

MOUNT PLESANT COTTAGE SCHOOL UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT**SUBJECT: WANDERING AND ELOPEMENT OF STUDENTS**

In order to address, prevent and respond to elopement instances for students with disabilities, the district will:

a) The CSE will identify if the student has behaviors that impede his or her learning or that of others. This should include the consideration of whether a student has the tendency to wander or elope, if so, to ensure that a functional behavior assessment (FBA) of the behavior is conducted and the behavior is addressed through proper supervision and through an individualized behavior intervention plan based on the results of the FBA.

b) Staff training on awareness and response will be ongoing in PLCs, staff meetings and after school professional development. Students with FBAs for elopement will be shared with students' team members, safety personnel, specialists, school nurse, and agency.

c) Pre-elopement safe guards will be utilized, such as maintaining visual contact with the student and closely monitoring transition periods.

d) If a student elopes, the following procedures will be followed:

1) Classroom Aide/Assistant will follow student and immediately notify safety team member. Safety members will alert the Dean of Students.

2) If the student leaves the building, the Principal, school office and AOD will be notified.

3) School staff will track and stay with student until agency personnel arrive.

4) School staff will communicate with agency any relative information and stay with student unless the agency staff gives the ok for school staff to leave.

e) If a student leaves the campus, the school will communicate with the agency and arrangements will be made for the police to be notified. If the student is a day student, the parent/guardian will be notified and the police will be called. The Principal or Designee will notify the local Law Enforcement.

f) The District will ensure that Local Law Enforcement has up to date floor plans and lay out of the school and campus. Local Law Enforcement will be provided the information at the yearly SAVE meeting.

g) The District will work with the agency to ensure all students have identification cards and that they carry them at all times. The District will provide Day Students with identification cards.