



2021-2022 Student Handbook

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The mission of the Rosendale-Brandon School District is to assure that all students acquire the skills, knowledge, and character necessary to become responsible, adaptive, and engaged citizens.

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Faculty and Staff				
Brandon Elementary		Rosendale Primary		
Name	Role	Name	Role	
Lynn Alsum	Second Grade Teacher	<u>Leah Challoner</u>	5K Teacher	
<u>Dawn Balsitis</u>	Building Secretary	Casandra Holdridge	Head Custodian	
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Sandy Kuik	Fourth Grade Teacher	Amanda Kinyon	4K Teacher	
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Blair Moon	4K Teacher	Jean Marchant	Building Secretary	
Renee Postotnik	Reading Teacher	Jeanne Moore	Second Grade Teacher	
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Andrea Schneider	Food Service Director		
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Amber Zernzach	Principal		
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Welcome to Rosendale-Brandon Schools

Brandon Elementary School is home to students in grades 4K through five. Rosendale Primary School is home to students in grades 4k through three. These are very important years in the intellectual, physical, social and emotional development of children. The faculty and Staff and Brandon Elementary and Rosendale Primary will work diligently to help students develop in each of these areas.

The purpose of this handbook is to help students and their families become familiar with the school, its procedures, and the expectations of the faculty and staff. It will answer many questions or concerns that students and parents may have during the school year. Please read the handbooks carefully and discuss it as home. If you have questions or concerns, please call the school.

All of us at Brandon Elementary and Rosendale Primary are excited about the start of a new school year and look forward to working with each and every one of you!

School District Phone Numbers					
Administration Office	(920) 872-2851	Rosendale Intermediate	(920) 872-2126		
Brandon Elementary	(920) 346-2915	Rosendale Primary	(920) 872-2151		
Laconia High School	(920) 872-2161				

ROSENDALE BRANDON SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICIES

The complete RBSD Policy Book can be found under the District tab while visiting the RBSD Web page. Frequently referenced policies can be found by clicking on the links in the table below.

POLICY 345.7	4th and 8th GRADE PROMOTION POLICY	POLICY 443.5	ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES
POLICY 345.8	GRADES FIVE, SIX & SEVEN PROMOTION POLICY	<u>POLICY</u> 443.9	ACADEMIC HONESTY POLICY
<u>POLICY</u> 411.1	ANTI-BULLYING AND ANTI HARASSMENT	POLICY 446.4	CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT POLICY
POLICY 113	NONDISCRIMINATION IN DISTRICT PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES, AND OPERATIONS	POLICY 447.3	STUDENT DISCIPLINE, SUSPENSION, & EXPULSION
POLICY 431	SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AND TRUANCY	POLICY 763	NEGATIVE FOOD SERVICE FAMILY BALANCES
POLICY 443	STUDENT CONDUCT POLICY	POLICY 790	WELLNESS POLICY
POLICY 443.1	ALCOHOL & OTHER DRUG ABUSE POLICY	POLICY 831.2	WEAPONS ON SCHOOL PREMISES
POLICY 443.2	ALCOHOL & OTHER DRUG ABUSE POLICY VIOLATIONS		

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Brandon Elementary and Rosendale Primary Daily Schedules

Daily Schedule	Daily Schedule Two Hour Late Start		Daily Schedule T		Early Release	
7:45 AM	Building Entry	9:50 AM	Building Entry	7:45	Building Entry	
7:55 AM	Classes Begin	10:00 AM	Classes Begin	7:55 AM	Classes Begin	
3:20 PM	Dismissal	3:20 PM	Dismissal	1:20 PM	Dismissal	

CANCELLATION, DELAY, OR CLOSING EARLY

If school is delayed, cancelled, or released early, the first notification will be telephone calls to parents through our "Connect Ed" telephone service. You may also check the Rosendale-Brandon School District website by logging on to www.rbsd.k12.wi.us. The following radio stations will be contacted: WRPN 1600 AM, WFDL 97.7FM, WTCX 96.1 FM, KFIZ 107 FM 1450 AM, WMRH 1170 AM, WOSH 1490 AM, WVBO 103.9 FM, and WPKR 99.5 FM. In addition to the above radio stations, NBC26 NEWS, WBAY Ch. 2, WFRV Ch. 5, and WLUK-FOX 11 TV stations will air school closings.

If school is cancelled, a decision on after-school activities and team practices will be made by 1:00p.m. If school closes early after a normal start, all after-school activities and team practices will be cancelled.

Arrival Procedures

Dismissal Procedures

Students whose end of day routine changes should inform the school by sending a note or calling the school office. Please note that the school office is extremely busy from 2:00-3:30; we appreciate your efforts to notify the office of changes in end of day routine as early in the day as possible.

Brandon Elementary

Parents who drop students off are asked to do so on Bowen Street to avoid congestion in the main parking lot. Students who are dropped off or walk to school will enter through the Bowen Street entrance.

The parking lot by the office is reserved for bussing. Students that are bussed will enter the building through the doors near the main office.

Rosendale Primary

Children can be dropped off on the playground on Madison Street (east side). Busses will drop off on the west side of the school in the small lot. Parking in that lot is restricted to only staff working in the west wing.

4K students will enter the building through the front or west entrance to school and may proceed directly to their classrooms.

EC:EEN students riding in a school van will arrive at the west door closest to their classroom.

Brandon Elementary

Students walking and being picked up will leave on Bowen St. The parking lot by the office is reserved for busses at the end of the day.

Rosendale Primary

Students riding the bus will leave school from the west doors.

Children who are walking or being picked up will leave through the doors by the **east end** of the school.

EC:EEN students will be dismissed at their designated times from the west door of the new wing.

VISITORS/BUILDING SECURITY

The building will be locked during the day. Visitors should use the speaker system to identify themselves and gain admittance to the office.

For the safety of all, during the school day visitors must report to the office immediately upon entering the building to pick up a badge that will let everyone know he or she has signed in and has permission to be in the building. People without this badge will be taken back to the office. A visitor is anyone who is not a regular faculty or staff member or student. This includes volunteers and parents.

ILLNESS WHILE AT SCHOOL

When students become ill during the school day, they must report the illness to their teacher and go to the office. Students will be permitted to go home, if possible, or given a place to lie down until their parents pick them up. In an effort to prevent illness from spreading, students with a temperature of 100 degrees or more will not be allowed to return to the classroom.

ACCIDENTS

Any accident at school which causes physical injury must be reported to the teacher in charge and to the office immediately.

An accident occurring on a school bus must be reported to the school office and the bus driver. Students are covered in direct travel to and from school, providing the time is within one hour before school is in session and within one hour after school activities cease.

MEDICATION

Unless absolutely necessary, medication should be given outside the school day. Before prescription or nonprescription medication can be given to students at school, the main office must have the proper information and consent forms on file. A doctor's signature is necessary for all prescription drugs. All medication is stored and dispensed in the school office. If you have any questions, please call the school office.

Written parent consent is necessary for all prescription and non-prescription medication (aspirin, cough medicine, etc.). Drugs must be in the original container and must have written parental consent. Students with prescription asthma inhalers will be allowed to keep them on their person to use when necessary if the parent has filled out the appropriate forms and requests that the student keep the inhaler with them. The student must also have the written permission of the physician. A copy of the medication form is sent home at the beginning of each school year. Additional copies can be obtained from the school office and on the district website.

NON-CUSTODIAL PARENTS

Our Schools abide by the provisions of the Buckley Amendment with respect to the rights of noncustodial parents. In the absence of a court order, we will provide the non-custodial parent who requests it access to the academic records and to other school-related information regarding the child. If there is a court order specifying that no information is to be given, it is the responsibility of the custodial parent to provide the school with an official record of the court order.

LOST AND FOUND

Lost and found is maintained by the office. Students should report the loss of any articles or money to the <u>office</u> immediately. Students who find articles or money should turn these into the office at the earliest opportunity so that they may be returned to the rightful owner.

Under no circumstances should students leave money in their lockers or backpacks. Money can be brought to the office for safekeeping; it will be placed in a sealed envelope with the student's name and amount on it. During physical education class student money or valuables should be turned in and locked in the physical education office; do *not* leave valuables in the locker room.

LUNCH PROGRAM

The Rosendale- Brandon School District uses a computer management system for the school lunch program. This system records each student's lunch and milk purchases and automates the fee processing.

Each student is assigned a bar code. Students will not, however, be issued a lunch ticket or bar code to carry. The cashier scans the code when the student purchases lunch or milk. The purchase is automatically charged to the student's family account. Parents are responsible for their child's lunch accounts.

Families may prepay for as many lunches or milks as they like; however, all families are expected to keep a positive balance. at least \$20 in the account. Lunch balance notifications are sent out weekly via email to both parents if an email address is listed. of accounts that fall below twenty dollars will be sent home via email. If the student family lunch account becomes \$-20.00 or greater, meals will no longer be offered and a peanut butter sandwich and a carton of milk will be offered to the student. reaches zero dollars or has a negative balance, your child will not be able to participate in the lunch program. The Board of Education made this policy effective 12/19/2016. August 1999.

Price

Lunch and milk prices are set by the School Board and appear in the *Spartan Sentinel*. A half pint of

Lunchroom Procedures

Students are expected to abide by the following:

milk is included with the purchase of a lunch. Those students who desire additional milk or who eat a sack lunch may purchase milk.

Menus

Menus are posted in the classrooms and in the *Spartan Sentinel.*

Sack Lunch

Sack lunches are to be eaten only in the cafeteria. Please, do not send soda in sack lunches. Federal guidelines prohibit soda during lunch.

Soda

Soda is *not* allowed in the cafeteria/gym during the noon hour. Please do not send sodas to school with students to drink for lunch or during nutrition break.

- 1. Lunch (all food and drink) will be eaten in the cafeteria.
- 2. Everyone eating lunch at school is required to remain on the school grounds during the entire lunch period.
- 3. Students who do not eat lunch at school must obtain permission from the principal to go home for lunch. This will be granted only upon written request from the student's parents. Permission will not be granted to go to other places for lunch during the noon hour.
- 4. Students must, by Federal School Lunch mandate, take three of the five meal components offered for that day.
- 5. Students are allowed to go to the restroom or locker for items before going outside.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES: Be kind; Be safe; Be responsible.

In the Rosendale-Brandon Schools we depend on students to be responsible for their behavior. Everyone makes mistakes from time to time. Accepting responsibility for one's actions is part of the process of growing up.

We also depend on our students' sense of citizenship, pride in themselves, and pride for the school to govern their behavior rather than creating a long list of regulations for students to follow. Listed below are some general responsibilities for all students:

- Follow the school rules.
- Respect school property and equipment.
- Respect personal property and the rights of others.
- Always do your best.
- Be clean and neat.
- Regular school attendance.

SCHOOL RULES

- Be ready to begin when class starts.
- Keep hands, feet, and objects to themselves.
- Stay on task.
- Arrive with supplies necessary for class.
- Follow directions.
- Choose safe behavior for yourself and classmates.

BUS RULES

- The bus driver may assign seats.
- Be courteous.
- No food or beverages on the bus.
- No profanity.
- Violence is prohibited.
- Remain in your seat.
- Keep hands and head inside of the bus.
- For your own safety, do not distract the driver through misbehavior.

HOMEWORK

In addition to the time spent on assignments in class, students will be required to do homework. Homework reinforces skills taught in class, prepares students for upcoming topics, teaches students to

ASSIGNMENT NOTEBOOKS

All 1-5 students are issued an assignment book. These books are intended to help students learn organizational skills. It is also an especially effective tool in creating better lines of communication

work independently, and helps in evaluating progress. To complete assignments more effectively it is suggested that students do the following:

- 1. Record all assignments and their due date in your assignment notebook.
- 2. Find a suitable place at home to study. The area should be quiet, have good lighting, and a place to write.
- 3. Start assignments immediately. Pace yourself for long term assignments; don't try to do it all the night before! If time is used wisely, most homework can be completed during school hours.

between home and school. Parents are encouraged to ask to see their child's assignment book daily to check for notes from teachers and to write notes to teachers in return. The assignment book will be provided by the school; however, if a student loses it, s/he will be required to pay \$5 for an additional copy.

TARDINESS

Being on time is an important life skill, which we strive to help students develop. At this age, students also depend on their parent/guardian for assistance in this area. Attendance will be taken at the beginning of each day. Students are expected to be in their classroom by 7:55 am. Unexcused tardies will be tracked by the main office. Excessive tardies may result in truancy policy violations.

If a student has been delayed at home or is late arriving at school for an **unusual** reason, parents or a responsible adult should sign a note. Students should bring this note to the office *immediately* upon arriving at school, and the office shall decide if the tardy is "excused" or "unexcused

LOCKERS

Each student in grade 5 is assigned locker space in the hallway for the year. Students are expected to keep lockers clean.

Locker Searches:

School personnel respect the right of student privacy and freedom from unreasonable search and seizure of property. The school also has a responsibility to protect the health, safety, and welfare of all persons within the school community. Lockers are the property of the school and school officials reserve the right to search lockers or desks whenever there are reasonable grounds or suspicions. A general search may be made to recover individual or school property.

GRADES AND REPORT CARDS

Students at Brandon Elementary and Rosendale Primary are issued standards based, computer-generated report cards quarterly. Standards based grades reflect students' skill (not effort or behavior) within specific academic areas. A score of 4 indicates a student is advanced and working above grade level on that standard. A score of a 3 indicates the student is proficient on that standard. A score of a 2 indicates a student is not yet proficient and needs more practice with that standard. A score of a 1 indicates the student needs a significant amount of practice in order to become proficient in this grade level standard. Report cards are shared virtually with families.

TEXTBOOKS

Textbooks are issued by the classroom teacher. Students are expected to write their name and date issued on the bookplate or on the inside front cover in ink.

Students are expected to take good care of books, to not write in them, or damage them in any way. Students are expected to cover all textbooks to

FEES

The following fees are required for this school year for these classes or activities:

Books/Computer

Grades 1-5

\$20.00 (\$6.50)

prevent damage and soiling. In the spring, textbooks will be collected, and students will be charged for damage other than ordinary wear.

No fee for those qualifying for free meals 1/3 of fee for those qualifying for reduced meals ()

SCHOOL DRESS EXPECTATIONS

The District Dress Code applies to all schools in the Rosendale-Brandon School District, grades 4K - 12.

Allowable Dress & Grooming

- Students must wear clothing including both a shirt with pants/skirt/shorts, or the equivalent and shoes.
- Clothing must have fabric in the front and on the sides.
- Clothing must cover undergarments, excluding bra straps.
- Hats/head coverings are allowed only for special events as approved by administration.
- Clothing must be suitable for all scheduled classroom activities.
- Specialized courses may require specialized attire, such as sports uniforms or safety gear.

Non-Allowable Dress & Grooming

- Clothing may not depict, imply, advertise or advocate the use of products not legally available to minors.
- Clothing may not depict pornography, nudity or sexual acts.
- Fabric covering all private parts must not be see through.
- Clothing may not use or depict hate speech targeting groups based on race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, religious affiliation or any other protected groups.
- Clothing, including gang identifiers, must not threaten the health or safety of any other student or staff.
- Student attire or grooming may not threaten the health or safety of any other person.

CONDUCT AT EXTRA-CURRICULAR EVENTS AND ASSEMBLIES

Students are expected to meet regular school expectations for responsible behavior at all extra-curricular events.

Spartan backers are expected to be good sports.

This means they follow these guidelines:

- -They treat visitors as guests.
- -They do not distract players at any time.
- -They respect the decisions of the officials.
- -They do not boo or use noisemakers.
- -They stay off the playing area at all times.
- -They do not throw objects onto the playing area.
- -They will not take soda into the gym.
- -They will not leave the building during the game and expect to return to the game.
- -They keep the team's spirits up at all times.
- -Chaperones will enforce bus rules when taking a bus to an event.

Students who choose to not follow these expectations will receive the following consequences:

- -They will be asked to leave the event.
- -They will be allowed to make a phone call to get a ride home.
- -They will be asked to leave the building.
- -They will not attend any more extra-curricular activities.

Our school, students, and the community are known by our actions: BE PROUD!

FLUORIDE MOUTHRINSE PROGRAM

Fond du Lac County provides fluoride rinses for students at Brandon Elementary and Rosendale Primary. Additional information is sent home at the beginning of each school year.

SELLING ITEMS AT SCHOOL

Students may not sell items to other students at school without permission from the school office.

TRANSFER STUDENTS

Grade placement of incoming transfer students at any grade level will be determined by the administrator and the pupil personnel staff.

PHOTOCOPYING/POSTINGS

Any events posted on walls by students need to be approved through the principal, and any photocopying needs permission of staff and must be school related. Violations of these areas will be addressed by staff and principal.