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Regulation 2400

Student Records

Student Educational Records

DEFINITIONS

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

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

GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. The District shall give full rights under this regulation to either parent/guardian of a student, unless the District is provided with a court order, state law or other legally binding document that specifically revokes the parent/guardian's rights to access under this regulation.
2. When a student reaches the age of 18, or attends a post-secondary institution of education parent/guardian rights under this policy will transfer from the parent/guardian to the student.

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

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

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

PROCEDURES FOR INSPECTION AND REVIEW OF EDUCATIONAL RECORDS

1. The District's regulation permits parent/guardian and eligible students to inspect and review the education records of the student.
2. After a request for access to records, the District will allow access within a reasonable period of time, but in no case more than forty-five (45) days after receipt of the request. All requests for access should be directed to the building level administrator (Principal).
3. After the parent/guardian or eligible student has had an opportunity to inspect and review the student's educational records, the parent/guardian may make a request for explanations and interpretations of the records to the building level administrator. The District's designee shall respond to all reasonable requests for explanation or interpretation.
4. The District will not destroy any educational record if there is an outstanding request to inspect and review that record.
5. If a student's educational records contain information on more than one student, the parent/guardian or adult student may inspect, review or be informed of only the specific information about that student. That is, all information pertaining to another student will be redacted.

6. The District may employ the use of security videos in its hallways, classrooms and/or buses. Security videos maintained by the District's law enforcement unit (if any) or not maintained at all (recycled) are not considered educational records and therefore may not be inspected and reviewed under FERPA. If security videos are maintained by the District, such videos are protected educational records under FERPA and may be viewed by parents or patrons with a court order or written permission from the parent(s) of each student to whom the video is directly related.
7. The District may disclose personally identifiable information from an educational record only on the condition that the party to whom the information is disclosed will not disclose the information to any other party without the prior consent of the parent/guardian or eligible student. Each party to whom disclosure may be made under this policy must first sign a statement in which he/she agrees to abide by this provision and agrees to use the information disclosed only for the purposes for which the disclosure was made. This does not apply to disclosures of directory information or to any information that the District is required to disclose under Missouri law.

Copies of Educational Records

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

Though the District does not generally have an obligation to provide copies under FERPA, it will nonetheless provide up to 50 pages per student, per school year, without charge. All requests for copies over 50 pages per student, per school year will be charged 50 cents per page, which must be paid for in advance.

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

PROCEDURES TO REQUEST AMENDMENT OF A STUDENT'S EDUCATIONAL RECORDS

1. If a parent/guardian or eligible student believes the educational records for that student contain information that is inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of the student's rights of privacy or other rights, he/she may ask the District to amend the record. All such requests should be directed to the building level administrator (Principal).

2. The District's designee, in consultation with the administration or Board of Education as needed, shall decide whether to amend the record as requested within a reasonable time after the request.
3. If the District's designee decides not to amend the record, he/she shall inform the parent/guardian or eligible student of that decision and of their right to request a hearing on the request.
4. If a hearing is requested, the District will hold the hearing within a reasonable time after it has received the request and will give the parent/guardian or eligible student reasonable advance notice of the date, time and place of the hearing. The hearing may be conducted by any individual, including an employee of the District, who does not have a direct interest in the outcome of the hearing. The District will give the parent/guardian or eligible student a full and fair opportunity to present evidence relevant to the issue(s) raised by the parent/guardian or eligible student's request. The parent/guardian or eligible student may, at their own expense, be assisted or represented at the hearing by any individual of their choice, including an attorney.
5. The District will make its decision in writing within a reasonable period of time after the hearing. The decision will be based solely on the evidence presented at the hearing, and will include a summary of the evidence and the reasons for the decision.
 - a. If the District decides, as a result of the hearing, that the information is inaccurate, misleading or violates the student's rights, the District shall amend the record and inform the parent/guardian or eligible student of the amendment in writing.
 - b. If the District decides, as a result of the hearing, that the information is not inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's rights, the District shall inform the parent/guardian or eligible student of that decision and shall inform the parent/guardian or student of his/her right to place a statement in the record commenting on the contested information or stating why he/she disagrees with the District's decision, or both. If the parent/guardian or eligible student submits such a statement, the District will maintain that statement with the student's educational records as long as the record is maintained and will disclose the statement whenever it discloses the portion of the record to which the statement relates.

PROCEDURES REGARDING DISCLOSURE OF PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION WHERE CONSENT IS REQUIRED

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

2. If the parent/guardian or eligible student so requests, the District will provide him/her with a copy of the records disclosed.

DISCLOSURE OF PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION WHERE CONSENT IS NOT REQUIRED

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

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

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

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

8. Disclosure may be made to the appropriate division of the Juvenile Court of the suspension of more than ten (10) days of any student under court jurisdiction.
9. Disclosure of discipline records may be made within five (5) days to any requesting school district where the student seeks to enroll.
10. Disclosure may be made if such disclosure is in connection with financial aid for which the student has applied or which the student has received, if the information is necessary to determine eligibility, amount of aid, condition for the aid, or to enforce the terms and conditions of the aid.
11. Disclosure may be made to organizations conducting studies for, or on behalf of, educational agencies or institutions to develop, validate or administer predictive tests; administer student aid programs; or improve instruction, if the study is conducted in a way that does not permit personal identification of parent/guardian and students, and the information is destroyed when no longer needed for the purposes for which the study was conducted.
12. Disclosure may be made to accrediting organizations to carry out their accrediting functions.
13. Disclosure may be made to comply with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena and only after the District makes a reasonable effort to notify the parent/guardian or eligible student of the order or subpoena in advance of the compliance.
14. Disclosure may be made to appropriate parties where the disclosure is in connection with a health or safety emergency and the information is necessary to protect the health or safety of the student or other individuals.
15. Disclosure may be made where the disclosure is of information the District has designated to be directory information.
16. Disclosure may be made to the parent/guardian of a noneligible student or to an eligible student.
17. Disclosure may be made without the written consent of the parent/guardian or eligible student as otherwise may be specified by federal or state law.

RECORD KEEPING PROCEDURES

1. The District will maintain a record of each request for access to and each disclosure of personally identifiable information from the educational records of each student. The building level school counselor through the direction of the building level principal will be responsible for keeping such records of requests and disclosures.
2. The District will maintain the record of each request and disclosure with the educational records of the student as long as the records are maintained by the District.

3. For each request or disclosure, the District's record will include the parties who have requested or received personally identifiable information from educational records and the legitimate interests the parties had in requesting or obtaining the information.
4. If the District discloses personally identifiable information from an educational record under the exceptions enumerated in the section above, the District will record the names of those persons to whom that party may disclose the information on behalf of the District and the legitimate interests which each of the additional parties has in requesting or obtaining the information.
5. If the District discloses information pursuant to a health or safety emergency, the District, within a reasonable time period, will record in the student's educational records the significant threat that formed the basis for the disclosure and the parties to whom the information was disclosed.

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FERPA Notice of Designation of Directory Information***NOTICE OF DESIGNATION OF DIRECTORY INFORMATION***

Dear Parents and Guardians:

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), a Federal law, requires that Seymour R-II School District, with certain exceptions, obtains your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child's education records. However, Seymour R-II School District may disclose appropriately designated "directory information" without written consent, unless you have advised the District to the contrary in accordance with District procedures. The primary purpose of directory information is to allow the Seymour R-II School District to include this type of information from your child's educational records in certain school publications. Examples include:

- A playbill, showing your student's role in a drama production;
- The annual yearbook;
- Honor roll or other recognition lists;
- Graduation programs; and
- Sports activity sheets, such as for wrestling, showing weight and height of team members.

Directory information, which is information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released, can also be disclosed to outside organizations without a parent's prior written consent. Outside organizations include, but are not limited to, companies that manufacture class rings or publish yearbooks. In addition, two federal laws require local educational agencies (LEAs) receiving assistance under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to provide military recruiters, upon request, with three directory information categories - names, addresses and telephone listings - unless parents have advised the LEA that they do not want their student's information disclosed without their prior written consent.

If you do not want Seymour R-II School District to disclose directory information from your child's educational records without your prior written consent, you must notify the District in writing within two weeks from the date the student is officially enrolled for the school year. Seymour R-II School District has designated the following information as directory information:

- Student's name
- Address
- Telephone listing
- Photograph
- Date and place of birth
- Dates of attendance
- Grade Level
- Participation in officially recognized activities and sports
- Weight and height of members of athletic teams
- Degrees, honors and awards received

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Health Information Records

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

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

Student health information may also include:

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

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

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

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

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Student Academic Achievement Promotion and Retention

GENERAL PROMOTION AND RETENTION REQUIREMENTS

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

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

READING LEVELS AND STATE-MANDATED RETENTION

Third Grade Students

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

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

Fourth Grade Students with Reading Improvement Plans

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

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

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

Fifth and Sixth Grade Students

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

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

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

Exceptions

The following students are exempt from the reading assessments:

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

Appeal of Retention Decisions

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

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Student Academic Achievement

Graduation Requirements

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

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

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Student Academic Achievement **Minimum Requirements for High School Graduation**

To graduate from Seymour High School, a student must complete (26) twenty-six units of credit during grades nine (9) through twelve (12). The program shall be cooperatively planned by the student, his or her parents/guardian and the school to meet the individual needs of the student. Additionally, students must take end-of-course exams directed by the State Education Department.

Specific Requirements relative to High School Students

The program for each high school student is a plan towards successful completion of courses of study which would enable the student to advance towards graduation at Seymour High School. The following are specific requirements in planning the program.

1. Each student must fulfill the following requirements:
 - a. Four (4) credits of English. English I, II, III (American or English Literature), are required. All students must take English II EOC test before graduating.
 - b. Three (3) credits of Social Studies. (One (1) credit of American History, one-half (1/2) credit of Government, one-half (1/2) credit of World Cultures, and one (1) credit of World History are required.)
 - c. Three (3) credits of Science. (Three (3) credits of Vo-Ag may be substituted for one (1) credit of science.) All students must take biology EOC test before graduating.
 - d. Three (3) credits of Mathematics at the high school level. All students must take Algebra I EOC test before graduating.
 - e. One (1) credit each of Physical Education, Practical Arts, and Fine Arts
 - f. One-half (1/2) credit of Health.
 - g. One-half (1/2) credit of Personal Finance.
 - h. Other selections may be made from other elective credits from any course offered in the high school curriculum.
2. Each student in the ninth (9th) grade must enroll in and successfully complete these specific courses: English I, American History, Physical Science, Consumer Math or Pre-Algebra or Algebra I or Technical Algebra.
3. Each student in the tenth grade must enroll in English II, Biology, World Cultures/Civics and an appropriate math course.
4. Each student in the eleventh grade must enroll in English III, World History.
5. Each student may earn no more than one credit per year in Physical Education.
6. Students shall be required to be enrolled and in regular attendance on a full-time basis or its equivalent (post-secondary dual enrollment) for eight (8) semesters in grades 9-12 or meet the eligibility requirements established for part-time attendance.
7. Regarding the ninth and tenth grade requirements, there may be some substituting of courses due to extenuating circumstances, subject to approval by the principal and counselor.

In order for a graduating senior to qualify for honor cords at Seymour High School, that student must have been in attendance at Seymour High School for one full school year. The valedictorians and salutatorians shall have been classified as Seymour High School students for the last four semesters. Local scholarships are based upon students being classified as Seymour High School Students for the last four semesters.

9. Credit for correspondence work will be accepted toward graduation under these provisions:
 - a. Correspondence work completed in the extension division of accredited state-supported Colleges and Universities.
 - b. Correspondence work from private schools that are accredited by the North Central Association or its equivalent. Summer school credit from other accredited public high schools.
 - c. No more than three units of credit by correspondence work or summer school credit from another school may apply towards the requirements for graduation.
10. In order for credit from an unaccredited private school or home school to apply towards meeting the Graduation Requirements for the Seymour R-II School District, transfers from unaccredited schools must meet the guidelines of School Board Policy 2510 that includes testing, evaluation, and placement and RSMO 167.031 that relates to “home school” requirements.
11. Students may use credit attained through the credit recovery program offered by Seymour High School and/or Seymour Summer School Recovery Program to apply towards graduation only when used to attain credits that would otherwise be lost or that would have been labeled incomplete with no credit. Other summer school credit will only count above the 24 credits necessary for graduation or count as a replacement for one of the units of credit under correspondence work.

Discipline

Misconduct and Disciplinary Consequences

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

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

Zero Tolerance Statement

The Seymour R-II Board of Education takes a position of “**Zero Tolerance**” to Verbal Assault including threats of violence, harassment, or intimidation to other students or staff. **NO STUDENT WILL INTERFERE WITH THE LEARNING, WELFARE, OR PROPERTY OF ANOTHER.** The age and maturity of the students involved may be considered in evaluating whether conduct is reckless, grossly negligent, knowing or intentional. However, such actions towards another person while on school property when substantiated will result in severe consequences.

1. **Alcohol** – Possession of or presence under the influence of alcohol regardless of whether the student is on school premises.

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

Subsequent Offenses: 180 days out-of-school suspension or expulsion, notification to law enforcement officials, and documentation in student's discipline record

2. **Arson** – Intentionally causing or attempting to cause a fire or explosion.

First Offense: 1-180 days out-of-school suspension, restitution for damages, notification to law enforcement officials, documentation in student's discipline record

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

3. **Assault** – (Refer to Policy and Regulation 2673 – Reporting of Violent Behavior

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

First Offense: 1-180 days out-of-school suspension or expulsion, notification to law enforcement officials, and documentation in student's discipline record

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

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

First Offense: 10-30 days out-of-school suspension

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

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

First Offense: In school suspension, up to 3 after school detentions, or 1-10 days of out-of-school suspension

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

4. **Defiance of Authority** – Refusal to obey directions or defiance of staff authority

First Offense: In school suspension, after school detention, up to 5 days out-of-school suspension

Subsequent Offenses: After school detentions or 3-10 days out-of-school suspension

5. **Disruptive Behavior** – Conduct which has the intentional effect of disturbing education or the safe transportation of a student

First Offense: In school suspension, up to 3 after school detentions, or 1-10 days of out-of-school suspension (disruptive behavior on school buses will result in losing riding privileges as assigned by the principal)

Subsequent Offenses: In school suspension, up to 3 after school detentions, alternative school, or 1-180 days out-of-school suspension (disruptive behavior on school buses may result in losing riding privileges as assigned by the principal)

6. Drugs/Controlled Substance

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

First Offense: 1-90 days out-of-school suspension, possible notification to law enforcement officials, and documentation in student's discipline record

Subsequent Offenses: 11-180 days out-of-school suspension or expulsion, possible notification to law enforcement officials, and documentation in student's discipline record

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

First Offense: 11-90 days out-of-school suspension, possible notification to law enforcement officials, and documentation in student's discipline record

Subsequent Offenses: 90-180 days out-of-school suspension or expulsion, possible notification to law enforcement officials, and documentation in student's discipline record

Prescription Medication

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

First Offense: 1-90 days out-of-school suspension, possible notification to law enforcement officials, and documentation in student's discipline record

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

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

First Offense: 11-90 days out-of-school suspension, possible notification to law enforcement officials, and documentation in student's discipline record

Subsequent Offenses: 90-180 days out-of-school suspension or expulsion, possible notification to law enforcement officials, and documentation in student's discipline record

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

First Offense: In school suspension or 3-10 days out-of-school suspension

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

8. **Firearms and Weapons** – (Refer to Policy and Regulation 2620 – Firearms and Weapons in School)

Possession of a firearm or weapon

First Offense: One calendar year suspension, notification to law enforcement officials, and documentation in student's discipline record

Subsequent Offense: Expulsion from district, notification to law enforcement officials, documentation in student's discipline record

9. **Harassment** – (Refer to Policy 2130 – Harassment)

First Offense: In school suspension or 1-180 days out-of-school suspension, possible documentation in student's discipline record

Subsequent Offense: 11-180 days out-of-school suspension or expulsion, documentation in student discipline record

10. **Possession of or presence under the influence of alcohol** regardless of whether the student is on school premises

First Offense: 10 days out-of-school suspension, 90 days suspended from school activities, documentation in student discipline record

Subsequent Offense: 11-180 days out-of-school suspension, documentation in student's discipline record

10. Improper Displays of Affection - Consensual kissing, fondling, or embracing

First Offense: Principal / Student conference or in school suspension

Subsequent Offense: After school detention or 3-10 days out-of-school suspension

11. Improper Language

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

First Offense: In school suspension or 3-10 days out-of-school suspension

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

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

First Offense: Principal / Student Conference, up to 3 days in-school suspension, detention, or up to 10 days out-of-school suspension.

Subsequent Offense: 3-10 days out-of-school suspension

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

First Offense: Principal / Student conference or in school suspension, or 1-10 days out-of-school suspension

Subsequent Offense: In school suspension or 1-180 days out-of-school suspension, or expulsion, and possible documentation in student's discipline record

12. Inappropriate Sexual Conduct (Refer to Policy and Regulation 2130 – Harassment)

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

First Offense: In school suspension or 1-180 days out-of-school suspension, possible documentation in student's discipline record

Subsequent Offense: 11-180 days out-of-school suspension or expulsion, documentation in student discipline record

Use of sexually intimidating language, objects, or pictures

First Offense: Principal / Student conference, in school suspension, 1-180 days out-of-school suspension, possible documentation in student's discipline record

Subsequent Offense: In school suspension or 1-180 days out-of-school suspension or expulsion, documentation in student's discipline record

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

First Offense: In school suspension, after school detention, parent conference, or 1-10 days out-of-school suspension

Subsequent Offense: 11-180 days out-of-school suspension

13. **Theft** – Nonconsensual taking or attempt to take the property of another

First Offense: In school suspension, detention, or 1-180 days out-of-school suspension, or expulsion, notification to law enforcement officials where needed, and possible documentation in student's discipline record

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

14. **Tobacco** – Possession or use of tobacco or tobacco products

First Offense: Principal / student conference or In school suspension

Subsequent Offense: In school suspension, after school detention, or 1-10 days out-of-school suspension

15. **Truancy** – Absence or tardy from class or classes without authorization. (See Policy and Regulation 2340 – Truancy and Educational Neglect.)

First Offense: Principal / Student conference, 1-3 days in-school suspension, or up to 2 after school detentions

Subsequent Offense: Parent / Student / Principal conference, 3-10 days in-school suspension or up to 4 after school detentions

16. **Vandalism** – Intentional damage or attempt to damage property belonging to the staff, students, or the District

- First Offense: In school suspension, after school detention, 1-180 days out-of-school suspension, expulsion, possible notification to law enforcement officials, and possible documentation in student's discipline record
- Subsequent Offense: 11-180 days out-of-school suspension or expulsion, notification to law enforcement officials, and documentation in student's discipline record

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Students Responsibilities

Student Dress Guidelines

Extremes in wearing apparel or personal appearance which interfere with the learning environment, health, safety, or general welfare will not be considered as acceptable school dress as determined by the School Administration. Student handbooks will outline permissive and not permissive dress guidelines. Every circumstance or situation relative to clothing can not be listed but age appropriate considerations will be made. Health and safety for all students is a major concern in identifying proper apparel for the school environment. Use the following information in formulating guidelines for student dress:

1. Students may not wear bare midriffs, inappropriate or revealing tops, or see-through garments.
2. Students may not go barefoot at school.
3. Students may not wear shirts, jackets, or other apparel with profanity lettering, alcoholic beverage logos, drug references, sexual innuendoes, or satanic inferences. Students may not wear anything that would be considered insensitive to any nationality, ethnic group or gender.
4. Students may wear shorts of appropriate length for school wear. NO ragged cutoffs or garments with holes in them should be permitted for school dress.
5. Students may not wear caps, gloves, sunglasses, or long, knee length coats during school hours except in class or class activities where such apparel would be considered appropriate. (Trench coats are prohibited)
6. Extreme display/use of nose rings, cheek rings, lip rings, pierced finger rings, tongue rings, (any other facial rings), that would be considered unsafe and distracting to the learning environment are not allowed to be worn at school.
7. NO gang related colors, tags, symbols, or apparel will be permitted, (NO sagging pants).
8. Any apparel that could cause injury to others will not be permitted. Examples: wallet chains, extreme rings/necklaces or anklets/ or spiked bracelets, etc.

9. Face painting and unnatural hair coloring are considered distracting and not allowed at school. No special events costumes where identity can not be determined. Exceptions may be made for school sponsored special activities such as School Spirit Week and with permission from the building administrator.
10. Students are to be neat and clean upon entering school. Inattention to cleanliness will not be tolerated and students may be sent home to rectify the situation.

Classroom Atmosphere

Classroom atmosphere is extremely important as it relates to learning. Clean, well kept classrooms are a definite must in promoting good student behavior and respect for the school. Students are asked to abide by these guidelines to assist in keeping the school and classrooms neat and orderly for use.

1. Students should not eat candy, drink sodas, or other foods in the classrooms. Exceptions are organized classroom approved activities.
2. Students may not wear caps or hats in the classrooms.
3. Students may not lounge on desks, tables, or other school furniture. Students should not lie prone on classroom or corridor floors.
4. Students should leave desks, chairs, equipment and rooms as they found them or as instructed.
5. No writing or marking on school property such as desk, tables, walls.

Students may not bring portable radios, headphones, cassette players, compact disc players, tape players, beepers, walkmans, telephones, laser pens, or lights, or other electrical devices to school. These electronic devices can be a major interference to instruction and academic activities. These items will be confiscated and only returned to the students' parents or guardian.

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Firearms and Weapons in School

Definition of Firearm

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

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

Definition of Weapons

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

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

Other weapons:

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

Students Who Bring Firearms to School

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

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

Applicability of Regulation to Disabled Students

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

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Student Participation in Secret Organizations and Gangs

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

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

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

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

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Detention

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

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

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Suspension

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

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

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

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

The Superintendent may suspend a student for a period not to exceed one hundred eighty (180) consecutive school days.

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

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

3. The student shall be given an opportunity to present his/her version of the incident to the principal or Superintendent.

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

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

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

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

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

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

<p>Note: For suspensions involving disabled students under Section 504 or the IDEA, see Policy and Regulation 2672.</p>
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Expulsion

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

Due process for expulsion of students shall include the following:

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

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Enrollment or Return Following Suspension and/or Expulsion

Conference Required

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

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

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

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

Offenses to Which this Policy Applies

1. First degree murder under Mo. Rev. Stat. § 565.020
2. Second degree murder under Mo. Rev. Stat. § 565.021
3. First degree assault under Mo. Rev. Stat. § 565.050
4. Forcible rape under Mo. Rev. Stat. § 566.030
5. Forcible sodomy under Mo. Rev. Stat. § 566.060
6. Robbery in the first degree under Mo. Rev. Stat. § 569.020
7. Distribution of drugs to a minor under Mo. Rev. Stat. § 195.212
8. Arson in the first degree under Mo. Rev. Stat. § 569.040

9. Kidnapping, when classified as a Class A felony under Mo. Rev. Stat. § 565.110
10. Statutory rape under Mo. Rev. Stat. 566.032
11. Statutory sodomy under Mo. Rev. Stat. 566.062

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

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

Suspension or Expulsion from Other Schools

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

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Regulation 2671

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Student Discipline Hearings

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

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

9. The hearing shall not be open to the public unless requested by the student's parent/guardian or those having his/her custodial care, provided, however, that, if the hearing is open to the public, the Board may set reasonable limitations on the number of people present based upon available space and need for orderly proceedings.

The Board shall also have the right to exclude the public or any person or persons if it shall determine that the hearings are being disrupted by any person or group of persons.

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

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

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

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Regulation 2672

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Discipline of Students with Disabilities

Removal from Current Educational Placement for Not More Than Ten Consecutive School Days; Not More Than Ten Cumulative Days Removal for the Current School Year

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1. Possesses a weapon at school or at a school function; or
2. Knowingly possesses or uses illegal drugs or sells or solicits the sale of a controlled substance while at school or at a school function; or
3. A serious bodily injury.

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

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

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

The IEP team will decide on an interim alternative educational setting that will allow the student to continue to progress in the general curriculum, to receive the services and modifications that will enable the child to meet the goals set out in the student's IEP, and to receive services and modifications to attempt to prevent the student's behavior from recurring.

IDEA Disabled Students

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

Section 504 Disabled Students

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

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

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

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

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

Definitions

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

Weapon means a weapon, device, instrument, material, or substance, animate or inanimate, that is used for, or is readily capable of, causing death or serious bodily injury, except that such term does not include a pocket knife with a blade of less than 2 ½ inches in length.

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

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Regulation 2673

Discipline

Reporting of Violent Behavior

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

Reportable Offenses

1. First degree murder
2. Second degree murder
3. Kidnapping
4. First degree assault
5. Forcible rape
6. Forcible sodomy
7. Burglary in the first degree
8. Burglary in the second degree
9. Robbery in the first degree
10. Distribution of drugs
11. Distribution of drugs to a minor
12. Arson in the first degree
13. Voluntary manslaughter
14. Involuntary manslaughter
15. Second degree assault
16. Assault (except as provided in the Agreement contained in Form 2673)
17. Felonious restraint
18. Property damage in the first degree
19. Possession of a weapon
20. Child molestation in the first degree
21. Deviate sexual assault
22. Sexual misconduct involving a child
23. Sexual assault

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

Records of Serious Violations

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

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

**AGREEMENT FOR REPORTING THIRD-DEGREE ASSAULT
TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY**

This Agreement for Reporting Third-Degree Assault to Law Enforcement Agency (hereinafter

"Agreement") is entered into this _____ day of _____, 1998, by and between

_____, Superintendent of the _____
Superintendent School District
_____, (hereinafter "Law Enforcement Agency"), pursuant
Law Enforcement Agency/(ies)

to Mo. Rev. Stat. § 167.117, for the purpose of establishing guidelines for School District principals in reporting incidents that may constitute third-degree assault under Missouri law when such incidents occur on school property or on school buses or when such incidents occur during school activities.

Definition of Third-Degree Assault

For purposes of this Agreement, a person commits assault in the third degree if that person:

1. Attempts to cause or recklessly causes physical injury to another person; or
2. With gross negligence, causes physical injury to another person by means of a deadly weapon;
3. Purposely places another person in apprehension of immediate physical injury; or
4. Recklessly engages in conduct which creates a grave risk of death, serious disfigurement or protracted impairment of the function of any part of the body of another person; or

5. Knowingly causes physical contact with another person with knowledge that the other person regards the contact as offensive or provocative.

Factors to Be Considered by Principals

When a principal in this School District believes that an incident of third-degree assault has occurred on school property, on a school bus, or during a school activity (regardless of whether that activity occurs on or off of school property), the principal may consider the following guidelines in determining whether to report the particular incident.

1. The age and maturity of the student involved.
2. Whether the incident involved the use of or threatened use of a weapon or involved sexual misconduct or allegations of sexual misconduct.
3. The nature and severity of the conduct.
4. The nature and severity of injury, if any, inflicted on the other person involved.

In addition to these factors, the principal may consider any other factors which the principal, in the exercise of professional judgment, determines to be appropriate under the circumstances. The guidelines listed above shall in no way inhibit a principal from reporting to law enforcement any conduct which the principal believes may constitute a violation of state or federal law, regardless of whether such conduct actually constitutes such a violation.

Procedure for Making Report to Law Enforcement

If a principal determines, in his/her professional judgment, that an incident shall be reported to law enforcement under this Agreement, the principal should contact the Law Enforcement Agency by telephone or in writing as soon as reasonably practicable after the principal receives a report of the incident and after the principal has, if necessary, investigated the incident to determine whether the incident necessitates a report.

The principal subsequently shall provide the Law Enforcement Agency with any additional documentation that the principal or School District deems necessary. Such information will be provided in accordance with applicable federal and state law.

Superintendent

Authorized Law Enforcement Official/Agency

School District

Date

Date

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Regulation 2710

Student Welfare

Reporting Student Abuse

Procedure for Reporting Abuse and Neglect

1. When a student reports alleged sexual misconduct on the part of a teacher or other school employee to another school employee such employee and the Superintendent shall forward the information within twenty-four (24) hours of receiving the information to the Children's Division at 1-800-392-3768.
2. However, if the report of alleged sexual abuse or neglect is received from someone other than a student, a report will be made to the Children's Division if the District has reason to believe that a child has been or is likely to be abused or neglected by telephoning the Abuse Hotline at 1-800-392-3738. The call will be logged with the date, time and nature of the report.
3. School personnel will not notify the student's parents that a Hotline report has been made.
4. When CD representatives interview students on District property, a school staff member will be present. CD representatives may not meet with a child at any school or childcare facility where abuse of the child is alleged to have occurred.
5. When CD receives a report of suspected abuse involving a school employee, other than reports made under subsection (1), the CD is required to notify the Superintendent. If the alleged perpetrator is the Superintendent, CD will notify the Board President. The Superintendent will conduct an investigation to determine if the report was made for the purpose of harassing a school employee, or spanking by certificated school employee pursuant to Board policy, or the use of reasonable force to protect person or property. If it appears that the report was not made for harassment purposes, the matter will be reported back to the CD immediately. The report will then be jointly investigated by the Superintendent and the juvenile officer.
6. Within seven (7) days of receiving notice from CD, the Superintendent and juvenile officer will submit separate reports to the Board of Education. Each report will state a conclusion concerning the validity of complaint of abuse.
7. Within seven (7) days of receiving the reports, the Board will consider the reports and issue findings of fact and conclusions of law. The Board's report will be forwarded to the CD.
8. When the District and student involved request mediation of the child abuse situation in a school setting, the matter will be referred to the Office of Child Advocate.

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Regulation 2740

Student Welfare

Student Safety

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

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

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

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

1. Kidnapping under section 565.110, RSMo;
2. Assault 1st Degree under section 565.050, RSMo;
3. Forcible Rape under section 566.030, RSMo;
4. Forcible Sodomy under section 566.060, RSMo;
5. Burglary 1st Degree under section 569.160, RSMo;
6. Robbery 1st Degree under section 569.020, RSMo;
7. Arson 1st Degree under section 569.040, RSMo;
8. Assault 2nd Degree under section 565.060, RSMo;
9. Sexual Assault under section 566.040, RSMo;
10. Felonious Restraint under section 565.120, RSMo;
11. Property Damage 1st Degree under section 569.100, RSMo;
12. Child Molestation 1st Degree under section 566.067, RSMo;
13. Deviate Sexual Assault under section 566.070, RSMo;
14. Sexual Misconduct Involving a Child under section 566.083, RSMo; and/or
15. Sexual Abuse under section 566.100, RSMo.

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Regulation 2750

Student Welfare Wellness

1. Advisory Committee

A district-wide Nutrition & Physical Activity Advisory Committee will be established. The Committee would meet a minimum of two times annually. Responsibility of the Nutrition & Physical Activity Advisory Council may include, but not be limited to, oversight of the following:

- Implementation of district nutrition and physical activity standards
- Integration of nutrition and physical activity in the overall curriculum
- Assurance that staff professional development includes nutrition and physical activity issues
- Assurance that students receive nutrition education and engage in vigorous physical activity

The Nutrition & Physical Activity Advisory Committee will be responsible for preparing a report that includes, but is not limited to, the following information:

- Monthly district menus and meal counts
- Listing of all a la carte, vending, and competitive foods sold by school food service
- Listing of all other sales of foods throughout the district including vending machines, school stores, culinary, and special education programs, in-school and in-class fundraisers, etc.
- Listing of physical activity programs and opportunities for students throughout the school year.

2. Student Nutrition

The School Breakfast/Lunch Programs:

- The full meal school breakfast and lunch programs will continue to follow the USDA Requirements for Federal School Meals Programs.
- The School Food Service Program will follow the District's Nutrition Standards when determining the items in a la carte and "competitive foods" sales.
- The Food and Service Director will work closely with the Nutrition & Physical Activity Advisory Committee.

Cafeteria Environment:

- A cafeteria environment that provides students with a relaxed, enjoyable climate that shall be developed
- The cafeteria is a place where students have:
 - o Adequate space to eat in clean, pleasant surroundings
 - o Adequate time to eat meals
 - o Convenient access to hand washing or hand sanitizing facilities before meals

Fundraising:

- All fundraising projects are encouraged to follow the District Nutrition Standards.
- All fundraising projects for sale and consumption of food items within and prior to the instructional day will follow the District's Nutrition Standards when determining the items being sold.

3. Student Nutrition Education:

The District has a comprehensive approach to nutrition in Kindergarten through 12th grade. All K-12 instructional staff will be encouraged to integrate nutritional themes into daily lessons when appropriate. The health benefits of good nutrition should be emphasized. The district nutrition policy reinforces nutrition education to help students practice these themes in a supportive school environment.

Parent Nutrition Education:

Nutrition education may be provided in the forms of handouts, postings on the district website, articles and information provided in district or school newsletters, presentations that focus on nutritional value and healthy lifestyles, and through any other appropriate means available for reaching parents.

Staff Nutrition & Physical Activity Education:

Nutrition and physical activity education opportunities will be provided to all schools staff at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. These educational opportunities may include, but not be limited to, the distribution of educational and informational materials and the arrangement of presentations and workshops that focus on nutritional and healthy lifestyles, health assessments, fitness activities, and other appropriate nutrition and physical activity-related topics.

4. District Nutrition Standards

The District strongly encourages the sale or distribution of nutrient dense foods for all school functions and activities. Nutrient dense foods are those foods that provide students with calories rich in the nutrient content needed to be healthy. In an effort to support the consumption of nutrient dense foods in the school setting, the district has adopted the following nutrition standards governing the sale of food, beverage, and candy on school grounds. Schools are encouraged to study these standards and develop building policy using the following District Nutrition Standards as minimal guidelines.

Food:

- Encourage the consumption of nutrient dense foods, i.e. WHOLE GRAINS, FRESH FRUITS, VEGETABLES, and DAIRY PRODUCTS.
- Any given food item for sale prior to the start of the school day and throughout the instructional day, will have no more than 30% of its total calories derived from fat.
- Any given food item for sale prior to the start of the school day and throughout the instructional day, will generally have no more than 10% of its total calories derived from saturated fat.
- Nuts and seeds with minimal added fat in processing (no more than 3 grams of added fat per 1.75 ounce or less package size) are exempt from these standards because they are nutrient dense and contain high levels of monounsaturated fat.

Candy:

- Candy is defined as any processed food item that has:

- a. Sugar (including brown sugar, corn sweetener, corn syrup, fructose, glucose (dextrose), high fructose corn syrup, invert sugar, lactose, maltose, molasses, raw sugar, table sugar (sucrose), syrup) is listed as one of the first two ingredients AND
- b. Sugar is more than 25% of the item by weight.
- Vending sales of candy will not be permitted on school grounds.
- Non-vending sales of candy will be permitted ONLY at the conclusion of the instructional school day

5. Student Physical Activity

District Physical Activity Goal:

The District shall provide physical activity and physical education opportunities that provides students with the knowledge and skills to lead a physically active lifestyle. The District shall utilize the following Implementation Strategies:

- 1 Physical education classes and physical activity opportunities will be available to all students.
- 2 Physical activity opportunities shall be offered daily before school, during school (recess), or after school.
- 3 As recommended by the National Association of Sport and Physical Education (NASPE), school leaders of physical activity and physical education shall guide students through a process that will enable them to achieve and maintain a high level of personal fitness through the following:
 - Expose youngsters to a wide variety of physical activities
 - Teach physical skills to help maintain a lifetime of health and fitness
 - Encourage self-monitoring so youngsters can see how active they are and set their own goals
 - Individualize intensity of activities
 - Focus feedback on process of doing your best rather than on product
 - Be active role models
- 4 Introduce developmentally appropriate components of a health-related assessment to the students at an early age to prepare them for future assessments.
- 5 Physical education classes shall be sequential, building from year to year, and content will include movement, personal fitness, and personal and social responsibility. Students should be able to demonstrate competency through application of knowledge, skill, and practice.

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Regulation 2760

Student Welfare

Foster Care Bill of Rights

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

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

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Regulation 2850

Student Services

Inoculations of Students

Immunizations

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

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

6. The District will prepare the immunization report (CD 31) for the Missouri Department of Health by the specified date. Any deficiencies will receive follow-up as recommended. Every effort will be made to return excluded students to school as soon as possible. The parent/guardian will be advised of resources available to obtain needed protection. The parent/guardian who does not make an effort to comply with the law in order to return students to school within ten days may be reported to the local juvenile authority for enforcing the truancy law.

7. An ongoing review of immunization records will be made to ensure that entering transfer students, students who are "In Progress," and those needing TB boosters during the school year have adequate protection. Students will be notified in the spring that TB boosters will be due during the next school year. The records of entering transfer students and those due for boosters will be flagged or a separate file or a line listing of these students will be maintained to facilitate compliance with the statute.

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Regulation 2860

Student Services

Students with Communicable Diseases

The following Administrative Guidelines have been developed to assist in implementing Policy 2860.

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

Acute Infectious Disease

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

Chronic Infectious Disease

1. If the principal, after consulting with the school nurse, determines that a student may have a chronic infectious disease, the student may be excluded from school and provided an education in an alternative setting until the following procedures have been concluded. Prior

to excluding the student, the student's parents/guardians shall receive written notification of the intent to exclude and their procedural safeguards as set forth in the District's compliance plan for Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

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

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

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

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

- a. Prior to excluding the student, the student's parents/guardians shall receive written notification of their procedural safeguards as set forth in the District's compliance plan for implementing the IDEA, in addition to written notice of their procedural safeguards pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.
 - b. The Review Committee shall include the chairperson of the student's Individual Educational Program Committee or his/her designee.
2. The members of the Review Committee shall determine the fitness of the student to attend school. The Committee will assess the student's condition, the school conditions, and the

risks of exposing others to the disease in the school environment, and shall determine whether the student should (1) be permitted to attend school without restrictions; (2) attend school under stated restrictions and conditions, or (3) be excluded from attending school and provided an alternative educational program. The Committee will prepare a written individual school health care plan for the student and establish dates and/or conditions under which the student's status will be reviewed. The Committee will also identify the persons who have a medical need to know the identity of the student because they are responsible for providing proper health care, and will provide the names of those persons to the Superintendent or his/her designee.

3. Within three (3) working days after the Committee is convened, the Committee will make a determination and prepare findings of fact, which the Chairperson shall communicate in writing to the student's parents/guardians, the principal, and the Superintendent. The parents/guardians shall again receive written notification of their procedural safeguards as set forth in the District's compliance plan for Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (and in the District's compliance plan for implementing the IDEA, if applicable). The meetings, records, and votes of the Review Committee shall not be open to the public. The determination will be final unless reversed on appeal pursuant to the Complaint Procedures set out in the District's compliance plan for Section 504 (or the procedures in the District's compliance plan for implementing the IDEA, if applicable).
4. If a student with a chronic infectious disease is permitted to attend school, the Superintendent will notify those persons who were identified by the Review Committee as having a medical need to know the student's identity and conditions under which the student is attending school. Willful or negligent disclosure of confidential information will be cause for disciplinary action.
5. Staff members who have a medical need to know the identity of a student with a chronic infectious disease include (1) those who are designated by the school district to determine the fitness of the student to attend school; (2) those who are responsible for providing health care to the student, such as the school nurse; and (3) those who are most likely to be in a position to render first aid to the student in case of an accident or medical emergency.
6. A student who has a chronic infectious disease shall be evaluated pursuant to the District's compliance plan for Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (and the District's compliance plan for implementing the IDEA, if applicable) to determine whether any accommodations or related services are necessary for the student to receive a free appropriate public education. If accommodations or related services are necessary, the District shall develop and implement a plan for the delivery of all needed services. This evaluation shall be conducted regardless whether the student is permitted to attend school with or without conditions and restrictions, or is excluded from school.

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Regulation 2870

Student Services

Administering Medicines to Students

Prescription Medication

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

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

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

Over-the-Counter Medication

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

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

Emergency Medication

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

Storage and Administration of Medication

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

The administration of medication, including over-the-counter medications, is a nursing activity, governed by the State of Missouri Nursing Practice Act. It must be performed by the registered professional school nurse. The nurse may delegate and supervise the administration of medication by unlicensed personnel who are qualified by education, knowledge and skill to do

so. The registered nurse must provide and document the requisite education, training, and competency verification. The nurse is also empowered to contact the prescriber or pharmacist filling the prescription to discuss the prescription if the nurse has questions regarding the administration of such medication. Qualified employees will be held harmless and immune from civil liability for administering medication or medical services in good faith and according to standard medical practices.

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

Pre-filled Auto Syringes

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

Self-Administration of Medication

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

1. A licensed physician has prescribed or ordered such medications for use of the student and has instructed the student in the correct and responsible use of such medications;
2. The student has demonstrated to the student's licensed physician or designee and the school nurse, the skill level necessary to use the medications and any device necessary to administer such medications;

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

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

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Training

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

Administration of Asthma Rescue Medication

The Board of Education, by a majority vote, may authorize a licensed registered nurse to maintain a supply of asthma related rescue medication at each District school. The nurse will recommend the quantity of such medication to be maintained. The asthma rescue medication will be obtained by prescription written by a licensed physician, a physician's assistant, or nurse practitioner. Such prescription shall list the District as the patient, will contain the nurse's name, and will be filled at a licensed pharmacy. A school nurse or other school employees trained by and supervised by the nurse shall have the discretion to use asthma related rescue medications on any student the school nurse or trained employee believes is having a life-threatening asthma

episode based upon their training in recognizing an acute asthma episode. Immunity, under §167.624, from civil liability for trained employees administering life saving methods shall apply to trained employees administering an asthma related rescue medication under this policy.

Parent/Guardian Administration

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

Exception for Potentially Harmful Administration

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

Student Services

Permission to Self-Administer Medication

PERMISSION FORM FOR STUDENT TO SELF-ADMINISTER MEDICATION

I hereby certify as follows:

I, _____, the parent/guardian of

 Parent/Guardian

_____, a student in the

 Student

_____, am legally authorized

 School District

to make educational and health care decisions for the Student.

I hereby give my permission for the Student to retain in his/her possession _____ and to self-administer this medication in accordance with my son/daughter's written treatment plan signed by his/her physician. This permission shall be effective during the school day, on school property, including but not limited to a school bus, and at all school activities, whether on or off school property or occurring during the regular school day.

I have provided the District with a written medical history of the Student's experience with his/her chronic health condition, ("Condition") and a plan of action for addressing any emergency situations that could reasonably be anticipated as a consequence of administering the medication and having the Condition.

I have provided the District with a copy of the Student's treatment plan including a physician's statement that our the Student is capable of self-administering the medication under the treatment plan, and written certification from the Student's physician, stating that the Student (a) has the aforementioned Condition and (b) is capable of, and has been instructed in, the proper method of self-administration of medication and informed of the dangers of permitting other persons to use the medicine prescribed for the Student.

I understand that the District and its employees or agents may disclose information provided in accordance the foregoing paragraphs to administrators, schools nurses, teachers, and other school employees as may be necessary to protect the health of the Student and to establish that the Student has been authorized to self-administer the medication designated above, and shall incur no liability for the disclosure of such information.

Student Services
Administering Medicines to Students

***ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF
STUDENT SELF ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION***

As parents/guardians of _____ we authorize our son/daughter to possess and to self-administer medication to treat his/her chronic health condition.

We warrant that:

1. A licensed physician prescribed or ordered such medications for use by our son/daughter.
2. A licensed physician has instructed our son/daughter in the correct and responsible use of such medications.
3. Our son/daughter has demonstrated to our son/daughter’s licensed physician or licensed designee the skill necessary to use the medication and any device necessary to administer such medications.
4. Our son/daughter’s physician has approved and signed a written treatment plan for managing our son/daughter’s chronic health condition that describes the specific medications to be self-administered and the medication’s appropriate use by our son/daughter. The treatment plan includes a physician’s statement that our son/daughter is capable of self-administering the medication under the treatment plan. A copy of this treatment plan is attached to this acknowledgement.
5. We agree to complete and submit to the school any written documentation required by the school.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND ITS EMPLOYEES SHALL INCURE NO LIABILITY AS RESULT OF ANY INJURY ARISING FROM THE SELF-ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION BY OUR SON/DAUGHTER OR ANY ADVERSE EFFECTS OR INJURY CAUSED BY THE MEDICATION AS ADMINISTERED BY SCHOOL STAFF. HOWEVER, WE ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE ABOVE STATEMENT SHALL NOT BE CONSTRUED AS A RELEASE FROM LIABILITY FOR NEGLIGENCE.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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Regulation 2875

Student Services

Student Allergy Prevention and Response

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

Definitions

Allergen – A substance that triggers an allergic reaction.

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

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

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

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

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

General

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

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

Building: Elementary

Locations: Nurse's office in locked medicine cabinet

Building: Middle School

Locations: HS Nurse's office in locked medicine cabinet

Building: High School

Locations: Nurse's office in locked medicine cabinet

Response to an Allergic Reaction

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

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

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

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

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

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

Instructional Areas

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

Dining Areas

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

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

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

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

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

The principal may designate one (1) or more tables in the dining area as peanut and/or nut-free areas. Any student may use these tables, but may not have any food or beverage that contains or may contain peanuts or other nuts. If any student has been identified as having life-threatening allergies to a food or beverage other than peanuts or nuts, the principal may instead designate one

(1) or more tables as allergen-free areas and specify the prohibited foods and beverages. Staff responsible for cleaning dining areas will clean any such designated tables prior to each use according to United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) recommendations using separate cleaning supplies. No student will be required to sit at the designated table.

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

Transportation and Off-Site Activities

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

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

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

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

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

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

Standards

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

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

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

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Regulation 2920

Activities and Athletics

Interscholastic Activities and Athletics

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

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

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

The following criteria will be followed:

1. Students will meet the eligibility requirements set out by MSHSAA.
2. A student must be making satisfactory progress towards graduation as determined by local school policies and regulations. (Regulation 2530)
3. Any student failing a class may be required to attend study sessions after school.
4. Students displaying unacceptable citizenship behaviors may be suspended from participation.
5. Each coach and sponsor shall establish written guidelines for their groups. These guidelines shall be presented orally and in written format. A copy of such guidelines shall be on file with the principal.

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

Participation in interscholastic competition is for students in grades seven through twelve (7 - 12) as determined by the local area athletic conference and the MSHSAA.

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

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

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

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

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

Regulations Governing Student Participation

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

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

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

Credit earned or completed after the close of the semester shall not count as having been earned that semester, except in case of a delayed final examination because of illness certified by a physician. Credit earned in summer school shall not count for or against the student's record for eligibility purposes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The MSHSAA handbook will be considered a part of this regulation.

Hazing

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

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

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

Activities and Athletics

Acknowledgement of Activity Rules and Guidelines

School _____

Activity _____

Coach/Sponsor _____

School Rules and Guidelines Associated with This Activity

(Rules and guidelines to be established by the coach/sponsor and school administration)

District Guidelines for Student Activities

Participation in District-sponsored activities and on District athletic teams is a privilege and not a legally protected right. Although students do not possess a legally protected right to participate in extracurricular activities, the District provides students suspended from participation with an informal opportunity to discuss the basis for their suspension.

Student and Parent Acknowledgement of the Above Rules and Guidelines

I acknowledge that violation of any of the above rules and guidelines for this activity may result in suspension or permanent removal from this activity or all extracurricular activities depending upon the nature of the violation. I further agree that subject to an opportunity to present the student's version of the alleged violation, the decision of the Superintendent/designee concerning suspension and duration of suspension is final.

I agree that I will refrain from participating in any student hazing activities as a participant or as an observer. I further understand that violation of the District's hazing policy may result in suspension from school and suspension from participation in all activities.

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Date