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Policy JBAC Students Physical Privacy

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The Rock Hill School Board of Trustees believes that all students should feel safe and secure in their learning environment. Every restroom and changing facility accessible by multiple persons at the same time must be designated for use only by members of one sex. Any restrooms and changing facilities that are designated for one sex must be used only by members of that sex. A person may not enter a restroom or changing facility that is designated for one sex unless he or she is a member of that sex. During any public school-authorized activity or event where students share overnight lodging, a student may not share a bedroom or multioccupancy restroom with a member of the opposite sex unless such persons are members of the same family, such as a parent, guardian, sibling, or grandparent. In any other facility or setting where a person may be in a state of undress in the presence of others, school personnel shall provide separate, private areas designated for use by persons based on their sex, and a person may not enter these private areas unless he or she is a member of the designated sex.

This policy does not apply to a person who enters a restroom or changing facility designated for the opposite sex:

- (a) for custodial or maintenance purposes when a member of the opposite sex does not occupy the restroom or changing facility.
- (b) to render medical assistance or
- (c) during a natural disaster, emergency, or when necessary to prevent a serious threat to good order or student safety.

Nothing in this policy may be construed to prohibit schools from adopting policies necessary to accommodate disabled persons or young children in need of physical assistance when using restrooms or changing facilities. Students who, for any reason, are unwilling or unable to use a facility described may submit a written request to the principal of the school for access to alternative facilities. The principal shall evaluate these requests on a case-by-case basis. It shall offer, to the extent reasonable, options for alternate facilities, which may include but are not limited to, access to a single-user restroom or controlled use of an employee restroom, locker room, or shower. The accommodation may not be access to a facility designated for use by members of the opposite sex while persons of the opposite sex are present or could be present.

For the purpose of this policy, the terms are defined as follows:

- (1) "Changing Facility" means a facility in which a person may be in a state of undress in the presence of others, including a locker room, changing room, or shower room.

(2) "Restroom" means a facility with one or more toilets or urinals.

(3) "Sex" means a person's biological sex as listed on the person's birth certificate.

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