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Regulation 2110

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Equal Education Opportunity/§504 Procedural Safeguards

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act were designed to eliminate discrimination on the basis of disability. To that end, Section 504 provides, in pertinent part, as follows:

No otherwise qualified individual with a disability in the United States . . . shall, solely by reason of her or his disability, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance . . .

A disabled person under Section 504 is defined as any person who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities.

Pursuant to Subpart D of the 504 federal regulations, a recipient of federal financial assistance that operates a public elementary or secondary education program must establish and implement, with respect to actions regarding the identification, evaluation, or educational placement of persons who, because of disability, need or are believed to need special instruction or related services, a system of procedural safeguards. The following is a description of the procedural safeguards or rights granted by federal law to students with 504 disabilities and/or their parents or legal guardians and to those students who are suspected of having a 504 disability and/or their parents or legal guardians. Parents/guardian of students who are suspected of or identified with a disability under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act are provided with copies of the IDEA procedural safeguards unless those students have a separately identified 504 disability that is not addressed through an IEP.

Parent and Student Rights Under Section 504:

1. Parents/guardian and students have the right to be informed by the School District of their rights under Section 504. The purpose of these Procedural Safeguards is to advise you of those rights.
2. A student with a 504 disability has the right to a free appropriate public education. An appropriate education is defined as the provision of regular or special education and related aids and services that are designed to meet the individual educational needs of the disabled person as adequately as the needs of nondisabled persons are met and are based upon adherence to 504 regulatory procedures.
3. The provision of a free education is the provision of educational and related services without cost to the disabled person or to his or her parents or guardian, except for those fees that are imposed on nondisabled persons or their parents or guardian. Funds available from any public or private agency may be used to meet this requirement. Under

the law, insurers and other third parties are not relieved from an otherwise valid obligation to provide or pay for services for a disabled student.

4. A child with a disability has the right to take part in, and receive benefits from, public education programs without discrimination because of his/her disability.
5. The parents(s) or guardian of a child with a disability have the right to receive notice with respect to the identification, evaluation, or placement of the child.
6. A student with a disability has the right to receive services and be educated in facilities that are comparable to those provided to nondisabled students.
7. A student with a disability has the right to have evaluation, education and placement decisions made based on a variety of information sources, and by persons who know the student and are knowledgeable about the evaluation data and placement options. The student also has the right to be periodically reevaluated.
8. A student with a disability has an equal opportunity to participate in nonacademic and extracurricular activities offered by the District.
9. A student with a disability has the right to have transportation provided to and from an alternative placement setting (if the setting is in a program not operated by the District) at no greater cost to the parent/guardian than would be incurred if the student were placed in a program operated by the District.
10. The parents/guardian of a student with a disability or an eligible student (over the age of 18) have the right to examine all relevant records relating to decisions regarding the student's identification, evaluation and placement.
11. The parents/guardian of a student with a disability or an eligible student and/or the District have the right to request an impartial due process hearing relating to decisions or actions relating to the student's identification, evaluation, program or placement and the parents or guardian have the right to be represented by counsel in such hearings. The parents or guardian or eligible student and/or the District also have the right to a review procedure involving such hearings. The procedures for requesting an impartial due process hearing and the relevant review procedures are described below.
12. The parents/guardian of a student with a disability or an eligible student have the right to file a local grievance with the District for issues unrelated to the identification, evaluation, program or placement of the student. Board Policy 1621 describes the procedures for filing a grievance and can be requested by contacting: Superintendent 510 East Avenue, Grant City, MO.

Persons who believe that the district is discriminating against eligible persons on the basis of disability may also file complaints with the District's Section 504 Coordinator

and/or OCR, U.S. Department of Education, 601 E. 12th St., Kansas City, Missouri 64106.

The District's Section 504 Coordinator is the HS special education teacher, who may be reached at 510 East Avenue, Grant City, MO 64456 or (660) 564-2218.

Due Process Appeal Procedures:

This procedure should be used if the parent(s), legal guardian or eligible student intends to challenge actions the District proposes or refuses under 504 regarding the identification, evaluation, program or placement of a student with a disability. The District also has the right to initiate a 504 due process hearing regarding these same matters.

1. If a parent, legal guardian or eligible student intends to challenge the action proposed or refused by the District, the parent/guardian or eligible student must file a written Request for 504 Due Process Hearing within 15 calendar days from the date of the District's written notice of the proposed or refused action. A copy of this form is attached to these Procedural Safeguards. The Request for 504 Due Process hearing should be filed with the District's Section 504 Coordinator.

If the District intends to initiate a Section 504 due process hearing, the District's Section 504 Coordinator will complete the Request for a 504 Due Process Hearing within the same number of calendar days as specified above.

2. The Request for a 504 Due Process Hearing must state the specific circumstances, including all relevant facts, giving rise to the request for due process; the specific issues to be decided at the impartial due process hearing; and the relief being requested. The District will acknowledge, in writing, all parent/guardian requests for a due process hearing within 15 business days of receipt. If the District initiates the due process hearing, the District will inform the parent or guardian within 15 days of the District's decision to so initiate.
3. The District will, within 15 business days of the District's or parent/guardian's receipt of the Request for a 504 Due Process Hearing, appoint and retain a single impartial hearing officer to hear and decide the due process request. The hearing officer must have knowledge or training in Section 504 and may not be an employee of the District. The hearing officer may not have a personal or professional interest that would conflict with his/her objectivity in the hearing. The District is not required to consult with the parent/guardian or eligible student with respect to the hearing offer appointment.
4. The parties to the hearing have the following rights:
 - a. The right to inspect all relevant records, including personally identifiable records of the student;

- b. The right to be represented and advised by an attorney;
 - c. The right to present evidence and confront, cross-examine and compel the attendance of witnesses;
 - d. The right to obtain a record of the hearing;
 - e. The right to obtain written findings of fact, conclusions of law, and decision.
5. The parents or guardian have the right to open the hearing to the public; otherwise, it will be closed. The parents or guardian may elect to have the student present at the hearing.
 6. The hearing officer must hold the hearing within 30 days of his/her appointment as hearing officer. This timeline may be extended upon the request of the party or parties and by agreement and order of the hearing officer.
 7. Each hearing must be conducted at a time and place which is reasonably convenient to the District and the parents or guardian. The District's facilities will be presumed to be a reasonably convenient location but the parents or guardian may challenge this presumption with the hearing officer.
 8. The party that requested the due process hearing may not raise issues at the due process hearing that were not addressed in the Request for a 504 Due Process Hearing unless the other party agrees.
 9. The hearing officer shall render a final, written decision no later than 20 days following the completion of the hearing. A decision may be rendered after 30 days, if either party requests an extension of this timeframe, and for good cause shown. The decision of the hearing is final and binding, subject to the procedures outlined below.
 10. The District is responsible for costs directly attributable to the provision of administration hearings described in these procedures, including compensation of the hearing officer, transcripts or recordings of the hearing, and other related expenses. The District is not responsible for the costs of legal counsel or other representative of the parent/guardian or eligible student or for the costs of producing or reproducing the evidence presented by the parent/guardian or eligible student.
 11. Any timelines specified herein may be extended by agreement of the District and parent/guardian or eligible student or by order of the hearing officer.
 12. Any party aggrieved by the decision of the impartial hearing officer may appeal that decision to any court of competent jurisdiction.

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Regulation 2130 **(Form 2130)**

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Harassment

DEFINITIONS AND EXAMPLES

Sexual Harassment

For purposes of this Regulation, sexual harassment of a student consists of sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, sexually-motivated physical conduct, or other verbal or physical conduct or communication of a sexual nature when:

1. A school employee causes a student to believe that he or she must submit to unwelcome sexual conduct in order to participate in a school program or activity, or when an employee or third party agent of the District causes a student to believe that the employee will make an educational decision based on whether or not the student submits to unwelcome sexual conduct; or
2. When the unwelcome sexual conduct of a school employee or classmate is so severe, persistent or pervasive that it affects a student's ability to participate in or benefit from an educational program or activity, or creates an intimidating, threatening, or abusive educational environment.

Examples of conduct which may constitute sexual harassment include:

- sexual advances;
- touching, patting, grabbing, or pinching another person's intimate parts, whether that person is of the same sex or the opposite sex;
- coercing, forcing, or attempting to coerce or force the touching of anyone's intimate parts;
- coercing, forcing, or attempting to coerce or force sexual intercourse or a sexual act on another;
- graffiti of a sexual nature;
- sexual gestures;
- sexual or dirty jokes;
- touching oneself sexually or talking about one's sexual activity in front of others;

- spreading rumors about or rating other students as to sexual activity or performance;
- unwelcome, sexually-motivated or inappropriate patting, pinching, or physical contact. This prohibition does not preclude legitimate, non-sexual physical conduct such as the use of necessary restraints to avoid physical harm to persons or property, or conduct such as a teacher's consoling hug of a young student, or one student's demonstration of a sports move requiring contact with another student. (NOTE: Where the perpetrator is an adult and the victim is a student, welcomeness is generally not relevant.)
- other unwelcome sexual behavior or words, including demands for sexual favors, when accompanied by implied or overt threats concerning an individual's educational status or implied or overt promises of preferential treatment.

Harassment Because of Race or Color

For purposes of this Regulation, racial harassment of a student consists of verbal or physical conduct relating to an individual's race or color when:

1. The harassing conduct is sufficiently severe, persistent, or pervasive that it affects a student's ability to participate in or benefit from an educational program or activity, or creates an intimidating, threatening, or abusive educational environment;
2. The harassing conduct has the purpose or effect of substantially or unreasonably interfering with an individual's academic performance; or
3. The harassing conduct otherwise substantially and adversely affects an individual's learning opportunities.

Examples of conduct which may constitute harassment because of race or color include:

- graffiti containing racially-offensive language;
- name-calling, jokes, or rumors;
- threatening or intimidating conduct directed at another because of the other's race or color;
- notes or cartoons;
- racial slurs, negative stereotypes, and hostile acts which are based upon another's race or color;

- written or graphic material containing racial comments or stereotypes which is posted or circulated and which is aimed at degrading individuals or members of protected classes;
- a physical act of aggression or assault upon another because of, or in a manner reasonably related to, race or color;
- other kinds of aggressive conduct such as theft or damage to property which is motivated by race or color.

Harassment Based Upon National Origin or Ethnicity

For purposes of this Regulation, ethnic or national origin harassment of a student consists of verbal or physical conduct relating to an individual's ethnicity or country of origin or the country of origin of the individual's parents, family members, or ancestors when:

1. The harassing conduct is so severe, persistent or pervasive that it affects a student's ability to participate in or benefit from an educational program or activity, or creates an intimidating, threatening, or abusive educational environment;
2. The harassing conduct has the purpose or effect of substantially or unreasonably interfering with an individual's work or academic performance; or
3. The harassing conduct otherwise substantially and adversely affects an individual's learning opportunities.

Examples of conduct which may constitute harassment because of national origin or ethnicity include:

- graffiti containing offensive language which is derogatory to others because of their national origin or ethnicity;
- jokes, name-calling, or rumors based upon an individual's national origin or ethnicity;
- ethnic slurs, negative stereotypes, and hostile acts which are based upon another's national origin or ethnicity;
- written or graphic material containing ethnic comments or stereotypes which is posted or circulated and which is aimed at degrading individuals or members of protected classes;

- a physical act of aggression or assault upon another because of, or in a manner reasonably related to, ethnicity or national origin;
- other kinds of aggressive conduct such as theft or damage to property which is motivated by national origin or ethnicity.

Harassment Because of Disability

For the purposes of this Regulation, harassment because of the disability of a student consists of verbal or physical conduct relating to an individual's physical or mental impairment when:

1. The harassing conduct is so severe, persistent or pervasive that it affects a student's ability to participate in or benefit from an educational program or activity, or creates an intimidating, threatening, or abusive educational environment;
2. The harassing conduct has the purpose or effect of substantially or unreasonably interfering with an individual's work or academic performance; or
3. The harassing conduct otherwise adversely and substantially affects an individual's learning opportunities.

Examples of conduct which may constitute harassment because of disability include:

- graffiti containing offensive language which is derogatory to others because of their physical or mental disability;
- threatening or intimidating conduct directed at another because of the other's physical or mental disability;
- jokes, rumors, or name-calling based upon an individual's physical or mental disability;
- slurs, negative stereotypes, and hostile acts which are based upon another's physical or mental disability;
- graphic material containing comments or stereotypes which is posted or circulated and which is aimed at degrading individuals or members of protected classes;
- a physical act of aggression or assault upon another because of, or in a manner reasonably related to, an individual's physical or mental disability;

- other kinds of aggressive conduct such as theft or damage to property which is motivated by an individual's physical or mental disability.

Harassment Because of Gender

For purposes of this Regulation, gender harassment of a student consists of verbal or physical conduct relating to an individual's gender when:

1. The harassing conduct is sufficiently persistent or pervasive that it affects a student's ability to participate in or benefit from an educational program or activity, or creates an intimidating, threatening, or abusive educational environment; or
2. The harassing conduct has the purpose or effect of substantially or unreasonably interfering with an individual's academic performance; or
3. The harassing conduct otherwise substantially and adversely affects an individual's learning opportunities.

Examples of conduct which may constitute harassment because of gender include:

- graffiti containing offensive language;
- name-calling, jokes, or rumors;
- threatening or intimidating conduct directed at another because of the other's gender;
- notes or cartoons;
- slurs, negative stereotypes, and hostile acts which are based upon another's gender;
- written or graphic material containing comments or stereotypes which is posted or circulated and which is aimed at degrading individuals or members of protected classes;
- a physical act of aggression or assault upon another because of, or in a manner reasonably related to gender;
- other kinds of aggressive conduct such as theft or damage to property which is motivated by gender.

Harassment Because of Sexual Orientation or Perceived Sexual Orientation

For purposes of this Regulation, harassment of a student because of sexual orientation or perceived sexual orientation consists of verbal or physical conduct relating to an individual's sexual orientation or perceived sexual orientation when:

1. The harassing conduct is sufficiently persistent or pervasive that it affects a student's ability to participate in or benefit from an educational program or activity, or creates an intimidating, threatening, or abusive educational environment; or
2. The harassing conduct has the purpose or effect of substantially or unreasonably interfering with an individual's academic performance; or
3. The harassing conduct otherwise substantially and adversely affects an individual's learning opportunities.

Examples of conduct which may constitute harassment because of sexual orientation or perceived sexual orientation include:

- graffiti containing offensive language;
- name-calling, jokes, or rumors;
- threatening or intimidating conduct directed at another because of the other's sexual orientation or perceived sexual orientation;
- notes or cartoons;
- slurs, negative stereotypes, and hostile acts which are based upon another's sexual orientation or perceived sexual orientation;
- written or graphic material containing comments or stereotypes which is posted or circulated and which is aimed at degrading individuals or members of protected classes;
- a physical act of aggression or assault upon another because of, or in a manner reasonably related to, sexual orientation or perceived sexual orientation;
- other kinds of aggressive conduct such as theft or damage to property which is motivated by sexual orientation or perceived sexual orientation.

REPORTING PROCEDURES

The following procedures are applicable to any student who believes he or she has been the victim of sexual harassment or harassment/discrimination based on race, color, sex, national origin, age, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, or perceived sexual orientation by a student, teacher, administrator, or other school personnel of the School District, or by any other person who is participating in, observing, or otherwise engaged in activities, including sporting events and other extracurricular activities, under the auspices of the School District.

Such individuals are encouraged to immediately report the alleged acts to an appropriate District official designated by this Regulation.

Any teacher, administrator, or other school official who has or receives notice that a student has or may have been the victim of unlawful discrimination, sexual harassment or harassment based on race, color, sex, national origin, age, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, or perceived sexual orientation by a student, teacher, administrator, or other school personnel of the District, or by any other person who is participating in, observing, or otherwise engaged in activities, including sporting events and other extracurricular activities, under the auspices of the District, is required to immediately report the alleged acts to an appropriate District official designated by this Regulation.

Any other person with knowledge or belief that a student has or may have been the victim of unlawful discrimination, sexual harassment or harassment based on race, sex color, national origin, age, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, or perceived sexual orientation as set forth above, is encouraged to immediately report the alleged acts to an appropriate District official designated by this Regulation.

The School District encourages the reporting party or complainant to use the report form available from the principal of each building or available from the School District office, but oral reports shall be considered complaints as well. Use of formal reporting forms is not mandated. Nothing in this Regulation shall prevent any person from reporting harassment directly to the Compliance Officer or to the Superintendent. The District will respond to male and female students' complaints of discrimination and harassment promptly, appropriately, and with the same degree of seriousness.

1. In each school building, the building principal is the person responsible for receiving oral or written reports of discrimination, sexual harassment, or harassment based on race, sex, color, national origin, age, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, or perceived sexual orientation at the building level. Any adult School District personnel who receives a report of discrimination, sexual harassment, or harassment based on race, sex, color,

national origin, age, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, or perceived sexual orientation shall inform the building principal immediately.

Upon receipt of a report, the principal must notify the District Compliance Officer immediately, without screening or investigating the report. The principal may request but may not insist upon a written complaint. If the report was given verbally, the principal shall personally reduce it to written form and forward it to the Compliance Officer within twenty-four (24) hours. Failure to forward any harassment report or complaint as provided herein will result in disciplinary action against the principal.

If the complaint involves the building principal, the complaint shall be made or filed directly with the Superintendent or the School District Compliance Officer by the reporting party or the complainant.

2. The School Board has designated the Superintendent as the District Compliance Officer with responsibility to identify, prevent, and remedy unlawful discrimination and harassment. The District Compliance Officer shall:
 - receive reports or complaints of unlawful discrimination, sexual harassment, or harassment based on race, sex, color, national origin, age, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, or perceived sexual orientation;
 - oversee the investigative process;
 - be responsible for assessing the training needs of the District's staff and students in connection with the dissemination, comprehension, and compliance with this Regulation;
 - arrange for necessary training required for compliance with this Regulation; and
 - insure that any investigation is conducted by an impartial investigator who has been trained in the requirements of equal educational opportunity, including harassment, and who is able to apply procedural and substantive standards which are necessary and applicable to identify unlawful harassment, recommend appropriate discipline and remedies when harassment is found, and take other appropriate action to rectify the damaging effects of any prohibited discrimination, including interim protection of the victim during the course of the investigation.

If any complaint involves a Compliance Officer, the complaint shall be filed directly with the President of the Board of Education.

The District shall conspicuously post a notice against unlawful discrimination and harassment in each school in a place accessible to students, faculty, administrators, employees, parents, and members of the public. This notice shall include the name, mailing address, and telephone number of the Compliance Officer; the name, mailing address, and telephone number of the Missouri Commission for Human Rights, the state agency responsible for investigating allegations of discrimination in educational opportunities; and the mailing address and telephone number of the United States Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, and the United States Department of Justice.

3. A copy of Policy 2130 shall appear in the student handbook, and this Regulation shall be made available upon request of parents, students, and other interested parties.
4. The School Board will develop a method of discussing this Regulation with students and employees. Training on the requirements of nondiscrimination and the appropriate responses to issues of harassment will be provided to all school personnel on an annual basis, and at such other times as the Board in consultation with the District Compliance Officer determines is necessary or appropriate.
5. This Regulation shall be reviewed at least annually for compliance with state and federal law.
6. The District will respect the privacy of the complainant, the individuals against whom the complaint is filed, and the witnesses as much as possible, consistent with the District's legal obligations to investigate, to take appropriate action, and to conform with any discovery or disclosure obligations.

INVESTIGATION

Upon receipt of a report or complaint alleging unlawful discrimination, sexual harassment, or harassment based upon race, color, sex, national origin, age, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, or perceived sexual orientation, the Compliance Officer shall immediately undertake or authorize an investigation. That investigation may be conducted by District officials or by a third party designated by the District.

The investigation may consist of personal interviews with the complainant, the individual against whom the complaint is filed, and others who have knowledge of the alleged incident or circumstances giving rise to the complaint. The investigation may also consist of the evaluation of any other information or documents, which may be relevant to the particular allegations.

In determining whether the alleged conduct constitutes a violation of this Regulation, the District shall consider:

- the nature of the behavior;
- victim's statements;
- how often the conduct occurred;
- mandatory written witness statements or interview summaries;
- whether there were past incidents or past continuing patterns of behavior;
- opportunity for the complainant to present witnesses and provide evidence;
- evaluation of all relevant information and documentation relating to the complaint of discrimination or harassment;
- the relationship between the parties involved;
- the race, color, sex, national origin, age, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation or perceived sexual orientation of the victim;
- the identity of the perpetrator, including whether the perpetrator was in a position of power over the student allegedly subjected to harassment;
- the number of alleged harassers;
- the age of the alleged harassers;
- where the harassment occurred;
- whether there have been other incidents in the school involving the same or other students;
- whether the conduct adversely affected the student's education or educational environment;
- the context in which the alleged incidents occurred.

Whether a particular action or incident constitutes a violation of this Regulation requires a determination based on all the facts surrounding the circumstances.

The investigation shall be completed and a written report given to the Superintendent no later than fifteen (15) days from receipt of the complaint. If the complaint involves the Superintendent, the written report may be filed directly with the School Board. The written report shall include a determination of whether the allegations have been substantiated as factual and whether they appear to be violations of this Regulation. The Compliance Officer's obligation to conduct this investigation shall not be extinguished by the fact that a criminal investigation involving the same or similar allegations is also pending or has been concluded.

SCHOOL DISTRICT RESPONSE

1. Upon receipt of a report that a violation has occurred, the District will, within 10 days, take appropriate formal or informal action to address, and where appropriate, remediate the violation. Appropriate actions may include, but are not limited to, counseling, awareness training, parent-teacher conferences, warning, suspension, exclusion, expulsion, transfer, remediation, or discharge. District action taken for violation of this Regulation shall be consistent with the requirements of applicable collective bargaining agreements, state and federal law, and District policies for violations of a similar nature of similar degree of severity. In determining what is an appropriate response to a finding that harassment in violation of this Regulation has occurred, the District shall consider:
 - what response is most likely to end any ongoing harassment;
 - whether a particular response is likely to deter similar future conduct by the harasser or others;
 - the amount and kind of harm suffered by the victim of the harassment;
 - the identity of the party who engaged in the harassing conduct.
 - whether the harassment was engaged in by school personnel, and if so, the District will also consider how it can best remediate the effects of the harassment.

In the event that the evidence suggests that the harassment at issue is also a crime in violation of a Missouri criminal statute, the Board shall also direct the District Compliance Officer to report the results of the investigation to the appropriate law enforcement agency charged with responsibility for handling such crimes.

2. The results of the District's investigation of each complaint filed under these procedures will be reported in writing to the complainant and other parties by the District within 10 days of the Compliance Officer's receipt of the complaint, in accordance with state and federal laws regarding data or records privacy, and consistent with the privacy rights of the alleged harasser.

3. If the District's evaluation of a complaint of harassment results in a conclusion that a school employee has engaged in unlawful discrimination or harassment in violation of this Regulation, or that a school employee(s) has failed to report harassment as required herein, that individual may appeal this determination by presenting a written appeal within 10 school days of receiving notice of the District's conclusion, by use of established School Board procedures for appealing other adverse personnel actions. (See personnel handbooks.)
4. If the District's evaluation of a complaint of harassment results in a conclusion that no unlawful harassment has occurred, an individual who was allegedly subjected to harassment and believes that this conclusion is erroneous may appeal this determination by presenting a written appeal to the Superintendent within 10 school days of receiving notice of the District's conclusion. The grievant may request a meeting with the Superintendent or his/her designee. The Superintendent or his/her designee has the option of meeting with the grievant to discuss the appeal. A decision will be rendered by the Superintendent or his/her designee within 10 working days after receiving the written appeal.
5. If the complainant believes the Superintendent has not adequately or appropriately addressed the appeal, he or she may present a written appeal to the President of the Board of Education within ten (10) working days after the grievant receives the report from the Superintendent. The grievant may request a meeting with the Board of Education. The Board of Education has the option of meeting with the grievant to discuss the appeal. A decision will be rendered by the Board of Education at their next regularly scheduled meeting or no later than 45 calendar days from the District's receipt of the complainant's appeal to the Board. The grievant will be notified in writing of the decision within 5 working days after the Board of Education meeting.
6. An individual who was allegedly subjected to unlawful discrimination or harassment may also file a complaint with the Missouri Commission for Human Rights, the United States Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, or the United States Department of Justice. In addition, such individual may choose to file suit in the United States District Court or the State Circuit Court.
7. Copies of all complaints of harassment and the investigations conducted pursuant to them shall be maintained at the main administrative offices of the School District.

RETALIATION

Submission of a good faith complaint or report of unlawful discrimination, sexual harassment, or harassment based upon race, sex, color, disability, national origin, age, ethnicity, or sexual orientation will not affect the complainant or reporter's future employment, grades, learning, or working environment, or work assignments.

The School District will discipline or take appropriate action against any student, teacher, administrator, or other school personnel who retaliates against any person who reports an incident of alleged harassment/discrimination, sexual, racial, ethnic, sexual orientation discrimination, disability-related harassment or violence, or any person who testifies, assists, or participates in a proceeding, investigation, or hearing relating to such harassment or violence. Retaliation includes, but is not limited to, any form of intimidation, reprisal, or harassment.

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Regulation 2170

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Distribution of Noncurricular Publications by Students

Guidelines for Distribution

Students may distribute, at reasonable times and places, unofficial written materials, petitions, buttons, badges, or other insignia, except expressions which:

1. Are obscene to minors.
2. Are libelous.
3. Are pervasively indecent or vulgar (secondary schools)/contain any indecent or vulgar language (elementary schools).
4. Advertise any product or service not permitted to minors by law.
5. Constitute insulting, hateful or fighting words, the very expression of which injures or harasses other people (e.g., threats of violence, defamation of character or of a person's race, religion, or ethnic origin).
6. Present a clear and present likelihood that, either because of their content or their manner of distribution, will cause a material and substantial disruption of the proper and orderly operation and discipline of the school or school activities, or will cause the commission of unlawful acts or the violation of lawful school regulations.

Distribution on school premises of material in above categories to any student is prohibited.

Procedures

Any student wishing to distribute unofficial written material must first submit for approval a copy of the material to the principal/designee at least three (3) days in advance of desired distribution time, together with the following information:

1. Name and phone number of the person submitting request.
2. Date(s) and times(s) of day of intended display or distribution.
3. Location where material would be displayed or distributed.
4. The grade(s) of students to whom the display or distribution is intended.

Within forty-eight (48) hours of submission, the principal/designee will render a decision whether the material violates the guidelines contained in these regulations or the time, place and manner restrictions of this regulation. In the event that permission to distribute the material is denied, the student submitting the request should be informed of the reasons for the denial.

Permission to distribute material does not imply approval of its contents by the school, the administration, the Board, or the individual reviewing the materials submitted. Accordingly, the publication shall contain a statement "The opinions expressed are not necessarily those of the District or its personnel."

If the student is dissatisfied with the decision of the principal/designee, the student may submit a written request for appeal to the Superintendent/designee. If still not satisfied, the student may appeal the request to the Board for its review.

Time, Place and Manner of Distribution

The distribution of written material shall be limited to a reasonable time, place and manner as follows:

1. No written material may be distributed during and at the place of a normal school activity (e.g., classroom) if it is reasonably likely to cause a material and substantial disruption of that activity.
2. Distribution of written material is prohibited when it blocks the safe flow of traffic within corridors and entranceways of the school.

Definitions

The following definitions apply to the following terms as used in this policy:

Obscene to minors is defined as:

1. The average person, applying contemporary community standards, would find that the written material, taken as a whole, appeals to the prurient interest of minors of the age to whom distribution is requested; and/or
2. The material depicts and describes, in a manner that is patently offensive to prevailing standards in the adult community concerning how such conduct should be presented to minors of the age to whom distribution is requested, sexual conduct such as intimate sexual acts (normal or perverted), masturbation, excretory functions, and lewd exhibition of the genitals; and/or

3. The material taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value for minors.

Minor is defined as any person under the age of eighteen (18).

Material and substantial disruption of a normal school activity is defined as follows:

1. Any disruption which interferes with or impedes the implementation of any educational or school sponsored program.
2. In order for expression to be considered disruptive, there must exist specific facts upon which the likelihood of disruption can be forecast, including past experience in the school and current events influencing student activities and behavior.

School activities is defined as any activity of students sponsored by the school and includes - by way of example, and not by way of limitation - classroom work, library activities, physical education classes, official assemblies, and other similar gatherings, school athletic contests, band concerts, school plays, and in-school lunch periods.

Unofficial written material is defined as all written material except school publications funded and/or sponsored or authorized by the school. Examples include leaflets, brochures, flyers, petitions, placards and underground newspapers, whether written by students or others.

Libelous is defined as a false or unprivileged statement about a specific individual that tends to harm the individual's reputation, or to lower him/her in the esteem of the community.

Distribution is defined as circulation or dissemination of written material by means of handing out free copies, selling or offering copies for sale and accepting donations for copies. It includes displaying written material in areas of the school which are generally frequented by students.

Disciplinary Action

Distribution by a student of unofficial written material prohibited in this regulation will be treated as a violation of the student discipline code.

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Regulation 2200

Admission and Withdrawal

Student Records Requests

Within 48 hours of enrolling a student placed in the District pursuant to R.S.Mo. §§ 210.481-.536, the school official enrolling the student shall request all records required by District policy for student transfer, including discipline records, from all schools and facilities attended by the student in the preceding twenty-four (24) months in addition to records related to the student from the Department of Social Services; the Department of Mental Health; the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education; and any other state agencies and entities involved in the placement of the student.

For all other students to whom the preceding paragraph of this Regulation is not applicable, the Superintendent/Designee will request the student's transfer and discipline records from all schools or facilities previously attended within the preceding twelve (12) months within two (2) business days of a student's request to enroll in the District. In addition, parents/guardians of students new to the District will be required to complete and sign the Affidavit Regarding Prior Discipline informing the District of the student's previous suspensions, expulsions or criminal activity.

Any enrollment of the student prior to receipt of a the student's discipline records from a previous school will be conditional until such time as the student's previous discipline records are received evidencing that the student is not barred from enrollment under R.S.Mo. § 167.171 (See Policy and Regulations 2200 and 2664). A student will be allowed to attend school after a conditional enrollment. A student's conditional enrollment will be revoked upon receipt of information that the student is barred from enrollment pursuant to R.S.Mo. § 167.171 and the student will no longer be allowed to attend school. This provision does not apply to a disabled student, as identified under state eligibility criteria, who is convicted or adjudicated guilty as a result of conduct related to the student's disability. Any student who is barred from enrollment pursuant to R.S.Mo. §167.171 will be provided due process as set for in the District Regulation 2664. If the student is not barred from enrollment pursuant to R.S.Mo. § 167.171, the student will be deemed fully enrolled upon receipt of the student's records. (See Regulation 2200, Policy 2290, and Policy and Regulation 2664).

The Superintendent/Designee is authorized to share relevant portions of such student's transfer and discipline records with District employees who, based upon their duties, have a need to know such information. Such records will be maintained in confidence for purposes of maintaining discipline and for assistance to the student.

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STUDENTS

Regulation 2230 **(Form 2230)**

Admission and Withdrawal

Admission of Non-Tuition Students

The Superintendent/Designee is responsible for ensuring that all pre-registration residency, waiver requests, and prior discipline forms are completed and maintained as District records.

A student may only register in the District if the student provides proof of residency or if the student or parent/guardian requests a waiver from the Board of Education on the basis of hardship or good cause. A Residency Enrollment Checklist (Form 2230) and Affidavit Regarding Prior Discipline (Form 2230.2) will be completed at the time of enrollment. If the Superintendent/Designee has reason to suspect that the admission of a student will create an immediate danger to the safety of others, a hearing will be convened within five (5) working days of the request to register. At the hearing, the District will determine whether the student may enroll. (See Regulation 2664 – Enrollment or Return Following Suspension and/or Expulsion.)

Waiver

Students or parents/guardians seeking a waiver of the District's residency requirement must complete and submit to the Superintendent a Request for Waiver of Proof of Residency (Form 2230.1) stating the reasons for which the waiver is requested. If a waiver is requested, the Board of Education, or a committee of the Board appointed by the Board President, must convene a hearing no later than forty-five (45) days after the request for waiver is filed with the Superintendent. Once a waiver of proof of residency has been requested, the student may be permitted to conditionally enroll and attend school pending a hearing before the Board on the request unless there is reason to suspect that the student's admission will create an immediate danger to the safety of other students or employees of the District. If there is reason to suspect that a student poses an immediate danger, the Superintendent/Designee may hold a hearing within five working days of the request to register and determine whether or not the pupil may register.

If the District fails to convene a timely hearing, the request for waiver is automatically granted. Following the hearing, the Board will provide written notice of its decision and the reasons for its approval or denial of the waiver request. If the Board grants the waiver request, the student will be allowed to continue attending school in the District and will be deemed fully enrolled. If the Board denies the waiver request, the student's conditional enrollment will automatically be revoked and the student shall not be allowed to continue attending school in the District.

In considering whether a waiver to residency should be granted, the presumption that a student's domicile is in the home of the student's parent/guardian is not conclusive. Students residing within the District, but not within the domicile of their parent/guardian, will be considered

residents of the District if they reside within the District for reasons other than solely to attend District schools or athletic reasons.

Students Entitled to Enroll Without Proof of Residency or Payment of Tuition

The following students may enroll without payment of tuition or request for a waiver of the proof of residency requirements:

1. Orphaned children or children with only one living parent.
2. Children between the ages of six (6) and twenty (20) who are unable to pay tuition and whose parents/guardians do not contribute to their support.
3. Children who participate in an American Field Service or similar foreign exchange program subject to District approval and provided that the student resides in the home of a District resident.
4. Children whose parents/guardians own and reside upon property at least eighty (80) acres of which are used for agricultural purpose, provided at least thirty-five percent (35%) of the property is within the District.
5. Inter-district court-ordered desegregation students.
6. Students of District teachers or regular District employees.
7. Homeless students.
8. Wards of the state placed in a residential care facility by state officials.
9. Students placed in a residential care facility by a juvenile court or due to a mental illness or developmental disability.
10. Students with a disability identified under state eligibility criteria if the student is in the District for reasons other than accessing the District's educational programs.
11. Students attending regional or cooperative alternative education programs.
12. Students attending an alternative education program on a contractual basis.

The administration may investigate the eligibility of children attending schools under the provisions of this regulation. If a determination is made by the Superintendent/Designee that the student does not meet the criteria to be entitled to a free public education by the District, the student may be administratively removed from the enrollment as set forth in Policy 2290.

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Regulation 2240

Admission and Withdrawal

Admission and Tuition - Non-Resident Students

The following students who are not residents of the District may enroll without payment of tuition:

1. Orphaned children or children with only one living parent.
2. Children whose parents/guardians do not contribute to the support of the child.
3. Children who participate in an American Field Service or similar foreign exchange program subject to District approval and provided that the student resides in the home of a District resident.
4. Children whose parent/guardian owns real property within the District, but who reside outside of District boundaries. Such children may attend school upon payment of tuition, which will be reduced by the amount of real estate tax paid by the child's parent/ guardian for School District purposes.
5. Children whose parents/guardians own and reside upon property at least eighty (80) acres of which are used for agricultural purpose, provided at least thirty-five percent (35%) of the property is within the District.
6. Inter-district desegregation students.
7. Students of District teachers or regular District employees.
8. Homeless students.
9. Wards of the state.
10. Students placed in a residential care facility.
11. Students attending regional or cooperative alternative education programs.

The administration may investigate the eligibility of children attending schools under the provisions of this regulation.

Admission of Students from Unaccredited School Districts

The District will accept students seeking to transfer enrollment from a school district in the same or adjoining county that has been declared unaccredited by the State of Missouri in accordance with the following guidelines:

Tuition

The Board of Education of the school district that has been declared unaccredited will be responsible for payment of tuition to the District for each transfer student(s) accepted under this policy. The rate of tuition will be calculated in accordance with the District's per pupil cost, calculated in accordance with Missouri Revised Statute §167.131. Tuition from the transferring school district must be received by the beginning of each semester.

Applications for Enrollment

Parents or legal guardians seeking to transfer the enrollment of their child(ren) to the District in accordance with this policy, must be a resident of a school district that has been declared unaccredited. The term "resident" will be interpreted in accordance with Missouri law. Upon a request for transfer to the District pursuant to this policy, the District has the right to seek information verifying the student's residency status in the unaccredited district.

Parents or legal guardians seeking to transfer enrollment to the District must send notification to their school district of residence and the District of their intent to enroll their child(ren). Applications for enrollment for the 2013-2014 school year must be received in the District's Central Office by August 1st and by February 1st of each year thereafter.

Parents or legal guardians seeking enrollment in the District pursuant to this policy will be required to complete District enrollment forms and provide information related to residency, academic, age, immunization, health, student discipline status, and other eligibility prerequisites as established by Board policies, rules and regulations, and by state law. Students will not be permitted to enroll in the District pursuant to this policy if the student has been convicted or charged with any offense outlined in the Missouri Safe Schools Act, §167.171 RSMo.

Applications for enrollment will be considered in order of receipt by the District's Central Office. The District will give preference to siblings of current transfer students already attending the District. Nonresident students from unaccredited schools may be permitted to attend the District based upon District capacity and availability of space in student grade level.

Availability is based upon District class size and student-teacher ratios. Based upon an average class size at grade level for the previous five years, the acceptable average class size for the District at grade level is:

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|----------------|-------|
| - Kindergarten | 18-20 |
| - Grades 1-2 | 20-22 |
| - Grades 3-5 | 23-25 |
| - Grades 5-8 | 20-25 |
| - Grades 9-12 | 20-25 |

School placement will be determined solely at the Superintendent or his/her designee's discretion.

Transportation

The District is not responsible for transportation of students enrolling from an unaccredited school district. If the unaccredited school district has selected the District as a school district to which it will provide transportation, it is the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian to make transportation arrangements with their home school district.

Activities

As provided, regulations of the Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) students transferring from an unaccredited high school pursuant to §167.241 are eligible to participate in interscholastic MSHSAA activities sponsored by the receiving District. However, the District will not provide transportation to student transfers related to activity practice.

Reaccreditation

If the unaccredited school district where a student resides regains its accreditation, the student may remain in the District only until the end of the current school year, subject to the payment of tuition by the unaccredited school district.

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Regulation 2250

Admission and Withdrawal

Admission of Exchange Students

This regulation sets forth the procedural requirements for admission of foreign exchange visitor students to the District.

1. The sponsoring organization shall not place a student in the high school without first contacting the principal and obtaining his/her approval for the admission of the student.
2. Students will be accepted on a space-available basis. No more than four foreign students from a given program and no more than two of the same nationality may be placed in the high school at one time.
3. Representatives of the foreign exchange program must provide active supervision and support to their participating students including responsibility for resolving problems including, if necessary, the changing of host families and the early return home of the exchange student because of personal or family difficulties.
4. Placement of the student in the high school should be arranged at least five weeks in advance of the student's departure from the student's native country. In any event, such placement must be made before the student's arrival in the United States.
5. The host family should be familiar with, and transmit to the school, information about the student's interests and general behavior, and provide the student's school record in English or translatable form.
6. The foreign exchange student must abide by the rules and regulations of the high school regarding attendance, discipline, school work, etc.
7. The principal will check to see whether:
 - a. Orientation, both pre-departure and upon arrival in the United States, has been provided to the exchange students. The orientation is to be designed to give the students basic information about the United States, its people, family and school life, and the nature of the program in which they are participating.
 - b. Orientation has been provided to host families at least five weeks prior to the student's arrival in the United States.
 - c. Each visiting student and host family has been provided with a copy of the Department of State's Criteria for Exchange Visitor Programs.

- d. The representative has made sure the student has appropriate health, accident and liability insurance.
 - e. Students are provided with an identification card with address and telephone numbers of the sponsoring organization and the Facilitative Services Staff, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, and Department of State.
8. Diplomas may be issued to exchange students when both the District graduation requirements and the student's home school requirements have been met. Students are entitled to participate in all senior activities, including the graduation ceremony, with or without the diploma.
9. District students should be recommended by the local units of exchange visitor programs for reciprocal privileges and responsibilities.

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Regulation 2260

Admission and Withdrawal

Homeless Students

Identification

For purposes of Board policies and regulations *homeless students* include students under age twenty- one (21) who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence and include students who:

1. are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; are living in hotels, motels, or camping grounds due to lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; are abandoned in hospitals;
2. have a primary night time residence that is a public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings;
3. are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and
4. Are a migratory child or youth who qualifies as homeless because they are living in circumstances described above.

School Selection

Parents, guardians, or unaccompanied youth will be informed of the homeless student's right to remain in the school of origin. For purposes of this policy, the school of origin means the school that the student last attended when permanently housed, or the school where the student was last enrolled including preschool. In determining the best interest of the student, the Board will consider:

1. Keeping the student in the school of origin unless contrary to wishes of parent or guardian;
2. Impact of mobility on admission;
3. Education, health, safety of the student;
4. Consider the views of an unaccompanied student;
5. Irrespective of whether the student lives with homeless parents or has been temporarily placed elsewhere.

The District will provide a written explanation, including the right to appeal to the student or parent/guardian if, the Board sends the student to a school other than the school of origin or the school requested by the parent/guardian.

Enrollment

A homeless student will be enrolled without undue or unreasonable delay. A homeless student will be enrolled even if their previous academic records, immunization records, proof of residence, or other documents are not immediately available. The District will ensure that homeless students, meeting eligibility standards, do not face barriers in accessing academic and extracurricular activities.

Transportation

The District will, upon parent/guardian or unaccompanied youth request, provide transportation to and from the school of origin as follows:

1. If the student continues to live in the District, transportation will be arranged to the school of origin.
2. If the student continues in their school of origin, but moves into another district, transportation will be arranged upon by the District of origin and the new District of residence.

Parents, guardians and unaccompanied youth will be fully informed of all transportation services, including transportation to and from the school of origin, and are assisted in accessing transportation services.

Homeless Liaison

The Board of Education has appointed the Elementary Counselor as liaison for homeless students. The responsibilities of the liaison will include, but not be limited to:

1. Ensure that homeless children and youth are identified by school personnel through outreach and coordination activities with other entities and agencies.
2. Establish practices designed to ensure the school enrollment and success of homeless students;
3. Assist with the enrollment of homeless students and provide assistance with obtaining academic and medical records;
4. Make school placement decisions based on the best interest of the child and wishes of the parent, guardian, or unaccompanied youth;

5. Inform parents, guardians, or unaccompanied homeless students of the educational and related opportunities available to them;
6. Ensure that homeless students and their families have access to educational services including Head Start, Even Start and other preschool programs administered by the District;
7. Ensure that referrals are made to health care, dental, mental health and other appropriate services;
8. Ensure that homeless students are not isolated or stigmatized because of their status as homeless;
9. Handle enrollment disputes and ensure that disputes over the placement of homeless students are resolved in a timely manner consistent with the requirements of the McKinney Vento Act;
10. Provide/arrange transportation and inform the parent, guardian, or unaccompanied homeless youth of the transportation services the school district must make available and assist homeless students in accessing transportation to and from school; and
11. Disseminate public notice of the educational rights of homeless students in places where homeless students receive services.
12. Ensure school personnel receives professional development and other support.
13. Ensure that unaccompanied youth are enrolled in school, have the opportunity to meet the same challenging state academic standards, are informed of their status as independent students under Section 480 of the Higher Education Act and their right to receive verification of this status.

All school personnel, District service providers and locally known advocates working with homeless families will be informed of the identity of the Homeless Liaison and the Homeless Liaison duties.

Disputes Over School Selection or Enrollment in a School

If a dispute arises over school selection or enrollment in a school the following protocols will apply:

1. The homeless student will be immediately admitted to the school in which enrollment is sought, pending resolution of the dispute;
2. The parent, guardian or unaccompanied youth will be provided with a written explanation of the District's decision regarding school selection, enrollment, and related decisions concerning education services, including the rights of the parent, guardian, or student to appeal the decision; and
3. The homeless student, parent, or guardian will be referred to the Homeless Liaison, who will carry out the complaint resolution process described in the next section of this Regulation as expeditiously as possible after receiving notice of the dispute.
4. At the request of the parent, guardian or unaccompanied youth, the District will provide for or arrange adequate or appropriate transportation to and from the school selected by the parent, guardian or unaccompanied youth. Inter-district transportation disputes will be resolved by DESE.

Dispute Resolution

Level I - A complaint regarding eligibility, school selection, enrollment or barriers to attending classes and participating in school activities of a homeless child shall first be presented orally and informally to the District's educational liaison for homeless children. If the complaint is not promptly resolved, the complainant may present a formal written complaint (grievance) to the educational liaison. The written charge must include the following: date of filing, description of alleged grievances, the name of the person or persons involved and a recap of the action taken during the informal charge stage. Within five (5) working days after receiving the complaint, the liaison shall state a decision in writing to the complainant, with supporting evidence and reasons. In addition, the liaison will inform the Superintendent of the formal complaint and the disposition.

Level II - Within five (5) working days after receiving the decision at Level I, the complainant may appeal the decision to the Superintendent by filing a written appeals package. This package shall consist of the complainant's grievance and the decisions rendered at Level I. The Superintendent will arrange for a personal conference with the complainant at their earliest mutual convenience. Within five (5) working days after receiving the complaint, the Superintendent shall state a decision in writing to the complainant, with supporting evidence and reasons.

Level III - If resolution is not reached in Level II, a similar written appeals package shall be directed through the Superintendent to the Board of Education requesting a hearing before the Board at the next regularly scheduled or specially called meeting. The hearing before the Board may be conducted in closed session upon the request of either the Board or the complainant. Within

thirty (30) working days after receiving the appeals package, the Board shall state its decision and reply in writing to the parties involved. For District purposes, the decision of the Board of Education is final.

Level IV – If the complainant is dissatisfied with the action taken at Level III, the Complainant may appeal the decision to the State Education Agency point of contact. Such appeal must be in writing and filed within five (5) days of Level III decision, and including:

1. School in which enrollment is sought and the basis for seeking enrollment;
2. Name and contact information for the parent or education decision-maker;
3. Best Interest notes and reports;
4. Copy of the previous appeal letter;
5. Copy of the decision recommended at Level III.

The appeal letter must be submitted to the State point of contact as well as the District's Superintendent.

Policy Dissemination

Copies of the Board of Education's Policy on Homeless Students will be presented to the County Welfare Office, County Office of the Division of Employment Security, the Juvenile Officer and to local law enforcement authorities.

Identification

Homeless students will be identified by referrals from community organizations and District personnel and by review of the District's enrollment forms.

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Regulation 2270

Admission and Withdrawal

Admission of Migrant Students

Identification

For purposes of Board policies and regulations, the phrase *migratory students* shall mean students aged three (3) through twenty-one (21) who are or whose parents/guardians or spouses are migratory agricultural workers, including migratory dairy workers or migratory fishers; and who in the preceding thirty-six (36) months, in order to obtain or accompany such parents/guardians or spouses in obtaining temporary or seasonal employment in agriculture or fishing work, have moved from one school district to another.

The District will identify migrant students by including a question on the District's enrollment form. If it is indicated that a migrant student is enrolling, the parents will then be asked to complete a parent survey/family interview form provided by the State Office for Migrant-English Language Learner (MELL) Program. The Regional Migrant Center or the State Director for Migrant Education will be notified of any migrant students who are enrolled in the District. The Regional Migrant Center will be contacted for any assistance needed for the migrant student(s).

Services

School District personnel including secretaries, nurses, counselors, teachers and principals will be advised of the presence of eligible migrant students in their assigned schools to ensure that equal access to all school programs is provided. Complaints concerning the placement of migrant students will be resolved by means of the District's complaint resolution procedure for homeless students.

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STUDENTS

Regulation 2310

Attendance

Student Attendance

The Board of Education has established the following rules and regulations regarding attendance, absences and excuses for students. These rules and regulations are intended to comply with Missouri Compulsory Attendance Law (167.031 RSMo.) which establishes compulsory attendance for all children between the ages of seven and sixteen unless their education is provided by other acceptable means or otherwise excusable under the law.

Absences

In case of absence, it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to notify the school. If the school is not notified on the day of absence, a note from the parent/guardian will be required on the first day of the student's return to school. The absence will be recorded as unexcused if a note or telephone call is not received.

Excusable absences include, but are not limited to:

1. Illness of the student (Doctor's statement may be required to support such absences).
2. Days of religious observance.
3. Death in the family
4. Family emergencies which necessitate absence from school. The school must be notified in advance when such absences are foreseen.

The following procedures should be followed by students who are absent so as to prevent academic difficulties:

1. The student shall obtain assignments from appropriate staff members. Assignments shall be obtained in advance if the absence is foreseen.
2. All assigned work shall be submitted upon returning to school.
3. All classroom work (to include tests) shall be completed as indicated by the individual classroom teacher.

Attendance patterns for all students will be monitored. Absences which are not clearly excusable will be investigated by the principal and/or staff, and appropriate action will be taken.

Regulation 2310

Excessive Absences

Elementary Students and Middle School Students

A student shall be allowed eight (8) absences per semester. Excessive absences, excused or unexcused, have a detrimental effect upon academic progress and may be one factor considered in promotion/retention decisions.

High School Students

A student shall be allowed a maximum of eight (8) absences from any class during a semester. Students who accumulate in excess of eight (8) days in any class are subject to loss of credit for that class. (Days of student suspension are not counted as days absent for purposes of this policy.)

When unusual or extreme circumstances occur, exceptions to this stated policy will be made only by administrative discretion on an individual basis. Any absence not accounted for will be considered an unexcused absence.

Any absence from class as a result of a school-sanctioned activity is not recorded as an absence for purposes of this policy. Example: field trip, athletic event, student activity, etc. It is the student's responsibility to remind all of his/her teachers following a school-sanctioned absence to use the attendance correction form if he/she was reported absent inadvertently.

A student is expected to make up work as a result of class periods missed. It shall be the student's responsibility to meet with the teacher and receive the necessary instructions and assignments.

Any exceptions to the items cited above shall be approved by the Board of Education.

Each principal may have written policies which further detail procedures for making up work, reporting absence, etc.

Appeal

High school students who are denied credit under this Regulation are entitled to utilize the due process procedures available for student suspensions. These provisions are contained in Regulation 2662 – Suspension.

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Regulation 2320

Attendance

Part-time Attendance

The District recognizes the need of some students to attend school on a part-time basis. The Board has established the following regulation regarding part-time attendance. It is the intent of this regulation to meet the individual needs of each student and at the same time establish rules and regulations which will preserve the discipline, health, and academic standards of the school.

Eligibility Requirements

1. The student must have parent/guardian approval if under 18 years of age.
2. The student must demonstrate a definite need to attend school on a part-time basis. Examples are: a) financial needs of student or family, b) health problems of self or family, c) vocational training in school or on the job, d) enrollment in a school of higher education, and e) unique curriculum offerings.

Application Procedure

The student must secure an appointment with the guidance counselor or school principal prior to classification as a part-time student. The student must complete a part-time attendance request form at the conference. Before any decision is given concerning the request, a conference must be held with the student's parent/guardian if the student is under 18 years of age. All applications and conferences must be completed during the time preceding the semester in which the student is to be enrolled on a part-time basis.

After an application has been submitted, the principal shall rule on the request and report to the Superintendent the names of all students who are to be enrolled on a part-time basis. This same report shall be transmitted to the Board of Education. In the event the principal denies the request, the student may appeal to the Superintendent who must respond in a reasonable time. If the student is not satisfied with the decision of the Superintendent, an appeal may be made to the Board of Education with the appeal to be heard at the next meeting of the Board.

The student must renew the request for part-time attendance status each semester. Parental conference will not be required for renewal; however, the parent/guardian will be notified of the student's continued part-time enrollment status.

Part-time students are governed by the same rules and regulations that apply to regularly enrolled students.

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Regulation 2330

Attendance

Student Early Dismissal Procedures

The following procedures apply:

1. The building principal or designee shall not excuse a student before the end of the school day without a request for early dismissal by the student's parent/guardian.
2. Requests shall be in writing. Telephone requests for early dismissal of a student shall be honored only if the caller can be positively identified as the student's parent/guardian.
3. Children of single-parent families will be released only upon the request of the custodial parent; i.e., the parent whom the court holds directly responsible for the child, and who is identified as such on the school record.

Additional precautions may be taken by the school administration, appropriate to the age of students, and as needs arise.

Parents/guardians have the obligation to advise and provide up-to-date documentation to the building principal regarding any change in the legal and/or physical custody of the student. The building principal, at all times, has the authority to investigate and confirm the custodial status of a parent/guardian if the principal has inadequate information or reason to suspect that false or incomplete information has been provided to the School District.

Students shall not be permitted to answer any personal phone calls, except those from the parent/guardian or other persons having legal custody of said pupils. Emergency messages will be delivered to the students.

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Regulation 2340

Attendance

Truancy and Educational Neglect Procedures

1. Section 210.1 15.R.S.Mo. mandates certain professionals to report to the Division of Family Services when they have reasonable cause to suspect that a child is being subjected to home conditions which contribute to school nonattendance.

Along with other professionals mentioned, the law specifically mentions "teacher, principal or other school official" as well as "nurse" and "social worker."
2. School employees who suspect that a child is subject to educational neglect shall report this as soon as possible to the principal/designee.
3. The principal/designee shall review the report and confer with the parent/guardian to resolve the situation. When appropriate, a school counselor, social worker, or nurse may be instructed to offer appropriate social or health services which may be needed to intervene in the family circumstances.
4. If appropriate school intervention does not correct the student's truancy, and reasonable cause for educational neglect has been determined, the principal/designee shall call the Student Abuse Hotline of the Division of Family Services and report the alleged child educational neglect.
5. A report of this call shall be forwarded to the Superintendent or Central Office Student Services Administrator.

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Regulation 2400 **(Form 2400)**

Student Educational Records

Definitions

Directory information means information contained in the educational record of a student which would not generally be considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if disclosed. In the Worth County R-III School District, directory information includes the following: the student's name, address, telephone listing, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, the most recent previous school attended, and photographs.

1. *Educational record* means those records that are directly related to a student and are maintained by the District.
2. *Disclosure* means to permit access to or the release, transfer, or other communication of educational records, or the personally identifiable information contained in those records, to any party, by any means, including oral, written or electronic means.
3. *Eligible student* means a student who has reached 18 years of age or attends an institution of post-secondary education.
4. *Parent* means a parent of a student and includes a natural parent, a guardian, or an individual acting as a parent/guardian in the absence of a parent/guardian.
5. *Personally identifiable information* includes, but is not limited to the student's name; the name of the student's parent/guardian or other family member; the address of the student or student's family; a personal identifier, such as the student's social security number or student number; a list of personal characteristics that would make the student's identity easily traceable, or other information that would make the student's identity easily traceable.
6. *Student* means any individual who is or has been in attendance in the District and about whom the District maintains educational records.

General Guidelines

1. The District shall give full rights under this regulation to either parent/guardian of a student, unless the District is provided with a court order, state law or other legally binding document that specifically revokes the parent/guardian's rights to access under this regulation.

2. When a student reaches the age of 18, or attends a post-secondary institution of education the parent/guardian rights under this policy will transfer from the parent/guardian to the student.
3. The District will annually disseminate a notice of the rights available under this regulation to parent/guardian and eligible students. The annual notification will include a statement that the parent/guardian or eligible student is entitled:
 - a. To inspect and review the student's educational records.
 - b. To request changes to the educational records to ensure that the records are not inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy or other rights.
 - c. To consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's educational records, except to the extent that federal and state law authorize disclosure without such consent; and
 - d. To obtain a copy of this policy and guidelines.

The annual notification will also inform parents/guardians and eligible students where copies of the policy and guidelines are located.

4. Prior to making directory information public, the District will notify the parent/guardian regarding the categories of information that it has designated as directory. In addition, the District will allow a reasonable period of time after such notice for the parent/guardian or eligible student to inform the District that any or all of the designated directory information should not be released without the parent's/guardian's or eligible student's consent.

Procedures for Inspection and Review of Educational Records

1. The District's regulation permits parents/guardians and eligible students to inspect and review the educational records of the student.
2. After a request for access to records, the District will allow access within a reasonable period of time, but in no case more than forty-five (45) days after receipt of the request. All requests for access should be directed to the Building Principal.

3. After the parent/guardian or eligible student has had an opportunity to inspect and review the student's educational records, the parent/guardian may make a request for explanations and interpretations of the records to Building Principal. The District's designee shall respond to all reasonable requests for explanation or interpretation.
4. The District will not destroy any educational record if there is an outstanding request to inspect and review that record.
5. If a student's educational records contain information on more than one student, the parent/guardian or adult student may inspect, review or be informed of only the specific information about that student. That is, all information pertaining to another student will be redacted.
6. The District may employ the use of security videos in its hallways, classrooms and/or buses. Security videos maintained by the District's law enforcement unit (if any) or not maintained at all (recycled) are not considered educational records and therefore may not be inspected and reviewed under FERPA. If security videos are maintained by the District, such videos are protected educational records under FERPA and may be viewed by parents or patrons with a court order or written permission from the parent(s) of each student to whom the video is directly related.
7. The District may disclose personally identifiable information from an educational record only on the condition that the party to whom the information is disclosed will not disclose the information to any other party without the prior consent of the parent/guardian or eligible student. Each party to whom disclosure may be made under this policy must first sign a statement in which he/she agrees to abide by this provision and agrees to use the information disclosed only for the purposes for which the disclosure was made. This does not apply to disclosures of directory information or to any information that the District is required to disclose under Missouri law.

Copies of Educational Records

1. The District has no obligation to provide copies of educational records to parents, their representatives or adult students under FERPA unless failure to provide copies prevents a parent or adult student from exercising the right to inspect or review the records, or is otherwise required by law. For example, if a parent does not live within driving distance of the school district, is hospitalized, or incarcerated, he or she may have a right to copies.

Though the District does not generally have an obligation to provide copies under FERPA, it will nonetheless provide up to 20 pages per student, per school year, without charge. All requests for copies over 20 pages per student, per school year will be charged 10 cents per page, which must be paid for in advance.

The District will administratively consider exceptions to this policy on a case by case basis. The factors to be considered in making such an exception include but are not limited to the purpose of the copies, whether the request is overly time consuming or burdensome, and the number of prior requests. If copies are requested to be sent to an agency or individual other than the adult student or parent/legal guardian, all proper releases must be signed.

Procedures to Request Amendment of a Student's Educational Records

1. If a parent/guardian or eligible student believes the educational records for that student contain information that is inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of the student's rights of privacy or other rights, he/she may ask the District to amend the record. All such requests should be directed to School Counselor.
2. The District's designee, in consultation with the administration or Board of Education as needed, shall decide whether to amend the record as requested within a reasonable time after the request.
3. If the District's designee decides not to amend the record, he/she shall inform the parent/guardian or eligible student of that decision and of their right to request a hearing on the request.
4. If a hearing is requested, the District will hold the hearing within a reasonable time after it has received the request and will give the parent/guardian or eligible student reasonable advance notice of the date, time and place of the hearing. The hearing may be conducted by any individual, including an employee of the District, who does not have a direct interest in the outcome of the hearing. The District will give the parent/guardian or eligible student a full and fair opportunity to present evidence relevant to the issue(s) raised by the parent/guardian or eligible student's request. The parent/guardian or eligible student may, at their own expense, be assisted or represented at the hearing by any individual of their choice, including an attorney.
5. The District will make its decision in writing within a reasonable period of time after the hearing. The decision will be based solely on the evidence presented at the hearing, and will include a summary of the evidence and the reasons for the decision.

- a. If the District decides, as a result of the hearing, that the information is inaccurate, misleading or violates the student's rights, the District shall amend the record and inform the parent/guardian or eligible student of the amendment in writing.
- b. If the District decides, as a result of the hearing, that the information is not inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's rights, the District shall inform the parent/guardian or eligible student of that decision and shall inform the parent/guardian or student of his/her right to place a statement in the record commenting on the contested information or stating why he/she disagrees with the District's decision, or both. If the parent/guardian or eligible student submits such a statement, the District will maintain that statement with the student's educational records as long as the record is maintained and will disclose the statement whenever it discloses the portion of the record to which the statement relates.

Procedures Regarding Disclosure of Personally Identifiable Information Where Consent is Required

1. Before the District discloses personally identifiable information from a student's records (other than directory information), the District will obtain a signed and dated written consent from the parent/guardian or eligible student. The written consent will specify the records that may be disclosed; state the purpose of the disclosure; and identify the party or parties to whom disclosure may be made.
2. If the parent/guardian or eligible student so requests, the District will provide him/her with a copy of the records disclosed.

Disclosure of Personally Identifiable Information Where Consent is Not Required

The District may disclose personally identifiable information from a student's educational records without the written consent of the parent/guardian or eligible student in the following circumstances:

1. Disclosure may be made to other school officials, including teachers, within the District whom the District has determined to have legitimate educational interests. In addition, the school official or his/her assistants who are responsible for the custody of the records and those parties authorized to audit the record keeping procedures of the District may inspect the records relating to each student without the consent of the parent/guardian or eligible student.

The District designates Building Principal to make the determination as to whether a particular school official has a legitimate educational interest in accessing a student's educational records. Before accessing any student's educational records, the school official seeking access must submit a written request to Building Principal. The request must include the student's name, the reason for the request, the school official's name and the date of the request. The District's designee must provide in writing whether the request was granted or denied and the reason for the decision. If the request is granted, the request and the designee's decision must be maintained with the student's educational records.

2. Disclosure may be made to officials of another school district or post secondary educational institution where the student seeks or intends to enroll.
3. Disclosure may be made to authorized federal and state agencies and authorities.
4. Disclosure of acts of school violence, as set forth in Policy and Regulation 2673, may be made to District employees who are directly responsible for the student's education or who interact with the student in the performance of the employee's duties.
5. Disclosure related to past or potentially future violent behavior may be made to appropriate staff members of portions of any student's individualized education program team.
6. Disclosure may be made to law enforcement officials, as soon as is reasonably practicable, of the commission of the criminal acts listed in Regulation 2673.

7. In appropriate circumstances, District administrators may disclose student educational records to law enforcement and/or juvenile authorities where necessary to serve students prior to adjudication. Officials to whom such educational records are disclosed are required to comply with federal law governing students' educational records.
8. Disclosure may be made to the appropriate division of the Juvenile Court of the suspension of more than ten (10) days of any student under court jurisdiction.
9. Disclosure of discipline records may be made within five (5) days to any requesting school district where the student seeks to enroll.
10. Disclosure may be made if such disclosure is in connection with financial aid for which the student has applied or which the student has received, if the information is necessary to determine eligibility, amount of aid, condition for the aid, or to enforce the terms and conditions of the aid.
11. Disclosure may be made to organizations conducting studies for, or on behalf of, educational agencies or institutions to develop, validate or administer predictive tests; administer student aid programs; or improve instruction, if the study is conducted in a way that does not permit personal identification of parent/guardian and students, and the information is destroyed when no longer needed for the purposes for which the study was conducted.
12. Disclosure may be made to accrediting organizations to carry out their accrediting functions.
13. Disclosure may be made to comply with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena and only after the District makes a reasonable effort to notify the parent/guardian or eligible student of the order or subpoena in advance of the compliance.
14. Disclosure may be made to appropriate parties where the disclosure is in connection with a health or safety emergency and the information is necessary to protect the health or safety of the student or other individuals.
15. Disclosure may be made where the disclosure is of information the District has designated to be directory information.
16. Disclosure may be made to the parent/guardian of a noneligible student or to an eligible student.

17. Disclosure may be made without the written consent of the parent/guardian or eligible student as otherwise may be specified by federal or state law.

Record Keeping Procedures

1. The District will maintain a record of each request for access to and each disclosure of personally identifiable information from the educational records of each student. Each Building Secretary will be responsible for keeping such records of requests and disclosures.
2. The District will maintain the record of each request and disclosure with the educational records of the student as long as the records are maintained by the District.
3. For each request or disclosure, the District's record will include the parties who have requested or received personally identifiable information from educational records and the legitimate interests the parties had in requesting or obtaining the information.
4. If the District discloses personally identifiable information from an educational record under the exceptions enumerated in the section above, the District will record the names of those persons to whom that party may disclose the information on behalf of the District and the legitimate interests which each of the additional parties has in requesting or obtaining the information.
5. If the District discloses information pursuant to a health or safety emergency, the District, within a reasonable time period, will record in the student's educational records the significant threat that formed the basis for the disclosure and the parties to whom the information was disclosed.

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Regulation 2410

Student Educational Records

Health Information Records

Student health information includes information required by state law including but not limited to:

1. Mandated immunizations;
2. Health and physical assessment data;
3. Health screenings for vision, hearing, scoliosis or cholesterol;
4. Injury reports;
5. Incident reports of alcohol or drug use in school;
6. Health assessments and other evaluation reports related to eligibility for services under the IDEA and Section 504; and
7. Referrals for suspected child abuse.

Student health information may also include:

1. Records of student-initiated visits to the school health officer, including assessments, interventions and referrals;
2. Records of meetings between education and health professionals for planning or identifying assessment measures, recommended interventions and student outcomes;
3. Records for in-school medication, including original signed orders from a physician, written consent from parent/guardian to administer a drug, medication logs for both routine and as-needed medications;
4. Physicians' orders, correspondence, evaluation reports, copies of treatment records, institutional or agency records, discharge summaries from outside health care providers or hospitals that have been released by parents/guardians to assist in planning individualized school health care or programs;
5. Evaluation reports or specialized assessments such as neurological tests;
6. Individualized emergency care plans for students with special health care needs, including routine and emergency interventions and methods for evaluating student outcomes;
7. An Individualized Healthcare Plan or a student's Individualized Education Program (IEP) for students whose health conditions adversely affect their education;
8. Psychologists' or guidance counselors' records of psychological test results, student interviews and counseling, consultations with school staff or parents/guardians, and referrals and consultation with outside counselors, therapists, psychologists or psychiatrists, all of which might be considered "mental health" records;
9. School social workers' case histories, counseling notes and interviews, or their records of consultations with school staff, parents/guardians, outside counselors, therapists, psychologists or psychiatrists; and
10. Case notes, evaluations and interventions by other student services personnel.

All information contained in a student's health information records, except information designated as directory information by the District, shall be confidential and shall be directly accessible only to school officials who demonstrate a legitimate educational interest in the student health information and to parents/guardians or eligible students.

Interviews with students, parents/guardians or staff members concerning student health information should take place in private offices. When student health information is discussed over the telephone, calls should be made from private offices, not in the presence of other students or staff members. Discussion of confidential information related to a specific student should end whenever a third party enters a room. Records containing student health information should never be left on top of a desk, nor should confidential health information be left as a message with a secretary, on voice mail or answering machines. When records are being typed, entered into a computer, copied or faxed, they should be protected from casual observers.

The District will comply with all state and federal law pertaining to the confidentiality of student health information.

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Student Academic Achievement**Promotion and Retention****General Promotion and Retention Requirements**

1. Students will be promoted to the next grade level if they are meeting grade level expectations as identified by local and State Department of Education core subject objectives.
2. "Double promotions," that is, acceleration beyond the normal grade placement, are approvable for students who are working at an academic level of more than a year above placement and are sufficiently mature, socially and emotionally, to work with students of the advanced grade. Parent/guardian, teachers and administrators must agree that it is in the best interest of the student under consideration.
3. A list of those students who are not meeting grade level objectives in reading, language arts or mathematics will be given to the building principal by the October, January and March reporting periods. With respect to any student who is reported as not meeting grade level objectives in reading, language arts or mathematics:
 - a. The teacher, principal and counselor will meet to review the student's academic record, current test scores and work samples.
 - b. The parent/guardian will be notified as soon after the review as possible that retention is being considered. A meeting with the parent/guardian will be scheduled. The parent/guardian will be informed that the student is not meeting grade level objectives and will be retained in the same grade unless there is strong and positive improvement in the student's work.
 - c. A follow-up conference for the parent/guardian will be scheduled with the principal or the principal's designee to review the student's progress.
 - d. An academic program including remediation will be offered the student.
4. In recommending promotion or retention, these factors will be considered:
 - a. Academic achievement in all subject areas, especially attainment of grade level objectives, as determined by tests, teacher assignment, and work samples.
 - b. Chronological age.

- c. Study Habits.
 - d. Attendance.
 - e. Social and emotional maturity.
 - f. State-mandated retention requirements for primary/middle school students.
5. The decision for retention will be made by the principal and the classroom teacher in accordance with the above-referenced factors, and written notification of retention will be sent to the parent/guardian.

READING LEVELS AND STATE-MANDATED RETENTION

Third Grade Students

Third grade students who cannot demonstrate a reading level at or above the third grade level will be administered a reading assessment within forty-five (45) days of the end of their third grade year.

If this assessment reflects that the student is reading below the second grade level, the District will design and implement a reading improvement plan for the student's fourth grade year. The reading improvement plan must include a minimum of thirty (30) hours of additional reading instruction or practice outside the regular school day during the fourth grade year. In addition, the District may require the student to attend summer school for reading instruction as a condition of promotion to the fourth grade.

Fourth Grade Students with Reading Improvement Plans

Within forty-five (45) days of the conclusion of the fourth grade year, the District shall administer another reading assessment to those fourth grade students for whom reading improvement plans had been designed.

If this assessment reveals that the student is reading below a third grade level, the student shall be required to attend summer school to receive supplemental reading instruction. At the conclusion of summer school, the student shall be given another reading assessment. If the student is still reading below third grade level, the student shall not be promoted to fifth grade.

Students shall not be retained more than once on the basis of their inability to satisfy the third grade or fourth grade reading standards. However, the District may, at its discretion, retain any student with a reading improvement plan who has not completed summer school for supplemental reading instruction.

Fifth and Sixth Grade Students

The reading assessment process shall be repeated on a yearly basis through the end of students' sixth grade years, accompanied by a corresponding increase in the required reading level.

The reading assessment process will also be applied to students who initially enter the District in grades four, five or six and who have been determined to be reading below grade level.

The permanent record of students who are determined to be reading below the fifth grade level at the end of the sixth grade shall carry a notation stating that the student has been unable to meet the minimal reading standards. That notation will be removed from the student's record once the District determines that he or she has met the standards.

Exceptions

The following students are exempt from the reading assessments:

1. Students receiving special education services under an Individualized Education Program (IEP) pursuant to §162.670, RSMo.
2. Students who are receiving special education services pursuant to Section 504 whose service plan includes an element addressing reading.
3. Students who have limited English proficiency.
4. Students who have insufficient cognitive ability to meet the reading requirements. However, a reading improvement plan shall be provided for these students in accordance with law.

Appeal of Retention Decisions

Parents/guardians who wish to appeal a decision regarding a student's retention must first contact the building principal. If parents/guardians do not accept the decision at the building level, an appeal may be made in writing to the Superintendent. All appeals must be requested within two (2) weeks after the close of school.

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Regulation 2525

Student Academic Achievement

Graduation Requirements

To be eligible to participate in the School Flex Program, an eligible student must:

1. Attend school a minimum of two instructional hours per school day within the District.
2. Pursue a timely graduation.
3. Provide evidence of college or technical career educational enrollment and attendance, or proof of employment and labor that is aligned with the student's career academic plan developed by the District.
4. Refrain from being expelled or suspended while participating in the School Flex Program.
5. Pursue course and credit requirements for a diploma.
6. Maintain a ninety-five (95%) attendance rate.

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Regulation 2610

Discipline

Misconduct and Disciplinary Consequences

The discipline code set out in this regulation is intended to be illustrative but not an exclusive listing of acts of misconduct and the consequences for each. Misconduct which is not specifically listed in this regulation may be deemed to warrant discipline up to and including expulsion following provision of all due process procedures. In addition, the disciplinary consequence listed for each offense may be increased or decreased by the Administration or the Board of Education due to mitigating or aggravating circumstances.

Copies of this regulation or the student handbook which includes the code of student conduct and disciplinary consequences, as well as the District's corporal punishment policy, if any, will be provided to each student at the beginning of each school year. Copies of these documents will also be available for public inspection during normal business hours in the Superintendent's office.

Alcohol - Possession of or presence under the influence of alcohol regardless of whether the student is on school premises

First Offense: Restricted from any activity for four (4) weeks.

Second Offense: Restricted from participation in any activity for four (4) months.

Subsequent Offenses: Restricted from participation in any activity for 365 days. (The ineligibility period may be reduced by two weeks if the student agrees to a minimum of six (6) weeks of counseling and/or activities. Failure to complete the full 6 weeks of counseling will result in the full ineligibility. This counseling and/or activities must be approved by the principal. All expenses for this counseling and/or activities will be at the expense of the student.)

Arson - Intentionally causing or attempting to cause a fire or explosion

First Offense: 11-180 days out-of-school suspension or expulsion, notification to law enforcement officials, and documentation in the student's discipline record.

Subsequent Offenses: Expulsion, notification to law enforcement officials and documentation in student's discipline record.

Assault - (Refer to Policy and Regulation 2673 - Reporting of Violent Behavior)

Assault of a Student or Staff Member - Use of physical force with the intent to do bodily harm.

First Offense: In-school suspension, out-of-school suspension or expulsion and conference with parents.

Subsequent Offenses: 11-180 days of out of school suspension or expulsion and notification of law enforcement officials.

Bullying – Intentional intimidation or infliction of physical, emotional, or mental harm (see Policy 2655).

First Offense: 10-30 Days of OSS

Subsequent Offenses: 180 Days of OSS to expulsion

Fighting - Physically striking another in a mutual contact as differentiated from an assault.

First Offense: Saturday detention, suspension or corporal punishment

Second Offense: 3-5 days ISS

Subsequent Offenses: As the district deems appropriate

Defiance of Authority - Refusal to obey directions or defiance of staff authority

First Offense: Saturday detention or 1-3 days in-school suspension

Subsequent Offenses: 3 days suspension or 5-10 suspension or long-term suspension

Disruptive Behavior - Conduct which has the intentional effect of disturbing education or the safe transportation of a student

First Offense: Saturday detention or 1-3 days in-school suspension, parent conference

Subsequent Offenses: 3-5 days of in-school suspension or 3-5 days out-of-school suspension, or referral to the Superintendent for Long-Term Suspension.

Drugs/Controlled Substance

Possession or presence under the influence of a controlled substance or substance represented to be a controlled substance while at school, on the school playground, on the school parking lot, a school bus or at a school activity whether on or off of school property.

First Offense: 10 day suspension

Subsequent Offenses: Referral to the superintendent for 30-day suspension, or expulsion.

Note: Disciplinary action may be reduced if the student participates in and successfully completes counseling program.

Sale of a controlled substance or substance represented to be a controlled substance while at school or at any of the locations described above.

First Offense: Expulsion, notification of law enforcement.

Prescription Medication

Possession of a prescription medication without a valid prescription for such medication on school premises or on a school bus.

First Offense: 10 days suspension

Subsequent Offenses: Referral to the superintendent for 30-day suspension, or expulsion.

Distribution of prescription medication to any individual who does not have a valid prescription for such medication on school premises or on a school bus.

First Offense: 10 days suspension and notification of law enforcement

Subsequent Offenses: 30-180 days suspension or expulsion, and notification of law enforcement.

Extortion - Verbal threats or physical conduct designed to obtain money or other valuables

First Offense: 5 day suspension

Subsequent Offenses: 10-180 days suspension or expulsion

Firearms and Weapons (Refer to Policy and Regulation 2620 - Firearms and Weapons in School)

Possession of a firearm or weapon

A “weapon” as used in this section shall include, but is not limited to, a firearm, a concealable firearm, a firearm silencer, an explosive weapon, a gas gun, knife knuckles, a machine gun, a projectile weapon, a rifle, a shotgun, a spring gun, or a switchblade knife. Other weapons may

include mace spray, any knife, or items which can be used to inflict injury upon another person or property.

First Offense: Minimum 365 days suspension, referral to criminal justice system

Subsequent Offenses: Expulsion

Harassment

First Offense: Saturday detention or 1-3 days in-school suspension, parent conference

Subsequent Offenses: 5 days in-school suspension, 5 days out of school suspension, or referral to superintendent

Improper Display of Affection - Consensual kissing, fondling, or embracing

First Offense: Saturday detention, or 1-3 days in-school suspension, parent conference

Subsequent Offenses: 3-5 days of in-school suspension

Improper Language

Threatening Language-Use of verbal, physical or written threats to do bodily harm to person or personal property.

First Offense: Saturday detention or 1-3 days in-school suspension, parent conference

Subsequent Offenses: 5 days in-school suspension, 5 days out of school suspension, or referral to superintendent.

Use of Obscene or Vulgar Language- Language which depicts sexual acts, human waste, and blasphemous language

First Offense: 3-5 days in-school suspension, parent conference

Subsequent Offenses: 5 days in-school suspension, 1-180 days out of school suspension, or expulsion.

Disruptive or Demeaning Language or Conduct - Use of hate language to demean other persons due to the race, gender, disability, natural origin, or religious beliefs. This provision also includes conduct, verbal, written, or symbolic speech which materially and substantially disrupts class, school activities, transportation, or school functions.

First Offense: Saturday detention, or 1-5 days in-school suspension, or expulsion.

Subsequent Offenses: 3 or more days of suspension

Inappropriate Sexual Conduct

Physical touching of another student in the area of the breasts, buttocks, or genitals

First Offense: In-school suspension, 1-180 days out of school suspension, or expulsion

Subsequent Offenses: 11-180 days of out-of-school suspension.

Use of sexually intimidating language, objects, or pictures.

First Offense: Principal/student conference, or in-school suspension, or 1-180 days out of school suspension, or expulsion

Subsequent Offenses: in-school suspension, 1-180 days out-of-school suspension, or expulsion.

Indecent Exposure - Includes display of breasts, buttocks and genitals in a public location

First Offense: Saturday detention, or 1-3 days in-school suspension and parent conference.

Subsequent Offenses: 5 days in-school suspension, or 1-5 days out of school suspension, or long-term suspension.

Theft - Nonconsensual taking or attempt to take the property of another

First Offense: Restitution, 5 days in school suspension, possible notification of law enforcement.

Subsequent Offenses: Restitution, 1-180 days of out of school suspension or expulsion, notification of law enforcement.

Tobacco - Possession or use of tobacco or tobacco products

First Offense: Saturday detention or 1-3 days ISS, parent conference

Subsequent Offenses: 3-5 days in-school suspension

Truancy - Absent or tardy from class or classes without authorization (See also Policy and Regulation 2340 - Truancy and Educational Neglect.)

First Offense: Saturday detention or 1-3 days in-school suspension and parent conference

Subsequent Offenses: 1-10 days in-school suspension or 3-5 days out of school suspension.

Vandalism - Intentional damage or attempt to damage property belonging to the staff, students, or the District

First Offense: Restitution and 5 days in-school suspension, and possible notification to law enforcement.

Subsequent Offenses: Restitution, 1-180 days of out of school suspension or expulsion, notification of law enforcement.

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Regulation 2620

Discipline

Firearms and Weapons in School

Definition of Firearm

The term *firearm* includes, but is not limited to, such items as:

1. Any item which is a loaded or unloaded weapon, weapon frame, or weapon barrel and which is designed to, or may be readily converted to, expel a projectile by action of an explosive, or
2. Any item which will, or which may be readily converted to, expel a projectile by the action of an explosive or other propellant, and which has a barrel with a bore of at least one-half inch in diameter, or
3. Any explosive, incendiary, or poison gas, such as: bombs; grenades; rockets with a propellant charge of greater than four ounces; and other similar devices as recognized under federal law, or
4. Any combination of parts either designed to or intended for use in converting any device into a device as described in paragraphs above.

Definition of Weapons

The term *weapon* shall mean a "firearm" as defined above, and shall also include the items listed below, which are defined as "weapons" in section 571.010, RSMo.

1. Blackjack
2. Concealable firearm
3. Explosive weapon
4. Firearm
5. Firearm silencer
6. Gas gun
7. Knife
8. Machine gun
9. Knuckles
10. Projectile weapon
11. Rifle
12. Shotgun
13. Spring gun
14. Switchblade knife

Other weapons:

1. Mace spray
2. Any knife, regardless of blade length (optional)
3. Items customarily used, or which can be used, to inflict injury upon another person or property.

Students Who Bring Firearms or Weapons to School

The District will take the following action upon determining that a student has brought a firearm or weapon to school:

1. The District will refer the student to the appropriate criminal justice or juvenile delinquency system, and
2. The District will suspend the student from school for a period of not less than one year (365 days) from the date of the infraction, and may, at its discretion, expel the student from school permanently. This suspension provision may be modified on a case-by-case basis upon recommendation of the District Superintendent if the Superintendent determines that circumstances justify such a modification.
3. The District may, at its discretion, provide a student suspended under this Regulation with educational services in an alternative setting.

Applicability of Regulation to Students with Disabilities

If the student with a disability under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act carries or possesses a weapon, as defined by 18 U.S.C. § 930(g)(2), to or at school, on school premises, or to or at a school function under the District's authority, school administrators may remove that student to an interim alternative educational setting for not more than 45 school days without regard to whether the behavior is determined to be a manifestation of the student's disability. If a school administrator removes a student with an IDEA disability to an interim alternative educational placement, the District must convene the student's multidisciplinary and/or IEP team to conduct a manifestation determination within the statutory time frame and the student's IEP team must determine the interim alternative educational placement and the services that the student will be provided in order to receive a free appropriate public education and access to the general curriculum.

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Regulation 2650.1

Student Discipline

Student Drug Testing

(MSHSAA-Regulated Activities and Parking Permits)

For the safety, health, and well-being of the students of the Worth County R-III School District, the Board has adopted a random drug testing policy for students who wish to participate in MSHSAA-regulated activities in grades seven (7) through twelve (12), as well as Worth County R-III students who seek to receive a parking pass allowing them to park on School property.

It is the belief of the Board of Education that this policy will assist in the district's efforts to reduce the use of drugs. This policy is intended to complement and supplement all other policies, rules, and regulations of the district regarding possession or use of drugs. The actions of this program relate solely to limiting the opportunity of any student in violation of this policy to participate in MSHSAA-regulated activities and to park on school property. There will be no suspension from school for violation of this policy, except when the district's discipline policy is also violated. Students will be subject to the penalties of the discipline policy and this policy as applicable.

Definitions

Consent Form—Parent/Guardian Drug Testing Consent Form adopted by the District's administration.

Drug Use Test – Scientifically substantiated method to test for the presence of drugs in a person's urine.

Drugs – The synthetic or generic equivalent or derivative drugs under federal, state or local laws including, but not limited to, marijuana, alcohol, heroin, hashish, cocaine, hallucinogens, depressants, and stimulants not prescribed for the user. This includes performance-enhancing and performance-enhancing derivatives or related substances that are not prescribed by a physician or are prescribed by a physician for uses not authorized by the manufacturer of the drug. This term shall include, but not be limited to, all drugs listed in the Narcotic Drug Act, § 195.101, RSMo., and Section 202 of the Controlled Substances Act, 21 U.S.C. § 812. The school reserves the right to test for as many of these drugs as deemed necessary to meet the stated goal of deterrence.

Medical Review Officer – A third-party healthcare professional who reviews student medications and makes a final determination on non-negative test results.

MSHSAA-Regulated Activities – MSHSAA-regulated activities, as defined within the confines of this policy, includes interscholastic athletics, cheerleading, dance team, high school vocal music, high school instrumental music, academic competitions, speech and debate. The list is subject to change on a yearly basis. The list of extracurricular activities subject to testing will be published at the annual drug testing program informational session at the start of school.

Negative Test Results – A toxicological test result that is considered to demonstrate the absence of a drug or the metabolites thereof using the standards customarily established by the testing laboratory administering the drug use test.

Non-negative Test Result – An initial, unconfirmed toxicological test result that is considered to demonstrate the presence of a drug or the metabolite thereof using the standards customarily established by the testing laboratory administering the drug use test. After further testing of the sample and consideration of legally prescribed medication that might influence the test result, a final determination will be made by a Medical Review Officer.

Positive Test Result – When referring to a drug test administered under this policy, a toxicological test result that is considered to demonstrate the presence of a drug or the metabolites thereof using the standards customarily established by the testing laboratory administering the drug use test.

Random Testing – Students covered by the policy will be subject to random selection for drug testing. In implementing the procedure, each participating student will be assigned a number. On testing days, a predetermined number of said students will be selected using a table of random numbers. If a student selected in this manner is absent, the next preceding number will be selected.

Drug Awareness Session/Consent Form

At the beginning of each school year, participating students and their parent/guardian will be invited to attend a drug awareness session. At the session, each student and parent/guardian will be given information about the problems of drug use and will be informed of where to review the Worth County R-III School District drug testing policy, procedures, and consent form. These documents explain that the student and parent/guardian must sign the consent form to be eligible to participate in MSHSAA-regulated activities at Worth County R-III High School and Worth County R-III Junior High School. A signed consent form is similarly required for students who park on school property. During each session, students and parents/guardian will have the opportunity to ask questions regarding the program.

At the conclusion of the session, the student will take home the drug testing information and have the consent form signed by both the student and a parent/guardian. If the student is 18 years of age and has established a residence on his/her own, the student's signature is all that is required. This consent form must be turned in prior to participation in covered activities, or the student will not be eligible to participate in MSHSAA-regulated activities or park on school property.

Once a student enters the pool, he/she must remain in the pool for the remainder of their academic career to be eligible to participate in MSHSAA-regulated activities or park on school property. If a student drops out of the pool, he or she will be ineligible to participate in covered activities or park on school property for 365 days. Students who wish to drop out of the drug pool must have their parent/guardian come to the school and meet with the program administrator. The student and parent/guardian must sign a release form stating that they no longer wish to participate in the random drug testing pool. If the student is 18 years of age and

living on his/her own, he/she will meet with the program administrator to drop out of the testing pool.

Confidentiality

All records related to the random student drug testing shall be kept in the confidential files separate from a student's permanent educational records. Those files will be destroyed upon the student's graduation from school or transfer to another district. Test results will only be released to the student, his/her parents/guardians, and approved school officials. If the student has a non-negative test, the administration will not use non-negative test result as a reason to search the student's locker, purse, backpack, or other area in which the student keeps his or her personal effects. Test results will not be turned over to the police or authorities without a court order and administration will not disclose test results without a court order for purposes of a criminal investigation.

Procedure

- After the student and parent/guardian have signed the consent form, the student will be assigned a number that will be maintained by the program administrator. This number will be the student's identification number for testing and will not change. Only the program administrator and the district staff designated by the superintendent to assist in administering the drug-testing program will have access to student numbers.
- Random testing will be scheduled periodically by school administration and will be conducted only during the school year.
- The school administration will determine the number of participants for each testing session based on the number deemed necessary to meet the District's stated goal of deterrence. Numbers will be drawn at random to select participants to provide a urine sample. A designated school official will match the selected number to the master list of participants.
- Any drug test required by the district under the terms of the policy will be administered by or at the direction of a drug-testing company chosen by the district. The third-party testing firm will use scientifically validated toxicological methods and will document to the district detailed written specification to assure chain of custody of the specimens, proper laboratory control and scientific testing.
- All aspects of the drug-testing program, including the collection of specimens, will be conducted to safeguard the personal and privacy right of participants. The test specimen shall be obtained in a manner designed to minimize the intrusiveness of the procedure. In particular, the specimen must be collected in a private restroom behind a closed door. The drug-testing company technician will supervise the participant and will wait outside the door until the specimen has been produced. The technician will verify the normal warmth and appearance of the specimen. If at any time during the testing procedure the technician has reason to suspect that a student is tampering with the specimen, the technician may stop the procedure to determine whether a new sample should be obtained.
- If the screening sample is non-negative, the result will be subject to confirmation by a second and different test of the same specimen. In order to keep the results of the initial

testing confidential, the district may choose a certain number of samples for a confirmation test.

- Samples may be tested for adulterants. If an adulteration substance is found, the test will be considered positive.
- If the secondary test for confirmation of any participant has a positive result, the testing firm will contact the designated school official with the results. The designated school official will then notify the parent/guardian and request a meeting. At the meeting, the designated school official will inform the parent/guardian of the positive result and ask for permission to forward the result to a medical review officer. If permission is granted, the designated school official will obtain the parent/guardian's name, ID number and contact phone number and forward that information to the third-party testing firm, who will then forward the information to the medical review officer. If permission is not granted, or the parent/guardian will not meet with the designated school official, the lab results will be accepted as the final results.
- When the medical review officer receives the above information, he will contact the parent/guardian, verify identification and then discuss medications the student is taking. If any of the medications being taken by the student could explain the positive result, the medical review officer will verify with the pharmacy filling the prescription or the prescribing physician (in some cases, both) that there is a legitimate prescription in the student's name. Once all pertinent information has been obtained, the medical review officer will make a final determination of the test results. Those results will be forwarded to the third-party testing firm, who will then forward them to the designated school official.
- If a student does not produce a urine sample within three (3) hours, the student will have five (5) days to make an appointment with a physician to see if a medical reason exists to explain the inability to produce a urine sample. Documentation from the physician must be provided to the school district. If the student does not see a physician or if there is not a valid medical reason, then the test would be deemed positive. The medical review officer will make this determination.
- Upon confirmation of the positive test result, a designated school official will provide notice to the parent and the student of the restrictions resulting from the positive test.

Consequences

- A student who has initially consented to be tested may refuse to be tested, but if he/she chooses to do so, he/she will immediately be suspended from participating in MSHSAA-regulated activities and/or the privilege of parking on school property for 365 days.
- After a student tests positive for illegal substances, he/she will be subject to non-random testing at the request of the administration for the remainder of the student's participation in MSHSAA-regulated activities and/or parking on school property for a period of 365 days.

- First Offense
 - Consequences for the first offense is suspension from participation in all MSHSAA-regulated activities for a period of 45 calendar days from when the test administrator finalized the results of the test, if the student's activity is in season.
 - If the student's MSHSAA-regulated activity is not in season, then the start date will be the day the student begins participation in a MSHSAA-regulated activity. The student will be expected to attend all practice sessions, all meetings, and team competitions during the suspension.
 - The student will not be allowed to park on school property for 45 calendar days.
- Second Offense
 - Consequences for the second offense is suspension from participation in all MSHSAA-regulated activities for a period of 90 calendar day from when the test administrator finalized the results of the test, if the student's activity is in season.
 - If the student's MSHSAA-regulated activity is not in season, then the start date will be the day the student begins participation in a MSHSAA-regulated activity. The student will be expected to attend all practice sessions, all meetings and team competitions during the suspension.
 - The student will not be allowed to park on school property for 90 calendar days.
 - **To be reinstated to MSHSAA-regulated activities eligibility and/or permitted to park on school property the student must submit proof of completion of an approved education drug/alcohol program that is offered outside of school and submit a negative drug test result. The laboratory testing facility must be pre-approved by the school district and the test must include the substances tested for in the school testing program. The student and/or parent/guardian is responsible for expenses associated with the program and testing.**
- Third Offense
 - Consequences for the third offense is suspension from participation in all MSHSAA-regulated activities for a period of 365 calendar days from when the test administrator finalized the results of the test, if the student's activity is in season.
 - If the student's MSHSAA-regulated activity is not in season, then the start date will be the day the student begins participation in a MSHSAA-regulated activity. The student will be expected to attend all practice sessions, all meetings and team competitions during the suspension.
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Regulation 2653

Discipline

Student Participation in Secret Organizations and Gangs

The principal will establish procedures and regulations to ensure that any student wearing, carrying or displaying gang paraphernalia; exhibiting behavior or gestures which symbolize gang membership; or causing and/or participating in activities which intimidate or affect the attendance of another student, shall be subject to disciplinary action.

Consequences for such actions and/or behaviors may result in suspension or expulsion.

To further discourage the influence of gangs, District administrators shall:

1. Provide inservice for staff in gang recognition and special workshops for counselors.
2. Ensure that all students have access to counselors.
3. Work closely with the local law enforcement authorities and county juvenile officers who work with students and parents/guardians involved in gang activity.
4. Provide classroom or after-school programs designed to enhance individual self-esteem and foster interest in a variety of wholesome activities.

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Regulation 2660

Discipline

Detention

Certificated staff members may detain students after normal school hours for a reasonable time provided the following conditions are observed:

1. Students must have an opportunity to make arrangements for transportation home.
Therefore, the detention may take place on any day after the day of notification to detain.
2. The detention may be for disciplinary or academic reasons.
3. The names of all students detained must be reported to the building principal.
4. All students detained must be supervised by a certificated staff member.

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Regulation 2662 **(Form 2662)**

Discipline

Suspension

Students are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with Board Policy 2600. Failure to do so may result in a student's suspension or expulsion from school.

A building principal may suspend a student for a period not to exceed ten (10) consecutive school days. Any suspension shall be reported immediately, in writing, to the student and the student's parent/guardian or others having custodial care of the student. A copy will be forwarded to the Superintendent. The Superintendent may revoke or reduce the suspension if the Superintendent concludes that circumstances warrant such action.

When a student is suspended, the principal/designee shall attempt to reach the student's parent/guardian to inform them of the school's action and to request that they pick up their child. If the parent/guardian is unable to pick up their child, the principal/designee may ask the parent/guardian for permission to send the student home. If the parent/guardian cannot be reached or if the above request is refused, the student must remain on school property until the close of the school day.

If the principal decides that a suspension in excess of ten (10) consecutive school days is warranted, the principal may petition the Superintendent for such suspension.

The Superintendent of Schools may suspend a student for a period not to exceed 180 consecutive school days.

No student shall be suspended by a principal or by the Superintendent unless:

1. The student shall be informed, orally or in writing, of the charge against him/her, and
2. If the student denies the charge, he/she shall be given an oral or written explanation of the facts which form the basis of the proposed suspension, and
3. The student shall be given an opportunity to present his/her version of the incident to the principal or Superintendent.

A student who is on suspension may not be within 1,000 feet of any school property unless he/she lives within 1,000 feet of the school, has a parent with him/her, or has been requested by the administration to attend a meeting at the school, or any activity of the District, regardless of whether or not the activity takes place on school property, unless the Superintendent/designee has authorized the student to be on school property. This restriction does not apply to suspended students enrolled and attending an alternative school which is within 1,000 feet of a District school.

If a suspension is ordered by the Superintendent for more than ten (10) consecutive school days, the Superintendent's order may be appealed to the Board of Education if written notice of appeal is delivered to the office of the Board of Education within five (5) days of receipt of the Superintendent's suspension letter. If such suspension is appealed, the Superintendent shall promptly provide the Board with a report of the facts involved in the suspension, the action taken by the Superintendent, and the reasons for the Superintendent's decision.

In such event, the suspension shall be stayed until the Board renders its decision, unless in the judgment of the Superintendent the student's presence poses a continuing danger to persons or property or an ongoing threat of disrupting the academic process, in which case the student may be immediately removed from school, and the notice and hearing shall follow as soon as practicable.

Any appeal to the Board of Education of the Superintendent's decision to suspend a student for more than ten (10) consecutive school days may be heard and determined by the full Board or by a quorum thereof, or by a committee of three Board members appointed by the President of the Board. Such committee shall have full authority to act in lieu of the Board.

Students will be readmitted or enrolled after expiration of their suspension from the District or from any other district only after a conference has been held to consider prior misconduct and remedial steps necessary to minimize future acts of similar misconduct. (See Policy and Regulation 2664 – Enrollment or Return Following Suspension and/or Expulsion.) Participants in such pre-admission conferences will include:

1. Any teacher directly involved in the suspension offense.
2. The student.
3. The parent/guardian.
4. The representative of any agency having legal jurisdiction, care, custody, or control of the student.
5. District staff members designated by the Superintendent/designee.

Note: For suspensions involving disabled students under Section 504 or the IDEA, see also Policy and Regulation 2672.

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STUDENTS

Regulation 2663 **(Form 2663)**

Discipline

Expulsion

Unless a parent, custodian or the student, if at least eighteen years of age, waives in writing any right to a hearing before the board of education as provided under RSMo 167.161(1), no student may be permanently expelled from school without a prior hearing before the full Board or, at least, a quorum of the Board. Such a hearing shall generally be considered a contested case pursuant to Chapter 536 of the Missouri Administrative Procedures Act and therefore not subject to *de novo* review. A decision to expel a student requires the vote of a majority of those Board members present.

Due process for expulsion of students shall include the following:

1. Board action shall begin with a written notification of the charges against the student, which shall be delivered by certified mail to the student, his/her parent/guardian, or others having his/her custodial care. Such notification will include charges, contemplated action, and time and place of a hearing on such charges and that the student, parent/guardian, or others having custodial care shall have the right to attend the hearing and to be represented by counsel.
2. The hearing will be closed. At said hearing, the Board of Education or counsel shall present the charges, testimony, and evidence deemed necessary to support the charges. The Board will expect the principal in each case to be present and make oral and written reports and statements concerning the student's misconduct. The student, parent/guardian or others having custodial care, or counsel, shall have the right to cross-examine witnesses presented in behalf of the charges and to present testimony in defense there against.
3. At the conclusion of the hearing or in an adjourned meeting, the Board of Education shall render its decision to dismiss the charges, suspend the student for a specified time, or expel the student from the schools of the District. Prompt written notice of the decision shall be given to the student, parent/guardian or others having custodial care, and counsel, if applicable.

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Regulation 2664

Discipline

Enrollment or Return Following Suspension and/or Expulsion

Conference Required

The conference shall include the appropriate school officials, including (1) any teacher employed in the District or directly involved with the conduct that resulted in the suspension or expulsion, (2) the student, (3) the parent/guardian of the pupil, and (4) any agency having legal jurisdiction, care, custody or control of the student.

The District shall notify in writing the parent/guardian and all other parties of the time, place, and agenda of any such conference. However, failure of any party to attend this conference shall not preclude holding the conference.

Notwithstanding any provision of this regulation to the contrary, no student shall be readmitted or enrolled in a regular program of instruction if:

1. The student has been convicted of one of the offenses listed below.
2. The student been charged with one of the offenses and there has been no final judgment.
3. A juvenile petition has been filed alleging that the student committed an act, which if committed by an adult, would be one of the offenses listed below, and there has been no final judgment; or
4. The student has been adjudicated to have committed an act, which if committed by an adult, would be one of the offenses listed below.

Offenses to Which this Policy Applies

1. First degree murder under Mo. Rev. Stat. § 565.020
2. Second degree murder under Mo. Rev. Stat. § 565.021
3. First degree assault under Mo. Rev. Stat. § 565.050
4. Forcible rape under Mo. Rev. Stat. § 566.030
5. Forcible sodomy under Mo. Rev. Stat. § 566.060
6. Robbery in the first degree under Mo. Rev. Stat. § 569.020

7. Distribution of drugs to a minor under Mo. Rev. Stat. § 195.212
8. Arson in the first degree under Mo. Rev. Stat. § 569.040
9. Kidnapping, when classified as a Class A felony under Mo. Rev. Stat. § 565.110
10. Statutory rape under Mo. Rev. Stat. § 566.032
11. Statutory sodomy under Mo. Rev. Stat. § 566.062

Nothing in this regulation shall be construed to prevent the District from imposing discipline under the Student Code of Conduct for conduct underlying the above-listed offenses, even if the adult charge or juvenile petition has been dismissed, or the student has been acquitted or adjudicated not to have committed such acts in a criminal or juvenile court - if by a preponderance of the evidence, it can be established that the student engaged in the underlying conduct. The District may enroll a student, otherwise excluded under this regulation, in an alternative education program if the District determines that such enrollment is appropriate.

This policy shall not apply to a student with a disability, as identified under state eligibility criteria, who is convicted or adjudicated guilty as a result of an action related to the student's disability.

Students denied enrollment because of conviction of one of the acts set out in this regulation or due to an existing suspension or expulsion from another school district will be advised of the reasons for denial of enrollment and will be given an opportunity to respond to those reasons.

Suspension or Expulsion from Other Schools

Prior to enrollment, a student who is under suspension or expulsion from any other in-state or out-of-state public or private school and who is seeking admission will be evaluated by the Superintendent or Superintendent's designee. However, upon request, the Superintendent/designee will confer with the pupil, parent/guardian or person acting as parent of a special education student to consider imposition of the other school's suspension or expulsion. If the Superintendent/designee determines that such conduct would have resulted in a suspension or expulsion had the conduct been committed in District schools, the suspension or expulsion will be implemented.

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STUDENTS

Regulation 2671
(Form 2671)

Discipline

Student Discipline Hearings

Rules of Procedure in Hearings Before the Board of Education on Suspension and Expulsion Matters

1. Students or students' parents/guardians may request a hearing before the Board to contest any suspension in excess of ten (10) school days. The request will be addressed to the Superintendent who will review all matters concerning the suspension.
2. No student may be expelled until this matter is reviewed in a hearing before the Board of Education.
3. The parent/guardian may represent their student or may retain an attorney to act as a representative in the defense of the student. The representative will have the right to present witnesses, question any and all witnesses as herein provided, and make a statement and offer exhibits on the nature of the evidence and disposition of the case. If the parent/guardian elects to have the student represented by an attorney at the hearing, the parent/guardian shall notify the Superintendent of such representation at least twenty-four hours prior to the scheduled time of the hearing.
4. Prior to the hearing, the parties, or their attorneys, may examine at the Board Office the discipline report and all related records.
5. Upon the request of any party, the Superintendent shall submit for review at the hearing the student's behavioral and academic record. If necessary, the information contained in such record may be explained and interpreted by a person trained in its use and interpretation. All parties shall be instructed to respect the confidentiality of all such records and information.
6. At the hearing, the Board may consider a student's record of past disciplinary actions, criminal court records, juvenile court records, and any actions of the student which would be criminal offenses.
7. The parties may present evidence concerning the charges and make such showing by way of affidavits, exhibits, and witnesses as they may desire. Before testifying, witnesses shall be sworn.

8. The President of the Board of Education, or the Chairman of the designated committee of the Board, shall have full charge of the hearing and shall have the authority to direct its proceedings and to control the conduct of all persons present in accordance herewith. Such authority shall include the limitation of questioning that is unproductive, lengthy, or irrelevant. The Board may invoke reasonable limitations on the number of witnesses.
9. The hearing shall not be open to the public. In addition, the Board may set reasonable limitations on the number of people present during the hearing.

The Board shall also have the right to exclude any person or persons if it shall determine that the hearing is being disrupted by any such person.

Hearings may be attended only by members of the Board of Education, the Superintendent of Schools, the School Board attorney, the principal, the student, the parent/guardian and their representatives. Witnesses may be present only when giving information at the hearing. With parent/guardian permission, the student may be excluded at times when the student's psychological or emotional problems are being discussed.

10. A record shall be made of any information presented at the hearing. Statements and other written matter presented shall be kept on file by the District.
11. As soon as practicable after the hearing, the Board shall make its decision and transmit the same in writing to the parties and the Superintendent.

The Board or its committee shall decide by majority vote whether the student has engaged in the misconduct charged by District administrators. The decision will be based solely on the evidence presented at the hearing and must include findings of fact on which the decision rests.

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Discipline**Discipline of Students with Disabilities****Removal from Current Educational Placement for Not More Than Ten Consecutive School Days; Not More Than Ten Cumulative Days Removal for the Current School Year**

A student with a disability who violates the District's discipline policy who has not been removed from the current educational placement for more than ten (10) cumulative days for the current school year may be disciplined for not more than ten (10) consecutive school days in the same manner as other students.

Services will not be provided to the student when the total number of days the students has been removed from the current educational placement is not more than ten (10) days, unless services are provided to children without disabilities who have been similarly removed.

Removal from Current Educational Placement for More than Ten Cumulative School Days

A student with a disability who violates the District's discipline policy who has been removed from the current educational placement for more than ten (10) cumulative days in the current school year may be disciplined for not more than ten (10) consecutive school days in the same manner as other students, if the pattern of short term exclusions totaling more than ten (10) cumulative days does not constitute a change of placement.

On the eleventh day of removal in a school year, the District will provide educational services. If the cumulative removals do not constitute a change of placement, the services to be provided will be determined by school personnel in consultation with the student's special education teacher.

A series of removals from the current educational placement for more than ten (10) days may amount to a pattern of exclusion that constitutes a change of placement. If a student with a disability has been removed for more than ten (10) cumulative school days and the removals constitute a change of placement, or if a school administrator determines that a removal for more than ten (10) consecutive school days is being considered, on the date a decision to make such a removal is made, the parents will be notified of the decision and provided a copy of the IDEA procedural safeguards.

Not later than ten (10) business days after commencing a cumulative removal that constitutes a change of placement or when considering a removal of greater than ten (10) consecutive school days, the District will convene an IEP meeting to develop a functional behavioral assessment plan if one has not previously been conducted. After completing the assessment, an IEP meeting will be held to develop a behavioral intervention plan if appropriate and necessary. If a behavior plan already has been developed, the IEP team will meet to review the plan and its implementation. The plan and its implementation will be modified as necessary.

In addition, not later than ten (10) days after the date of the decision to remove a student for more than ten (10) cumulative days constituting a change of placement, the IEP team and other qualified personnel will meet to review the relationship between the student's disability and the behavior subject to disciplinary action.

If a determination is made that the student's behavior was not a manifestation of the student's disability, disciplinary rules will be applied to the student in the same manner they would be applied to a student without a disability, except that a free appropriate public education will be provided to the student as determined by the IEP team.

Long-Term Changes in Placement (Drugs, Weapons, and Serious Injury)

In addition to any other actions consistent with this regulation, District administrators may assign a student to an interim alternative educational setting for a period of time not to exceed forty-five (45) calendar days, when a student with a disability is involved in a disciplinary action involving:

1. Possession of a weapon at school or at a school function; or
2. Possession or use of illegal drugs or sale or solicitation for sale of a controlled substance while at school or at a school function; or
3. A serious bodily injury.

On the date a decision to make such a removal is made, the parents/guardians will be notified of the decision and provided a copy of the IDEA procedural safeguards.

Not later than ten (10) business days after commencing such a removal, the District will convene an IEP meeting to develop a functional behavioral assessment plan if one has not been previously conducted. After completing the assessment, an IEP meeting will be held to develop a behavioral intervention plan if appropriate and necessary. If a behavior plan already has been developed, the IEP team will meet to review the plan and its implementation. The plan and its implementation will be modified as needed.

Not later than ten (10) days after the date of the decision to place a student in an interim alternative educational setting, the IEP team and other qualified personnel will meet to review the relationship between the student's disability and the behavior subject to the disciplinary action and to determine the interim alternative educational placement.

The IEP team will decide on an interim alternative educational setting that will allow the student to continue to progress in the general curriculum, to receive the services and modifications that

will enable the child to meet the goals set out in the student's IEP, and to receive services and modifications to attempt to prevent the student's behavior from recurring.

IDEA Disabled Students

Students who are disabled pursuant to the IDEA will be disciplined pursuant to the IDEA as amended and its implementing regulations, as well as applicable state statutes and the Missouri State Plan for Special Education Regulations Implementing Part B of the IDEA.

Section 504 Disabled Students

The following procedures apply to students who are disabled pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act alone (students who are not disabled pursuant to the IDEA). In general, most 504 students should be expected to follow the District's disciplinary policies, rules, regulations and procedures and this should be noted on the 504 Plan. When determining a student's 504 eligibility, the multidisciplinary team should consider whether the impairment that is substantially limiting has a direct impact on a student's behavior and, if so, the team may consider conducting a functional behavioral assessment as part of the student's evaluation. If the team concludes that the impairment has a direct and substantial relationship to the student's behavior, the team should address the behavior through the 504 Plan and should consider whether a behavior plan is necessary for the student to have an equal opportunity to participate.

Under Section 504, a disciplinary removal from a student's placement for more than 10 consecutive school days constitutes a change of placement and requires certain procedures be followed. When a student is suspended, out of school, for more than 10 consecutive school days or when a student's short term removals (10 days or less) constitute a pattern of exclusion as currently defined by the IDEA, the District will, within 10 school days of the date of the decision to change the student's placement through a disciplinary removal, convene a multidisciplinary team to determine if the student's act of misconduct is related to his or her disability. The multidisciplinary team will apply the IDEA manifestation standard that is in place at that time. Prior to, or as part of the manifestation determination, the team will conduct a reevaluation pursuant to Section 504. Such reevaluation may consist of a review of existing data alone or in conjunction with formal assessments. The parents will be invited to attend but are not required participants.

If the team concludes that the student's misconduct is related to his or her disability, the student can be suspended for up through 10 consecutive school days with no educational services provided or for any amount of cumulative school days, so long as a pattern of exclusion is not created. If deemed necessary, the team may need to convene to determine if a change of educational placement may be needed or if the student should be referred under the IDEA.

If the team concludes that the student's misconduct is unrelated to his or her disability, the student will be treated the same as nondisabled students and may be suspended or expelled according to District policy and the Student Code of Conduct. District administrators will determine the appropriate discipline including, but not limited to, a long-term suspension or expulsion. During the period of disciplinary removal, the District will not provide any educational services to the student unless it provides such services to its nondisabled students in similar circumstances.

A student is not considered to be disabled under Section 504 if he or she is currently engaged in the illegal use of drugs when the District is acting on the basis of that use. Therefore, when a 504 student is being disciplined for the current illegal use of a controlled substances (including alcohol), that student will lose his or her 504 protection and will be disciplined as if he or she was a regular education student. No manifestation determination will be held.

Definitions

Illegal Drug means a controlled substance not including drugs legally used or possessed under the supervision of a health care professional.

Weapon means a weapon, device, instrument, material, or substance, animate or inanimate, that is used for, or is readily capable of, causing death or serious bodily injury, except that such term does not include a pocket knife with a blade of less than 2 1/2 inches in length.

Controlled substance means a drug or other substance identified under schedules I, II, III, IV or V in 21 U.S.C. § 812 (c).

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Regulation 2673 **(Form 2673)**

Discipline

Reporting of Violent Behavior

All school employees are required to notify their immediate supervisor if they have reason to believe that a student or District employee has committed any of the offenses set out below, has physically or sexually abused any District student, or has possessed a controlled substance or weapon in violation of District policy. The principal will immediately report to the appropriate law enforcement agency and to the Superintendent/designee any instance where a student is found to be in possession, on their person or in their possession, of any weapon defined in Regulation 2620 or of controlled substances, or is found to have placed such substances elsewhere on school premises. For purposes of this regulation, "school premises" shall be defined to include school property, school playgrounds, school parking lots, school buses, or at school activities whether on or off school property.

Reportable Offenses

1. First degree murder under section 565.020
2. Second degree murder under section 565.021
3. Kidnapping under section 565.110 as it existed prior to January 1, 2017, or kidnapping in the first degree under section 565.110
4. First degree assault under section 565.050
5. Rape in the first degree under section 566.030
6. Sodomy in the first degree under section 566.060
7. Burglary in the first degree under section 569.160
8. Burglary in the second degree under section 569.170
9. Robbery in the first degree under section 569.020 as it existed prior to January 1, 2017, or robbery in the first degree under section 570.023
10. Distribution of drugs under section 195.211 as it existed prior to January 1, 2017, or manufacture of a controlled substance under section 579.055
11. Distribution of drugs to a minor under section 195.212 as it existed prior to January 1, 2017, or delivery of a controlled substance under section 579.020

12. Arson in the first degree under section 569.040
13. Voluntary manslaughter under section 565.023
14. Involuntary manslaughter under section 565.024 as is existed prior to January 1, 2017, involuntary manslaughter in the first degree under section 565.024, or involuntary manslaughter in the second degree under section 565.027
15. Second degree assault under section 565.060 as it existed prior to January 1, 2017, or second degree assault under section 565.052
16. Assault (except as provided in the Agreement contained in Form 2673)
17. Rape in the second degree under section 566.031
18. Felonious restraint under section 565.120 as it existed prior to January 1, 2017, or kidnapping in the second degree under section 565.120
19. Property damage in the first degree under section 569.100
20. Possession of a weapon under chapter 571
21. Child molestation in the first degree pursuant to section 566.067 as it existed prior to January 1, 2017, or child molestation in the first, second or third degree pursuant to section 566.067, 566.068, 566.069
22. Sodomy in the second degree pursuant to section 566.061
23. Sexual misconduct involving a child pursuant to section 566.083
24. Sexual abuse in the first degree pursuant to section 566.100
25. Harassment under section 565.090 as it existed prior to January 1, 2017, or harassment in the first degree under section 565.090
26. Stalking under section 565.225 as it existed prior to January 1, 2017, or stalking in the first degree under section 565.225

Teachers and other authorized personnel who report violent acts or threats of violent acts to their supervisors in compliance with state law and in conformity with District policies have civil immunity. Teachers and other authorized personnel who act in conformity with the District's discipline policies and regulations also have civil immunity.

Records of Serious Violations

The Superintendent/designee will prepare and maintain records of serious violations of the District's discipline policy. Individual student records are available to school employees who are directly responsible for the student's education or who interact with the student in the performance of the employee's duties. In addition, such discipline records will be made available within five (5) days to any requesting school district where the student seeks to enroll.

The District will report, in compliance with state regulations, the number, duration of and reasons for expulsions and suspensions of more than ten (10) days. The Superintendent will also notify the appropriate division of the Juvenile court of the suspension for more than ten (10) days of any student under court jurisdiction.

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Regulation 2710

Student Welfare

Reporting Student Abuse

Procedure for Reporting Abuse and Neglect

1. When a student reports alleged sexual misconduct on the part of a teacher or other school employee to another school employee such employee and the Superintendent shall forward the information within twenty-four (24) hours of receiving the information to the Children's Division at 1-800-392-3738.
2. However, if the report of alleged sexual abuse or neglect is received from someone other than a student, a report will be made to the Children's Division if the District has reason to believe that a child has been or is likely to be abused or neglected by telephoning the Abuse Hotline at 1-800-392-3738. The call will be logged with the date, time and nature of the report.
3. School personnel will not notify the student's parents that a Hotline report has been made.
4. When CD representatives interview students on District property, a school staff member will be present. CD representatives may not meet with a child at any school or childcare facility where abuse of the child is alleged to have occurred.
5. When CD receives a report of suspected abuse involving a school employee, other than reports made under subsection (1), the CD is required to notify the Superintendent. If the alleged perpetrator is the Superintendent, CD will notify the Board President. However, if the report relates to spanking or the use of reasonable force to protect persons or property pursuant to Board policy, a report will be made to county law enforcement officials. The investigation into such report will be made by a law enforcement official in the county.
6. When the District and student involved request mediation of the child abuse situation in a school setting, the matter will be referred to the Office of Child Advocate.

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Regulation 2740

Student Welfare

Student Safety

The administration is responsible for notifying DESE upon the occurrence of the commission of any of the following violent criminal offenses on school premises:

1. Murder 1st Degree under section 565.020, RSMo;
2. Murder 2nd Degree under section 565.021, RSMo;
3. Kidnapping under section 565.110, RSMo;
4. Assault 1st Degree under section 565.050, RSMo;
5. Forcible Rape under section 566.030, RSMo;
6. Forcible Sodomy under section 566.060, RSMo;
7. Burglary 1st Degree under section 569.160, RSMo;
8. Burglary 2nd Degree under section 569.170, RSMo;
9. Robbery 1st Degree under section 569.020, RSMo;
10. Distribution of Drugs under section 195.211, RSMo;
11. Distribution of Drugs to a Minor under section 195.212, RSMo;
12. Arson 1st Degree under section 569.040, RSMo;
13. Voluntary Manslaughter under section 565.023, RSMo;
14. Involuntary Manslaughter under section 565.024, RSMo;
15. Assault 2nd Degree under section 565.060, RSMo;
16. Sexual Assault under section 566.040, RSMo;
17. Felonious Restraint under section 565.120, RSMo;
18. Property Damage 1st Degree under section 569.100, RSMo;

19. Possession of a Weapon under section 571, RSMo;
20. Child Molestation 1st Degree under section 566.067, RSMo;
21. Deviate Sexual Assault under section 566.070, RSMo;
22. Sexual Misconduct Involving a Child under section 566.083, RSMo; and/or
23. Sexual Abuse under section 566.100, RSMo.

For purposes of this policy, any student who is the victim of any of the following violent criminal offenses on school premises is entitled to a transfer to another District school:

1. Kidnapping under section 565.110, RSMo;
2. Assault 1st Degree under section 565.050, RSMo;
3. Forcible Rape under section 566.030, RSMo;
4. Forcible Sodomy under section 566.060, RSMo;
5. Burglary 1st Degree under section 569.160, RSMo;
6. Robbery 1st Degree under section 569.020, RSMo;
7. Arson 1st Degree under section 569.040, RSMo;
8. Assault 2nd Degree under section 565.060, RSMo;
9. Sexual Assault under section 566.040, RSMo;
10. Felonious Restraint under section 565.120, RSMo;
11. Property Damage 1st Degree under section 569.100, RSMo;
12. Child Molestation 1st Degree under section 566.067, RSMo;
13. Deviate Sexual Assault under section 566.070, RSMo;
14. Sexual Misconduct Involving a Child under section 566.083, RSMo; and/or

15. Sexual Abuse under section 566.100, RSMo.

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Regulation 2750-ADF

Student Welfare

District Wellness Program

The primary goals of the Worth Co. R-III School District's wellness program are to promote student health, reduce student overweight/obesity, facilitate student learning of lifelong healthy habits and increase student achievement. The following procedures will guide the implementation of the district wellness program.

Nutrition Guidelines

The district is committed to ensuring that all foods and beverages sold, provided or made available to students on school campuses during the school day support healthy eating and create an environment that reinforces the development of healthy eating habits. For that reason, and as required by law, the district has set the following nutrition standards for its meal programs, competitive foods and beverages sold outside the meal programs, and other foods and beverages provided or made available to students during the school day.

For the purposes of this procedure, the school day is the time period from the midnight before to 30 minutes after the official school day. These meal standards do not apply to food sold at other times, such as evening or weekend events.

Nutrition Standards for Meal Programs

The food sold to students as part of the district's meal programs will meet the requirements of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Nutrition Standards for Competitive Foods and Beverages

The foods and beverages sold and served during the school day outside the reimbursable school meal programs (competitive foods and beverages) will meet or exceed the USDA Smart Snacks in School (Smart Snacks) nutrition standards. These standards will apply in all locations any time foods and beverages are sold to students during the school day, which includes, but is not limited to, foods and beverages sold in vending machines, school stores, and snack or food carts; à la carte options in cafeterias; and food and beverages sold through district-sponsored fundraising, including fundraising by student-initiated groups, unless an exemption applies, as described below.

Fundraising Exemption to Nutrition Guidelines

Unless otherwise prohibited by Board policies or limitations on marketing, the following are exemptions to the rule requiring that foods sold as fundraisers meet USDA standards:

1. Foods sold off campus, outside the school day or to nonstudents do not have to meet the USDA standards.
2. Foods that do not meet USDA standards and are not intended for consumption at school may be delivered during the school day, and order forms for such food may be distributed during the school day, to the extent that these activities otherwise comply with district policies and procedures.
3. Each school building within the district may hold up to five one-day fundraisers per school year on district property during the school day that involve the sale of foods that do not meet USDA standards.

Nutrition Standards for Foods and Beverages Provided to Students during the School Day

All foods and beverages the district provides or makes available to students during the school day will meet or exceed the Smart Snacks nutrition standards. This includes, but is not limited to, foods and beverages provided or made available to students for celebrations, classroom parties and birthdays, regardless of the source of the food. The district will provide parents/guardians and district employees a list of foods and beverages that meet the Smart Snacks nutrition standards and a list of healthy party ideas, including nonfood celebration ideas.

Foods and beverages should not be used as a reward or withheld as punishment.

Water

Students will have access to safe and unflavored drinking water throughout the school day in every district facility used by students. Free, safe and unflavored drinking water will be available to students during mealtimes in the places where meals are served.

Nutrition Education

The district's nutrition education goal is to integrate sequential nutrition education with the comprehensive health education program and, to the extent possible, the core curriculum taught at every grade level in order to provide students with the necessary knowledge and skills to make healthy nutrition decisions. In order to achieve the nutrition education goal, the district will:

1. Provide students at all grade levels with adequate nutrition knowledge including, but not limited to:
 - The benefits of healthy eating.
 - Essential nutrients.
 - Nutritional deficiencies.

- Principles of healthy weight management.
 - The use and misuse of dietary supplements.
 - Safe food preparation, handling and storage.
2. Provide students with nutrition-related skills that minimally include the ability to:
 - Plan healthy meals.
 - Understand and use food labels.
 - Apply the principles of the USDA's Dietary Guidelines for Americans and MyPlate.
 - Critically evaluate nutrition information, misinformation and commercial food advertising.
 - Assess personal eating habits, nutrition goal-setting and achievement.
 3. Provide instructional activities that stress the appealing aspects of healthy eating and are hands-on, behavior based, culturally relevant, developmentally appropriate and enjoyable. Examples of activities include, but are not limited to: food preparation, contests, promotions, taste testings, farm visits and school gardens.
 4. Encourage district staff to cooperate with local agencies and community groups to provide students with opportunities for volunteer work related to nutrition, such as in food banks, soup kitchens or after-school programs.
 5. Provide information to all school staff about the symptoms of nutrition-related conditions such as unhealthy weight, eating disorders and other nutrition-related health problems. Staff members who identify students who may have nutrition-related conditions will notify school counselors or student health services staff. When appropriate, school counselors or student health services staff will provide information about these conditions, including available treatment options, to the student and his or her parents/guardians.
 6. Coordinate the food service program with nutrition instruction. Food service staff should also work closely with those responsible for other components of the school health program to achieve common goals.

Nutrition Promotion

Nutrition promotion that uses evidence-based techniques to encourage healthy nutrition choices and participation in school meal programs positively influences lifelong eating behaviors. Students and staff will receive consistent nutrition messages throughout district facilities. Nutrition promotion also includes marketing and advertising nutritious foods and beverages to students and is most effective when implemented consistently by school staff, parents/guardians and the community. The district will promote the importance of good nutrition in its schools and in the community through one or more of the following activities:

1. Offering healthy eating seminars for parents/guardians.
2. Providing nutrition information to parents/guardians via newsletters, handouts, presentations or other appropriate means.
3. Posting nutrition tips on district websites.
4. Offering appropriate, participatory activities, such as cooking lessons or demonstrations, taste testings, farm visits and school gardens.
5. Disseminating information about community programs that offer nutrition assistance to families.
6. Posting links on district websites to research and articles explaining the connections between good nutrition and academic performance.
7. Providing school meals that meet a variety of cultural preferences with a special emphasis on the populations served by the district.
8. Posting menus, including nutrient contents and ingredients, on district and school websites.

If practical, the district will provide information in a language understandable to the parents/guardians.

Marketing and Advertising

Marketing in district facilities will be consistent with the goals of the district's wellness program and comply with Board policy. The district will strive to promote the wellness program and educate parents/guardians regarding the quality of district foods.

Food and beverage marketing will be limited to the promotion of foods and beverages that meet the Smart Snacks nutrition standards. Other examples of marketing and advertising the district will scrutinize include, but are not limited to, pricing strategies that promote healthy food choices; audiovisual programming; educational incentive programs; scoreboards; book covers; district transportation; and vending machine displays.

Physical Activity

Moderate Physical Activity : Low-impact to medium-impact physical exertion designed to increase an individual's heart rate to rise to at least 75 percent of his or her maximum heart rate. Examples of moderate physical activity include, but are not limited to, running, calisthenics or aerobic exercise. Time spent in recess and physical education counts as moderate physical activity.

Recess: A structured play environment outside of regular classroom instructional activities that allows students to engage in safe and active free play.

The district's physical activity goal is to assist students in learning to value and enjoy physical activity as an ongoing part of a healthy lifestyle by ensuring that every student has the opportunity to develop the knowledge, skills and desire to perform a variety of physical activities, maintain physical fitness and regularly participate in physical activity. In order to achieve the physical activity goal, the district will:

1. Develop a sequential program of appropriate physical education aligned with Missouri Learning Standards for every student. The elementary program will provide for:
 - 30 minutes of recess per day. Recess may be incorporated into the lunch period, but will be scheduled before lunch and held outdoors when possible.
 - An average of 150 minutes of moderate physical activity each five-day school week or an average of 30 minutes per school day. The program will also provide 50 minutes per week minutes per week of physical education under the supervision of a certified physical education instructor.
 - The middle school program will provide for 240 minutes of moderate physical activity during each school week and 3000 minutes of physical education per year.
 - The high school program will provide for 2 unit(s) of physical education prior to graduation.

All activity will:

- Emphasize knowledge and skills for a lifetime of regular physical activity.
- Meet the needs of all students, especially those who are not physically skilled or who have special needs.
- Provide a variety of activity choices, feature cooperative as well as competitive activities, and account for gender and cultural differences in students' interests.
- Prohibit exemptions from physical education courses on the basis of participation in an athletic team, community recreation program, ROTC, marching band or other school or community activity.
- Contribute to achieving the goals established in the district's wellness policy and be closely coordinated with the other components of the overall school health program.

2. Provide opportunities and encouragement for students to voluntarily participate in before-and after-school physical activity programs designed to supplement, not replace, the district's physical education offerings, such as intramural activities, interscholastic athletics and clubs by:
 - Providing a diverse selection of competitive and noncompetitive, as well as structured and unstructured, activities to the extent that staffing and district/community facilities permit.
 - Offering intramural physical activity programs that feature a broad range of competitive and cooperative activities for all students.
 - Encouraging partnerships between schools and businesses. Promotion of such partnerships must be appropriate and in accordance with Board policy and applicable procedures.
3. Strive to provide joint school and community recreational activities by:
 - Actively engaging families as partners in their children's education and collaborating with community agencies and organizations to provide ample opportunities for students to participate in physical activity beyond the school day.
 - Working with recreation agencies and other community organizations to coordinate and enhance opportunities available to students for physical activity during their out-of-school time.

Negotiating mutually acceptable, fiscally responsible arrangements with community agencies and organizations to keep district-owned facilities open for use by students, staff and community members during nonschool hours and vacations.

 - Working with local public works, public safety, police departments and/or other appropriate state and federal authorities in efforts to make it safer and easier for students to walk and bike to school.
4. Prohibit the use of physical activity as a form of discipline or punishment and ensure that physical education and recess will not be withheld as punishment.
5. Discourage periods of inactivity that exceed two or more hours. When activities such as mandatory schoolwide testing make it necessary for students to remain indoors for long periods of time, staff should give students periodic breaks during which they are encouraged to stand and be moderately active.

6. Provide and encourage verbally and through the provision of space, equipment and activities daily periods of moderate to vigorous physical activity for all participants in on-site after-school childcare and enrichment programs sponsored by the district.
7. Provide opportunities and encouragement for staff to be physically active by:
 - Planning, establishing and implementing activities to promote physical activity among staff and providing opportunities for staff to conveniently engage in regular physical activity.
 - Working with recreation agencies and other community organizations to coordinate and enhance opportunities available to staff for physical activity during their out-of-school time.

Other School-Based Activities

The district's goal for other school-based activities is to ensure an integrated whole-school approach to the district's wellness program. The district will achieve this goal by addressing the areas itemized below.

Community Involvement

Staff will collaborate with agencies and groups conducting nutrition education in the community to send consistent messages to students and their families. A list of foods and beverages that meet the Smart Snacks nutrition standards and ideas for healthy celebrations, rewards and nonfood fundraising activities will be provided to community organizations that serve youth. Guest speakers invited to address students will receive appropriate orientation to the relevant policies of the district.

The wellness program shall make effective use of district and community resources and equitably serve the needs and interests of all students and staff, taking into consideration differences of gender, cultural norms, physical and cognitive abilities and fitness level.

Family Involvement

The district will strive to engage families as partners in their children's education by supporting parental efforts to motivate and help their children with maintaining and improving their health, preventing disease and avoiding health-related risk behaviors. Strategies the district may implement to achieve family involvement may include, but are not limited to:

1. Providing nutrient analyses of district menus.
2. Providing parents/guardians a list of appropriate foods that meet the district's nutrition standards for snacks.

3. Providing parents/guardians with ideas for nonfood rewards and healthy celebrations, parties and fundraising activities.
4. Encouraging parents/guardians to pack healthy lunches and snacks and to refrain from including beverages and foods that do not meet the district's nutrition standards.
5. Designing curricular nutrition education activities and promotions to involve parents/guardians and the community.
6. Supporting efforts of parents/guardians to provide their children with opportunities to be physically active outside of school.
7. Providing information about physical education and other school-based physical activity opportunities available to students before, during and after the school day.
8. Sharing information about physical activity and physical education via the district's website, newsletter, other take-home materials, special events or physical education homework.
9. Working with families to provide consistent sun safety information that includes an overview of the district's sun safety program, an explanation of how parents/guardians can reinforce the program at home and how they can become involved with and support the district's program.
10. Encouraging parents/guardians to volunteer time in the classroom, cafeteria or at special events that promote student health.
11. Providing opportunities for parent/guardian involvement with the district wellness committee.

If practical, the district will provide information in a language understandable to parents/guardians.

Indoor Air Quality

District employees will refrain from using candles, oils, sprays, plug-ins and other sources of fragrance. Pesticides and cleaning products will be used only in accordance with district policies and procedures.

Mealtimes

Students are not permitted to leave school campus during the school day to purchase food or beverages. Mealtimes will comply with the following guidelines:

1. Mealtimes will provide students with at least 10 minutes to eat after sitting down for breakfast and 20 minutes after sitting down for lunch.

2. Activities such as tutoring or meetings will not be held during mealtimes unless students may eat during such activities.
3. At the elementary level, lunch periods should follow recess periods, if possible.
4. Free, safe and unflavored drinking water will be available to students during meals in the meal service area.
5. Students will have access to hand-washing facilities before they eat meals or snacks.
6. The district will take reasonable steps to accommodate the tooth brushing regimens of students.
7. Students will be allowed to converse during meals.
8. The cafeteria will be clean, orderly and inviting.
9. Adequate seating and supervision will be provided during mealtimes.

Outdoor Air Quality

The principal or designee of each school will be responsible for daily monitoring of Air Quality Index (AQI) information provided by local authorities.

1. When the AQI is "code orange" (unhealthy for sensitive groups of people), students with a history of reactions to ozone exposure will be permitted to reduce their outdoor exertion level or time spent outdoors, and the staff will arrange alternative indoor physical activities. Appropriately trained staff responsible for student supervision will monitor such students for symptoms of respiratory distress.
2. When the AQI is "code red" (unhealthy), students with a history of reactions to ozone exposure will remain indoors and participate in indoor physical activities. Appropriately trained staff responsible for student supervision will monitor such students for symptoms of respiratory distress. All other students will be allowed to engage in no more than one hour of heavy exertion (i.e., activities that involve high-intensity exercise such as basketball, soccer and running) while outdoors.
3. When the AQI is "code purple" (very unhealthy) or "code maroon" (hazardous), all students will be kept indoors and participate in indoor physical activities. Appropriately trained staff responsible for student supervision will monitor all students for symptoms of respiratory distress.

Staff Development and Training

All staff will be provided with ongoing training and professional development related to all areas of student wellness. The pre-service and ongoing in-service training will include teaching strategies for behavior change and will focus on giving teachers the skills they need to use non-lecture, active learning methods. Staff responsible for nutrition education will be adequately prepared and regularly participate in professional development activities to effectively deliver the nutrition education program as planned. Staff responsible for implementing the physical education program will be properly certified and regularly participate in area-specific professional development activities.

Qualified nutrition professionals will administer the district meal programs and will receive ongoing, area-specific professional development. The district will provide continuing professional development for all district nutrition professionals. Staff development programs will include appropriate certification and/or training programs for child nutrition directors, school nutrition managers and cafeteria workers according to their levels of responsibility.

Staff Wellness

The Worth Co. R-III School District highly values the health and well-being of every staff member and will plan and implement activities and policies that support personal efforts by staff to maintain a healthy lifestyle. The district will offer staff wellness programs that include education on nutrition, healthy eating behaviors and maintaining a healthy weight for optimal health. The district will establish and maintain a staff wellness committee composed of at least one staff member; wellness committee member; registered dietitian, school nurse or other health professional; employee benefits specialist; and other appropriate personnel. The staff wellness committee will serve as a subcommittee of the district wellness committee. The staff wellness committee will develop, promote and oversee a multifaceted plan to promote staff health and wellness. The plan will be based on input solicited from district staff and will outline ways to encourage healthy eating, physical activity, sun safety and other elements of a healthy lifestyle. The staff wellness committee will provide a copy of its plan to the wellness program committee.

Sun Safety

"Sun safety" describes a range of behaviors that include wearing appropriate clothing, applying sunscreen and limiting sun exposure. The sun safety program will focus on outdoor behavior and will be developmentally appropriate, active, engaging and taught in lessons that emphasize the benefits of sun safety. Sun safety education will be designed to assist students with:

1. Knowledge about the harmful effects of the sun and ways to protect skin.
2. Sun-safe skills, including the correct use of protective clothing, hats, sunglasses, sunscreen and lip balm as well as seeking shade and limiting sun exposure when possible and practical during the hours of peak sun intensity.

3. Knowledge about how to assess personal sun safety habits, set goals for improvement and achieve these goals.

Tobacco

Tobacco use prevention education will focus on all grades with particular emphasis on middle school and reinforcement in all later grades. Instructional activities will be participatory and developmentally appropriate. Tobacco use prevention education programs will be implemented in accordance with Board policy, relevant administrative procedures and law.

Oversight and Assessment

The wellness program coordinators are responsible for monitoring implementation and assessing the effectiveness of the district wellness program by:

1. Completing the required triennial assessment.
2. Prioritizing wellness goals and writing work plans for each goal.
3. Measuring implementation of the district wellness policy and procedure.
4. Ensuring that the district meets the goals of the wellness policy and procedure.
5. Reporting to the Board on compliance and progress.
6. Comparing the district's policy to model policies.

Compliance Indicators

The program coordinators will use the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) School Health Index as a measure of the overall effectiveness of the local wellness program. In addition, the wellness program coordinators will identify at least one other assessment tool, including those available through the USDA or CDC, that provides measures not covered by the School Health Index. Assessment tools may be locally created.

Policy Review

The wellness program coordinators will provide policy revision recommendations to the Board as part of the periodic report. The recommendations will be based on analysis of the compliance indicators and comparison of the district's policy to model policies provided, recommended or referenced by the USDA. The Board will revise the wellness policy as it deems necessary. Administrative procedures will be revised accordingly.

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MSIP Refs: 1.1, 1.2, 1.3

Worth Co. R-III School District, Grant City, Missouri

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Regulation 2760

Student Welfare

Students in Foster Care

The District educational liaison for foster care children will serve in an advisory capacity to:

- Ensure and facilitate proper educational placement, enrollment in school, and checkout from school;
- Assist foster care children when transferring from one school to another or from one school district to another, including, among other things, proper transfer of credit, records, and grades;
- Request school records, as provided in Policy/Regulation 2230, within two (2) business days of placement of a foster care child in a District school;
- Submit school records of foster care pupils within three (3) business days of receiving a request for school records from another School District as provided in Policy 2290; and
- Facilitate access to student records to any child placing agency for the purpose of fulfilling education case management responsibilities required of the juvenile officer or by law and to assist with the school transfer or placement of a child under foster care.

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Student Welfare**Transfer of Care and Custody**

A power of attorney delegating care and custody of a student must be witnessed by a notary public and contain the following information:

1. Full name of student whose care and custody is to be transferred;
2. Date of birth of such student;
3. Full name and signature of the attorney-in-fact, to whom care and custody is to be transferred;
4. Address and telephone number of such attorney-in-fact;
5. Full name and signature of the parent or legal guardian;
6. The term for which delegation is transferred and a statement the delegation may be revoked at any time; and
7. One of the following statements:
 - a. I delegate to the attorney-in-fact all of my power and authority regarding the care, custody, and property of each minor child named above including, but not limited to, the right to enroll the child in school, inspect and obtain copies of education and other records concerning the child, the right to give or withhold any consent or waiver with respect to school activities, medical and dental treatment, and any other activity, function or treatment that may concern the child. This delegation shall not include the power or authority to consent to marriage or adoption of the child, the performance or inducement of an abortion on, or for the child, or the termination of parental rights to the child; or
 - b. I delegate to the attorney-in-fact the following specific powers and responsibilities (insert list). This delegation shall not include the power or authority to consent to marriage or adoption of the child, the performance or inducement of an abortion on, or for the child, or the termination of parental rights to the child.

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Student Welfare**Student Suicide Awareness**

The district will address suicide awareness and prevention through the following policy components¹:

1. Crisis response team
2. Crisis response procedures
3. Procedures for parent involvement
4. Community resources available to students, parents, patrons and employees
5. Responding to suicidal behavior or death by suicide in the school community
6. Suicide prevention and response protocol education for staff
7. Suicide prevention education for students
8. Publication of policy

1. Crisis Response Team

The district will include suicide awareness and prevention in already established district or building crisis response teams or will establish such team(s) if not already in existence. Crisis response team members will include administrators, counselors and the school nurse, and may also include school social workers, school resource officers, teachers and/or community resources as appropriate. The crisis response team will be responsible for implementation of crisis response procedures.

The district will adopt an evidence based/informed tool for assessing suicide risk. The crisis response team, the building administrator, or his/her designee will receive training and coaching in using this tool to collect and document student suicidal behaviors and safety planning strategies.

2. Crisis Response Procedures

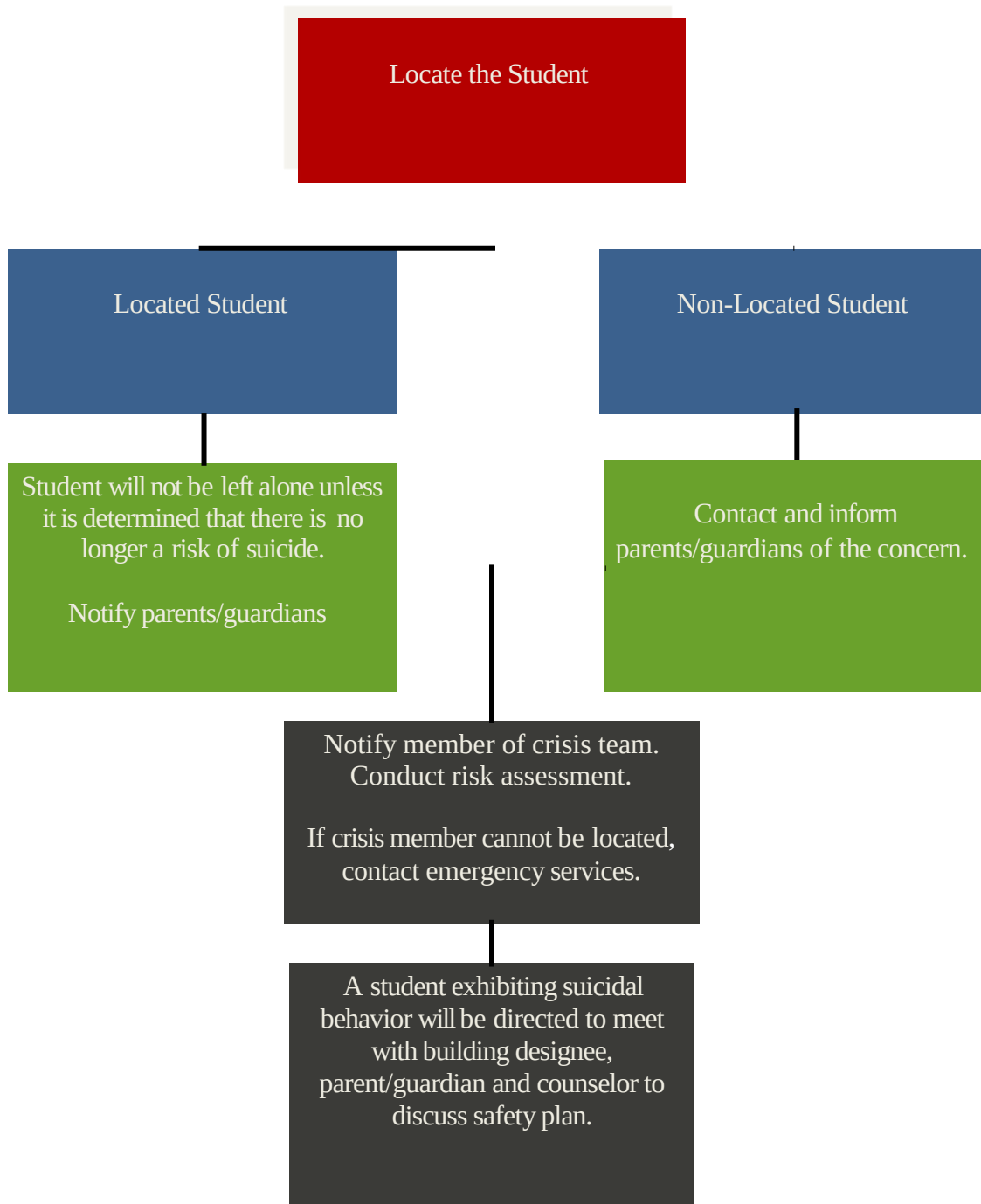
Student suicidal behaviors are not confidential and may be revealed to the student's parents, guardians, school personnel or other appropriate authority when the health, welfare or safety of the student is at risk.

Any school employee who has a reasonable belief that a student may be at risk for suicide or witnesses any attempt towards self-injury will notify a member of the crisis response team, the building administrator or his/her designee.

If a student suicide behavior is made known to any school employee and a member of the crisis response team, the building administrator or his/her designee is not available, the employee will notify the student's parent/guardian, the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (800-273-8255) or local law enforcement in an emergency situation. As soon as practical, the employee will notify the building designee or principal.

¹ Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Youth Suicide Awareness and Prevention Model Policy

The following steps will be employed in response to any risk of student suicide:



3. Procedures for Parent Involvement

A member of the crisis response team, the building administrator or his/her designee shall reach out to the parents/guardians of a student identified as being at risk of suicide to consult with them about the risk assessment of their student, to make them aware of community resources, and to discuss how to best support the student's mental well-being and safety.

If the parent refuses to cooperate or if there is any doubt regarding the student's safety, local mental service providers and/or law enforcement may need to be engaged, and a report may need to be made to the Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline.

Contact with a parent concerning risk of suicide will be documented in writing.

4. School and Community Resources

A student exhibiting suicidal behavior will be directed to meet with the building designee, their parent/guardian and counselor to discuss support and safety systems, available resources, coping skills and a safety plan as necessary.

The district will, in collaboration with local organizations and the Missouri Department of Mental Health, identify local, state and national resources and organizations that can provide information or support to students and families. A basic list of resources can be found on the Department of Mental Health website and the district will strive to develop its own list of local resources to be made readily available.

<http://dmh.mo.gov/mentalillness/suicide/prevention.html>

5. Responding to Suicidal Behavior or Death by Suicide in the School Community

When the school community is impacted by suicidal behavior or a death by suicide, the district will confer with their crisis response teams and, when appropriate, confer with local community resources and professionals to identify and make available supports that may help the school community understand and process the behavior and/or death.

The crisis response team, the building administrator or his/her designee will determine appropriate procedures for informing the school community of a death by suicide and the supports that will be offered. Staff and students who need immediate attention following a death by suicide will be provided support and resources as determined necessary.

6. Suicide Prevention and Response Protocol Education for Staff

All district employees will receive information annually regarding this policy and the district's protocol for suicide awareness, prevention and response. The importance of suicide prevention, recognition of suicide protective and risk factors, strategies to strengthen school connectedness and building specific response procedures will be highlighted.

Such information shall include the following:

1. Current trends in youth mental health, wellbeing and suicide prevention and awareness
2. Strategies to encourage students to seek help for themselves and other students
3. Warning signs that indicate a student may be at risk of suicide
4. The impact of mental health issues and substance abuse
5. Communication to students regarding concerns about safety and that asking for help can save a life
6. Understanding limitations and boundaries for giving help and techniques to practice self-care
7. Identification of key school personnel who are comfortable, confident and competent to help students at risk of escalated distress and suicide

All district staff will participate in professional development regarding suicide awareness and prevention.

7. Suicide Prevention Education for Students

Starting no later than fifth grade, students will receive age appropriate information and instruction on suicide awareness and prevention. Information and instruction may be offered in health education, by the counseling staff or in other curricula as may be appropriate.

Student education will include the following:

1. Information about mental health, well-being and suicide prevention and awareness
2. Promotion of a climate that encourages peer referral and which emphasizes school connectedness
3. Recognition of the signs that they or peers are at risk for suicide
4. Identification of issues that may lead to suicide including depression, anxiety, anger, and drug/alcohol dependency
5. Directive to not make promises of confidence when they are concerned about peer suicide
6. Identification of a trusted adult on campus with whom students can discuss concerns about suicide

8. Publication of Policy

The district will notify employees, students and parents of this policy by posting the policy and related procedures and documents on the district's website and discussing this policy during employee training as detailed herein.

Reference: DESE Youth Suicide Awareness and Prevention Model Policy

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Regulation 2850 **(Form 2850)**

Student Services

Inoculations of Students

As mandated by the Missouri Department of Health, students must have up-to-date immunizations before being permitted to attend classes. Form 2850 provides a chart of immunization requirements by grade level.

1. The District will maintain an individual health record for each student, including an immunization history supplied by the parent/guardian.
2. A complete immunization history will be required upon entrance to school. Satisfactory evidence of immunization is a statement, certificate or record from a physician or health facility that verifies the type of vaccine, the month, day and year of administration. The parent/guardian will be informed that any needed immunizations must be obtained prior to enrollment and attending school.
3. In certain special situations, exemptions or "In Progress" statements may be needed.
 - a. If a student has received all immunizations that are age appropriate but has not completed the minimum required for school attendance, the parent/guardian must obtain an "In Progress" card from a physician or health department that identifies when the next dose is due.
 - b. If the student cannot receive the needed immunization(s) for medical reasons, a medical exemption will be completed and signed by a physician and filed in the student's health record.
 - c. If the parent/guardian objects to immunizations for religious reasons, an exemption must be signed by the parent/guardian and verified by the school nurse. This must be renewed annually. Protection against disease as a desirable measure for the protection of the student will continue to be emphasized.
4. In the event of an outbreak, students who are exempt from immunizations for any reason will be excluded from school for their own protection and that of other students, in accordance with State Rule 13 CSR 50-101.0412. The only exception will be students exempted by a physician because they have already had the disease and have available laboratory confirmation of immunity.
5. The District will notify the parent/guardian if a student will require any additional doses of a vaccine, giving the date by which the vaccine must be given to remain in compliance with the law.

6. To the extent that the District provides information on immunizations, infectious disease, medications, or other school health issues to parents/guardians, the District will include information that is at least similar to the information provided by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention about influenza and influenza vaccinations.
7. The District will prepare the immunization report (CD 31) for the Missouri Department of Health by the specified date. Any deficiencies will receive follow-up as recommended. Every effort will be made to return excluded students to school as soon as possible. The parent/guardian will be advised of resources available to obtain needed protection. The parent/guardian who does not make an effort to comply with the law in order to return students to school within ten days may be reported to the local juvenile authority for enforcing the truancy law.
8. An ongoing review of immunization records will be made to ensure that entering transfer students, students who are "In Progress," and those needing Td boosters during the school year have adequate protection. Students will be notified in the spring that Td boosters will be due during the next school year. The records of entering transfer students and those due for boosters will be flagged, or a separate file or a line listing of these students will be maintained, to facilitate compliance with the statute.

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Regulation 2860

Student Services

Students with Communicable Diseases

The following administrative guidelines have been developed to assist in implementing Policy 2860.

1. The District's policy and regulations on communicable diseases, including detailed information about procedures to be implemented if a student with a chronic infectious disease is enrolled, will be made available to parents of all students attending District schools.
2. All employees will follow the most recent guidelines issued by the Centers for Disease Control, including applicable universal precautions in cleaning up body fluid spills (a copy of which shall be on file in the office of the Supervisor of Health Services and in the office of each school nurse), regardless whether an individual infected with a body fluid or blood-borne pathogen is known to be present in the school environment or related activities. Willful or negligent disregard for these precautions by any staff member will be cause for disciplinary action.

Acute Infectious Disease

1. A staff member who has reason to believe that a student has been exposed to a contagious or infectious disease or who observes symptoms of such a disease, shall inform the principal. The principal will consult with the school nurse about the child.
2. If the school nurse determines that the student has an acute contagious or infectious disease, the principal will exclude the student from school for the number of days specified in the latest revision of the Missouri Department of Health Publication, "Prevention and Control of Communicable Diseases - A Guide for School Administrators, Nurses, Teachers and Day Care Operators," PACH-16, or until a physician certifies that the student no longer is liable to transmit the disease.
3. If a student has been excluded from school by the principal because the student has or is suspected of having an acute contagious or infectious disease, the student and his/her parent/guardian may appeal such decision in writing to the Superintendent. The Superintendent may require the student to be examined by a physician designated by the District, the child's own physician, or both, at the option of the Superintendent. The student shall not attend classes or participate in school activities during the appeal period.

Chronic Infectious Disease

1. If the principal, after consulting with the school nurse, determines that a student may

have a chronic infectious disease, the student may be excluded from school and provided an education in an alternative setting until the following procedures have been concluded. Prior to excluding the student, the student's parents/guardians shall receive written notification of the intent to exclude and their procedural safeguards as set forth in the District's compliance plan for Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

The principal shall immediately report any student who has or is suspected of having a chronic infectious disease to the Superintendent or his/her designee. The Superintendent or his/her designee shall within three (3) working days appoint a Review Committee to assess the student's medical condition. The Committee should include the following:

- a. The student's parents/guardians.
- b. The student's physician.
- c. A physician specialist in public health or infectious diseases.
- d. The Supervisor of Health Services, who shall serve as Chairperson of the Review Committee, or his/her designee.
- e. The principal.
- f. The Superintendent or his/her designee.
- g. Others mutually agreed upon by the District and the parents/guardians.

The District's legal counsel may serve on the Committee in an advisory capacity.

If the student has been identified as a student with disabilities pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), the student may be excluded from school and provided with an education in an alternative setting, so long as such exclusion does not constitute a change in placement pursuant to the IDEA. The student's medical condition and educational placement will be evaluated in accordance with the procedures set forth above, with the following additional provisions:

- a. Prior to excluding the student, the student's parents/guardians shall receive written notification of their procedural safeguards as set forth in the District's compliance plan for implementing the IDEA, in addition to written notice of their procedural safeguards pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

- b. The Review Committee shall include the chairperson of the student's Individual Educational Program Committee or his/her designee.
2. The members of the Review Committee shall determine the fitness of the student to attend school. The Committee will assess the student's condition, the school conditions, and the risks of exposing others to the disease in the school environment, and shall determine whether the student should (1) be permitted to attend school without restrictions; (2) attend school under stated restrictions and conditions; or (3) be excluded from attending school and provided an alternative educational program. The Committee will prepare a written individual school health care plan for the student and establish dates and/or conditions under which the student's status will be reviewed. The Committee will also identify the persons who have a medical need to know the identity of the student because they are responsible for providing proper health care, and will provide the names of those persons to the Superintendent or his/her designee.
3. Within three (3) working days after the Committee is convened, the Committee will make a determination and prepare findings of fact, which the Chairperson shall communicate in writing to the student's parents/guardians, the principal, and the Superintendent. The parents/guardians shall again receive written notification of their procedural safeguards as set forth in the District's compliance plan for Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (and in the District's compliance plan for implementing the IDEA, if applicable). The meetings, records, and votes of the Review Committee shall not be open to the public. The determination will be final unless reversed on appeal pursuant to the Complaint Procedures set out in the District's compliance plan for Section 504 (or the procedures in the District's compliance plan for implementing the IDEA, if applicable).
4. If a student with a chronic infectious disease is permitted to attend school, the Superintendent will notify those persons who were identified by the Review Committee as having a medical need to know the student's identity and conditions under which the student is attending school. Willful or negligent disclosure of confidential information will be cause for disciplinary action.
5. Staff members who have a medical need to know the identity of a student with a chronic infectious disease include (1) those who are designated by the District to determine the fitness of the student to attend school; (2) those who are responsible for providing health care to the student, such as the school nurse; and (3) those who are most likely to be in a position to render first aid to the student in case of an accident or medical emergency.
6. A student who has a chronic infectious disease shall be evaluated pursuant to the District's compliance plan for Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (and the District's compliance plan for implementing the IDEA, if applicable) to determine whether any accommodations or related services are necessary for the student to receive a

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Regulation 2870
(Form 2870)

Student Services

Administering Medicines to Students

Prescription Medication

The student's authorized prescriber shall provide a written request that the student be given medication during school hours. The request shall state the name of the student, name of drug, dosage, frequency of administration, route of administration, and the prescriber's name. The diagnosis/indication for use of the medicine shall be provided. When possible, the prescriber should state adverse effects and applicable emergency instructions.

The District shall require that a prescription label be properly affixed to the medication in question. Said label must contain the name of the student, name of the drug, dosage, frequency of administration, route of administration, diagnosis and the prescriber's name.

A parent/guardian must request in writing that the School District comply with the authorized prescriber's request to give medication. (The District will not administer the initial dose of any new prescription except in an emergency.)

Over-the-Counter Medication

The student's authorized prescriber shall provide a written request that the student be given medication during school hours. The request shall state the name of the student, name of drug, dosage, frequency of administration, route of administration, and the prescriber's name. The diagnosis/indication for use of the medicine shall be provided. When possible, the prescriber should state potential adverse effects and applicable emergency instructions.

A parent/guardian will provide a written request that the District comply with the authorized prescriber's request to give medication.

Emergency Medication

Written standing orders will be obtained annually for the administration of emergency medication.

Storage and Administration of Medication

A parent/guardian or other responsible party designated by the parent/guardian will deliver all medication to be administered at school to the school nurse or designee. All medication, prescription or over-the-counter, must be in a pharmacy or manufacturer-labeled container. The District shall provide secure, locked storage for medication to prevent diversion, misuse, or ingestion by another individual.

The administration of medication, including over-the-counter medications, is a nursing activity, governed by the State of Missouri Nursing Practice Act. It must be performed by the registered professional school nurse. The nurse may delegate and supervise the administration of medication by unlicensed personnel who are qualified by education, knowledge and skill to do so. The registered nurse must provide and document the requisite education, training, and competency verification. The nurse is also empowered to contact the prescriber or pharmacist filling the prescription to discuss the prescription if the nurse has questions regarding the administration of such medication. Qualified employees will be held harmless and immune from civil liability for administering medication or medical services in good faith and according to standard medical practices.

School employees who are not qualified according to standard medical practices will not be required to administer medications or medical services. Such unqualified employees who refuse to administer medications or medical services will not be subject to disciplinary action for such refusal.

Pre-filled Auto Syringes

A school nurse or other school employee trained and supervised by the nurse may be authorized by the Board of Education to maintain an adequate supply of pre-filled auto syringes of epinephrine with fifteen hundredths milligram (15/100 mg) or three tenths milligram (3/10mg) delivery at school. The school nurse shall recommend to the school board, through the superintendent, the number of pre-filled epinephrine auto syringes to be maintained at each school. Licensed school nurses have the discretion to use an epinephrine auto syringe on any student the school nurse believes is having a life-threatening anaphylactic reaction based upon the nurses training in recognizing an acute episode of an anaphylactic reaction. Trained employees administering life-saving methods will be immune from civil liability for administering life-saving methods for administering a pre-filled auto syringe in good faith consistent with standard medical practices.

Self-Administration of Medication

Students with asthma, anaphylaxis, or any chronic health condition may carry with them for self-administration metered-dose inhalers containing "rescue" medication. Possession and self-administration of these prescription medications must comply with the Missouri Safe Schools Act, 1996. The directives of this Act will be given to each parent/guardian who requests that his/her student be permitted to carry and self-administer such medication. A permission form for self-administration (Form 2870) is required. Provided however, that:

1. A licensed physician has prescribed or ordered such medications for use of the student and has instructed the student in the correct and responsible use of such medications;

2. The student has demonstrated to the student's licensed physician or designee and the school nurse, the skill level necessary to use the medications and any device necessary to administer such medications;
3. The student's physician has appended and signed a written treatment plan for managing asthma and anaphylaxis episodes of the student and for medications for use of the student. Such plan will include a statement that the student is capable of self-administering the medication under the treatment plan;
4. The student's parent/guardian has completed and submitted to the school the student's treatment plan and liability statement.
5. The student's parent/guardian has signed a statement acknowledging that the district and its employees will incur no liability as a result of any injury arising from self-administration of medication by the student or administration of such medication by school staff. (see Form 2870.1)

The authorization for the possession and self administration of medication to treat a student's asthma or anaphylaxis permits authorized students to possess and self administer such student's medication while in school, at a school sponsored activity, and in transit from school or school sponsored activity. Such authorization will be effective for the school year when issued and for the school attended when the authorization is issued. Such authorization must be renewed each subsequent year in order to remain effective. Information concerning the student's condition treatment plan, authorization, and related documents will be kept on file in the school nurse's office and be easily accessible in the event of an asthma or anaphylaxis emergency. Duplicate prescribed medication, as described in this policy, will be kept in the school's nurses' office and be reasonably accessible to the student and school staff in the event of an asthma or anaphylactic emergency.

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Training

Upon Board of Education authorization, the District will provide instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation to District students grades 9-12. The instruction will be part of a health educational course and will include hands-on practice and skill testing to support cognitive learning. However, the District may elect to develop an agreement with a first responder to provide the required practice and testing. Students with disabilities may participate to the extent appropriate as determined by the student's IEP or 504 Plan.

Automated External Defibrillators

Should the District acquire an automated external defibrillator and maintain it on school premises, the District will:

- a) Comply with applicable regulations;
- b) Ensure the defibrillator is tested at least every two years and after every use;
- c) Ensure that the defibrillator is maintained according to the manufacturer's operation and maintenance guidelines;
- d) Ensure that an inspection is made of the defibrillator at least every ninety (90) days for potential issues related to its operation, including blinking lights or defects suggesting tampering or other problems.

Any person who gratuitously and in good faith renders emergency care by use of the District's defibrillator will not be liable for any civil damages or subject to any criminal penalty unless the user acts in a reckless or wanton negligent manner.

Where the District possess and maintains a defibrillator, training will be provided along with existing training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation for students in grades 9-12. Such defibrillator training will follow the standards set by the American Red Cross, the American Heart Association or similar training from a nationally recognized organization.

Administration of Asthma Rescue Medication

The Board of Education, by a majority vote, may authorize a licensed registered nurse to maintain a supply of asthma related rescue medication at each District school. The nurse will recommend the quantity of such medication to be maintained. The asthma rescue medication will be obtained by prescription written by a licensed physician, a physician's assistant, or nurse practitioner. Such prescription shall list the District as the patient, will contain the nurse's name, and will be filled at a licensed pharmacy. A school nurse or other school employees trained by and supervised by the nurse shall have the discretion to use asthma related rescue medications on any student the school nurse or trained employee believes is having a life-threatening asthma episode based upon their training in recognizing an acute asthma episode. Immunity, under §167.624, from civil liability for trained employees administering life saving methods shall apply to trained employees administering an asthma related rescue medication under this policy.

Parent/Guardian Administration

In situations where the above requirements are not met, or any time the parent/guardian chooses, the parent/guardian may come to school to administer medicine to his/her student.

Exception for Potentially Harmful Administration

It shall be the policy of this District that the District will not knowingly administer any medication to a student if the District's registered professional school nurse believes, in his/her professional judgment, that such administration could cause harm to the student, other students, or the District itself. Such cases may include, but are not necessarily limited to, situations in which the District is being asked to administer medication in a dosage that exceeds the highest recommended dosage listed in the current annual volume of the Physician's Desk Reference or other recognized medical or pharmaceutical text.

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Student Services**Student Allergy Prevention and Response**

The school nurse shall oversee the administration of these procedures in consultation with the food service director, the School Health Advisory Council (SHAC), the wellness committee, the transportation director, local health authorities and, where appropriate, the special education director or 504 coordinator.

Definitions

Allergen – A substance that triggers an allergic reaction.

Allergic Reaction – An immune system response to a substance that itself is not harmful but that the body interprets as being harmful. Allergic reactions trigger inflammation in the skin (hives, itching, a rash); in the respiratory system (coughing, wheezing, difficulty breathing); in the gastrointestinal tract (vomiting, diarrhea, stomach pain); and the cardiovascular system (lowered blood pressure, irregular heartbeat, shock). Anaphylaxis is another type of allergic reaction.

Anaphylaxis – A life-threatening allergic reaction that involves the entire body. It may be characterized by symptoms such as lowered blood pressure, wheezing, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea and swelling and hives. Anaphylaxis may result in shock or death.

Emergency Action Plan – An EAP is a written plan for students who have life-threatening conditions, such as an allergy. This plan is designed to inform school district personnel who may be called upon to respond.

Individualized Health Plan – An IHP is a document created by the district in cooperation with the parents and, when appropriate, a student's health care provider for students who have specific health care needs. It is a nursing care plan that has student-centered goals and objectives, and describes the nursing interventions designed to meet the student's short and long-term goals.

Life-Threatening Allergy – An allergic reaction that is severe enough to potentially cause death.

General

In accordance with Board policy, the nurse or designee will provide training to all staff members about the causes and symptoms of and responses to allergic reactions and the proper administration of epinephrine. This training will be provided to current staff members within thirty (30) calendar days of the adoption of the Allergy Prevention and Response policy and on an annual basis thereafter. Staff members who are hired after this training has been conducted will be provided the information within ten (10) calendar days of the first day of employment.

Pursuant to Board policy, students may carry medication for the treatment of allergies. In addition, epinephrine premeasured auto-injection devices are available in each building and stored in the following locations:

Building: Worth County R-III School

Location: Health Office

Response to an Allergic Reaction

Any staff member who becomes aware that a student is having an allergic reaction must:

1. Stay with the student;
2. Notify the nurse immediately or direct another person to do so; and
3. Contact the parents.

If a staff member determines that the allergic reaction is potentially life-threatening the staff member will implement the student's 504 Plan, Individualized Health Plan (IHP) or Emergency Action Plan (EAP) if the staff member is familiar with the plan.

If the student does not have a 504 Plan, IHP or EAP, the staff member is not familiar with the 504 Plan, IHP or EAP or such plan is not immediately available, the staff member will immediately take or direct another person to take the following actions.

1. Call 911.
2. Notify the school nurse or, if the nurse is not available, notify building principal or office staff.
3. Administer epinephrine, if available, at the direction of the school nurse pursuant to his/her training or designee. If the school nurse is not present, the staff member may administer epinephrine pursuant to his/her transcript, if available, if the staff member determines it is necessary to safeguard the health of the student.
4. Notify the parents.
5. Provide first responders with information about the student's allergy and reaction and any actions already taken.
6. A staff member will remain with the student until a parent/guardian or emergency contact arrives or until the student is transported from the district by first responders.

As soon as possible after the life-threatening allergic reaction, the nurse will consult with the 504 compliance coordinator and the student's parent/guardian to determine whether a 504 Plan or IHP/EAP would be appropriate for the student.

Instructional Areas

No food preparation or consumption will take place in any instructional area unless the instructor has permission from the building administrator. Courses that include food preparation or consumption as a regular part of the curriculum are exempt from this provision, but instructors in these courses have an increased responsibility to monitor student adherence to prevention procedures.

Dining Areas

The school nurse or designee will provide the food service director with a copy of any 504 Plan or IHP that concerns diet, along with a photograph of the student. Any 504 Plan or IHP that requires food substitutions must include a written statement from a licensed physician that:

1. Describes the disability or condition.
2. Explains how the student is restricted as a result of the disability or condition.
3. Identifies the major life activities affected by the disability or condition.
4. Lists omitted and permitted substitute foods.

The food service director will provide information to food service personnel as necessary. Food service personnel will not act on individual requests for dietary accommodations. If a student or parent/guardian of a student who does not have a 504 Plan or IHP/EAP on file with the food service director requests an accommodation, he or she will be referred to the school nurse and/or the Section 504 Coordinator for assistance.

The food service director will arrange for all food service staff to be trained in food label reading, cross-contamination avoidance, safe food handling and food item labeling requirements.

If there is any change in the menu after the menu has been posted, the food service director will notify the school nurse or designee. The nurse or designee will notify parents of students with a 504 Plan or IHP/EAP for food allergies, if necessary and applicable.

The principal may designate one (1) or more tables in the dining area as peanut and/or nut-free areas. Any student may use these tables, but may not have any food or beverage that contains or may contain peanuts or other nuts. If any student has been identified as having life-threatening allergies to a food or beverage other than peanuts or nuts, the principal may instead designate one (1) or more tables as allergen-free areas and specify the prohibited foods and beverages. Staff responsible for cleaning dining areas will clean any such designated tables prior to each use according to United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) recommendations using separate cleaning supplies. No student will be required to sit at the designated table.

Staff members supervising dining areas will promote a "no sharing/no trading" environment to prevent students from trading food, beverages or dining utensils.

Transportation and Off-Site Activities

Except as otherwise outlined in this procedure, drivers will not allow students to eat or drink on district transportation unless the student has written permission from his or her building principal. Written permission will be provided if the student has a medical need to consume food or beverages during the time the student is transported. A student who has a medical need to consume food or beverages on district transportation must have an IEP, 504 Plan or IHP that addresses which foods or beverages the student may consume.

Students being transported to and from activities on district transportation may be allowed to consume food and beverages if the staff member serving as sponsor has verified that none of the students being transported have documented life-threatening food allergies.

Staff members must submit a list of students taking part in off-site activities, such as competitions and field trips, to the nurse at least five (5) days prior to the activity. The nurse will verify which, if any, students have allergies and provide the staff member with a copy of the relevant 504 Plans or IHPs or EAPs and any medications that may be needed in the case of an allergic reaction.

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Activities and Athletics**Student Publications****Purposes Of Student Publications**

The publications fulfill a vital role within the school community in providing a means by which students, faculty, administrators, and community can communicate with other students, faculty, administrators and community members. The publications serve as a forum for the constructive expression of ideas, opinions, plans for innovation, events, etc., in a factually informative, interpretive, and entertaining manner, thereby providing primarily the students but also the faculty and administrators with an instrument of constructive leadership for influencing the school and community.

Student publications offer students an opportunity for practical and legitimate journalistic experience in terms of writing, editing, organizing, administering, financing and budgeting, etc. Assuming a position of leadership on the student publication signifies the student's acceptance of responsibility. The acceptance of this responsibility also provides the student with the opportunity to develop the potential which he/she possesses.

Standards

In fulfilling their roles as participants in the community media, students must demonstrate their maturity and dependability, and must show that they are capable of analyzing problems and making sound judgments. The following statement is adapted and modified from the Canons of Journalism by the American Society of Newspaper Editors.

1. Responsibility - The welfare and the best interests of school and community members must be the guideline for the publication of all material.
2. Freedom -With every freedom of speech and of the press there is a corresponding responsibility. No freedom, not even that of speech and of the press, is absolute. Student publications must be free to print what has been responsibly considered, researched and written. The staffs must demonstrate objectivity, but at the same time must be free to express viewpoints after presenting all sides of an issue. This policy should not rule out articles marked as news analysis advocating a particular point of view.
3. Accuracy - Thorough research of all materials -- news, editorials, features and sports -- will be conducted and the facts presented in an objective, balanced and truthful manner. The facts will be verified; the reporter will present them in the proper perspective; and the publications will print only that which is based on fact after careful research and investigation.

4. Fairness - Student publications will not make unjust or undue attacks on any individual group or person, and will provide an open forum for any viewpoints which are opposed to those of the publication.
5. Decency - Material published -- language, pictures and artwork -- will not be offensive, obscene, pornographic or injurious to any person or group.

Objectives and Responsibilities of the Publication Staff

In student publications, staff members must assume the following responsibilities:

1. To make a concerted effort as a staff to learn and to apply correct journalistic techniques of writing, editing, advertising and to seek the aid of professional journalists and responsible adults when and where necessary.
2. To assume obligations of a journalist in being responsible, honest, sensitive, fair, impartial, decent and dedicated to the necessity of a free and responsible press.
3. To be open-minded and representative of all feeling and ideas within the community, not only their own.
4. To plan each issue of the paper in order to provide a balance of informational, interpretive and entertaining material (all factually based); to give consideration to the importance, significance and value of each article and to the possible effect each article will have on the general welfare of the readers.
5. To research and verify all story ideas and related material and to refuse to publish any material until it has been verified as truthful and accurate.
6. To set priorities for material covered in the newspaper based on the importance, significance and interest of the material to the majority of the readers.
7. To develop a keen sense of observation and awareness about school, student and community activities and to report these accurately.
8. To establish a schedule of deadlines and to meet those deadlines as professionals.
9. To correct promptly all errors of fact for which the newspaper is responsible.
10. To develop faculty and administrative confidences and to keep those confidences.

11. To be supportive of the total school community and its activities and personnel. (Supportive - defined as praise, comment, or constructive criticism based on the offering of alternative suggestions and plans. It also involves the inclusion of names in the news in order to promote a sense of personal involvement on the part of the readers.)
12. To encourage intelligent thought and action from the readers.

Coverage of Material

News stories in student publications will be objective - free from opinion and bias. Stories will be based on facts obtained through thorough research and investigation. An emphasis will be placed on previewing upcoming events and activities to create interest. Newsworthy occurrences will receive attention in coverage articles. The stories will be presented on the pages of the paper in such a way that undue attention will not be given to articles of lesser value, interest or significance.

The primary function of features or special-interest articles is informational and entertainment. A special emphasis will be placed on in-depth coverage of material deemed to be of significant interest to the readers.

Sports articles will provide accurate description and records of athletic activities. Individual athletes will not be revered as stars or heroes, but proper credit for outstanding records, honors or performances will be given when due. The sports section of the paper will carry advance information to create interest in upcoming events as well as coverage articles for events. Material on the page will be varied to appeal to all readers, not just athletes and their avid fans. Proper coverage will be given to all teams and athletic activities, male and female, varsity and sub-varsity.

Responsibility for Handling Materials to be Published

Unchallenged Material

1. Writer directed to submit article and/or picture to page editor to whom reporter is immediately responsible; or unsolicited article submitted to an editor in that area.
2. Material reviewed by page editor responsible to determine if it meets standards for publications.
3. Materials reviewed by Editor-in-Chief.
4. Material reviewed by Faculty Advisor.

5. Material published.

Challenged Material

1. Editorial Level

If material submitted to a page editor is rejected, the writer, after a conference with the editor, may appeal to the Editorial Board. If the Editorial Board rejects the material, the writer may appeal to the faculty advisor. The faculty advisor, after hearing both sides, considering all factors and giving guidance and counsel, shall submit in writing his/her recommendations and resolutions. The Editorial Board may by a two-thirds vote reject the proposal of the faculty advisor and not publish the material. The statement of the final action taken by the Editorial Board will be signed by all parties.

2. Editor-in-Chief Level

If material presented by a page editor is rejected by an editor-in-chief, the writer after a conference with the editor-in-chief may appeal to the Editorial Board. If the Editorial Board rejects the material, the writer may appeal to the faculty advisor. The faculty advisor, after hearing both sides, considering all factors and giving guidance and counsel, shall submit in writing his/her recommendations and resolutions. The Editorial Board may by a two-thirds vote reject the proposal of the faculty advisor and not publish the material. A statement of the final action taken by the Editorial Board will be signed by all parties.

3. Faculty Advisor Level

Material found unobjectionable by the Editorial Board but questioned by the faculty advisor shall be discussed by both parties. If the difference cannot be resolved, the material shall be presented to the building principal for review and guidance.

Material still found unobjectionable by the Editorial Board but questioned by the faculty advisor and/or building principal shall be presented at a joint meeting of the Editorial Board and the advisor. The faculty advisor must give specific reasons for his/her objections and give guidance to the group. The student writer shall be afforded an opportunity to present his/her viewpoint. If the Editorial board by a two-thirds vote still finds the material unobjectionable it may be printed. A quorum will be considered present when two thirds of the Editorial Board attend a meeting, and two thirds of those present must agree.

A brief statement summarizing the dialogue held and signed by all parties shall be presented to the building principal. The building principal shall forward the statement and

copies of the article to the Superintendent and the Board of Education for their information. The signed statement shall signify that the Editorial Board fully understand the reservations of the faculty advisor and/or building principal and has chosen to exercise its option under the Board Policy.

4. Building Principal Level

The building principal/designee may delay or stop distribution of any materials proposed for printing or that have been printed which may be reasonably forecast to cause substantial and material disruption or obstruction of any lawful mission, process or function of the school.

The building principal/designee must forward a copy of the material to the Superintendent and a statement of reasons for delay or stoppage. The Superintendent shall schedule a hearing with all parties immediately to determine if the delay or stoppage was warranted.

Editorial Page Policy

An Editorial Board (composed of the editor-in-chief, chairman, the managing editor, news editor(s), editorial editor(s), feature editor(s), sports editor(s), photography editor(s), business manager, production manager, art editor and the head advertising manager) determines the content of the editorial page. Editorial ideas are presented to the Editorial Board for consideration. Editorials in the school publication will only be printed after all sides of an issue are considered and researched. The staff should consult with their advisor before printing issues which have a controversial connotation. The principal may also be consulted at the staff's discretion. There are basically four types of editorials that appear in the student publication:

1. The unsigned staff position: These editorials will deal with issues which the Editorial Board considers to be of importance to the school community and on which members of the Board reach a majority consensus after careful consideration and research of both sides of the issue. The purpose and content of each editorial or column will be stated in the article. Any editorial board member representing the minority opinion in these instances will be given space in which to express his/her view if he/she wishes. In instances of extremely controversial issues, unsigned editorials must represent the unanimous opinion of the Editorial Board. If a unanimous decision is not reached, both sides of the issue shall be printed under by-lines. Unsigned articles shall be designated as representative or staff opinion in the masthead of each issue.
2. By-line editorials: These editorials deal with issues the Editorial Board considers to be of importance, but on which they do not wish to take a staff position. These editorials may also represent issues on which members of the student body, not regularly affiliated with

the student publication staff, wish to express an opinion after researching the issue, perhaps in response to an unsigned editorial.

3. Letters to the Editor: Letters to the editor shall be accepted from any reader so long as those letters are signed and are in keeping with the policy of the student publication. The staff reserves the right to edit any letter after consulting with the author. The staff may refuse any letters which it feels are malicious, libelous, or irresponsible. Any letter that criticizes an individual or group shall be presented to that individual or member of that group before the letter is published so that the individual or group being attacked may make a response or reply if they so desire. The two letters shall then be published simultaneously. If the writer of any letter to the editor presents a good cause, his name may be withheld. This shall be so designated in the publication by "Name withheld upon request." The name of the writer may be available to legitimate authority for legitimate reasons if the student publication faculty advisor, the editor, and the writer so agree, legal requirements excepted.
4. Reviews and Critiques: Periodically, movies, books, plays and musical performances are reviewed or critiqued. This expression of interest in cultural activity is deemed as a legitimate function of the student publication in bringing these things to the readers' attention. All reviews and critiques - favorable and unfavorable - shall be constructive and in keeping with good taste. They shall not be malicious or irresponsibly done.

Pictures and Artwork

Pictures and artwork in the publications shall add to the meaning of a story, shall serve to identify individuals, and shall generally add reader interest to the publication. These pictures shall cover many and varied individuals and activities. The photographs shall not violate the right of privacy and shall present a truthful situation. Cartoons and artwork shall have a definite function within the editorial context of the publication.

Copyright Law

All published materials and reproductions of artwork, etc., must not violate copyright laws.

Advertising and Business Management

Financial Arrangements

The financial operation of student publications must be approved by the building principal in accordance with current district funding practices. At no time are financial arrangements to be entered into without principal or school district approval.

Advertising

1. Allocation of Space

The amount of space allocated to advertising in school publications should not dominate the overall image of the paper. This situation should be examined from time to time by the faculty advisor so as to protect as much editorial space as possible to develop the writing abilities of students. The publication schedule and the size of the individual issues of the school publication shall be a matter of judgment of the faculty advisor and editorial staff.

2. Advertising Rates

Advertising rates per column inch will be sent by each school publication with approval of the faculty advisor.

3. Acceptable Advertising

Advertising shall be accepted from bona fide business firms in operation for a year or more or from new firms of a stable and permanent character.

Any advertising offering employment opportunities promising high earnings, travel or other extravagant claims should be thoroughly investigated.

4. Types Prohibited

- a. No advertising of liquor, tobacco or narcotics shall be accepted.
- b. Advertising soliciting sales of patent medicines, health treatments, salacious literature, joke devices, firearms, lotteries or any other items prohibited by postal laws shall not be accepted.
- c. When students and/or staff pictures are used in advertising, they shall be requested to sign permission slips.
- d. Advertising for motion pictures rated "X" may not be accepted. Pictures rated "R", "G" and "PG" may be advertised.

5. Collections

Advertising contracts between the student publication and the advertiser are binding to both parties as per terms of the contract. In cases where the advertiser does not pay his

due bill, the business manager shall send at four (4) week intervals three (3) "reminder" letters. If the bill remains unpaid, the business manager shall make a personal call on the advertiser. If at this time the bill remains unpaid, the advertiser's name and contract shall be turned over to the building principal for action, as is stated in the third reminder sent to the advertiser. If the student publication staff fails to fulfill its contract terms, the contract is automatically canceled at no expense to the advertiser if he/she so desires.

Violations of Standards

If any school publication or publication other than those sponsored by schools is in violation of standards of school publications, the principal/designee shall request the distributor to desist distribution and call for a hearing immediately with parties involved.

Hearing procedures shall follow those in the school district guidelines.

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Regulation 2920 **(Form 2920)**

Activities and Athletics

Interscholastic Activities and Athletics

Interscholastic competition for secondary school students shall be provided through a variety of activities and athletics. Students are allowed to attain the privilege of representing their school by meeting the standards of eligibility as set forth by the Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA). These standards may include academic requirements, citizenship, age maximums, passing medical examinations and other items that are posted in the school and discussed by the coaches and sponsors with their students as well as mailed home to the parents/guardians of all student participants.

Interscholastic competition may be withheld from any student as a condition of discipline. Furthermore, all policies that apply to the regular school day apply also to interscholastic competition. Coaches and sponsors may establish policies for their groups in addition to those stated herein.

A student must be in attendance for the full day on days of extracurricular participation. Failure to do so will eliminate the student from practice or participation that day. Exceptions may be granted in special cases.

The following criteria will be followed:

1. Students will meet the eligibility requirements set out by MSHSAA.
2. Any student failing a class may be required to attend study sessions after school.
3. Any student receiving an incomplete grade because of failure to promptly complete work will be placed on the ineligibility list. Incomplete grades resulting from illness or other special circumstances during the last week or two of a grade period may be exempted.
4. Students displaying unacceptable citizenship behaviors may be suspended from participation.
5. Each coach and sponsor will establish written guidelines for their groups. These guidelines shall be presented orally and in written format. A copy of such guidelines will be on file with the principal.

The interscholastic competition program is an integral part of the secondary schools and shall supplement the curriculum program by providing worthwhile experiences to students that will enable them to develop the attributes of good citizenship. These programs will be administered by the principal/designee.

Participation in interscholastic competition is for students in grades nine through twelve (9 - 12) as determined by the local area athletic conference and the MSHSAA.

Programs of interscholastic competition will be planned in accordance with MSHSAA regulations and conference rules, and will include programs reflective of student interest. All student members should participate insofar as feasible. Access shall be provided contingent on budgetary limitations and in accordance with District guidelines for the following:

1. School facilities.
2. Sponsors and coaches.
3. Scheduling of meetings, practice times and games.
4. Number of events at each level of competition.
5. Equipment, supplies and services.

All faculty sponsors and coaches must hold a valid Missouri State Teacher's Certificate. Non-faculty head coaches must have as a minimum a four-year college degree and a valid Missouri Substitute Teaching Certificate. Non-faculty assistant coaches must have as a minimum a valid Missouri Substitute Teaching Certificate. Non-faculty head and assistant coaches must successfully complete the MSHSAA/NFHS Coaching Principles and Sports First Aid courses. Sponsors and coaches are required to follow all District regulations.

A student engaged in interscholastic competition must portray good citizenship in the school and community. He/she shall be required to be in conformance with all general school rules and regulations, rules established by the sponsors and coaching staff for the program in which he/she is participating, and conformance with the laws of the community.

The District's High School is a member of the MSHSAA. In all interscholastic competition matters, this school will adhere firmly to the rules and regulations of MSHSAA. The MSHSAA handbook will be considered a part of this regulation.

Regulations Governing Student Participation

A student must be under nineteen (19) years of age on or before July 1 preceding the opening of school, pass a medical examination and have parent/guardian permission. Ninth grade students must not be older than sixteen (16) years of age prior to July 1.

A student shall not be considered eligible while under out-of-school suspension. A student expelled or who withdraws from school because of disciplinary measures shall not be considered eligible for 365 days from the date of expulsion or withdrawal.

A student who is absent from school on the day of an interscholastic contest or on a Friday before an interscholastic contest on a Saturday will not be permitted to participate in said contest without a written release from the school principal.

Credit earned or completed after the close of the semester shall not count as having been earned that semester, except in case of a delayed final examination because of illness certified by a physician. Credit earned in summer school may count for or against the student's record for eligibility purposes if the classes are required for graduation from the local school. Students may count up to one (1) unit of credit for summer school toward establishing their eligibility for the fall semester. Summer school electives will not count toward eligibility.

A student shall not accept a cash or merchandise award in any competition in which MSHSAA member schools compete interscholastically. Awards for participation in nonschool competitions during the summer shall meet the same standards as awards given by schools during the school year.

The student must meet all other eligibility requirements of MSHSAA and the local area high school athletic conference.

Competition by students in organized nonschool-sponsored competition must meet the following conditions:

1. During the season, a student who represents his/her school by competing in an interscholastic contest shall not compete as a member of a nonschool team or as an individual participant in an organized nonschool competition in that same contest.
2. A student may compete in organized nonschool competition in other events in which MSHSAA member schools compete interscholastically if no school time is missed to compete, practice for, or travel to the site of nonschool competition; and if the student does not practice for or compete in the nonschool competition on the same date he/she practices or competes for the school.

District participation in interscholastic competition will be subject to approval by the Board.

Budgeting for the interscholastic competition program will include gate receipts and be incorporated into the general District budget. No expenditures for interscholastic competitions may be made in excess of those listed in the budget without approval by the Superintendent.

Hazing

Student hazing is expressly prohibited by Board of Education policy. For purposes of this policy, hazing is defined as willful conduct directed at another student, whether occurring on or off school property, for purposes of initiation or admission to any school-related activity or athletic team. Conduct prohibited by this policy includes, but is not limited to, exposure or contact of genitals, buttocks, or breasts (female students), directly or indirectly through contact with undergarments; threats of physical harm; and infliction of physical or mental harm or humiliation.

Students found to have violated this policy will be subject to suspension/expulsion from school and suspension and exclusion from activities/athletic participation depending on the severity of the misconduct.

Nonstudents who participate or enable the hazing of students may be excluded from attendance at school activities and school athletic events. District employees, including sponsors and coaches who have knowledge of student hazing but fail to take corrective action will be subject to discipline up to and including termination.

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Regulation 2921

Activities and Athletics

Participation by Non-Traditional Students

High School Enrollment Assessment

Prior to consideration and determination of eligibility, high school staff will review, among other things:

1. Past classes taken
2. Academic history
3. Credits
4. Logs
5. Attendance
6. Transcripts
7. Student's age
8. Semester taken in-state and out-of-state
9. Semester taken in non-traditional academic events

The purpose of this review will be to determine “prior semester” earned credit and the students’ grade placement upon enrollment. In doing so, staff will determine if credit for courses taken will be granted for purpose of the 80% requirement rule.

Determining Status of Bonafide Students¹

Consider whether:

1. Seat time credit (minimum of one unit of credit) will be placed on the transcript
2. Outside courses must be approved and validated in meeting the 80% rule.
3. Review and assess outside classes including where relevant testimonial evidence, course syllabi, timeliness for such classes
4. Review of Academic Success, including work logs, attendance, hours of instruction, grades achieved, transcripts, confirmatory testing where deemed necessary
5. Ensure close of semester for non-traditional option 2 students is designated
6. All students, traditional and non-traditional, must satisfy citizenship standards, semester rules, age rules, etc.
7. Uniformity of standards and policies for all students

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¹ 2017-18 MSHSAA Official Handbook, By-Law 2.3.4, page 44

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Regulation 2940

Activities and Athletics

Student Group Use of School Facilities

Secondary schools will provide an opportunity for student-initiated non-curricular groups to meet on school premises during non-instructional time when the following criteria have been met:

1. A meeting must be voluntary and student-initiated. No student shall be in any way coerced to participate in religious or other activity. Teachers and school administrators, when acting within the course and scope of their employment, will strictly observe a policy of official neutrality regarding religious activity.
2. No school employee may sponsor, promote, lead, or participate in any student-initiated, non-curricular meeting. However, a teacher, administrator, or other school employee may be assigned to monitor the group's facility use and student conduct.
3. Employees and agents of the school may be present at student-initiated religious meetings only in a non-participatory capacity.
4. The meeting does not materially and substantially interfere with the orderly conduct of educational activities within the school.
5. Nonschool persons may not direct, conduct, control, or regularly attend the meetings of a student-initiated, non-curricular group.

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