INMATES SENTENCED TO THE DEATH PENALTY

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STATEMENT OF AVAILABILITY
*This Policy is to be made available in law libraries or other inmate resource centers.

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SUMMARY of REVISION/REVIEW
Changed from Administrative Regulation to Policy.

APPROVED:
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PURPOSE

This policy establishes the policies and procedures governing the housing of Inmates Sentenced to the Death Penalty (ISDP).

PROCEDURE

I. LOCATION

Inmates Sentenced to the Death Penalty will only be housed within the Tecumseh State Correctional Institution.

II. INMATES SENTENCED TO THE DEATH PENALTY STATUS

A. Inmates committed to the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services under the sentence of death are separated from the general population and considered maximum custody because they pose an extreme security and escape risk due to the nature of their sentence. Although they are separated from the general population, they are not considered as a restrictive housing population. All ISDP’s will be assigned a job assignment.

B. ISDP’s are allowed to go to activities outside their cells in groups as space allows and will have the opportunity for yard time seven days per week and may utilize the gymnasium/courts/ball field depending on weather and availability. ISDP’s will also have access to the dayroom seven days per week for two hours a day. The only exception is for ISDP’s who are on room restriction as they are to remain in their assigned cell at all times except for work, meals, visitation, law library and yard.

C. ISDP’s are allowed to submit Inmate Interview Requests, Grievances and other correspondence in accordance with NDCS policy and procedures.

D. ISDP’s are to be pat searched whenever leaving and returning from their assigned housing unit, and cell searches are done in accordance with NDCS procedures. ISDP’s will never be escorted to/on the main yard without the approval of the Shift Supervisor and must remain under constant supervision whenever they are escorted.

E. ISDP’s will have access to the inmate calling system for both personal and legal calls.

F. A book cart will be available daily on the housing unit where ISDP’s are assigned.

G. ISDP’s are allowed to shower seven days a week. They are also allowed to clean their cells twice a week and may receive a haircut every 30 days. Laundry services are provided five times per week.

H. Property will be limited to a maximum of four cubic feet for personal property and two cubic feet of legal work.

I. ISDP’s will be allowed to eat outside of their assigned cell in a designated space within their housing unit and will be given at least 20 minutes to eat their meals.
III. LAW LIBRARY

ISDP’s may access the law library and legal aides by requesting such through their Unit Manager/designee. The Law Library is held Monday through Fridays and legal aides are available daily if needed.

IV. MEDICAL

Medical staff will make rounds daily where ISDP’s are assigned and they may send an Inmate Interview Request to medical for any other medical concerns. ISDP’s may keep Tylenol, aspirin, ibuprofen and antacids in their cells.

V. EDUCATION/RELIGIOUS GUIDANCE/MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

ISDP’s may access education, religious and mental health services by sending an Inmate Interview Request to the respective department.

REFERENCE

I. STATUTORY REFERENCE – None noted

II. NDCS POLICIES – None noted

III. ATTACHMENTS – None noted

IV. AMERICAN CORRECTIONAL ASSOCIATION STANDARDS – None noted