence or drug usage must be concealed at all times while in work status. Tattoos that do not follow these guidelines must be covered at all times.
- Jewelry & Piercings: Excessive jewelry and watches that may affect safety of the employee, students or others on campus or make it difficult for the employee to do their job effectively are prohibited. Examples include but are not limited to: multiple ear, face or body piercings (except for a pin-size adornment) are not allowed. Ear expanders must be plugged with a flesh color plug. Clear retainers are appropriate to maintain piercing.
- Chains, lanyards, bracelets or other non-piercing jewelry should be breakaway. Heavy chains are not permitted. REPLACEMENT OF JEWELRY IS NOT COVERED.
- On special dress days, such as Halloween or spirit days, staff may
 participate in special dress following the guidelines outlined for students.
 Special dress days are to be determined by administration.
- If there are questions, please see administration.

2104 - Guidelines

Hair – Hair must be clean and groomed at all times.

 Employees are allowed to have short or long hair that is well-groomed and not distracting in the learning environment.

- Facial hair is allowed, but should be neatly trimmed. The clean shaven appearance is expected otherwise.
- Hair may be dyed, but must be a color that is naturally occurring (colors such as pink, green, blue, purple, etc. are not allowed).
- Baseball caps or other hats are acceptable but the logos must be appropriate, non-offensive and non-political.

Shirts – Collared or un-collared shirts and tops that are modest and appropriately fitting are considered appropriate for the workplace and are to be worn at all times

- All tops/shirts (this includes hoodies and jackets) MUST be free of messages, logos, large graphics, or otherwise distracting images. Simple patterns and licensed Spectrum Academy attire are acceptable.
- Sweaters may be worn; acceptable styles include pullovers and cardigans.
- If a button-up shirt is worn and unbuttoned beyond the first button, then an undershirt MUST be worn.
- Turtleneck and mock-neck shirts are allowed in place of a collared shirt.
- Styles such as pullovers and button-ups are acceptable.
- Tank-tops or sleeveless tops worn on their own (i.e. without a sweater or
 jacket) are not allowed. Sleeveless shirts, or muscle tees are not allowed
- Low-cut tops that reveal cleavage, tops that reveal the midriff, and tops that are too tight are not allowed.
- Collared shirts, such as polo style, oxford style, or dress shirts that are short or long sleeved.

Pants – Tailored dress slacks or business casual slacks (Dockers © style) or cargo pants are considered appropriate for the workplace. In addition to tailored or business casual pants, pant sets and pant suits are considered appropriate for the workplace.

- If pants have belt loops, then it is suggested that a belt be worn.
- Appropriately fitting jeans (that do not reveal the underwear when standing or squatting), Capri pants, or ankle pants free of holes, frayed edges, tears, and stains, may be worn
- Dresses and skirts should be of a modest and professional length falling at
 or just above the knee. Dresses and skirts that are tight, short, and/or
 revealing are not allowed.

- Tights or leggings must be worn with dresses, skirts, or tunic blouses that
 are not shorter than above the knee, by more than 1 inch. Tights and
 leggings worn without a dress, skirt, or long blouse (i.e. worn as pants) are
 not allowed.
- Sweatpants, wind pants, breakaway pants, and warm-up pants are not allowed.
- Shorts or athletic pants may be worn by P.E. or athletic staff (only on game days).
- All staff members must be in regular professional dress while in the classroom setting. EXCEPTION: P.E. or athletic staff (only on game days).

Footwear – Dress shoes or dress-casual shoes, such as leather-like, suede, loafer styles, and dress boots are considered appropriate for the workplace, attach around the heel or ankle, and are to be worn at all times.

- Boots, tennis shoes and athletic shoes that are clean, in good condition, and free of stains, tears, etc., may be worn.
- Sandals, including slides, athletic styles, crocs, and flip-flops, are not allowed.
- Stiletto heeled shoes are not safe for the workplace and are not allowed.

2105 – Compliance

Spectrum Academy Faculty and Staff who do not adhere to the Professional Dress Code will be asked to do one of the following:

- change into spirit wear borrowed from the office OR
- clock out and return home to change OR
- clock out and leave for the work day.

Adherence to the Professional Dress Code is at the discretion of administration. Repeated offenses may result in Corrective Action and/or dismissal. *If there are questions*, please see administration.

2200 - Security & School Inspections

Spectrum Academy endeavors to maintain a workplace free from illegal drugs, alcohol, illegal firearms, explosives, theft, and other improper materials as noted in other policies. Although it doesn't happen often, the school may inspect your work areas and packages or other belongings with or without notice while you are on the work premises or as you are coming onto or leaving the premises. The school may also inspect your vehicle if it is parked on company property.

You accept employment with the knowledge and consent that a search may be required. Resisting an inspection may lead to disciplinary action, up to and including termination. Searches may be conducted by management and/or Spectrum-approved outside personnel and their equipment or animals.

No unauthorized individuals (ex-employees, family members, friends, etc.) shall be permitted on the premises without permission of administration. Active employees who allow admission on Spectrum properties of unauthorized individuals will be subject to Corrective Action or Termination.

We may provide desks and other storage devices for your convenience. Nevertheless, these items are the sole property of the school.

If you wish to avoid inspection of personal items, do not bring them onto the school's premises.

2300 – Confidentiality

The general internal business affairs of Spectrum Academy should not be discussed with anyone outside the organization except as may be required in the normal course of business. All employees' communications must comply with FERPA. Information designated as confidential is to be discussed with no one outside the school and only discussed within the school on a business-need-to-know basis.

All employees have a responsibility to avoid unnecessary disclosure of non-confidential internal information about the school, its employees, students and patrons. This responsibility is not intended to impede normal school communications and relationships,

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but is intended to alert employees to their obligation to use discretion to safeguard internal company affairs.

Employees who have authorized access to confidential information are responsible for its security.

Inquiries seeking information about applicants for employment, current employees, or former employees should be referred to the Human Resources Department.

2400 – Media Relations

Positive relationships with the media are developed and maintained by providing accurate and helpful information to reporters in a timely manner. To insure that information provided to the media is accurate, comprehensive, and the best source for specialized information as well as compliant with confidentiality requirements, a protocol for distributing information to the media shall be established and outlined by Spectrum Academy's school directors.

2401 - Procedures

School employees shall not release information that is private or confidential as identified by State or Federal Law and Spectrum Academy Board Policy or other administrative regulations.

2402 – Spokespersons

The Director of Development and Finance and the Director of Education serve as the primary spokespeople for Spectrum schools on all matters of school wide interest. The directors may delegate Principals or other administrators to serve as primary spokespersons for their areas of responsibility.

2403 – Administrative Responsibility

Each building administrator is authorized to keep parents and others informed about a school's programs and activities. News releases that are of concern to only one school, or to an organization of one school, are the responsibility of the principal. Publicity regarding students shall always be evaluated in terms of the effect on the children and standards of confidentiality.

All school employees shall notify both director of Education and Development and Finance whenever they are contacted by the media. If the topic is sensitive or significant, the employee will notify the directors directly and immediately.

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All school administrators shall notify both director of Education and Development and Finance whenever they are contacted by the media. If the topic is sensitive or significant, the administrator will notify the directors directly and immediately.

Employee Responsibility: School employees are encouraged to cooperate and display a positive persona when approached by media representatives. However, most inquiries will need to be directed through the appropriate administrative channels. Issues of school curriculum, social justice, criminal allegations, adverse or sentinel events (death, major loss), and items of school-wide focus should be directed to the Directors.

When a School employee is contacted by a representative of the media for a comment or interview on a subject related to the employee's area of expertise, the employee shall respond in a manner that is accurate and factual. If the employee is not able to respond accurately or the inquiry does not relate to the employee's area of responsibility, the employee shall refer the inquiry to the appropriate administrator.

2404 – In all cases, the employee shall:

- Attempt to inform their supervisor of the media request prior to releasing
 information. In the event it is not possible to reach the supervisor before
 release of information and to accommodate the media in a timely manner,
 the employee shall notify the supervisor immediately following the media
 contact.
- Make it clear that the employee is expressing a personal viewpoint unless the employee has been designated to speak on behalf of the District.
- Refrain from critiquing other agencies or making judgments related to the story content.
- Nothing in this regulation is intended as a restraint on the expression of personal opinion by any employee of the School.

2405 - Media Access to Schools

The media will have access to all school events to which the public has been invited. Approval is not required to interview, film, or photograph staff or students at public events such as athletic contests, dramatic productions, music concerts, and graduation ceremonies. When members of the media enter schools to cover events other than public events, they must have the approval of the school administration before interviewing, filming, or photographing staff or students. Group shots that do not identify individual students by name–either still photos or video–may be taken in classrooms, hallways, and on the playground with the administration's permission.

Before individual students are interviewed, taped, or photographed, the administration shall obtain parental permission. A signed form giving parental/guardian permission for use of the student's image in video print, or broadcast will be kept on file at the school. Parents have the right to request that their child not be interviewed or photographed individually for video, print, or broadcast.

2500 - Hours of Operation

- During the school year, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. except on days off as designated by the school calendar.
- During the summer, Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

2600 – Job Performance Evaluations

At its discretion and operating through its Governing Board and the Director, Spectrum Academy shall establish policies, guidelines, and regulations for the operation of the school. When Spectrum, at its discretion, determines that progressive disciplinary steps, or warnings, or evaluations of staff are in its best interest, it will employ those tools. However, no policy, guideline, regulation, or practice relating to the training and discipline of staff shall create any expectation of continued employment. Teachers shall understand and acknowledge that Spectrum retains its status as an at-will employer at all times. Spectrum Academy shall not have the authority, by virtue of such policies or procedures or

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other action of the administration or of the Governing Board, to change the "at-will" nature of the employment relationship.

2700 – Overtime Pay for Nonexempt Jobs

Overtime will be paid to employees doing non-exempt jobs in accordance with applicable federal and state law. The pay for overtime will be at the federal or state prescribed wage rate, whichever is higher.

Your Principal **must authorize** all overtime **prior** to its occurrence. All overtime must be noted and in writing and initialed by your Principal.

By law, all overtime must be reported and paid whether it is authorized or not authorized. Failure to report overtime may result in disciplinary action.

2800 - Pay Day

All employees are paid bi-weekly.

2801 – Direct Deposit

All wages will be paid via direct deposit. The employee will be required to provide their direct deposit information at the time of hire. Any changes in this procedure must have prior approval by the Director of Finance.

2802 - Final Paycheck Upon Termination of Employment

If you resign, your final paycheck will be paid in the next regular pay cycle, or in accordance with state law, whichever is sooner.

If the school terminates your employment, you will be issued a non-direct deposit (live) check within twenty-four (24) hours, or in accordance with applicable state law, whichever is sooner.

2900 - Personal Phone Calls

Personal phone calls and texting for non-instructional purposes is only permitted during an employee's break and/or lunch hours. The office will take messages for any non-emergency phone calls that are received during regular, working business hours. Continuous use of cell phone for personal use during school hours will be subject to corrective action and may lead to termination.

3000 – Smoking Policy

Smoking material of any kind is prohibited on the school grounds, within 1000 feet of the school, and within sight of students during the school day. (See Drug Free Policy 1500.)

3100 - Solicitations

It is the intent of the school to maintain a proper business environment and prevent interference with work and inconvenience to others from solicitations of any type. School-sponsored solicitations are allowed and arranged for only by administration. Noncompany sponsored solicitations of any type are prohibited on company property or while conducting company business off site.

To maintain a professional work environment, employees may not wear any insignia, badge, or button, nor display any insignia, badge, or button on their desk or in their work area, excluding professional designation awards. The Director of Academics or Director of Finance will approve and post all information that is displayed on the school's bulletin board or made available for review or distribution to employees.

3200 - Timekeeping

ALL employees (including salaried staff), must daily record your work time by clocking in and out each day.

3201 - Recording Requirements

- time in at the beginning of the work shift,
- time out, if you leave campus, except for lunch,
- time in when you return to campus, and
- time out at the end of the work shift.

All timesheets will be verified every pay period. No employee is authorized to clock in or out for another employee.

3202 – Timekeeping Errors

If you make an error in recording your work time, immediately email your administrator the corrected day/time. If you cannot clock out due to a disabling accident or illness, your applicable office manager will ensure that your time out is on your timesheet. Accurate recording of work time is very important for fairness to all employees and for good management of school money.

Failure to follow this policy may lead to disciplinary action, including termination of employment.

3300 – Travel

The school reimburses employees for the expenses of approved business-related travel.

3301 – Nonexempt Travel Pay

Nonexempt employees will be compensated for time spent traveling if that travel is part of the employee's daily work activity. Only the time actually worked **outside** of your normal work hours or days is also paid for when a nonexempt employee travels overnight to another work location.

3400 – Use of Communication Systems

The school provides school-owned communication systems to do company work. These include but are not limited to e-mail, and voice mail. All communications by employees are to be appropriate for business.

All communications using company property are property of the school. There is no guarantee of personal privacy.

3401 – Guidelines

- The school reserves the right to access, review, and disclose any communications at any time without notice.
- Any communication through private devices while on school grounds is subject to be searched at any time.
- Use of all Spectrum Academy equipment must conform to Spectrum Academy's acceptable use policy.
- Non-administration employees may not attempt to gain access to another employee's telephone, e-mail, or voice mail messages unless authorized by administration.
- Any form of communication that violates the anti-harassment policy (303) is prohibited.
- The primary method for communication of important information and events between administration and staff will be through email.

Employees are required to check email on a regular basis, and are required to contact administration if they do not have a company email address or do not know how to access it. Any violation of these guidelines may result in disciplinary action, including termination of employment.

3500 - Employee Benefits & Services

This section reviews your company benefits and the policies used to give these benefits. Knowing these policies will prevent you from misunderstanding when and how you receive these benefits.

3501 - Holidays

Spectrum Academy observes the holidays noted on the school calendar and provides a paid holiday benefit on these holidays using the following criteria,

- You are a full-time exempt employee on a 12-month contract, (salaried)
- You work the regularly scheduled workday before and after the holiday.

If a holiday falls on a non-work day, then the employee receives another paid day off of work. Employees do not receive holiday pay if they are on any leave of absence.

3502 – Group Insurance

All full time employees are eligible for medical insurance after a 30-day probationary period. Insurance will become active the 1st day of the month after the 30-day probationary period.

- Insurance can't be canceled or changed mid-year without a life event (death, divorce, marriage, birth, loss of coverage, etc.). There are no exceptions to this policy.
- Employees that are eligible for group insurance will receive an email from Spectrum Academy's Human Resource Office with information about when their enrollment window is.
- If the employee does not enroll in benefits during the enrollment window, they will not be eligible for insurance coverage until the company-wide open enrollment period the following August.

3600 – Personal Days for Exempt Employees (salaried)

The school allows 8 days or 60 hours for the handling of personal affairs.

3601 – Guidelines for Personal Days

- Regular, full-time exempt employees (salaried)
- Personal days may not be used the first <u>30 days</u> of the contract period.
- No more than three personal days may be taken consecutively unless approved in advance by your Principal or the Director of Academics.
- You must seek approval for such leave in advance in writing from your Principal or the Director of Academics.
- Personal days may not be taken in conjunction with school-observed holidays or weekends unless approved in advance by your Principal or the Director of Academics.
- PTO days are to be used for sick days, bereavement days, medical
 appointments, dental appointments, sick children, or spouses, etc. We do
 not differentiate PTO time for different events, you have 8 day or 60 hours
 for ALL TIME OFF.
- Salaried employees are given 8 PTO days to use through the school year. If they exceed the 8 PTO days or 60 hours their paycheck will be decreased by their daily rate times the number of days over. Their daily rate is calculated by dividing their salary by the number of contracted days in the school year.
- For salaried school staff that work directly with students in the classroom, who have been with Spectrum for 5 years or longer, remaining unused PTO days will be paid out at the end of the year under the following conditions:
 - Up to 50% of your days remaining will be paid out. So, if you
 have 8 PTO days and have only used 4 of them by the last day of
 school, 2 days will be paid out to you.
 - The PTO days will be paid during the summer, after school has ended.

3700 - Personal Days for Hourly Employees

3701 - Guidelines for Personal Days

- Regular, full time employees (hourly)
- Hourly employees' days off are unpaid unless the employee has been given PTO days. It is the responsibility of the employee to inform the payroll department when they want to use any PTO days they are granted. This can be done by submitting an Absence Request Form to the Principal and marking that PTO days are to be used for the requested absence.
- Personal days may not be used the first <u>30 days</u> of the contract period.
- No more than three personal days may be taken consecutively unless approved in advance by your Principal or the Director of Academics.
- You must seek approval for such leave in advance in writing from your Principal or the Director of Academics.
- Personal days may not be taken in conjunction with school-observed holidays or weekends unless approved in advance by your Principal or the Director of Academics.
- PTO days can be used for sick days, bereavement days, medical appointments, dental appointments, sick children, or spouses, etc. We do not differentiate PTO time for different events.
- If hourly employees exceed 8 absences, they are subject to Corrective Action and/or termination.
- All absences are considered time off whether they be sick, medical
 appointments, etc. It is counted as time off if you are gone from work even
 if it has been approved, or if you have a doctor's note.

3702 - PTO time is earned by hourly employees as follows:

- Year 1 0 PTO days
- Year 3 1 PTO day
- Year 5 2 PTO days
- Year 7 3 PTO days

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- Year 9 4 PTO days
- Year 11 − 5 PTO days
- Year 13 6 PTO days
- Year 15 7 PTO days
- Year 17 8 PTO days
- Once you reach 8 PTO days you are capped and will not earn any more days from that point on.

The PTO days are earned for YEARS AT SPECTRUM ACADEMY. Your experience at other places does not count towards this time.

3800 – Wages & Salaries

Wage rates and salaries vary from employee to employee. The guidelines for wages and salaries are:

- Are competitive for comparable services,
- your qualifications and previous work experiences, and
- the level of success and stability of your work record
- the school's need for your specific skills.

Any wage increase or adjustment in pay will be awarded on an individual basis dependent upon your performance and your overall contribution to the school's success and at the sole discretion of the HR Department and your Administration.

Salaried employees are paid their salary year round for a specific number of days worked during the school year. If the employee gets hired after the start of the school year, their salary will be prorated to the number of days they will be working during the school year.

3801 - Salary Determinations

Initial salary schedule placement shall be according to the educator's college or university degree with salary levels added for years of experience and/or additional education as stipulated below. Initial degree level placement:

- Level 1 for a Bachelor's Degree;
- Level 6 for a Master's Degree;
- Level 10 for a Doctorate Degree.

 Educators with graduate degrees awarded by institutions of higher education outside of the U.S. must provide documentation of U.S. equivalency from an agency recognized by the Utah State Board of Education to receive salary schedule placement above Level 1.

3802 – Provisions

Educators may qualify for salary level advancement for additional education. The salary level changes possible are:

- Bachelor's degree + 20 semester credits advance 2 salary levels;
- Bachelor's degree + 40 semester credits advance 2 salary levels;
- Master's degree (after initial hire) or BS + 50 credits advance one (1) salary level;
- Master's degree + 30 semester credits advance 2 salary levels;
- Doctorate degree (after initial hire) advance 2 salary levels.

Courses which carry college credit must be granted from accredited institutions of higher education, and the accreditation must be recognized and accepted by the Utah State Office. College courses completed at institutions outside of the U.S. must be evaluated and certified for U.S. equivalency by an agency recognized by USBE.

3803 - Salary level Changes

In order to be eligible for salary level credit, courses must be taken **after** the established eligibility which is determined as follows:

- In order to be eligible for a BS+20, BS+40, the plus credits must be for courses taken **after** the bachelor's degree was awarded.
- Plus credits should be related to your teaching assignment. Example: if you teach math, 4 yoga classes would not qualify for plus credits.
- Educators who receive salary credit for a master's degree or BS+50 may thereafter submit any eligible course credits towards subsequent salary level changes, as long as the courses were not applied to or required for completion of the master's degree and have not previously been counted towards a salary level change.
- Documentation of degree or credit awarded from an institution of higher education
 must be an original or official transcript. Unofficial can be accepted provided they
 include name of individual, name of organization, award date and total credits are

clearly displayed. Electronic transcripts will be accepted provided they are sent directly to Human Resources from the institution of higher education and include an explanation of credit awarded. Picture of credits on a computer screen or phone will not be accepted.

 Human Resources, at its discretion, may make a copy of an original document after examining the document for authenticity and return the original document to its owner. Human Resources will document the examination of the original document.

3900 – Worker's Compensation Insurance

Worker's Compensation provides payment of employee medical expenses and partial salary continuation (if time away from work is needed for recovery) from a work-related accident or illness.

3901 - State Regulations

- If an employee is injured or becomes ill on the job, the employee must immediately report such injury or illness to an administrator.
- Prompt reporting ensures that the school can help obtain appropriate medical treatment as well as related benefits.
- You are eligible for holiday pay if you are on leave due to a work-related injury.
- An employee's failure to follow this procedure may result in a delay of medical or pay benefits for the injury or illness.
- Questions regarding workers' compensation insurance should be directed to the business manager (Director of Finance)
- Worker's compensation does not cover your entire current wage. You will use your unused personal time off to make up the difference in pay. After these leave resources are used up; you will receive only the worker's compensation partial payment of salary from the school.
- You are covered by workers' compensation insurance provided by Spectrum Academy as set by state regulations.

4000 – Children of Employees

4001 – Pleasant Grove

Any student who is here more than 10 minutes before class or 10 minutes after class ends will be sent to Day Care. If children are found unattended either inside or outside, they will be sent to Daycare. Day Care is available as a benefit and convenience to employees for a discounted rate of \$2.00 per hour, per child. You will be billed in half hour increments. However, when there are no longer any other children remaining who pay full price (regular non-employee students), you will be asked to pick up your children. If you know that you will need child care through 5:30pm or later, you must make arrangements ahead of time with a Daycare provider. If a provider is willing to stay, you will then be responsible to pay up to \$10.00 per hour if your child is the only one remaining in Day Care.

If you are teaching one of the extended day extracurricular activities, this same policy applies to you and your children. Please make prior arrangements for your children to be cared for while you are teaching, by either having them picked up or making arrangements with Spectrum Academy Day Care. Employees working in non-Spectrum Academy extracurricular activities must clock out before the activity begins.

4002 – North Salt Lake

Day care is not offered at any of the North Salt Lake school campuses. The employee must make prior arrangements for their children to be cared for while they are working. If the employee has a child that attends Spectrum Academy, they are not allowed to have their children wait in their classroom for them both before and after school. Violations of this policy will result in corrective action.

4100 – Continuation of Health Benefits & COBRA

4101 – Health Benefits during a Leave of Absence

All full-time employees covered by the school Benefit Plan will be eligible for continued medical coverage for up to 12 weeks following the beginning of a leave for:

- An authorized, paid or unpaid leave of absence; or
- A temporary lay-off due to lack of work.
- If you are away from work for one of the above stated reasons, you must pay your entire current benefit premium to have continued coverage.
- This continuance of coverage will end if you fail to pay your entire premium within 30 days of the due date, or you have been on leave longer than 12 weeks in a 12-month period.

4102 - COBRA

This is an option available to you if the above option is not. This allows you continued health insurance coverage directly through the insurance carrier rather than through the employer. If you become eligible for this option, the health insurance carrier will send you notification of your eligibility and what steps need to be taken next to continue your insurance coverage.

4200 - FERPA Training & Employee Non-Disclosure Assurances

Employee non-disclosure assurances are intended to minimize the risk of human error and misuse of information.

4201 - Scope

All Spectrum Academy Board members, employees, vendors, contractors and volunteers must sign and obey the Spectrum Academy Employee Non-Disclosure Agreement, which describes the permissible uses of state technology and information.

4202 – Non-Compliance

Non-compliance with the agreements shall result in consequences up to and including removal of access to Spectrum Academy's network; if this access is required for employment, employees and contractors may be subject to dismissal.

4203 – Non-Disclosure Assurances

All student data utilized by Spectrum Academy is protected as defined by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and Utah statute. This policy outlines the way Spectrum Academy staff is to utilize data and protect personally identifiable and confidential information. A signed agreement form is required from all staff to verify agreement to adhere to/abide by these practices and will be maintained in the Human Resources Department. All Spectrum Academy employees (including contract or temporary) will:

- Complete a Security and Privacy Fundamentals Training.
- Complete a Security and Privacy Training for Researchers and Evaluators, if your position is a research analyst or if requested by the Academic Director.
- Consult with Spectrum Academy internal data owners when creating or disseminating reports containing data.
- Use password-protected state-authorized computers when accessing any student-level or staff-level records.
- NOT share individual passwords for personal computers or data systems with anyone.
- Log out of any data system/portal and close the browser after each use.
- Store sensitive data on appropriate-secured location. Unsecured access and flash drives, DVD, CD-ROM or other removable media, or personally owned computers or devices are not deemed appropriate for storage of sensitive, confidential or student data.
- Keep printed reports with personally identifiable information in a locked location while unattended, and use the secure document destruction service provided at Spectrum Academy when disposing of such records.
- NOT share personally identifying data during public presentations, webinars, etc. If users need to demonstrate child/staff level data, demo records should be used for such presentations.
- Redact any personally identifiable information when sharing sample reports with general audiences, in accordance with guidance provided by the student data manager, found in Appendix B (Protecting PII in Public Reporting).

- Take steps to avoid disclosure of personally identifiable information in reports, such as aggregating, data suppression, rounding, recoding, blurring, perturbation, etc.
- Delete files containing sensitive data after using them on computers, or move them to secured servers or personal folders accessible only by authorized parties.
- NOT use email to send screenshots, text, or attachments that contain
 personally identifiable or other sensitive information. If users receive an
 email containing such information, they will delete the screenshots/text
 when forwarding or replying to these messages. If there is any doubt about
 the sensitivity of the data, the Student Data Privacy Manager should be
 consulted.
- Use secure methods when sharing or transmitting sensitive data. The
 approved method is Spectrum Academy's Secure File Transfer Protocol
 (SFTP) website. Also, sharing within secured server folders is appropriate
 for internal file transfer.
- NOT transmit child/staff-level data externally unless expressly authorized in writing by the data owner and then only transmit data via approved methods such as described in item ten.
- Limit use of individual data to the purposes which have been authorized within the scope of job responsibilities.

4204 - Data Security and Privacy Training

Purpose

Spectrum Academy will provide a range of training opportunities for all staff, including volunteers, vendors, contractors and temporary employees with access to student educational data or confidential educator records in order to minimize the risk of human error and misuse of information.

Scope

All Spectrum Academy Board members, employees, vendors, and contracted partners.

Compliance

New employees that do not comply may not be able to use Spectrum Academy networks or technology.

Policy

- Within the first week of employment, all Spectrum Academy Board members, employees, and contracted partners must sign and follow the Employee Acceptable Use Policy, which describes the permissible uses of state technology and information.
- New employees that do not comply may not be able to use Spectrum
 Academy networks or technology. Within the first week of employment,
 all Board members, employees, and contracted partners also must sign and
 obey the Employee Non-Disclosure Agreement, which describes
 appropriate uses and the safeguarding of student and educator data.
- All current Spectrum Academy Board members, employees, vendors, and contracted partners are required to participate in an annual Security and Privacy Fundamentals Training Curriculum within 60 days of the adoption of this rule.
- Spectrum Academy requires a targeted Security and Privacy Training for
 Data Stewards and IT staff for other specific groups within the agency that
 collect, store, or disclose data. The Chief Privacy Officer will identify
 these groups. Data and Statistics Coordinator will determine the annual
 training topics for these targeted groups based on staff training needs.
- Participation in the training as well as a signed copy of the Employee Non-Disclosure Agreement will be annually monitored by supervisors.
 Supervisors and the Director of Academics will annually report all
 Spectrum Academy Board members, employees, vendors and contracted partners who do not have these requirements completed to the IT Security Manager.

4205 – Data Security and Privacy Training Instructions Data Governance Plan

Please access and review the Spectrum Academy's Data Governance Plan here: https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/b28771_dfb2db05afa64014a0587139e322c31c.pdf
Fundamentals Training

View each of these videos and indicate completion by initials on the Employee Non-Disclosure Agreement. Must be completed within 30 days of receipt of these instructions. https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B0tOJ9nRmQrnZVNtX1V1cUptV1E https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B0tOJ9nRmQrnOFhqNENQT0dDSlk

FERPA 101 Awareness Training

On an annual basis, all Spectrum Academy employees shall:

• Please register at the following website:

https://training.wecomply.com/wc2/doeregister.aspx?id=10821&code=deptEdu&login=%2fwc2%2fdoelogin.aspx

• Participate in the FERPA 101 module

Print the certificate at the end and turn it in the HR department.

4300 - Immunizations

4301 – Spectrum Academy will not cover any employee for any immunization or vaccination. It is the employee's responsibility to be fully immunized prior to coming to work. Knowing that there is the chance of getting bit, scratched, etc. in our daily work environment, it is highly recommended that every employee at Spectrum Academy especially be up to date on their tetanus shot.

4202 – We will not cover any tetanus shots for any employee (current and/or future). This vaccination should be up to date and is the employee's responsibility to obtain.

4203 – The adult version of the Tap is "Td" and can be given at any CVS, Walgreen's, or your local health department, for a relatively inexpensive cost. A Td booster dose is recommended ever 10 years.

I have received a copy of the 2022-2023 Spectrum Academy Employee Handbook and assume full responsibility to read it and become acquainted with the following policies.

*Initial by each policy to indicate it has been reviewed.

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I agree to abide by the policies described herein. Because this handbook does not contain all Spectrum Academy policies, I also agree to abide by any additional school policies as they are made known to me.

I understand that all persons who perform services for Spectrum Academy shall be considered "at-will" employees. The employment of all personnel may be terminated so long as such employees are not terminated for unlawful reasons.

I understand that this handbook is not a contract and that Spectrum Academy may change, modify, or revoke the policies or benefits contained herein at any time. I understand that the length of my employment is not guaranteed and that either Spectrum Academy or I may terminate the employment relationship at any time.

I further understand that if I have any questions about the interpretation or application of any policies contained in the Handbook, I should direct these questions to the administration.

| Name Printed | Date: |
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