

# Operational Policies

## **40. Civil Rights, Title IX, Section 504**

CWC Kansas City assures that it will comply with:

1. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq., prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin in programs and activities receiving Federal financial assistance.
2. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504), as amended, 29 U.S.C. 794, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in programs and activities receiving Federal financial assistance.
3. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX), as amended, 20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq., which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in educational programs and activities receiving Federal financial assistance. The provisions of Title IX apply to students with regard to educational opportunities and freedom from harassment, employees with regard to employment opportunities and freedom from harassment, and to individuals with whom the Board does business.
4. The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended 42 U.S.C. 6101 et seq., prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance.
5. All regulations, guidelines, and standards lawfully adopted under the above statutes by the United States Department of Education.

The School shall appoint an administrator(s) to assure compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975. The School may designate only one employee to serve as both the Title IX and Section 504 Coordinator. In that case, the individual must assume the responsibilities of both coordinators.

It is the policy of the School to process all grievances in a fair and expeditious manner, with the intent of resolving them in a mutually agreeable manner.

## **41. Official School Year and School Day**

The CWC Kansas City Board will annually adopt a school calendar that will provide for a minimum of 174 days and 1,044 hours of pupil attendance.

The length of the school day will meet Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education requirements for six (6) clock hours of instruction. A school year and school day, in excess of the state required minimum, may be

recommended by the Principal or the Executive Director and approved by the Board.

If CWC Kansas City is dismissed due to inclement weather after school has been in session for three (3) or more hours, that day shall count as a full day. When the total hours lost due to inclement weather exceed the number of days built into the calendar, they will be made up in half or full day additions at the end of the school term.

CWC Kansas City shall be required to make up the first six (6) school days lost or canceled in excess of the days built in to the calendar due to inclement weather and half the number of days lost or canceled in excess of six days. For purposes of this Policy, "inclement weather" is defined as ice, snow, extreme cold, flooding or a tornado.

## **42. School Calendar**

### **Approval of Annual Calendar**

The Executive Director shall submit for approval by the Board a calendar for the upcoming school year no later than the last day of January of each preceding academic year. The calendar shall specify the calendar dates of the school year for students, the work year for staff, holidays and breaks, and other critical activities and events. The annual calendar shall comply with the School's policies and applicable regulations of the Missouri State Board of Education.

No later than the last regularly scheduled board meeting in February, the Board shall officially adopt an upcoming school year calendar.

Information pertaining to dissemination and publishing of the adopted calendar shall take place on the school's website and via other communication channels no later than March 1.

### **Authorization to Revise the Annual Calendar**

The Board, upon recommendation by the Executive Director has the authority to make changes to the official school calendar through a duly adopted board resolution.

## **43. Fiscal Year**

The fiscal year for the School shall be July 1 – June 30 of the following year.

## **44. School Annual Report**

CWC Kansas City officials will submit to the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education all data and reports as required by law and/or by regulations

of the Missouri State Board of Education. The Annual Report will be completed and submitted in accordance with department regulations.

The Annual Report will be available to all CWC Kansas City patrons, and to each member of the General Assembly representing a legislative LEA (Local Education Authority) that contains a portion of CWC Kansas City's attendance area.

#### **45. Public Inspection**

As required by Missouri statutes, CWC Kansas City shall make available for public inspection, and provide upon request, to the parent, guardian, or other custodian of any school-age pupil resident in the LEA in which the school is located the following information:

1. The school's charter;
2. The school's most recent annual report card published according to Missouri Revised Statute section 160.522;
3. The results of background checks on CWC Kansas City Board members; and
4. If operated by a management company, a copy of the written contract between the governing board of the school and the educational management organization or the charter management organization for services.

The school may charge reasonable fees, not to exceed the rate specified in section 610.026 for furnishing copies of documents under this subsection.

#### **46. Title I**

##### **Parent Involvement**

The Board recognizes the importance of parental involvement with the Title I program and will provide a variety of opportunities for parents to be involved in policy design and in the planning, implementation and review of Title I programs.

##### **Reporting Requirements**

Pursuant to the provisions of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, the School will submit its Federal Title I LEA Plan, describing the School's Title I services to the proper entities.

#### **47. Equal Educational Opportunity**

It is the policy of the Board to provide a free and appropriate education for students with disabilities. Students with disabilities are those who, because of certain atypical characteristics, have been identified by professionally qualified personnel as requiring special educational planning and services. Students with disabilities will be identified on the basis of physical, health, sensory, and/or emotional handicaps,

behavioral problems or observable exceptionalities in mental ability. It is possible that a student may have more than one type of disability.

The CWC Kansas City's programs and services available to meet the needs of these students will be in accordance with The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, The Education for All Handicapped Students Act of 1975, The Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504, and § 162.670 - .995 RSMo., Missouri Special Education Services. In addition, the identification of students with disabilities and the services provided by the LEA will be in accordance with the regulations and guidelines of the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's Current Plan for Part B of The Education of the Handicapped Act, as amended.

#### **48. Students of Legal Age**

Upon attainment of the age of eighteen (18), students will be deemed to be adults for purposes of educational records, placement and reporting.

#### **49. Student Educational Records**

CWC Kansas City will comply with the mandates of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and the Safe Schools Act regarding confidentiality of student records and disclosure of personally identifiable information.

The parents/guardians of students who are attending or have attended CWC Kansas City have the right to inspect and review the educational records of their students and to request amendment of their students' educational records due to errors and/or omission. CWC Kansas City has adopted procedures for the granting of parental requests for access to the educational records of their students within a reasonable period of time, but in no case more than forty-five (45) days after the request is made.

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

#### **50. Health Information Records**

Except as otherwise required to comply with the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504), records containing student health information will be stored separately from other student records in a locked file cabinet or in a secure computer file.

#### **51. School Safety Plan and Emergency School Closing**

## **School Safety Plan**

The School will cooperate fully with local emergency management preparedness authorities to develop and implement an emergency management preparedness program addressing man-made and natural disasters.

## **Emergency Suspension of School Operations or Activities**

The school may abide by school closures consistently with the Kansas City Public School District.

The Board further authorizes the Executive Director to suspend school operations or activities in the event of abnormal conditions, hazardous weather, or other emergencies that threaten the safety, welfare, or health of students or employees and to take whatever measures he/she deems necessary to protect students and staff.

The Principal shall establish orderly procedures to assure that appropriate communications with students, staff, and other stakeholders are maintained before, during and after the abnormal conditions potentially or actually causing suspension of school operations or activities. At a minimum, instruction on obtaining information pertaining to suspension of school operations and activities for students, staff, and other stakeholders shall be published in the student and staff handbooks.

School activities, defined as extracurricular events, activities, clubs, competitions, and the like, held before or after the official school day, shall not be held if normal school operations have been suspended on the same day. The Principal shall communicate with students and parents in a timely manner regarding the cancellation of these activities.

At the Principal's discretion, school activities as defined above, may be canceled even after operation of a regular school day if conditions exist to warrant such suspension. The school leader or other school leader shall communicate with students and parents in a timely manner regarding the cancellation of these activities.

## **52. Communicable Diseases**

A student shall not attend classes or other school-sponsored activities, if the student (1) has, or has been exposed to, an acute (short duration) or chronic (long duration) contagious or infectious disease, and (2) is liable to transmit the contagious or infectious disease, unless the Principal or his designee has determined, based upon medical evidence, that the student:

1. No longer has the disease.
2. Is not in the contagious or infectious stage of an acute disease.

3. Has a chronic infectious disease that poses little risk of transmission in the school environment with reasonable precautions.

School officials may require any child suspected of having a contagious or infectious disease to be examined by a physician and may exclude the child from school, in accordance with the procedures authorized by this policy, so long as there is a substantial risk of transmission of the disease in the school environment.

A student who has a chronic infectious disease, and who is permitted to attend school, may be required to do so under specified conditions. Failure to adhere to the conditions will result in the student being excluded from school. A student who has a chronic infectious disease and who is not permitted to attend school or participate in school activities will be provided instruction in an alternative educational setting in accordance with CWC Kansas City policy.

Students with acute or chronic contagious or infectious diseases and their families have a right to privacy and confidentiality. Only staff members who have a medical reason to know the identity and condition of such students will be informed. Willful or negligent disclosure of confidential information about a student's medical condition by staff members will be cause for disciplinary action.

CWC Kansas City will implement reporting and disease outbreak control measures in accordance with the provisions of Missouri Department of Health publication PACH-16, "Prevention and Control of Communicable Diseases: A Guide for School Administrators, Nurses, Teachers and Day Care Operators," a copy of which shall be on file in the office of the Principal.

### **53. Distribution of Medicine**

If CWC Kansas City employs a school nurse, the nurse (or another employee designated by the Principal) may provide assistance with medication (this includes prescription or over-the-counter medication) only if all of the following requirements are met:

1. Prescription drugs must be in the original container, bear the name of the student, the name of the physician and the name of the pharmacy filing the prescription. Over-the-counter drugs must be maintained in the original container.
2. The appropriate approval form for medication must have been completed and signed by the parent or guardian for each medication.
3. The school nurse or other designated employee shall keep a written report of medication taken by the student.

The School reserves the right to refuse to administer certain types of medication (at the discretion of the school nurse or other employee authorized by the Principal or other authorized school leader) when such administration could prove harmful to staff or student without proper training or direction of a doctor.

## **Student Self-Administration of Medicine**

Please see statutory requirement regarding student self-administration of medicine:  
<http://www.moga.mo.gov/mostatutes/stathtml/16700006271.html>

### **54. Immunizations**

All students attending CWC Kansas City are required to be in compliance with state programs mandating immunization against specific diseases. Failure to comply with CWC Kansas City immunization requirements will result in exclusion from school until proof of compliance is provided. Homeless children will be granted a temporary twenty-four (24) hour grace period within which to submit proof of compliance.

The Principal shall institute procedures for the maintenance of health records, which are to show the immunization status of every student enrolled or attending the CWC Kansas City, and for the completion of all necessary reports in accordance with guidelines prepared by the Department of Social Services-Missouri Division of Health.

### **55. Student Group Use of School Facilities**

Pursuant to the Equal Access Act, the Board will provide an opportunity for student-initiated non-curricular groups to conduct meetings on school premises, during non-instructional time, and will not discriminate against students on the basis of the religious, political or philosophical content of the speech at such meetings.

### **56. Student and Classroom Observations**

While CWC Kansas City acknowledges that some educational benefit may be derived from third parties wishing to conduct classroom observations for research purposes for educational products or services, it is the responsibility of the School to protect the privacy of all students.

Requests for observations by an outside educational or clinical professional must be submitted in writing to the Principal or other authorized school leader for consideration at least two weeks in advance of the requested observation. The request must include the name and credentials of the professional who will be observing the classroom, the purpose of the classroom observation, the data that will be collected and a certification that the third party will comply with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA") and any other applicable state or federal laws pertaining to student privacy. In addition, the third party may be required to execute a confidentiality agreement.

The Principal or other school leader must provide parents of students in the classroom written notice of a third party's desire to observe the classroom, and parent concerns regarding outside observers shall be taken into consideration in the decision whether or not to allow the third party to observe the classroom.

If the outside professional is approved for the observation, all data collected shall be provided to the Principal or other authorized school leader.

Upon request, the Principal or other authorized school leader may, at his/her discretion, grant permission for visits by outside service providers who currently provide private educational or therapy services to a current student. To minimize disruption to the instructional program, outside service providers must comply with the guidelines for all visitors plus the following additional guidelines:

1. The third party must currently provide educational or therapy services to the student;
2. Provide the Principal or other authorized school leader an appropriate Release of Confidential Information under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), signed by the parent/guardian;
3. Have the parent/guardian coordinate the observation date and time;
4. Limit the observation to one hour unless an extended time period has been granted in advance of the scheduled observation; and
5. Conduct the session in such a manner that allows the regular school program to continue during the visit by refraining from engaging the attention of the teacher or student(s) through conversation or other means.

## **57. School Attendance**

The Board shall abide by the compulsory attendance laws of the state of Missouri, with the exception of those students who may be excused from full-time attendance by the Principal. Individual petitions for any deviation from full-time attendance shall be considered by the Principal on the merits of the individual student's application and in compliance with state law and regulations.

Students may attend CWC Kansas City on a part-time basis as provided by state law and regulations of the Board.

In order to receive maximum benefit from the instructional activities, students are expected to be in school each day unless excused for legitimate reasons. Students and parents must assume responsibility for being punctual and regular in attendance.

### **Attendance Rules**

Absences will be classified as excused or unexcused. Excused absences are those due to emergencies such as:

1. Personal illness or attendance in school endangers a student's health or the health of others.

2. A serious illness or death in a student's immediate family necessitating absence from school.
3. A court order or an order by a governmental agency mandating absence from school.
4. Observance of religious holidays.
5. Conditions rendering attendance impossible or hazardous to student health or safety.
6. A student whose parent or legal guardian is in military service in the armed forces of the United States or the National Guard, and such parent or legal guardian has been called to duty for or is on leave from overseas deployment to a combat zone or combat support posting, shall be granted excused absences, up to a maximum of five school days per school year, for the day or days missed from school to visit with his or her parent or legal guardian prior to such parents or legal guardians deployment or during such parents or legal guardian leave.

Unexcused absences are all failures to attend school other than those specifically listed above.

If a student is absent from school, the student must bring an excuse from home the day the student returns.

When the student is absent, the school will attempt to contact the parent to determine the cause of absence. However, the written excuse must be brought, whether or not a contact is made by phone. The Office Manager will maintain an accurate phone log of absentee calls.

All work missed due to illness must be made up by the student within a reasonable time or the student risks not receiving credit for the missed work. It is the student's responsibility to make arrangements with the teacher for make-up work.

In order to participate in an extracurricular or after school activity, a student must be in attendance on the school day of the activity.

For each absence beyond ten (10) days, students must bring an excuse from a doctor, dentist, health center, etc., or court for the absence(s) to be excused.

## **58. Student Attendance Accounting**

An accurate accounting of student attendance, transportation and food service records shall be kept by the CWC Kansas City. The records will be in accordance with state law and appropriate regulations of the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

The Principal, with the assistance of the Office Manager, will be responsible for maintaining student attendance accounting, and for submitting monthly reports of

such records to the Board, which will in turn be responsible for preparing reports to be submitted to the appropriate state offices.

## **59. Eye Protection**

Every student, teacher and visitor is required to wear an "industrial quality eye protective device" when participating in or observing any of the following:

1. Vocational, technical, industrial arts, chemical, or chemical-physical shops or laboratories involving exposure to the following: hot molten metals, or other molten materials; milling, sawing, turning, shaping, cutting, grinding or stamping of any solid materials; heat treatment, tempering, or kiln firing of any metal or other materials; gas or electric arc welding, or other forms of welding processes; repair or servicing of any vehicle; caustic or explosive materials;
2. Chemical, physical, or combined chemical-physical laboratories involving caustic or explosive materials, hot liquids or solids, injurious radiations or other hazards not enumerated.

"Industrial quality eye protective devices" means devices meeting the standards of the American National Standard Practice for Occupational and Educational Eye and Face Protection, Z87.1-1968, and subsequent revisions thereof, approved by the American National Standards Institute, Inc.

## **60. Course Requirements – Constitution, American History, Missouri Government**

1. If CWC Kansas City offers high school education the school shall offer in grade nine, ten, eleven, or twelve a course of instruction in the institutions, branches and functions of the government of the state of Missouri, including local governments, and of the government of the United States, and in the electoral process. Each pupil who receives a high school diploma or certificate of graduation shall satisfactorily complete such a course of study. Such course shall be of at least one semester in length and may be two semesters in length.

The school may waive the requirements of this subsection for any student who transfers from outside the state to a Missouri high school if the student can furnish documentation deemed acceptable by the school of the student's successful completion in any year from the ninth through the twelfth grade of a course of instruction in the institutions, branches, and functions of state government, including local governments, and of the government of the United States, and in the electoral process.

2. American history courses at the elementary and secondary levels shall include in their proper time-line sequence specific referrals to the details and

events of the racial equality movement that have caused major changes in United States and Missouri laws and attitudes.

3. No pupil shall receive a certificate of graduation unless he has satisfactorily passed an examination on the provisions and principles of the Constitution of the United States and of the state of Missouri, and in American history and American institutions.

## **61. Reading Instruction**

Pursuant to the Missouri Reading Instruction Act (Section 170.014), the school shall have reading programs in kindergarten through grade three based in scientific research. Such programs shall include the essential components of phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension, and all new teachers who teach reading in kindergarten through grade three shall receive adequate training in these areas. The program may include "explicit systematic phonics", which, for the purposes of this section, shall mean the methodology of pronouncing and reading words by learning the phonetic sound association of individual letters, letter groups, and syllables, and the principles governing these associations.

## **62. Human Sexuality and Sexually Transmitted Diseases Instruction**

Pursuant to Missouri law (section 170.015), course materials and instruction relating to human sexuality and sexually transmitted diseases shall be medically and factually accurate and shall:

1. Present abstinence from sexual activity as the preferred choice of behavior in relation to all sexual activity for unmarried pupils because it is the only method that is one hundred percent effective in preventing pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases and the emotional trauma associated with adolescent sexual activity, and advise students that teenage sexual activity places them at a higher risk of dropping out of school because of the consequences of sexually transmitted diseases and unplanned pregnancy;
2. Stress that sexually transmitted diseases are serious, possible, health hazards of sexual activity. Pupils shall be provided with the latest medical information regarding exposure to human immunodeficiency virus, acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS), human papilloma virus, hepatitis and other sexually transmitted diseases;
3. Present students with the latest medically factual information regarding both the possible side effects and health benefits of all forms of contraception, including the success and failure rates for the prevention of pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases; or shall present students with information on contraceptives and pregnancy in a manner consistent with the provisions of the federal abstinence education law, 42 U.S.C. Section 710;

4. Include a discussion of the possible emotional and psychological consequences of preadolescent and adolescent sexual activity and the consequences of adolescent pregnancy, as well as the advantages of adoption, including the adoption of special needs children, and the processes involved in making an adoption plan;
5. Teach skills of conflict management, personal responsibility and positive self-esteem through discussion and role-playing at appropriate grade levels to emphasize that the pupil has the power to control personal behavior. Pupils shall be encouraged to base their actions on reasoning, self-discipline, sense of responsibility, self-control, and ethical considerations, such as respect for one's self and others. Pupils shall be taught not to make unwanted physical and verbal sexual advances or otherwise exploit another person. Pupils shall be taught to resist unwanted sexual advances and other negative peer pressure;
6. Advise pupils of the laws pertaining to their financial responsibility to children born in and out of wedlock and advise pupils of the provisions of chapter 566 pertaining to statutory rape.

When providing human sexuality instruction students may be separated according to gender for instructional purposes.

The school shall notify the parent or legal guardian of each student enrolled in the school of:

1. The basic content of the district's or school's human sexuality instruction to be provided to the student; and
2. The parent's right to remove the student from any part of the district's or school's human sexuality instruction.
3. All curriculum materials used in the human sexuality instruction shall be available for public inspection pursuant to chapter 610 prior to the use of such materials in actual instruction.
4. The school will not provide abortion services, or permit a person or entity to offer, sponsor, or furnish in any manner any course materials or instruction relating to human sexuality or sexually transmitted diseases to its students if such person or entity is a provider of abortion services.

### **63. Textbooks**

The term "textbook" means workbooks, manuals, or other books, whether bound or in loose-leaf form, intended for use as a principal source of study material for a given class or group of students, a copy of which is expected to be available for the individual use of each pupil in such class or group.

The school shall purchase and loan free all textbooks for all children who are enrolled in grades kindergarten through twelve, and may purchase textbooks and instructional materials for prekindergarten students.

Only textbooks filed with the state board of education pursuant to section 170.061 shall be purchased and loaned under this section. No textbooks shall be purchased or loaned under this section to be used in any form of religious instruction or worship.

## **64. Grading and Reporting**

### **Grading**

The Board shall vest responsibility in the Principal or other authorized school leader for developing a grading scale which comports with the school's instructional philosophy, curriculum, and state mandates.

Teachers shall use a variety of methods to assess student progress.

### **Reporting**

A report card will go home every trimester (3 times per school year).

The report card shall provide accurate reporting of student progress against academic and other standards based on qualitative and quantitative evidence collected on classroom work, projects, tests, quizzes, performance based tasks, observations, and other evidence.

Cumulative grades shall be transferred to students' individual permanent school record and report cards and permanent records shall be maintained in the student's files according to the adopted records retention schedule.

Teachers are expected to maintain regular communications with parents by providing timely return of graded classwork and convening informative student conferences.

## **65. School Admissions**

CWC Kansas City shall be open to all students. In the event of a lottery, preference will be given to geographic area as defined in the charter. CWC Kansas City does not limit admission based on race, ethnicity, national origin, sexual orientation, disability, gender, income level, proficiency in the English language or athletic ability, but may limit admission to students within a given age group or grade level.

If capacity of CWC Kansas City is insufficient to enroll all students who submit an application during the open enrollment period (established in March of each year), the school will use a lottery admissions process in order to assure all applicants an equal chance of gaining admission.

Students will not be required to complete any test or measure in order to be admitted to CWC Kansas City. Once students are formally enrolled, formal and

informal assessments may be administered to determine the most appropriate instructional plan and placement for each student.

## **Registration**

Regardless of when mailed, all applications for CWC Kansas City must be physically present in the administrative office of the located at 3435 Broadway, Kansas City, MO 64111 on or before the Board approved date and time as publically shared, no later than November 1 of the preceding fall.

All applications must be complete. Regardless of reason, failure to have a completed application package in the office of CWC Kansas City by this deadline may constitute a waiver of inclusion in the lottery for the following school year.

In order to complete the registration process the following must be received by CWC Kansas City: completed enrollment application (including the release of records and all required supporting documentation (such as proof of residency, immunizations). Applications that are received timely but are incomplete due to circumstances beyond the control of the applicant may be included in the lottery at the discretion of Executive Director with a right of appeal to the Board.

Any applications not present in the CWC Kansas City offices by the deadline will be deemed to have waived participation in the lottery regardless of reason.

CWC Kansas City's admission procedures will be published annually.

A register of all complete applications, received in a timely manner, will be maintained in the CWC Kansas City office and will be available for review should an applicant wish to review their individual application. Applicants are required to assure their application is registered prior to the deadline.

Priority for enrollment will be given in the following order in accordance with the approved charter petition:

1. Currently enrolled students
2. Faculty, staff, and board member children:
  - a. For children of full time faculty and full time instructional staff - Full time instructional staff hired after the lottery date for the following school year will be given priority over board member children.
3. Siblings - Siblings of students currently enrolled on the date of the lottery
4. All other eligible students within the geographic boundary preference as outlined in the charter.

## **Lottery**

When more registrants than seats in a class, grade level, or the school have been received, a public lottery shall be held.

The lottery process shall be published in advance and articulated prior to commencement of the lottery.

The lottery shall be observed and certified by a third party individual.

## **Wait List**

Lottery positions and waiting list positions will not be secured from year to year. Those offered the opportunity to enroll from the waiting list will have three (3) days to complete the enrollment process before the opening will be offered to the next student on the waiting list.

It is the responsibility of the wait listed parent or guardian to provide updated contact information including a phone number and address, and an email if possible.

Waitlist parents must also provide an emergency contact person in the event they cannot be reached regarding an opening. Failure to keep updated information throughout the school year resulting in an inability to notify the parent of an opening waives the student's placement on the waitlist.

A school designee shall contact the next person on the wait list if a slot becomes available. Contact may be made by phone, and if available, by email. Every effort will be made to reach the individual in person; however, if this is not possible, a message will be left on the phone and/or email.

The parents will be given 72 Hours to contact CWC Kansas City and make a decision to accept the opening. If contact or a decision is not made within this time frame, the next student on the wait list is extended the offer.

## **66. Student Fees**

No fees shall be charged for enrollment, supplies, equipment or costs attributable to courses of study, which are offered for credit. Students shall be required to pay for materials, which are used in constructing projects or other items, which are to be removed from the school, and are thereby the property of the student.

Students may be charged fees or admission for participation in activities, which are voluntary, such as attendance at school athletic, or other co-curricular events. The fee schedule for such events shall be submitted to the Board for approval annually.

## **67. Student Records**

CWC Kansas City will comply with the mandates of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and the Safe Schools Act regarding confidentiality of student records and disclosure of personally identifiable information.

The parents/guardians of students who are attending or have attended CWC Kansas City have the right to inspect and review the educational records of their students and to request amendment of their students' educational records due to errors and/or omission. CWC Kansas City has adopted procedures for the granting of parental requests for access to the educational records of their students within a reasonable period of time, but in no case more than forty-five (45) days after the request is made.

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

## **68. Fieldtrips and Enrichment Activities**

### **Fieldtrips and Enrichment Activities**

All field trips and enrichment activities should be a cooperative activity involving teachers, pupils, administrators and parents. Trips/activities should be carefully planned for timely implementation as part of the instructional, co-curricular, or extracurricular programs of the school.

The Principal or their designee has the responsibility of developing a field trip and enrichment activity manual. This handbook furnishes guidelines for field trips and enrichment activities, planning information; parental permission forms, solicitation letters, and approved categorized lists of recommended field trips/activities. The handbook is to be revised and approved annually when necessary.

Annual field trip plans for school day instructional trips should be developed by each teacher early in the school year and submitted to the Principal or other authorized school leader for approval.

### **Board Notification**

The Principal shall inform the Board of approaching field trips that are overnight or out-of-state.

### **Documentation**

Appropriate parental permission forms must be received and kept on file for students to participate in any field trip.

### **Unauthorized Fieldtrips**

Unless approved by the Executive Director, trips organized by teachers in conjunction with parents or other non-school organizations to any destinations during holiday periods (for example, Summer, Thanksgiving, Winter Break, Spring Break) will not be recognized by the Board as approved field trips. The Board assumes no liability for such trips. The use of school staff during the regular work day, school facilities, and school supplies for planning such trips is prohibited. The recruitment of students for such trips, or communicating information related to such trips should not occur on school property.

## **69. Volunteers and Chaperones**

CWC Kansas City encourages participation of parents and citizens of the community to volunteer in the school in order to serve as additional resources to the teachers and students. Prior to serving as a volunteer, each individual who may have unsupervised contact with a child must complete an application for the position, have a satisfactory criminal records check, and have a satisfactory check of the child abuse/neglect records maintained by the Missouri Department of Social Services.

### **Chaperone Duties and Responsibilities.**

All students must ride in school provided transportation both to and from the fieldtrip and during transport during a fieldtrip to multiple locations. At no time will students ride in cars unless prior approval by administration is granted in writing.

School staff shall maintain a list of all chaperones and the students to which they are assigned. Chaperones are responsible specifically to supervision of these students; however, they also retain responsibility for general supervision and safety of all CWC Kansas City students.

Adults observing behavior by students or other adults during a fieldtrip that is contrary to school policy or procedure shall immediately report the incident to a CWC Kansas City staff member or administration.

School staff is responsible for taking roll of students prior to departure from any location, every time the group reconvenes, and periodically throughout the course of trip to ensure all students are present. School staff may not delegate this responsibility to a chaperone or any other person.

The use of cell phones and texting should be for emergency use only when acting in a supervisory capacity.

Chaperones should be strategically located on buses and at venues to ensure that students are adequately supervised at all times.

Chaperones may not bring siblings of their child who is attending the trip.

Chaperones may not leave the group or venue at any time during the course of a fieldtrip from departure from the school to arrival at the school after the trip. Chaperones and CWC Kansas City staff are expected to participate in all activities planned as part of a field trip itinerary.

Chaperones may not drink alcoholic beverages, utilize illegal substances, smoke or chew tobacco, or use profanity at any time during the course of a fieldtrip from departure from the school to arrival at the school after the trip. Chaperones should refrain from socializing with other chaperones or CWC Kansas City staff while supervising students.

Chaperones should ensure that all students remain seated on the bus and monitor student behavior on the bus. Students are expected to be quiet while in heavy traffic, when exiting/entering the interstate, or when crossing a railroad track.

Students should be escorted into and out of public bathrooms. At no time should any student, even a child of a chaperone, be left unattended in a bathroom.

Students should never be left unattended by an adult.

Students should remain with their specific chaperone unless authorized by a CWC Kansas City staff member.

Students who become ill during the course of a field trip should be brought to a CWC Kansas City staff member. Parents of the student should be promptly contacted by the CWC Kansas City staff member. The staff member and chaperone will work collaboratively to ensure the child is properly attended.

All procedures and rules specific to a field trip shall be strictly adhered to by all parents, students, and CWC Kansas City staff.

## **70. Parent and Student Complaints and Grievances**

### **Purpose and General Policy Provisions Related to Resolution of Concerns.**

Students and parents have the right and responsibility to express school related concerns and grievances to the faculty and administration. Students and parents shall be assured the opportunity for an orderly presentation and timely review of concerns

### **Process**

The faculty and administration shall make an honest and forthright effort to resolve grievances as quickly as possible at the most immediate level of authority.

The levels of authority shall be as follows:

1. Classroom related concerns – teachers
2. School related concerns (including policies, procedures, administration, unresolved classroom related concerns, etc.) – Principal
3. Appeals – Governing Board Grievance Committee

Decisions rendered by the Governing Board shall be considered final.

Any teacher, staff member, or administrator shall have the authority to table any meeting considered to be unproductive, threatening, hostile, inappropriate, or lacking appropriate representation.

All Appeals to the Governing Board Grievance Committee must be submitted in writing and submitted **(insert process upon completion of family handbook.)**

## **71. Technology Acceptable Use Policy**

### **Internet Use and Safety**

CWC Kansas City recognizes that computers and the Internet have educational purpose when used properly. CWC Kansas City will take all measures necessary to provide individual users, both students and administrators, with the understanding and skills necessary to use the Internet appropriately in ways that meet educational needs and personal safety. However, there is always the risk that some students might encounter information on the Internet that could be of potential harm or inappropriate to the student. While CWC Kansas City will inform students on the appropriate use of email and Internet safety and will take all necessary measures to ensure students use computers and the Internet consistent with the terms of this policy, due to the uncontrollable nature inherent to the Internet, CWC Kansas City cannot guarantee the Internet and computer environment for its students. CWC Kansas City does comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) and uses available filtering software.

The use of Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges. The system administrators and teachers will deem what is inappropriate use and their decision is final. The school may deny, revoke, or suspend specific user access.

### **Staff Responsibilities for Use of Technology**

1. Develop and help students develop the skills needed to discriminate among information sources, to identify information appropriate to age and developmental levels, and to evaluate and use information to meet educational goals;
2. Supervise and/or monitor all to whom one grants access to technology resources regarding implementation of this policy;

3. Take an active role in ensuring that students and their parents are aware of the individual student's responsibility to use technology resources in an ethical and educational manner.
4. Supervise student Internet and computer usage.

### **Student Responsibilities for Use of Technology**

1. Obtain parental permission before using any school computer on the Internet
2. Never give out personal or family information such as phone numbers, credit card numbers, or home addresses.
3. Never arrange for a face-to-face meeting with a stranger and never respond to abusive or suggestive messages. Report all such instances immediately to a teacher or member of the technology staff.
4. Use appropriate language when using electronic email or other use of the computer. Do not swear, use vulgarities or any other inappropriate language.

### **Network User Responsibilities**

1. Use of the LEA's technology resources must be in support of education and research consistent with the educational objectives of the School.
2. Comply with all rules and laws regarding access and copying of information as prescribed by Federal, State, or local law, and Internet providers.
3. Be polite and appropriate. Adhere to all standards of courtesy, etiquette, and existing board policies as they may be interpreted to apply to technology resources.
4. Help maintain security of LEA technology resources by following this policy and maintaining secrecy of all passwords. All known breaches of security must be reported to the school leader or authorized school leader.
5. Be aware that network files and electronic mail are not guaranteed to be private. School technology personnel shall have access to all files.
6. Do not permit others to use your account.

### **Unacceptable Uses Include, but are not limited to:**

1. Providing unauthorized or inappropriate access to LEA technology resources.
2. Any attempt to harm or destroy data of another user or other networks connected to the Internet.
3. Activities involving the loss or unauthorized use of others' work.
4. Distribution or use of obscene, abusive, or threatening material.
5. Unauthorized use of school resources for commercial, illegal, or profit-making enterprises.
6. Knowingly wasting technology resources.

7. Physical abuse of the equipment.
8. Using technology resources in ways that violate school policies and behavior standards.
9. Degrading or disrupting equipment or system performance.
10. Installing unauthorized software on school computers or any violation of copyright established for computer software.
11. Knowingly uploading or creating computer viruses.

### **Internet Use Agreement**

To support and respect each family's right to decide whether or not their child may have access to this resource, no child will be allowed to operate a computer to access the Internet unless all parties commit to responsibility by completing the School Internet Use Agreement. No child will be allowed to operate a computer to access the Internet without direct adult supervision.

Transmission of any material in violation of any U.S. or state regulation is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to; copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, or material protected by trade secret. Use for product advertisement or political lobbying is also prohibited. Use for commercial activities is generally not acceptable.

## **72. Drug-Free Schools**

Pursuant to requirements of the 1989 amendments of the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act and to the requirements of the Safe Schools Act, and for the purpose of preventing the use of illicit drugs and alcohol by students, CWC Kansas City shall provide age-appropriate, developmentally based drug and alcohol education and prevention programs to all students. Such programs will address the legal, social and health consequences of drug and alcohol use, and provide information about effective techniques for resisting peer pressure to use illicit drugs or alcohol.

CWC Kansas City shall provide information about any drug and alcohol counseling and rehabilitation and re-entry programs that are available to students. Students may be required to participate in such programs in order to avoid suspension or expulsion if they are found to be in violation of this policy. All parents/guardians and students shall annually be provided with a copy of this policy.

CWC Kansas City certifies that it has adopted and implemented the drug prevention program described in this policy in the form required by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education or the United States Department of Education. The School conducts a biennial review of such program to determine its effectiveness, to implement necessary changes and to ensure that the disciplinary sanctions are consistently enforced.

### **73. Truancy, Child Abuse and Educational Neglect**

In accordance with 210.115,1 RSMO educators in Missouri have the duty to report suspected truancy, child abuse, and educational neglect to the Missouri Children's Division.

#### **Mandate**

Any CWC Kansas City official or employee who knows or has reasonable cause to suspect that a student is being subjected to home conditions or circumstances which would reasonably result in truancy will immediately make a report via the Student Abuse Hotline to the Children's Division. The employee shall inform the Principal, whom shall inform the Executive Director that a report has been made and the Executive Director will keep the Board apprised of the status of the case.

An oral report shall be made immediately, but in no case later than 24 hours from the time there is reasonable cause to believe a child has been abused, by telephone or otherwise and followed by a report in writing, if requested, to a child welfare agency providing protective services, as designated by the Missouri Children's Division, or, in the absence of such agency, to an appropriate police authority or LEA attorney.

### **74. Discipline**

#### **Purpose**

CWC Kansas City's discipline policy sets out the rules of student behavior applicable to all students and the procedures for imposing discipline on students who violate these rules. In general, discipline is designed to correct a student's misconduct and to encourage the student to be a responsible citizen of the school community. Disciplinary actions will be in proportion to the severity of the unacceptable behavior, its impact on the school environment, the student's age and grade level, the student's previous discipline history, and other relevant factors.

The disciplinary process may include due consideration of student support services that may be available through the school, the school system, other public entities, or community organizations. Where feasible, CWC Kansas City prefers to reassign disruptive students to alternative educational settings rather than to suspend or expel such students from school.

Parental notification and parental involvement are essential to any effort to modify a student's inappropriate behavior. The intent of this policy will only be effective if parents and guardians, teachers, and school administrators work together to improve student behavior and enhance academic performance.

The Board authorizes the immediate removal of a student upon a finding by the Principal or designee that the student poses a threat of harm to self or others, as

evidenced by the prior conduct of such student. Any such removal will be subject to the appropriate due process procedures and in accordance with law.

No student may be confined in an unattended locked space except in an emergency situation while awaiting the arrival of law enforcement personnel. For the purpose of this policy, a student is unattended if no person has visual contact with the student, and a locked space is a space that the student cannot reasonably exit without assistance.

### **Enforcement**

The Principal is responsible for the development of additional regulations and procedures regarding student conduct needed to maintain proper behavior in schools under their supervision. All such regulations and procedures shall be consistent with Board-adopted discipline policies.

Teachers have the authority and responsibility to make and enforce necessary rules for internal governance in the classroom, subject to review by the Principal. The Board expects each teacher to maintain a satisfactory standard of conduct in the classroom. All LEA staff is required to enforce LEA policies, regulations and procedures in a manner that is fair and developmentally appropriate and that considers the student and the individual circumstances involved.

All employees of the LEA shall annually receive instruction related to the specific contents of the LEA's discipline policy and any interpretations necessary to implement the provisions of the policy in the course of their duties including, but not limited to, approved methods of dealing with acts of school violence, disciplining students with disabilities and instruction in the necessity and requirements for confidentiality.

### **Investigation Process**

When a violation of school rules is reported or suspected, the Principal or designee will determine whether an investigation is warranted and, if so, will instruct appropriate personnel to conduct an investigation. The investigation should include interviews with the alleged perpetrator(s), victim(s), identified witnesses, teacher(s), staff members, and others who might have relevant information. Written statements should be obtained from all individuals who are interviewed. Video surveillance, if available, should be reviewed and secured. Any other physical and documentary evidence should be collected and preserved. School counselors, school social workers, school police, and other support staff should be utilized for their expertise as determined by the circumstances of the matter. At an appropriate time during or after the investigation, the parent or guardian will be notified. However, if the incident involves an injury or similar situation, appropriate medical attention should be provided, and the parent or guardian should be notified immediately.

## Definitions of Disciplinary Methods

1. In-School Suspension - Defined as the removal of a student from regular classes and assignment to an in-school suspension setting in the local school. The student's teachers send class assignments to in-school suspension. The student may not attend or participate in extracurricular activities while assigned to in-school suspension.

A teacher may request that a student who has been assigned to in-school suspension be allowed to attend his/her class (such as lab classes). The granting of this request is limited to cases where it is extremely important that a class not be missed or where a class cannot be made up at a later date. The Principal has the final decision.

For minor offenses, in lieu of in-school suspension, and upon student or parent request, students may be given the option of school service (i.e., picking up trash on the school grounds, cleaning lunchroom tables, etc.), provided the school service is age-appropriate, supervised, and does not include restroom duties.

2. Out-of-School Suspension - Defined as the removal of a student from school (or school bus) for one (1) to ten (10) school days. The Principal may impose an out-of-school suspension of up to ten (10) school days. Schoolwork missed during 1-3 day suspensions may be made up when the student returns to school. For suspensions of 4-10 school days, parents/guardians may request schoolwork and pick up the schoolwork during school hours.
3. Long-term suspension - Defined as the removal of a student from school (or school bus) for more than ten (10) school days but not beyond the current school semester. Only the Student Evidentiary Hearing Committee (defined below) or the school's governing board may impose long-term suspension.

A student on long-term suspension who has not been referred to an alternative school may not receive homework, make up work, or take semester exams unless allowed to do so by the Student Evidentiary Hearing Committee or the school's governing board. A student on long-term suspension is not allowed on school property and may not participate in any school activities or school functions.

In some cases, the Principal may temporarily postpone a student's suspension if the offense was committed at a critical time in the academic calendar (i.e., immediately before final exams). This does not apply to offenses that are violations of state or federal law or that involve weapons, violence, or drugs.

4. Expulsion - Defined as the removal of a student from school (or school bus) for a specified period of time beyond the current semester. Only the Student Evidentiary Hearing Committee or the school's governing board may impose expulsion.

A student who has been expelled may not attend any school within the LEA but may apply for readmission after six months.

5. Alternative School - A student who is removed from his/her local school for more than ten (10) school days may be allowed to attend an alternative school for instruction, academic support, and counseling. Alternative school enables a student to take academic classes that allow the student to keep up with the course credit requirements toward graduation. The student may not return to his/her school or any other school or attend any extracurricular activities while attending an alternative school pursuant to a long-term suspension or expulsion.
6. Probation - Probation means that a student is placed on a trial period during which the student is expected to maintain good behavior. A student found guilty of certain offenses may be placed on probation by the Principal, a local formal hearing officer, the Student Evidentiary Hearing Committee, the Disciplinary Action Review Committee, or the school's governing board. Violation of a local school or school system rule while on probation may result in further disciplinary action, including a possible referral to the Student Evidentiary Hearing Committee.
7. Restrictions on School Activities - Students who are suspended or expelled will not be allowed to participate in any school-sponsored activities, [including the prom or graduation exercises] if these occur during the period of suspension or expulsion. A parent or guardian may, for good cause, petition the school leader for permission for the student to participate in school-sponsored activities. If denied permission by the school leader, the parent or guardian may appeal to the school's governing board. The Board's decision shall be final.

## **Offenses and Consequences**

### Reporting to Law Enforcement

It is the policy of CWC Kansas City to report all crimes occurring on school grounds to law enforcement, including, but not limited to, the crimes the LEA is required to report in accordance with law.

The following acts, regardless of whether they are committed by juveniles, are subject to this reporting requirement:

1. First or second degree murder under §§ 565.020, .021, RSMo.
2. Voluntary or involuntary manslaughter under § 565.023, .024, RSMo.
3. Kidnapping under § 565.110, RSMo.
4. First, second or third degree assault under §§ 565.050, .060, .070, RSMo.
5. Sexual assault or deviate sexual assault under §§ 566.040, .070, RSMo.
6. Forcible rape or sodomy under §§ 566.030, .060, RSMo.
7. Burglary in the first or second degree under §§ 569.160, .170, RSMo.

8. Robbery in the first degree under § 569.020, RSMo.
9. Possession of a weapon under chapter 571, RSMo.
10. Distribution of drugs under §§ 195.211, .212, RSMo.
11. Arson in the first degree under § 569.040, RSMo.
12. Felonious restraint under § 565.120, RSMo.
13. Property damage in the first degree under § 569.100, RSMo.
14. Child molestation in the first degree pursuant to § 566.067, RSMo.
15. Sexual misconduct involving a child pursuant to § 566.083, RSMo.
16. Sexual abuse pursuant to § 566.100, RSMo.
17. Harassment under § 565.090, RSMo.
18. Stalking under § 565.225, RSMo.

The Principal shall also notify the appropriate law enforcement agency if a student is discovered to possess a controlled substance or weapon in violation of the LEA's policy.

In addition, the Principal shall notify the appropriate division of the juvenile or family court upon suspension for more than ten (10) days or expulsion of any student who the school is aware is under the jurisdiction of the court.

### **Documentation in Student's Discipline Record**

The Principal, designee, other administrators, or school staff will maintain all discipline records as deemed necessary for the orderly operation of the schools. In addition, any of the following offenses a serious violation of the school's policy and must be documented in the student's discipline record in accordance with law:

1. Any act of school violence or violent behavior.
2. Any offense that occurs on school property, on school transportation or at any school activity and that is required by law to be reported to law enforcement officials.
3. Any offense that results in an out-of-school suspension for more than ten (10) school days.

### **Prohibition against being on or near School Property during Suspension**

All students who are suspended or expelled are prohibited from being on school property for any reason unless permission is granted by the superintendent or designee. Any student who is suspended for any offenses listed in § 160.261, RSMo., or any act of violence or drug-related activity shall not be allowed to be within 1,000 feet of any public school in the LEA unless one of the following conditions exist:

The student under the direct supervision of the student's parent, legal guardian or custodian.

The student is under the direct supervision of another adult designated by the student's parent, legal guardian or custodian, in advance, in writing, to the Principal of the school that suspended the student.

The student is in an alternative school that is located within 1,000 feet of a public school in the LEA.

The student resides within 1,000 feet of a public school in the LEA and is on the property of his or her residence.

If a student violates this prohibition he or she may be subject to additional discipline, including suspension or expulsion, in accordance with the offense, Failure to Meet Conditions of Suspension, listed below.

### **Prohibited Conduct**

The following are descriptions of prohibited conduct as well as potential consequences for violation. In addition to the consequences specified here, school officials will notify law enforcement and document violations in the student's discipline file pursuant to law and Board policy.

1. Arson - Starting or attempting to start a fire or causing or attempting to cause an explosion.
  - a. First Offense: Principal/Student conference, detention, in-school suspension, 1-180 days out-of-school suspension, or expulsion; restitution if appropriate.
  - b. Subsequent Offense: 1-180 days out-of-school suspension or expulsion; restitution if appropriate.
  
2. Assault –
  - a. Hitting, striking and/or attempting to cause injury to another person; placing a person in reasonable apprehension of imminent physical injury; physically injuring another person.
    - i. First Offense: Principal/Student conference, detention, in-school suspension, 1-180 days out-of-school suspension, or expulsion.
    - ii. Subsequent Offense: In-school suspension, 1-180 days out-of-school suspension, or expulsion.
  - b. Attempting to kill or cause serious physical injury to another; killing or causing serious physical injury to another.
    - i. First Offense: Expulsion.

3. Automobile/Vehicle Misuse – Discourteous or unsafe driving on or around school property, unregistered parking, failure to move vehicle at the request of school officials, failure to follow directions given by school officials or failure to follow established rules for parking or driving on school property.
  - a. First Offense: Principal/Student conference, suspension or revocation of parking privileges, detention, in-school suspension, or 1-10 days out-of-school suspension.
  - b. Subsequent Offense: Revocation of parking privileges, detention, in-school suspension, or 1-180 days out-of-school suspension.

4. Bullying – Intimidation, harassment and attacks on a student or multiple students, perpetuated by individuals or groups. Bullying includes, but is not limited to: physical violence, verbal taunts, name-calling and put-downs, threats, extortion or theft, damaging property, cyber-bullying, and exclusion from a peer group.

More specifically, bullying is a particular category of aggressive behavior that includes the following three components:

- a. Aggressive behavior that involves unwanted, negative actions.
  - b. A pattern of behavior repeated over time.
  - c. An imbalance of power or strength, real or perceived.
- a. First Offense: Principal/Student conference, in-school consequences as determined by Student Support Team, detention, in-school suspension, or 1-180 days out-of-school suspension.
  - b. Subsequent Offense: Principal/Student conference, in-school consequences as determined by Student Support Team, detention, in-school suspension, or 1-180 days out-of-school suspension or expulsion.
5. Bus or Transportation Misconduct– Any offense committed by a student on, while waiting for, or entering transportation provided by or through the school shall be punished in the same manner as if the offense had been committed at the student's assigned school. In addition, transportation privileges may be suspended or revoked.
  6. Dishonesty – Any act of lying, whether verbal or written, including forgery.
    - a. First Offense: Nullification of forged document. Principal/Student conference, in-school consequences as determined by Student Support Team, detention, in-school suspension, or 1-10 days out-of-school suspension.

- b. Subsequent Offense: Nullification of forged document.  
Principal/Student conference, in-school consequences as determined by Student Support Team, detention, in-school suspension, or 1-180 days out-of-school suspension or expulsion.
  
- 7. Disrespect to Staff– Willful or continued willful disobedience of a directive or request by a LEA staff member or disrespectful verbal, written, pictorial, or symbolic language or gesture that is directed at a LEA staff member and that is rude, vulgar, defiant, in violation of LEA policy or considered inappropriate in educational settings.
  - a. First Offense: Principal/Student conference, in-school consequences as determined by Student Support Team, detention, in-school suspension, or 1-10 days out-of-school suspension.
  - b. Subsequent Offense: Principal/Student conference, in-school consequences as determined by Student Support Team, detention, in-school suspension, or 1-180 days out-of-school suspension or expulsion.
  
- 8. Disruptive Conduct or Speech – Verbal, written, pictorial or symbolic language or gesture that is directed at any person and that is disrespectful, rude, vulgar, defiant, in violation of LEA policy or considered inappropriate in educational settings or that materially and substantially disrupts classroom work, school activities or school functions. Students will not be disciplined for speech in situations where it is protected by law.
 

First Offense: Principal/Student conference, in-school consequences as determined by Student Support Team, detention, in-school suspension, or 1-10 days out-of-school suspension.

Subsequent Offense: Principal/Student conference, in-school consequences as determined by Student Support Team, detention, in-school suspension, or 1-180 days out-of-school suspension, or expulsion.
  
- 9. Drugs/Alcohol
  - a. Possession, sale, purchase or distribution of any over-the-counter drug, herbal preparation or imitation drug or herbal preparation.
    - i. First Offense: Principal/Student conference, in-school suspension or 1-180 days out-of-school suspension.
    - ii. Subsequent Offense: 1-180 days out-of-school suspension or expulsion.
  - b. Possession, use of, or attendance while under the influence of or soon after consuming any unauthorized prescription drug, alcohol, narcotic substance, unauthorized inhalants, controlled substances, illegal drugs, counterfeit drugs, imitation controlled substances or drug-related paraphernalia.

- i. First Offense: Principal/Student conference, in-school suspension, 1-180 days out-of-school suspension.
  - ii. Subsequent Offense: 1-180 days out-of-school suspension or expulsion.
- c. Sale, purchase, transfer or distribution of any prescription drug, alcohol, narcotic substance, unauthorized inhalants, controlled substances, illegal drugs, counterfeit drugs, imitation controlled substances or drug-related paraphernalia.
- i. First Offense: Expulsion.

10. Extortion – Threatening or intimidating any person for the purpose of obtaining money or anything of value.

- a. First Offense: Principal/Student conference, in-school consequences as determined by Student Support Team, detention, in-school suspension, or 1-180 days out-of-school suspension.
- b. Subsequent Offense: Principal/Student conference, in-school consequences as determined by Student Support Team, detention, in-school suspension, or 1-180 days out-of-school suspension or expulsion.

11. Failure to Meet Conditions of Suspension – Coming within 1,000 feet of any public school in the LEA while on suspension for an offense that requires reporting to law enforcement or for an act of school violence or drug-related activity. (See section of this regulation entitled, Prohibition against being on or near School Property during Suspension.)

In determining whether to suspend or expel a student, consideration shall be given to whether the student poses a threat to the safety of any child or school employee and whether the student's presence within 1,000 feet of the school is disruptive to the educational process or undermines the effectiveness of the school's disciplinary policy.

- a. First Offense: Verbal warning, detention, in-school suspension, 1-180 days out-of-school suspension, or expulsion.
- b. Subsequent Offense: Verbal warning, detention, in-school suspension, 1-180 days out-of-school suspension, or expulsion.

12. False Alarms (see also Threats or Verbal Assaults) – Tampering with emergency equipment, setting off false alarms, making false reports; communicating a threat or false report for the purpose of frightening, disturbing, disrupting or causing the evacuation or closure of school property.

- a. First Offense: Restitution. Principal/Student conference, in-school consequences as determined by Student Support Team, detention, in-school suspension, or 1-180 days out-of-school suspension.
  - b. Subsequent Offense: Restitution. Principal/Student conference, in-school consequences as determined by Student Support Team, detention, in-school suspension, or 1-180 days out-of-school suspension or expulsion.
  
- 13. Fighting (see also, Assault) – Mutual combat in which both parties have contributed to the conflict either verbally or by physical action.
  - a. First Offense: Principal/Student conference, in-school consequences as determined by Student Support Team, detention, in-school suspension, or 1-180 days out-of-school suspension.
  - b. Subsequent Offense: Principal/Student conference, in-school consequences as determined by Student Support Team, detention, in-school suspension, or 1-180 days out-of-school suspension or expulsion.
  
- 14. Harassment/Discrimination – Use of verbal, written or symbolic language based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, disability, age or any other characteristic that has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with a student's educational environment or creates an intimidating, hostile or offensive educational environment. Examples of illegal harassment include, but are not limited to, graffiti, display of written material or pictures, name calling, slurs, jokes, gestures, threatening, intimidating or hostile acts, theft or damage to property.
  - a. First Offense: Principal/Student conference, in-school consequences as determined by Student Support Team, detention, in-school suspension, or 1-180 days out-of-school suspension.
  - b. Subsequent Offense: Principal/Student conference, in-school consequences as determined by Student Support Team, detention, in-school suspension, or 1-180 days out-of-school suspension or expulsion.
  
- 15. Hazing – Any activity that a reasonable person believes would negatively impact the mental or physical health or safety of a student or put the student in a ridiculous, humiliating, stressful or disconcerting position for the purposes of initiation, affiliation, admission, membership or maintenance of membership in any group, class, organization, club or athletic team including, but not limited to, a grade level, student organization or school-sponsored activity. Hazing may occur even when all students involved are willing participants.

- a. First Offense: Principal/Student conference, in-school consequences as determined by Student Support Team, detention, in-school suspension, or 1-180 days out-of-school suspension.
- b. Subsequent Offense: Principal/Student conference, in-school consequences as determined by Student Support Team, detention, in-school suspension, or 1-180 days out-of-school suspension or expulsion.

16. Public Display of Affection – Physical contact that is inappropriate for the school setting including, but not limited to, kissing and groping.

- a. First Offense: Principal/Student conference, in-school consequences as determined by Student Support Team, detention, in-school suspension, or 1-180 days out-of-school suspension.
- b. Subsequent Offense: Principal/Student conference, in-school consequences as determined by Student Support Team, detention, in-school suspension, or 1-180 days out-of-school suspension or expulsion.

17. Sexual Harassment/Discrimination

- a. Use of unwelcome verbal, written or symbolic language based on gender or of a sexual nature that has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with a student's educational environment or creates an intimidating, hostile or offensive educational environment. Examples of sexual harassment include, but are not limited to, sexual jokes or comments, requests for sexual favors and other unwelcome sexual advances.
  - i. First Offense: Principal/Student conference, in-school consequences as determined by Student Support Team, detention, in-school suspension, or 1-180 days out-of-school suspension.
  - ii. Subsequent Offense: Principal/Student conference, in-school consequences as determined by Student Support Team, detention, in-school suspension, or 1-180 days out-of-school suspension or expulsion.
- b. Unwelcome physical contact based on gender or of a sexual nature when such conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with a student's educational performance or creates an intimidating, hostile or offensive educational environment. Examples include, but are not limited to, touching or fondling of the genital areas, breasts or undergarments, regardless of whether or not the touching occurred through or under clothing.
  - i. First Offense: Principal/Student conference, in-school consequences as determined by Student Support Team, detention, in-school suspension, or 1-180 days out-of-school suspension.

Subsequent Offense: Principal/Student conference, in-school consequences as determined by Student Support Team, detention, in-school suspension, or 1-180 days out-of-school suspension or expulsion.

18. Sexual Misconduct – Exposing of body parts to another individual including, but not limited to, possession, transfer or exposure of images, electronic or otherwise, of the body parts or sexually explicit images of oneself or others, and/or initiating or participating in an act of a sexual nature.

- a. First Offense: Principal/Student conference, in-school consequences as determined by Student Support Team, detention, in-school suspension, or 1-180 days out-of-school suspension.
- b. Subsequent Offense: Principal/Student conference, in-school consequences as determined by Student Support Team, detention, in-school suspension, or 1-180 days out-of-school suspension or expulsion.

19. Technology Misconduct

- a. Unauthorized use of cellular telephones, personal computers, or unauthorized use of electronic devices during instructional time.
  - i. First Offense: Principal/Student conference, in-school consequences as determined by Student Support Team, detention, in-school suspension, or 1-180 days out-of-school suspension.
  - ii. Subsequent Offense: Principal/Student conference, in-school consequences as determined by Student Support Team, detention, in-school suspension, or 1-180 days out-of-school suspension or expulsion.
- b. Attempting, regardless of success, to gain unauthorized access to technology system or information; to use LEA technology to connect to other systems in evasion of the physical limitations of the remote system; to copy LEA files without authorization; to interfere with the ability of others to utilize LEA technology; to secure a higher level of privilege without authorization; to introduce computer "viruses," "hacking" tools, or other disruptive/destructive programs onto or using LEA technology; or to evade or disable a filtering/blocking device.
  - i. First Offense: Restitution. Principal/Student conference, in-school consequences as determined by Student Support Team, detention, in-school suspension, or 1-180 days out-of-school suspension.
  - ii. Subsequent Offense: Principal/Student conference, in-school consequences as determined by Student Support Team, detention, in-school suspension, or 1-180 days out-of-school suspension or expulsion.

- c. Violation other than those listed in (b) or of Board policy EHB and regulation EHB-R, administrative procedures or etiquette rules governing student use of LEA technology.
  - i. First Offense: Restitution. Principal/Student conference, in-school consequences as determined by Student Support Team, detention, in-school suspension, or 1-180 days out-of-school suspension.
  - ii. Subsequent Offense: Principal/Student conference, in-school consequences as determined by Student Support Team, detention, in-school suspension, or 1-180 days out-of-school suspension or expulsion.

20. Theft - Including theft, attempted theft or knowing possession of stolen property.

- a. First Offense: Return of or restitution for property. Principal/Student conference, in-school consequences as determined by Student Support Team, detention, in-school suspension, or 1-180 days out-of-school suspension.
- b. Subsequent Offense: Return of or restitution for property. Principal/Student conference, in-school consequences as determined by Student Support Team, detention, in-school suspension, or 1-180 days out-of-school suspension or expulsion.

21. Threats or Verbal Assault - Verbal, written, pictorial or symbolic language and/or gestures creating a reasonable fear of physical injury or causing school property damage. Threats by students, whether made on campus or off school grounds, which constitute a "true threat" against the LEA, its students or employees, will be immediately reported to law enforcement officials and will subject the student to suspension and a possible referral for expulsion. The definition of "true threat" shall be construed in accordance with applicable law and encompasses those statements that a reasonable recipient would view as a serious threat of violence or death.

- a. First Offense: Principal/Student conference, in-school consequences as determined by Student Support Team, detention, in-school suspension, or 1-180 days out-of-school suspension.
- b. Subsequent Offense: Principal/Student conference, in-school consequences as determined by Student Support Team, detention, in-school suspension, or 1-180 days out-of-school suspension or expulsion.

22. Tobacco - Defined as possession and/or use of any tobacco products on school grounds, school transportation or at any school activity.

- a. First Offense: Confiscation of tobacco product. Principal/Student conference, in-school consequences as determined by Student

Support Team, detention, in-school suspension, or 1-180 days out-of-school suspension.

- b. Subsequent Offense: Confiscation of tobacco product. Principal/Student conference, in-school consequences as determined by Student Support Team, detention, in-school suspension, or 1-180 days out-of-school suspension or expulsion.

23. Truancy - Defined as absence from school without the knowledge and consent of parents/guardians and/or the school administration; excessive non-justifiable absences, even with the consent of parents/guardians.

- a. First Offense: Principal/Student conference, in-school consequences as determined by Student Support Team, detention, in-school suspension.
- b. Subsequent Offense: Principal/Student conference, in-school consequences as determined by Student Support Team, detention, in-school suspension.

24. Unauthorized Entry - Entering or assisting any other person to enter a LEA facility, office, locker, or other area that is locked or not open to the general public; entering or assisting any other person to enter a LEA facility through an unauthorized entrance; assisting unauthorized persons to enter a LEA facility through any entrance.

- a. First Offense: Principal/Student conference, in-school consequences as determined by Student Support Team, detention, in-school suspension, or 1-180 days out-of-school suspension.
- b. Subsequent Offense: Principal/Student conference, in-school consequences as determined by Student Support Team, detention, in-school suspension, or 1-180 days out-of-school suspension or expulsion.

25. Vandalism - Defined as the willful damaging or the attempt to cause damage to real or personal property belonging to the school, staff or students.

- a. First Offense: Restitution. Principal/Student conference, in-school consequences as determined by Student Support Team, detention, in-school suspension, or 1-180 days out-of-school suspension.
- b. Subsequent Offense: Restitution. Principal/Student conference, in-school consequences as determined by Student Support Team, detention, in-school suspension, or 1-180 days out-of-school suspension or expulsion.

26. Weapons

- a. Defined as the possession or use of any instrument or device, other than those defined in 18 U.S.C. § 921, 18 U.S.C. § 930(g)(2) or § 571.010, RSMo, which is customarily used for attack or defense against another

person; any instrument or device used to inflict physical injury to another person.

- i. First Offense: Principal/Student conference, in-school suspension, 1-180 days out-of-school suspension, or expulsion.
  - ii. Subsequent Offense: 1-180 days out-of-school suspension or expulsion.
- b. Possession or use of a firearm as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 921 or any instrument or device defined in § 571.010, RSMo., or any instrument or device defined as a dangerous weapon in 18 U.S.C. § 930(g)(2)
- i. First Offense: One calendar year suspension or expulsion, unless modified by the Board upon recommendation by the superintendent.
  - ii. Subsequent Offense: Expulsion.

## **75. Threats of Violence**

It is the policy of the Board to take all reasonable steps to provide a safe environment for students and staff. To that end, any threat by any individual directed toward another which if carried out would pose a potential danger to the life and safety of students and/or staff should be regarded and treated seriously.

### **Responsibility for Reporting**

Any student who receives information concerning such a threat should immediately report that information to a teacher, counselor, or school administrator. The failure of a student to report such information may be treated as a disciplinary problem.

Any employee who receives information concerning such a threat should take appropriate action to respond to the threat including taking steps to separate the student perceived to be a threat from the potentially threatening situation and/or reporting the information to the Administrator(s). If the staff member believes the situation is so serious as to warrant the notifying of outside authorities, the employee must notify the Administrator(s) so that the Administrator(s) can be responsible for taking such steps.

### **Administrative Action**

The Principal or other authorized school leader should take immediate steps to investigate and determine the factual circumstances of the threat and then determine the appropriate action to respond to it. Such action may include disciplining the student(s) involved as appropriate under school rules, contacting the parents of the student(s) involved, contacting appropriate law enforcement or other officials.

Whenever the responsible Administrator(s) feels that it is necessary to contact outside officials to respond to a threat appropriately, the school leader or other school leader should also contact the Board.

## **76. Weapons at School**

The presence of firearms and weapons poses a substantial risk of serious harm to CWC Kansas City students, staff and community members; and is a violation of state law. Therefore, possession of firearms and weapons is prohibited on school premises at all times except for law enforcement officials.

Student participation in school sanctioned gun safety courses, student military or ROTC courses, or other school sponsored firearm related events does not constitute a violation of this policy, provided the student does not carry a firearm or other weapon into any school, school bus, or onto the premises of any other activity sponsored or sanctioned by school officials. In addition, persons passing through school LEA property for purposes of dropping off or picking up a student do not violate this policy if they possess a lawful permitted weapon in the vehicle during this time.

## **77. Student Safety**

In addition and pursuant to the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, student victims of a violent criminal offense that was committed on school premises may transfer to another school. To insure awareness of this policy, the parents of student victims will be notified in writing of their right to a school transfer.

For purposes of this policy, a victim is a student who has suffered personal injury or injuries to his or her property as a direct result of a violent criminal offense. This definition does not include bystanders or witnesses to the act unless they suffered personal or property injury as a direct result of a violent criminal offense while on school premises.

CWC Kansas City will notify the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) of all violent criminal offenses committed on school premises when the victim is a student or employee.

## **78. Seclusion, Restraint and Corporal Punishment**

### **General Policy Provisions**

The use of chemical restraint, mechanical restraint, or prone restraint, as defined by Missouri Department of Education Rule 160-5-1-.35, is prohibited in the School.

The use of seclusion, as defined by Missouri Department of Education Rule 160-5-1-.35, is prohibited within the School.

Seclusion does not include “time-out,” defined as a behavioral intervention in which the student is temporarily removed from the learning activity but in which the student is not confined.

Seclusion does not include in-school suspension, detention, or a student-requested break in a different location in the classroom or in a separate unlocked room.

### **Physical Restraint**

Physical restraint may be utilized only when the student is an immediate danger to himself or others and the student is not responsive to less intensive behavioral interventions including verbal directives or other de-escalation techniques.

Physical restraint does not include: providing limited physical contact and/or redirection to promote student safety, providing physical guidance or prompting when teaching a skill, redirecting attention, providing guidance to a location, or providing comfort.

Physical restraint shall not be used (1) as a form of discipline or punishment (2) when the student cannot be safely restrained; or (3) when the use of the intervention would be contraindicated due to the student's psychiatric, medical, or physical conditions as described in the student's educational records.

All physical restraint must be immediately terminated when the student is no longer an immediate danger to himself or others or if the student is observed to be in severe distress.

Before any staff member may implement physical restraint, he or she should have completed an approved training program. Approved training programs must address a full continuum of positive behavioral intervention strategies as well as prevention and de-escalation techniques and restraint.

Schools and programs shall maintain written or electronic documentation on training provided and the list of participants in each of the provided trainings. Copies of such documentation will be made available to the Missouri Department of Education or any member of the public upon request.

If a staff member who has not completed an approved training program has to physically restrain a student to prevent injury to a student or others in an emergency situation when staff members trained in physical restraint are not available, he or she should ask other students, if present, to request assistance immediately.

Whenever possible, the use of physical restraint on a student shall be monitored by another staff member or administrator. The use of physical restraint shall be documented by staff or faculty participating in or supervising the restraint for each student in each instance in which the student is restrained.

Whenever physical restraint is used on a student the school or program where the restraint is administered shall notify the student's parent or legal guardian within one school day after the use of restraint.

This policy does not prohibit a staff member from utilizing time-out, as defined above, or any other classroom management technique or approach, including a student's removal from the classroom that is not specifically addressed in this rule.

This policy does not prohibit a staff member from taking appropriate action to diffuse a student fight or altercation.

The decision whether or not the use of physical restraint is necessary to protect students or others from imminent harm or bodily injury, and taking the actions deemed necessary to protect students or others from imminent harm or bodily injury, are actions that involve the performance of discretionary, not ministerial, duties.

In some instances in which a student is an immediate danger to himself or herself or others, the school or program must determine when it becomes necessary to seek assistance from law enforcement and/or emergency medical personnel. Nothing in this policy shall be construed to interfere with the duties of law enforcement or emergency medical personnel.

School officials must notify a student's parent or guardian immediately when emergency medical or law enforcement personnel remove a student from a school or program setting.

### **Corporal Punishment**

For the purposes of this policy, corporal punishment is a form of physical punishment administered by an adult to the body of a child for the purpose of discipline or reformation, or to deter attitudes or behaviors deemed unacceptable. No person employed by or volunteering on behalf of CWC Kansas City shall administer corporal punishment or cause corporal punishment to be administered upon a student attending LEA schools.

A staff member may, however, use reasonable physical force against a student for the protection of the student or other persons or to protect property. Restraint of students in accordance with the CWC Kansas City policy on student seclusion, isolation and restraint is not a violation of this policy.

## **79. Services for Students with Disabilities**

CWC Kansas City does not have a general curriculum for students with disabilities. Instead, it is the policy of CWC Kansas City to develop an individualized educational program (IEP) for each public school student with a disability who needs special educational services pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and an accommodation plan for students who are qualified only pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.

Each IEP is designed to meet the unique needs of the student and to offer a free appropriate public education. In addition, CWC Kansas City's IEPs will address the extent to which each student's disability affects his/her ability to access CWC Kansas City's general curriculum and what modifications, accommodations, and supplementary aids and services, if appropriate, are necessary to provide for such access. Each public school student with a disability will be educated to the maximum extent appropriate with children who are non-disabled. However, students with disabilities may be assigned to special classes, separate schooling or removed from the regular educational environment when the nature or severity of the student's disability is such that education in the regular educational environment with the use of supplementary aids and services cannot be achieved satisfactorily.

CWC Kansas City will provide special education and/or other services to students with disabilities in accordance with applicable law, including the IDEA, and its amendments, Section 504 of Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 162.670-.995, RSMo., and Missouri's State Plan for Part B.

If a student has had his/her curriculum substantially altered or modified pursuant to an IEP, 504 Plan, and/or in connection with a plan of homebound instruction so that the academic requirements (including but not limited to the requirements for achieving a specific letter or numerical grade) for one or more courses have been significantly reduced as compared to the regular course or courses, the IEP team or 504 team (or in the case of a student receiving homebound instruction who is not covered by an IEP or 504 Plan), the Principal, Academic Dean, and classroom teacher(s) for such course(s) shall determine whether the student shall be included in the computation of class rank. Students who are not included in the class ranking shall still receive a cumulative grade point average (G.P.A.) and shall be eligible for the honor roll.

## **80. Instruction for Students with Disabilities**

It is the policy of CWC Kansas City to provide a free appropriate public education to all public school students with disabilities. Students with disabilities are defined as those students who have one of the categorical disabilities as enumerated in the Missouri State Plan for Special Education, Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and who also require special education services or who have a mental or physical impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities as defined by Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 or the Americans with Disabilities Act and who require accommodations or special education and related services.

CWC Kansas City will provide special education and/or other services to students with disabilities in accordance with applicable law, including the IDEA, and its amendments, Section 504 of Rehabilitation Act of 1973, §162.670-.995, RSMo., and Missouri's State Plan for Special Education, Part B.

## **81. Instruction for At-Risk Students**

CWC Kansas City shall meet all federal and state requirements for identifying and providing services to educationally at-risk students.

At-risk students are those whose educational outcomes are in jeopardy because they are experiencing academic deficits, have become disaffected with school and learning, or impacted by other factors which impede education and social development.

## **82. Active Shooter Training and Drills**

At the discretion of school administration, CWC Kansas City may include in its teacher and school employee training a component on how to properly respond to students who provide them with information about a threatening situation and how to address situations in which there is a potentially dangerous or armed intruder in the school. Training may also include information and techniques on how to address situations where an active shooter is present in the school or on school property. The administration may conduct the training on an annual basis. If no formal training has previously occurred, the length of the training may be eight hours. The length of annual continuing training may be four hours.

All school personnel shall participate in a simulated active shooter and intruder response drill conducted and led by law enforcement professionals. Each drill may include an explanation of its purpose and a safety briefing. The training shall require each participant to know and understand how to respond in the event of an actual emergency on school property or at a school event. The drill may include:

1. Allowing school personnel to respond to the simulated emergency in whatever way they have been trained or informed; and
2. Allowing school personnel to attempt and implement new methods of responding to the simulated emergency based upon previously used unsuccessful methods of response.

All instructors for the program shall be certified by the department of public safety's peace officers standards training commission.

The school shall foster an environment in which students feel comfortable sharing information they have regarding a potentially threatening or dangerous situation with a responsible adult.