

Policy 560 MEMORIALS

I. PURPOSE

The Northfield School District recognizes that the loss of a student has a great impact on students, staff, and families belonging to the school community. Further, the district recognizes that decisions made about memorials immediately after traumatic events may not take into full consideration the potential impacts to students, staff, and community members. The purpose of this policy is to assist staff, students, and families impacted by a death by providing guidelines for decision-making regarding memorials, and memorial-related activities.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

- A. While the district wants to support students and staff who are grieving a loss, memorials can be an ongoing reminder of a traumatic event and can be impossible for students to avoid when located on school property or included in schoolwide events.
- B. The superintendent or their designee shall develop [procedures](#) governing public memorials.

III. DEFINITIONS

- A. “Memorials” mean objects of or activities meant to remember an event or deceased person(s).

Policy 560 Memorials

Adopted: 05.23.2013; Updated: 06.20.2022, 06.08.2026

Board of Education

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 659

Northfield, Minnesota