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2024-2025

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Disclaimer: This Parent/Student Handbook does not encompass every incident that may occur throughout the school year.

Incidents will be subject to authorized personnel decisions and all student consequences will be dealt with on an individual basis.



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MISSION STATEMENT

The District No. 155 staff will strengthen its partnership with children, parents and community to provide an optimum climate for learning in which children may reach their true potential and pursue their life goals.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF STUDENTS

As citizens of the United States, students are guaranteed certain individual rights and have corresponding individual responsibilities. Parents, teachers, and administrations have a responsibility- indeed, a duty – to protect the rights of students while maintaining an educational atmosphere conducive to the teaching and learning process. The concept of balancing rights of the individual with rights of society is as valid in the educational community as in the larger community. There are certain responsibilities required of a citizen who is a student in school:

1. To become informed of and adhere to rules and regulations established by local boards of education and implemented by all school personnel.
2. To respect rights and individuality of other students, school administrators and teachers.
3. To refrain from libel, slanderous remarks, and obscenity in verbal and written expression.
4. To dress in uniform and groom in a manner that meets standards of health, cleanliness, and safety.
5. To be punctual and present in the regular or assigned school program.
6. To refrain from disobedience, misconduct, or behavior that materially and substantially disrupts the educational process.
7. To maintain the best possible level of academic achievement.
8. To respect the authority by school administrators and teachers in maintaining discipline in school and at school-sponsored activities.

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ABSENCES

Upon a child's registration, the parent(s)/guardian(s) must: (1) **provide telephone numbers to the Building Principal and update them as necessary**, and (2) authorize all absences and notify the school office in advance or before 9:00 A.M. on the day of the child's absence due to illness or some other emergency.

If a student is, absent without prior authorization by the parent(s)/guardian(s), the Building Principal or a designee will make a reasonable effort to notify the parent(s)/guardian(s) of their child's absence within 2 hours after the first class by telephoning the numbers given.

Parents may find it helpful to post the above information near their telephone for easy reference.

Wentworth Jr. High.....708-862-0750
Wentworth Intermediate.....708-868-7926

Wilson Elementary.....708-862-5166
Student Services708-868-7089

Students who sustain a serious injury or illness, which requires them to be absent for more than five (5) consecutive school days, will be required to obtain a physician's statement for readmission purposes.

Students who have been absent due to infectious diseases, e.g., trench mouth, pinworm, impetigo, hepatitis, measles, scarlet fever, mumps, chicken pox, etc., must have a statement from the attending physician, attesting to the fact that the illnesses have subsided to a degree where others are not endangered.

A student is considered to be truant when he/she is absent without a valid cause for a school day or a portion of a school day, as defined in Section 26-2a of the Illinois School Code. If a student becomes a chronic truant, missing more than 10% of the scheduled school days, he/she will be referred to the local police department and/or the Cook County ESR.

Extended Vacations:

If a student is taken out of school for an extended vacation, makeup work may not be available.

AHERA NOTIFICATIONS

Asbestos Inspection Reports and Management Plans for ALL Schools have been approved by the Illinois Department of Public Health and may be examined at the Administration Center or the individual school offices.

ATTENDANCE

School attendance is a responsibility for both children and their parents. The custodial parent/legal guardian of the student is responsible for making sure the student attends school every day on time:

1. the child attends an appropriate private or parochial school,
2. the child is found by a physician or psychiatrist to be physically or mentally unable to attend a regular school program,
3. the child is temporarily excused for good cause by the principal or
4. the child is necessarily lawfully employed, according to the child labor laws, with the consent of the Superintendent of the Educational Service Region.

BICYCLES

Bicycles must be parked in the racks provided. All bicycles should have locks. The school is not responsible for damage or theft of bicycles on or off school property.

BULLYING POLICY

No person, including a School District employee or agent, or student, shall harass, intimidate, or bully a student on the basis of actual or perceived; race; color; national origin; military status; unfavorable discharge status from military service; sex; sexual orientation; gender identity; gender-related identity or expression; ancestry; age; religion; physical or mental disability; order of protection status; status of being homeless; actual or potential marital or prenatal status, including pregnancy; association with a person or group with one or more of the aforementioned actual or perceived characteristics; or any other distinguishing characteristic. *See polices 7:20 Harassment of Students Prohibited, and 2:260, Uniform Grievance Procedure.*

BUS ASSIGNMENT AND RULES

Student bus assignments are made by location in the district; all assignments are made in order to provide the safest, most consistent, and logistically sound bus service to students.

The bus assignment, bus stop assignment, pick-up time, and drop-off time information will be distributed to parents at registration.

Bus Rules:

1. Students must remain seated in assigned seats at all times.
2. Students should speak at an appropriate volume
3. No eating, drinking or gum chewing on the bus.
4. No horse play at the bus stop.
5. Always obey the driver's or bus aide's directions.

Any disregard for proper conduct on the bus or at the bus stop can result in loss of bus privileges for a day to the rest of the year depending on the severity or frequency of behavior. Video cameras will be used on the school buses. In case of any emergency with a bus, school personnel will contact parents with needed information.

CARE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY

Students are responsible for the proper care of all textbooks, chrome books, library books, supplies and furniture provided by the school.

Students who disfigure property, or cause damage to school property or equipment, will be required to pay for the damages. Lost textbooks are also the responsibility of the student and are to be paid for in the school office.

COMMUNITY INPUT

School District No. 155 welcomes suggestions for improvement of the school district. All suggestions will be taken under advisement and considered for appropriateness and feasibility.

Please contact the Superintendent if you would like to serve on a district committee and/or have “Coffee with the Superintendent.”

Each year School District No. 155 submits proposals for the Education Consolidation and Improvement Act, Titles I, IV & V. These programs provide limited funds for remediation of basic skills in language arts and mathematics as well as special projects and/or programs.

Suggestions and/or comments are welcomed from parents and community members regarding the writing of these projects. Please contact the superintendent if you have any suggestions regarding this matter.

CONCUSSION PROTOCOL

New Concussion protocols have been added for the safety of all students involved in activities that could result in a head injury. These new protocols can be found on the next and last page of this handbook.

WHAT IS A CONCUSSION?

A concussion is a brain injury. Concussions are caused by a bump or blow to the head. Even a “ding,” “getting your bell rung,” or what seems to be a mild bump or blow to the head can be serious. You cannot see a concussion. Signs and symptoms of concussion can show up right after the injury or may not appear or be noticed until days or weeks after the injury. If your child reports any symptoms of concussion, or if you notice the symptoms yourself, seek medical attention right away.

WHAT ARE THE SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF A CONCUSSION?

- Appears dazed or stunned
- Is confused about assignment or position
- Forgets an instruction
- Is unsure of game, score, or opponent
- Moves clumsily
- Answers question slowly
- Loses consciousness (even briefly)
- Shows behavior or personality changes
- Can’t recall events prior to hit or fall
- Can’t recall events after hit or fall

Symptoms Reported by Athlete:

- Headache or “pressure in head”
- Nausea or vomiting
- Balance problems or dizziness
- Double or blurry vision
- Sensitivity to light
- Sensitivity to noise
- Feeling sluggish, hazy, foggy or groggy
- Concentration or memory problems
- Confusion
- Does not feel “right”

HOW CAN YOU HELP YOUR CHILD PREVENT A CONCUSSION?

Every sport is different, but there are steps your children can take to protect themselves from concussion.

- Ensure that they follow their coach's rules for safety and the rules of the sport.
- Encourage them to practice good sportsmanship at all times.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IF YOU THINK YOUR CHILD HAS A CONCUSSION?

1. Seek medical attention right away. A healthcare professional with knowledge in concussion management will be able to decide how serious the concussion is and when it is safe for your child to return to sports.
2. Keep your child out of play. Concussions take time to heal. Do not let your child return to play on the same day the injury occurred and until a health care professional says, it is OK. Children who return to play too soon while the brain is still healing; risk a greater chance of having a second concussion. Second or later concussions can be very serious. They can cause permanent brain damage, affecting your child for a lifetime.
3. Tell your child's coach about any recent concussion. Coaches should know if your child had a recent concussion in ANY sport. Your child's coach may not know about a concussion your child received in another sport or activity unless you tell the coach.

DISASTER AND CRISIS MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES

Disaster and crisis management procedures for fire, severe weather, or other Civil Defense disasters, and diverse crises have been planned and implemented by a committee of faculty, support staff, and administrators of Calumet City School District No.155. Practice Drill sessions will take place in each school building to ensure that students and faculty react properly to the various disaster alarms.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS: Parents should be aware that during a tornado or severe weather alert or practice drill, the following precautions will be taken to ensure the safety of students, teachers, and other school district employees:

1. The telephone will not be answered as all students and personnel will be in emergency positions.
2. Students will not be allowed to leave a school building while a tornado or severe weather alert is in progress.
3. Parents or other visitors, in a school building when an alert is activated, should proceed to a safety area within the school building with students and personnel.
4. SchoolMessenger System will notify parents for reunification procedures if student relocation is necessary.

DRUG-FREE SCHOOL CERTIFICATION

Since the use of illicit drugs and the unlawful possession and use of alcohol is wrong and harmful, provide prevention programs that address the legal, social, and health consequences of drug and alcohol use. The program provides information about effective techniques for resisting peer pressure to use illicit drugs or alcohol and is presented to all students.

Standards of conduct that are applicable to students in all schools of this district clearly prohibit, at a minimum, the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by students on school premises or as part of any of its activities. Compliance with the standards of conduct is mandatory.

Discipline sanctions (consistent with local, state, and federal law), up to and including expulsion and referral for prosecution, will be imposed on students who violate the standards of conduct. A disciplinary sanction may include the completion of an appropriate rehabilitation program. School Social Workers have further details concerning appropriate rehabilitation programs. Additional information concerning standards of conduct and disciplinary sanctions may be found in the second half of this booklet, **Calumet City School District No. 155 Student Discipline Policy**, which is distributed during registration. Parents will be notified of any revisions made to this policy during the school year.

EMERGENCY CLOSING/INCLEMENT WEATHER

If there is a need to close any of our schools due to weather conditions, power failure, or other unexpected circumstances, an announcement will be broadcast on radio station WJOB (1230 AM), radio station WGN (720 AM), and television station WGN (Channel 9).

Please note that the announcement may be made in any of the following ways since we have no control over what the announcer may say: School District No. 155, Calumet City School District No. 155, Wentworth-Wilson School District, Wentworth and Wilson Schools, OR ANY COMBINATION OF THE ABOVE COULD POSSIBLY BE USED.

Additionally, the district is utilizing SchoolMessenger as an Instant Alert System. Please make sure all contact information is up to date.

Should it be necessary to close school during the school day, it would be in the best interest of your child for you to plan for your child to go to an alternate home (such as a friend, neighbor, or nearby relative) in the event no one would be at your home on the arrival of your child.

It is the policy and practice of this school district to remain open whenever possible. In the case of inclement weather, it is the parent's decision as to whether or not to send their child or children to school under those circumstances. The decision for indoor or outdoor recess is at the discretion of the building principal.

EQUAL EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Equal educational opportunities shall be available for all students without regard to race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, ethnicity, language barrier, religious beliefs, physical and mental handicap or disability, or economic and social conditions, or actual or potential marital or parental status. Any student may file a grievance by using the School Uniform Grievance Procedure.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Students must be passing all classes and be on Tier Level 2 to participate in extra-curricular activities. Students must attend the **ENTIRE DAY** of an event in order to participate in any extra-curricular activity. Students must be enrolled on a full-time basis to be eligible for extra-curricular activities. Any student, who participates in intramurals, must have a current sports physical on file for Grades PK- 8.

Scholastic Standing:

-Students shall be in grades 5-8 and shall not have passed 8th grade standing. At no time, may a student who is in 4th grade or lower practice or participate.

-A student shall be doing passing work as determined by the local school district in all school subjects and the school shall certify compliance with this By-Law.

-For all IESA activities, athletic as well as non-athletic, passing work shall be checked weekly. Eligibility will be applied to the Monday through Saturday following the week that was checked. Students must be passing each subject each week to be eligible. Grades shall be cumulative for the school's grading period.

-The eligibility check shall be the same day each week unless school is not in session; then it must be taken on the last day of student attendance that week.

-For fall sports, the first eligibility check shall be made following the first full week of attendance at the beginning of the school year. During the succeeding weeks of the school year, the eligibility check shall begin the week prior to the first contest in an activity.

Wentworth Junior High offers:

- Band
- Boys Basketball
- Girls Basketball
- Girls Volleyball
- Intramural Soccer (Coed)
- Track for both Boys and Girls
- Student Council
- Peer Mediators
- Cheerleading
- Cal-Ridge Scholastic Bowl
- Cal-Ridge Math Bowl
- Prairie State Math Bowl
- Newberry Bowl
- Chorus
- National Junior Honor Society
- Black History Month
- Cinco de Mayo Program
- Various Extra-Curricular Clubs

Wentworth Intermediate offers:

- Band
- Intramural Sports
- Chorus
- Student Council
- Math Bowl
- Various Extra-curricular Clubs

Wilson Elementary offers:

- Various extra-curricular Clubs

FACE COVERINGS

The School Board acknowledges the continuing need to follow the Joint Guidance issued by Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE), Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and Center for Disease Control (CDC), with respect to health and safety protocols. Please refer to Board Policy 4:200.

FIELD TRIPS

During the school year, field trips will occur as extensions of the academic program, with goals and objectives aligned to the classroom instructional program. Students must demonstrate expected school behaviors on a consistent basis, within the school, to attend out of building field trips. Students may be excluded based on poor behavior and academic standing.

In order for a student to participate in a field trip, it will be necessary for him or her to bring a permission slip (supplied by the school) signed by his or her parent and to pay admittance charges.

We urge parents to allow their children to attend these field trips since they are part of the overall academic program and tied to Illinois Learning Standards.

Students who cannot attend field trips will be given instruction in school. Field trip days are regular school days for attendance purposes... **a child who cannot attend a given field trip must attend school as usual.**

FOOD SERVICES

District 155 will continue to implement an option available to schools participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs called the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for the upcoming school year. This means that all enrolled students of Calumet City School District 155 are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at school at no charge to your household each day of this school year. No further action is required of you. Your child(ren) will be able to participate in these meal programs without having to pay a fee or apply.

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English. To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at: http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by: (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

The district has a closed campus policy for the lunch period. This means that a student may not leave the building during lunch unless a parent properly signs them out. Parents are asked NOT to send glass containers to school for safety reasons. For nutritional reasons, fast food is not recommended.

Absolutely no food deliveries (i.e. Door dash, Uber eats, Grub hub, etc.)

Free Lunch Eligibility: The guidelines regarding eligibility of children enrolled in School District No. 155 schools, to receive free lunch are based upon family income and/or overall family financial status, and may be reviewed for McKinney-Vento Assistance Act and DCFS. The guidelines are published by the State of Illinois for local school district dissemination.

GRADING AND PROMOTION

The administration and professional staff shall establish a system of grading and reporting academic achievement to students and their parents and guardians. The system shall also determine when promotion and graduation requirements are met. Students may or may not be granted permission to participate in the graduation ceremony based upon discipline or academics. The decision to promote a student to the next grade level shall be based on successful completion of curriculum, attendance or other testing. A student shall not be promoted based on age or any other social reason not related to academic performance. The administration shall determine remedial assistance for a student who is not promoted.

Any student failing three or more core subjects will be ineligible for promotion to the next grade.

The following grading scale is used for WJH and WIS:
100-90% = A 69-60% = D P= Pass
89-80% = B 59-0% = F F =Failed
79-70% = C
The following grading scale is used for Wilson
Satisfactory 100-70%
Needs Improvement 69-60%
Unsatisfactory 59-0%

Parents are encouraged to check their child's grades weekly, using the web-based data information system (i.e. Power School). See Student Data Information System page 23.

The District's Accelerated Placement Program places qualified students in an educational setting that includes curriculum usually reserved for students who are older or in higher grades than the student, please see building Principal for additional information. *The deadline to submit referral is Monday, September 9, 2024.*

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM

A band program is available for all students in grades four through eight. A student may participate in the band program only with the consent and approval of his or her parents. Students in the Wentworth Jr. High band program will receive a grade.

INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES

Wentworth Junior High School is a member of the Cal-Ridge Conference. The conference sponsors the following activities: Boys' basketball, girls' basketball, boys' track, girls' track, girls' volleyball, intramural soccer, Math Bowl, Newbery Classics (literary contest) and Scholastic Bowl. Students must be passing all classes to participate in interscholastic activities.

LOCKERS AND DESKS

Student school lockers and desks are the property of the school and are to be used appropriately as storage areas for books, school supplies and outdoor garments. School officials may search lockers and/or desks with or without the student's knowledge or consent.

Students should not give out locker combinations to ensure their things are safe. Students at Wentworth Junior High have been provided gym lockers and are expected to keep their gym shoes and uniforms there and to lock their things up during gym class.

LOST AND FOUND

During the school year, many articles of clothing – and other items such as jewelry, lunch boxes and other personal belongings – end up in the individual school office's **LOST AND FOUND**.

You can help this situation by being aware of the following guidelines:

1. *Valuables* should not be brought to school.
2. Students should be aware of the coats, gloves and scarves worn to school. Students should be responsible for their personal items.
3. Whenever possible, identification tags should be attached to each child's possessions. It is advisable to mark all student belongings with their first and last name and homeroom. Students have many similar belongings and it is often hard to find the owner if they are not marked.

The **LOST AND FOUND** will be open for inspection in the individual school buildings during the year, and articles will be prominently displayed at a general school function before the close of the school year. Unclaimed **LOST AND FOUND** articles may be donated to a not-for-profit organization. **No lost or stolen property will be the responsibility of the district.**

MCKINNEY-VENTO

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act of 1987, is a federal law sponsored by McKinney (Reagan) and Vento (Clinton). It is the first significant legislative response to homelessness. The McKinney-Vento Act defines homeless children and youth as individuals who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence. Please see Dr. Joyce Nelson, jnelson@calumetcity155.or, McKinney-Vento liaison for further information.

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Students entering preschool, kindergarten, sixth grade, and new students to the district, must present proof of the required state of Illinois physical examination and immunizations. The student history portion of the examination form must be completed and signed by the parent. **If this is not completed, the student will not be able to register for school.** Out-of-state physical examinations written on approved forms, which meet current state of Illinois requirements, are acceptable if they are less than one year old.

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) who are requesting a religious exemption to immunizations or examinations must use the Illinois Certificate of Religious Exemption to Required Immunizations and/or Examination Form for each child with a religious exemption. The form must be completed and signed by the Parent(s)/Guardian(s) and signed by a physician. This form may not be used for exemptions from immunizations and/or examination for personal or philosophical reasons. Illinois law does not allow for such exemptions.

Health Examinations: Parent(s)/Guardians(s) of students shall present proof of a health examination by a licensed physician and of having received the immunizations against and screenings for preventable communicable diseases, as required by the Department of Public Health rules:

1. Within one year before entering kindergarten or the first grade,
2. Upon entering the sixth grade and
3. Whenever a student first enrolls in school within the District, regardless of the student's grade.

Failure to comply with the above requirements by the first day of school will result in the **student's exclusion from school until the required health forms are presented to the District.**

A student may be exempted from this policy's requirements on religious or medical grounds if the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) present to the Superintendent a signed statement explaining the objection. A student may be exempted from the health examination or immunizations on medical grounds if a physician provides written verification.

Immunizations: Illinois State Law specifies that each child be protected by immunization against certain diseases. Immunization is currently required for Diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, poliomyelitis, measles (live vaccine), rubella, mumps, HIB, and hepatitis B. All students enrolling must provide acceptable documentation of TWO doses of live measles virus vaccine, with the first dose administered not earlier than 12 months of age and the second dose no less than one month later.

Illinois Law has added two new required immunizations for students entering the sixth grade. **Your child is required to have a Tdap Vaccine and a Second Varicella.** Students entering the sixth grade are also required to have a **new physical examination completed.**

Students in kindergarten through fifth grade must be current with their immunizations. All students entering grades **six** and **twelve** must show proof of receiving meningococcal conjugate vaccine.

Any child entering kindergarten, sixth grade, or ninth grade for the first time shall show proof of having **received two doses of varicella vaccine**, the first dose on or after the first birthday and the second dose no less than four weeks (28 days) after the first dose, or proof of prior varicella disease.

Health Requirements: The State of Illinois has passed laws requiring immunizations, school physicals and dental exams for every child entering Early Childhood, Kindergarten, Sixth and Ninth Grades. Unless this obligation is met by the parents of the student prior to the first day of school, the student will not be allowed to enroll in classes on the first day and they will be excluded until the necessary examinations and immunizations have been made and forms returned to the school district.

The State of Illinois is also requiring that exams for students below kindergarten level MUST INCLUDE a statement that the child has been SCREENED for LEAD POISONING and has received a TB TEST as required. EVERY child is also to receive two doses of the measles vaccine. In addition, all children entering an early childhood program below the kindergarten level (24-59 months of age) must receive one or more doses of Haemophilus influenza type B (HIB) vaccine with the last dose administered on or after 15 months of age.

Hepatitis B immunization requirements will impact those students who are entering the grades stated below. These requirements are for:

Pre-Kindergarten Enrollment: Students entering any school-based pre-kindergarten program are required to show proof of hepatitis B immunization. (This requirement does not extend to students entering kindergarten.)

Sixth Grade Enrollment: Students entering sixth grade in the fall are required to show proof of hepatitis B immunization. Illinois law has added a requirement for one additional vaccine. One dose of the Tdap vaccine is now required (tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis, also known as the Whooping Cough) regardless of the interval since the last Dtap, DT, or Td. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please see the school nurse at the appropriate school.

All Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Grade Students must also show proof of hepatitis B immunization.

Three (3) shots are required to complete the hepatitis B series. The minimum intervals between doses are as follows: Dose 1 and 2 – 1 month (4weeks or 28 days); Dose 1 and 3 – 4 months (16 weeks or 112 days); Dose 2 and 3 – 2 months (8 weeks or 56 days).

Children entering into any school-operated program for the first time at the kindergarten level and below will be required to show proof of having received one dose of chickenpox vaccine (varicella) on or after their first birthday. A physician can confirm past disease history – in lieu of vaccination – by having examined the infected child, documenting the parent’s description of the child’s history, or reviewing laboratory evidence.

Dental examinations: All Illinois children entering kindergarten, second, and sixth grades will be required to have an oral examination by a licensed dentist. Each child shall present proof of examination (state report form) signed by the dentist prior to the beginning of the school year.

Vision test: All children enrolling in Kindergarten or in school for the first time must have a vision test by October 15th of the school year.

Administering Medication to Students: Teachers and other non-administrative school employees shall not be required to administer medication to students. Parent(s)/guardian(s) are responsible for administering medication to their children.

Administering medication during school hours or during school-related activities is discouraged unless it is necessary for the critical health and well-being of the student. Parent(s)/guardian(s) may authorize their child to self-administer a medication according to the District’s procedures for student self-administration of medication:

1. Written orders, reviewed annually, from a physician detailing the name of the drug, dosage, and time interval the medicine should be taken. **(This includes over-the-counter medications such as aspirin, cough syrup, Tylenol-type remedies, etc.)**
2. Written permission from parent or guardian of the student, requesting that the school district comply with physician's order.
3. Medications must be brought to school in a container appropriately labeled by the pharmacy or physician. This label must include the name of the person who is to take the medication, dosage, and time interim.
4. The school health aide will inform the appropriate school personnel of potential benefits and side effects of the drug being administered.
5. A locked cabinet is provided for storage of medication in the nurse's office. All medication must be stored in this cabinet

Nothing in this policy shall prohibit any school employee from providing emergency assistance to students, including administering medication. Please **do not send** your child to school if he/she continues to have symptoms within the 24-hour period prior to the school day.

Please keep your child home when the following symptoms are present:

1. Temperature of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or greater within the past 24 hours.
2. Vomiting or diarrhea occurring within the past 24 hours.
3. Strep infections of any kind, untreated ringworm, or conjunctivitis (pink eye). These are all contagious infections and must be treated with medication for at least 24 hours before returning to school.
4. Rash, bumps, or sores of unknown origin.
5. Untreated lice infestation.
6. Too uncomfortable to stay in school because of pain (for example, tooth pain, surgical pain).

Illness While in Attendance: If a child becomes ill or is injured while in school attendance, the parent(s) or parent-designated emergency number will be contacted if the child: (1) has a fever; (2) has vomited; (3) has a skin rash (must be treated as communicable); (4) has been injured or is in distress.

In order to facilitate notification in case of emergency, please make sure you have done/will do the following:

1. Designate at least two emergency numbers.
2. Notify the school office of any phone or address changes immediately.
3. Make sure work numbers or other numbers, which may need to be used to contact parents, are designated on school forms.

Reduced Physical Activity: If a parent wishes a child to have limited gym and/or recess activity, or the total withdrawal from these activities, the following guidelines should be followed:

1. Upon return to school from home due to illness, a child may have reduced recess or gym activity if a parent specifies this wish in a written note to the school principal; in such cases the limited activity will not be sustained for longer than one (1) school day.

2. If a child must have a curtailed gym and/or recess schedule, or be totally withdrawn from gym and/or recess for medical reason, for a length of time greater than (1) day, a note from a medical doctor must be turned in to the school office specifying the limitations. This note must be renewed annually.

Absence Due to Illness:

1. If a child is returning to school after contracting a communicable disease, i.e., scarlatina, strep throat, measles, chicken pox, lice or other infectious disease, a “release to school” note signed by a medical doctor must accompany the student to school and be turned in at the school office before the child can be admitted to class.
2. If a child is returning to school after being absent for five (5) or more consecutive school days, he or she is required to obtain a physician’s statement stating the reason for the absence and that the child is well enough to return to school before the child can be admitted to class.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent-teacher conferences will be held twice annually; Wentworth Jr. High will be conducting student led conferences. Student attendance is required. **On these dates, parents are expected to meet with their child’s teacher(s) to pick up the report card.**

In addition to the scheduled conference dates, parents are encouraged to meet with teachers, confer with them on the phone, or e-mail throughout the school year. If you wish to have a conference with a teacher, please call the office and ask the secretary to leave a message. The teacher will return your call to schedule the conference. In many cases, parents may be invited for additional conferences beyond those regularly scheduled. Furthermore, parents are encouraged to regularly check the web-based Student Data Management System (i.e. Power School).

PASSES FOR LEAVING SCHOOL

All requests to leave the building while school is in session must be cleared through the principal’s office. Leaving school without permission from parent of guardian is considered truancy and may receive disciplinary action.

PEST MANAGEMENT

An Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach is used for controlling insects, rodents, and weeds. The IPM approach focuses on making the school buildings and grounds unfavorable places for pests to live and breed.

Some IPM techniques are increased sanitation, sealing entry points, physically removing pests, monitoring, and modifying storage practices. Through maintenance and cleaning, available food and water sources, and hiding places for the pests are reduced or eliminated. The school areas are routinely monitored to detect pest problems and prevent the pests from becoming established.

PICTURES/VIDEOS/WEB PAGE

If you do not want your child’s picture included in school related materials, please contact your building principal.

PLAGIARISM

Plagiarism is the act of passing off as one's own the work of another without crediting the source, according to Webster's dictionary. Student work must be in the student's words or will not be given credit.

Examples of Plagiarism:

- Copying directly from the book
- Copying someone's homework and turning it in as your own
- Cut and Paste from the internet
- Submitting someone else's work

PRESCHOOL FOR ALL/BLENDED EARLY CHILDHOOD

Wilson's Preschool for All Blended program is a half-day classroom-based educational program designed to help 3-5-year old's build social, physical, emotional, and cognitive skills. Our program helps support students entering school with a foundation of knowledge and skills that enables them to fully prepare for kindergarten. Students entering our program are required by the State of Illinois to complete a district screening assessment, which assesses a child's general development and detects any delays in vision, hearing, motor, cognitive, social-emotional, and/or speech and language development areas. This would allow for every student to receive proper placement to prepare them for future academic success. Depending on your child's screening results, they can either be accepted into our Pre-K For All Blended program or can be referred to our Early Childhood program.

Our Early Childhood program is a half-day morning session that is intended to educate students in a way that addresses their specific needs. To be eligible for this program, a group of evaluators such as a school psychologist, speech-language pathologist, occupational therapist, physical therapist, school social worker, nurse, teacher and case manager will evaluate the child to create an IEP and determine their strengths and needs. Once an evaluation is complete, your child may receive the necessary services to assist them in areas where they may need additional support. If you have any further questions, please contact our Student Services Department at 708-868-7089.

PROBLEM SOLVING PROCEDURES

If you have a question, concern or inquiry regarding your child's progress, school policy, etc., the **FIRST STEP** is to contact your child's teacher. If the question or concern is not resolved, then the building principal should be contacted for an appointment.

If the situation is still not resolved at the building principal level, then the district superintendent should be contacted for an appointment. If the situation still is not settled **AFTER completing these steps**, the matter should be brought to the attention of the Board of Education in writing. The Board usually meets on the third Thursday of each month in the District Administration Center. Please contact the District Office to determine the upcoming schedule of Board meetings. By using this procedure, the vast majority of questions, concerns, and problems are solved well before reaching the Board of Education level.

PROGRESS REPORTS

The school year is divided into 3 grading periods with progress reports occurring approximately mid-way through the trimester. Progress reports are sent home with the students. Upon receipt of the progress report, we ask that parents/guardians review, sign and return it to their child's homeroom teacher within one week after they have been issued. At the conclusion of each trimester, the school will generate a report card for each student to be reviewed by the parent/guardian. Parents/guardians are to pick up the report cards during the first and second trimester at the district scheduled parent-teacher conferences.

Parent/s guardians not attending conferences are still required to pick up the report cards, they will not be sent home with the students. Third trimester report cards will be sent home with the students.

Ability and achievement tests will be made available to parents/guardians. In addition, parents who have concerns about student's grades should contact their teacher.

REGISTRATION

New Students: ALL persons registering a student MUST be the legal parent or guardian. A birth certificate is required for each new pupil in order to verify identity and date of birth. A physical examination, including a dental report, both on official State of Illinois forms and signed by their physician and dentist, must be on file to enter school. Children entering from other school districts must furnish a record of transfer from their former school district. Students coming from another Illinois school must have the official Illinois transfer form unless they qualify under the McKinney-Vento Assistance Act. Students who have been expelled will not be accepted.

The parent or guardian must also provide **three proofs of residence** in this school district (or number needed until adequate documentation for proof of residency); **one MUST be a photo ID with address within district boundaries.**

Other acceptable forms of residency proof include:

- 2 current, dated utility bills showing address within district boundaries,
- mortgage/lease,
- contract for house, only if new purchase,
- property tax bill,
- vehicle registration, and
- guardianship documents.

Not a resident is a fraudulent act. School Code ILSC 5/10-20.12A. And ILSC 5/10-20.12B.

Kindergarten Age Requirement: Children beginning kindergarten must be five years of age on/or before September 1 of that school year. All kindergarten students must also comply with the requirements listed above for "New Students".

First Grade Age Requirement: Children entering first grade must be six years of age before September 1 of that school year.

Returning Students:

All parents will be asked to verify previous registration information and must provide at least **THREE** acceptable forms of proof of residence in this district, including a photo I.D. Acceptable forms of residency proof include: current utility bill with date showing address within district boundaries, mortgage, contract for house, guardianship documents in conjunction with residency proof for the guardian (guardianship must show that it is for reasons **OTHER** than for purposes of attending school in this district), car registration showing an address within district boundaries, property tax bill showing an address within district boundaries, unemployment compensation.

If you move during the school year, you must complete a change of address form at the student’s school office.

RIGHT TO REVIEW

As a parent/guardian of a student at Wentworth Jr. High, Wentworth Intermediate or Woodrow Wilson Schools, you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teachers who instruct your child. Federal law allows you to ask for certain information about your child’s classroom teachers, and requires us to give you this information in a timely manner if you ask for it. Specifically, you have the right to ask for the following information about each of your child’s classroom teachers.

- Whether the Illinois State Board of Education has licensed or qualified the teacher for the grades and subjects he or she teaches
- Whether the Illinois State Board of Education has decided that the teacher can teach in a classroom without being licensed or qualified under state regulations because of special circumstances
- The teacher’s college major: whether the teacher has any advanced degrees and, if so, the subject or the degrees
- Whether any teacher’s aides or similar paraprofessionals provide services to your child and, if they do, their qualifications
- If at any time, a teacher not highly qualified has taught your child for four or more consecutive weeks, the school will notify you.

SCHOOL HOURS

<p><u>Pre-K, Early Childhood</u> Morning Session 8:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Afternoon Session 12:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. WEDNESDAY ONLY SCHEDULE Morning Session 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Afternoon Session 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Woodrow Wilson</u> Grades K – 2 8:30 a.m. to 3:10 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Wentworth Intermediate</u> Grades 3 – 5 8:20 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Wentworth Jr. High</u> Grades 6 – 8 8:20 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.</p>
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It is requested that students do not arrive on the school premises until ten (10) minutes before class time, as there is no supervision until that time. All students must be picked up no later than ten (10) minutes after student dismissal, as there is no supervision after that time.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS

Calumet City School District No. 155 complies with State of Illinois mandates regarding School Improvement Plans for local school districts.

SECURITY VIDEO SURVEILLANCE

The District has security video cameras recording public areas in and around our schools. These videotapes may be used for disciplinary purposes and are considered “Education Records” with strict guidelines for use and viewing as directed by the School District Law Firm.

SEX EQUITY POLICY

No student shall, on the basis of sex, be denied equal access to programs, activities, services, or benefits or be limited in the exercise of any right, privilege, advantage, or denied access to educational extracurricular programs and activities.

Any student may file a sex equity complaint by using the School Uniform Grievance Procedure. A student may appeal the Board of Education’s resolution of the complaint to the Regional Superintendent of Schools and, thereafter to the State Superintendent of Education.

SEXUAL ABUSE – AWARENESS AND PREVENTION

Sexual abuse, grooming behaviors, inappropriate employee-student relationships, and other employee-student boundary violations harm students, their parent/guardians, the District’s environment, the school community and the community at large, while diminishing a student’s ability to learn. Such conduct and other sexual misconduct are prohibited pursuant to **Board Policy 5:120**. To increase awareness and understanding of these issues, the District encourages parents/guardians, students and all members of the school community to closely review Board **Policy 5:120, *Employee Ethics, Code of Professional Conduct, and Conflict of Interest***, Board **Policy 4:165, *Awareness and Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Grooming Behaviors***.

SEXUAL ABUSE – INSTRUCTION IN RECOGNIZING AND AVOIDING

Illinois State Law (122 27-13.2) encourages local school districts to instruct students about recognizing and avoiding child sexual abuse. However, no student is required to be present during such instruction if the parent or guardian of the pupil submits a written objection to the presence of the student during this instruction. Any objections should be filed with the principal of the building in which your child is a student. A separate written objection should be filed for each child you may have in the school district (separate written notices help to keep records clear and accurate). If some parent objects in writing to such instruction, **THERE IS NO PENALTY** for the student, such as a reduced grade, suspension from school, etc.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Sexual harassment of students is prohibited. Sexual harassment is defined as follows:

1. An employee’s or District agent’s unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual or sex-based nature, imposed on the basis of sex, that denies or limits the provision of educational aid, benefits, services, or treatment; or that makes such conduct a condition of a student’s academic status.
2. Unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual or sex-based nature by anyone, including students, imposed on the basis of sex, that has the purpose or effect of a) substantially interfering with a student’s educational

environment; b) creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational environment; c) depriving a student of educational aid, benefits, services, or treatment; or d) making submission to or rejection of such unwelcome conduct the basis for academic decisions affecting a student.

Students who believe they are victims of sexual harassment or have witnessed sexual harassment are encouraged to discuss the matter with the student Nondiscrimination Coordinator, Building Principal, Assistant Principal, or a Complaint Manager. Students may choose to report to a person of the student's same sex. An allegation that one student was sexually harassed by another student shall be referred to the Building Principal, or Assistant Principal for appropriate action.

Nondiscrimination Coordinator:

Andrew Morgan, Principal
Wentworth Junior High School
(708) 862-0750

Complaint Managers:

Jacqueline McGee., Asst. Principal
Wentworth Jr. High School
(708) 862-0750

Jennifer Seddon, Principal
Wentworth Intermediate School
(708) 868-7926

Gregory Mason, Principal
Woodrow Wilson School
(708) 862-5166

SOPPA

Student Online Personal Protection Act (SOPPA)- School districts throughout the State of Illinois contract with different educational technology vendors for beneficial K-12 purposes such as providing personalized learning and innovative educational technologies, and increasing efficiency in school operations.

Under Illinois' Student Online Personal Protection Act (SOPPA), educational technology vendors and other entities that operate Internet websites, on-line services, online applications, or mobile applications that are designed, marketed, and primarily used for K-12 school purposes are referred to in SOPPA as operators. SOPPA is intended to ensure that the student data collected by operators is protected, and it requires those vendors, as well as school districts and the IL State Board of Education, to take a number of actions to protect online student data.

Depending upon the particular educational technology being used, our District may need to collect different types of student data, which is then shared with educational technology vendors through their online sites, services, and/or applications. Under SOPPA, educational technology vendors are prohibited from selling or renting a student's information or from engaging in targeted advertising using a student's information. Such vendors may only disclose student data for K-12 school purposes and other limited purposes permitted under the law.

In general terms, the types of student data that may be collected and shared include personally identifiable information (PII) about students or information that can be linked to PII about students, such as:

- Basic identifying information, including student or parent/guardian name and student or parent/guardian contact information, username/password, student ID number
- Demographic information
- Enrollment Information
- Assessment data, grades, and transcripts
- Attendance and class schedule

- Academic/extracurricular activities
- Special indicators (e.g. disability information, English language learner, free/reduced meals or homeless/foster care status)
- Conduct/behavioral data
- Health information
- Food purchases
- Transportation information
- In-application performance data
- Student-generated work
- Online communications
- Application metadata and application use statistics
- Permanent and temporary school student record information

Operators may collect and use student data only for K-12 purposes, which are purposes that aid in the administration of school activities, such as:

- Instruction in the classroom or at home (including remote learning)
- Administrative activities
- Collaboration between students, school personnel, and/or parents/guardians
- Other activities that are for the use and benefit of the school district

STUDENT DATA MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (I.E. POWER SCHOOL)

Power School is a web-based student management system created to help teachers manage student records. Through the parent portal of the web-based student data management system (Power School), parents and students have access to their grades, as well as the e-mail address of their teachers. Parents and students have their own access code.

STUDENT DISCIPLINE

Refer to the Student Discipline Policy.

STUDENT RECORDS

1. The student permanent record consists of basic identifying information, academic transcript, attendance record, accident reports, health record, record of release of permanent information, and other basic information. The permanent record will be kept for sixty (60) years after graduation or permanent withdrawal.
2. The Student temporary record consists of all information not required to be in the student permanent record including family background information, test scores, psychological evaluations, special education files, teacher anecdotal records, and disciplinary information. The temporary record will be reviewed every four (4) years for destruction of out-of-date information and will be destroyed within five (5) years after graduation or permanent withdrawal.
3. Parents have the right to:

- a. Inspect and copy all information contained in the student record. There may be a small charge for copies, not to exceed .35 cents per page. This fee will be waived for those unable to afford costs.
 - b. Challenge the contents of the records, by notifying the principal or records custodian of an objection to information contained in the record. An informal conference will then be scheduled to discuss the matter. If no satisfaction is obtained, a formal hearing will be scheduled to be conducted by an impartial hearing officer.
 - c. Receive copies of records proposed to be destroyed. The destruction schedule is explained in section 2 above.
 - d. Inspect and challenge information proposed to be transferred to another school in the event of a move to another school district.
4. Local, state, and federal educational officials have access to student records for educational and administrative purposes without parental consent. Student records will also be released without parental consent pursuant to a court order or subpoena, or in connection with an emergency where the records are needed by law enforcement or medical officials to meet a threat to the health or safety of the student or other persons. All other releases of information require the informed written consent of the parent or eligible student.
 5. “Intergovernmental Agreement concerning student records and information sharing between District 155 and 215. The sharing of student records and information pursuant to this Agreement shall not exceed the scope of information that is shared among the schools in a unit district and may include all permanent and temporary student record information, as defined in ISSRA and its implementing regulations
 6. The following is designated as directory information and will be released to the general public, unless the parents request that any or all of such information not be released; student’s name and address, grade level, birth date and place, parents’ name and address, information on participation in school-sponsored activities and athletics, the student’s major field of study, and period of attendance in the school.
 7. A parent may not be forced by a person or agency to release information from the temporary record in order to secure any right, privilege or benefit, including employment, credit or insurance.
 8. Full and complete copies of laws, rules and regulations on student records are on file with the records custodian of each school and with the superintendent of the district.

STUDENT SERVICES

The Department of Student Services is committed to providing a full continuum of specialized services to meet the individual educational needs and learning styles of each child. The district is also committed to supporting and creating a collaborative work culture that encourages student, support staff, and parents to work together to provide the best education possible for all students.

STUDENT TRANSFERS

Students leaving the district need to have their parents contact the school office **at least two (2) days prior to the official withdrawal date.**

Parents should accompany their child on the date of withdrawal in order to sign a records release form so that test records and other pertinent data can be forwarded directly to the new school upon their request.

SUMMER SCHOOL POLICY

1. Daily attendance will be mandatory. Three (3) absences will constitute a dismissal
2. Three (3) tardies will equal a one-day absence.

3. Busing service will **NOT** be provided for summer school students.
4. Behavior problems will not be tolerated. Students that become a behavior problem will be dismissed from summer school.
5. In compliance with the State of Illinois and Calumet City District No. 155 policy, all students must have current physical and up-to-date immunizations to be admitted into summer school.
6. Any child receiving medication must have their doctor's orders on file in the nurse's office.

TARDINESS

Students need to be prompt to school each day, tardiness will be addressed in the following manner:

All tardies, excused and unexcused, will be recorded by the school office. School administrators will follow board policy regarding disciplinary action for tardies.

TECHNOLOGY

The use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges. Responsible uses of the networked electronic access resources are activities, which support learning and teaching. Electronic access to the Internet by staff and students will only be available through the Calumet City School District No. 155 computer.

Parents/Guardians may waive the use of a child's individual privilege to the Internet by sending a written letter to the building principal.

Guidelines for responsible uses:

Users are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of electronic resources etiquette. This policy does not attempt to state all required or prescribed behavior by users; however, some specific examples are provided. These include but not limited to:

- 1.1 Users should be polite. Users should not get abusive in their messages to others.
- 1.2 Users should use appropriate language. Users should not swear, use vulgarities or any other inappropriate language.
- 1.3 Users should not reveal their personal address or phone numbers of students or faculty.
- 1.4 All communications and information accessible via the network should be assumed to be private property.

Unacceptable uses include:

- Violating the rights of others or their privacy.
- Using or posting profanity, obscenity, or language, which may be offensive to another user.
- Reposing personal communications without the author's prior knowledge or consent.
- Copying commercial software in violation of copyright laws.
- Using the electronic access resource services for financial gain or for any commercial or illegal activity, activity adverse to the guidelines above.
- Deliberate attempts to degrade or disrupt this services' performance; such attempts will be viewed as criminal activity under applicable state and federal law.
- Spreading computer viruses. User must avoid spreading computer viruses. Always download files to a flash drive, which must be scanned, for viruses under the direction of District 155 technology coordinator before being expanded to the main system.

- Bringing personal devices from home for school use.

Vandalism will result in cancellation of privileges. Criminal or civil penalties may be assessed against the user's activity. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of another user, internet or any of the above listed agencies or other networks that are connected to electronic access of resources. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading of creation of viruses.

Security on any computer system is a high priority, especially when the system involves so many users. Users who feel they can identify a security problem on the Internet must notify a library staff member or teacher. The problem should not be demonstrated to other users. Any user identified as a security risk or having a history of problems with other computer systems may be denied access to the Internet.

Calumet City School District No. 155 makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing and will not be responsible for any damages suffered, including loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries or service interruptions due to user's negligence, errors, or omissions.

The user agrees to indemnify Calumet City School District No. 155 for any losses, cost, or damages, including reasonable attorney fees, incurred by the District relating to, or arising out of, any breach of this policy.

The District assumes no responsibility for any unauthorized charges or fees, including telephone charges, long distance charges, per minute surcharges, and/or equipment or line costs.

TELEPHONES

Students may be permitted to use the office telephone only in cases of illness or absolute necessity as determined by the teacher or an office secretary. Students who use the office telephone must have written permission from their teacher and the permission of office personnel. Students will not be called to the telephone nor will students be called out of class to talk with a parent or other person unless an administrator deems the situation as an emergency.

Naturally, there are emergencies that arise from time to time which necessitate a message to or from a parent or the delivery of an item to a student. The school is happy to cooperate with the delivery of emergency messages (to be determined by administrator). Parents should have an understanding with their child as to what his/her plans are after school since after school arrangements are not normally considered an emergency. Wentworth Jr. High School will accept no personal deliveries for any student (i.e. flowers, cakes, cupcakes, treats, etc.) during the school day. Please take care of all affairs before coming to school. **Students are not allowed to use cell phones during school hours. They are to be turned off upon arrival and locked securely in locker throughout day. The school WILL NOT BE responsible for lost or stolen cell phones.** Any cell phones seen or heard from staff will be asked for and sent to office where a parent/guardian will be responsible for picking the cell phone up. See page 4 in the Student Discipline policy.

TRUANCY

A "truant" is a child subject to compulsory school attendance, and who is absent without valid cause from such attendance for a school day or portion thereof.

Valid cause for absence: A child may be absent from school because of illness, observance of a religious holiday, death in the immediate family, family emergency, situations beyond the student's control as determined by the School Board or such other circumstances which cause reasonable concern to the parent for the safety or health of the student.

Chronic or habitual truant: A “chronic or habitual truant” is a child who is subject to compulsory school attendance and who is absent without valid cause from such attendance for 10 percent or more of the regular attendance days.

Truant minor: A child to whom supportive services, including prevention, diagnostic intervention and remedial services, alternative programs, and other school and community resources have been provided and have failed to result in the cessation of chronic truancy or have been offered and refused. The School District will determine if the student is a truant, chronic or habitual truant, or a truant minor. The Superintendent shall direct the appropriate School District staff to develop diagnostic procedures to be used for identifying the cause(s) of unexcused student absenteeism. The diagnostic procedures shall include, but not be limited to, interviews with the student, his or her parent(s)/guardian(s), and any school official(s) or other people who may have information.

The following supportive services may be offered to truant or chronically truant students:

- parent-teacher conferences
- student and/or family counseling
- information about community agency services

If truancy continues after supportive services have been offered, the Building Principal shall refer the matter to the Resource Officer. The Resource Officer may call upon the resources of outside agencies, such as the juvenile officer of the local police department or the truant office of the Educational Service Region of Cook County. The School Board, Superintendent, School District administrators, and teachers shall assist and furnish information to aid truant officers.

No punitive action, including out-of-school suspensions, expulsions, or court action shall be taken against a chronic truant for his or her truancy unless available supportive services and other school resources have been provided to the student.

UNIFORM POLICY

School uniforms are expected to fit the student appropriately, be cleaned on a regular basis, and cannot deviate from the style and or color. The school may designate special non-uniform days. Dress requirements for these days will be sent to parents in advance. **** Please consider wearing shorts or leggings under skirts on gym days.**

The uniform the students must wear is defined as follows:

A. Pants/Slacks

- a. Solid dark navy blue, black or khaki
- b. No more than one size larger than the waist
- c. Worn **at** the waist
- d. Belts should be worn if needed

- e. Belts will be mandatory if bagging, sagging, or dragging
- f. **No jeans, leggings, sweatpants or stretch pants of any kind**

B. Walking Shorts/Skirts/Jumpers

- a. Solid dark navy blue, black or khaki
- b. No more than one size larger than the waist
- c. Worn at the waist
- d. Belts should be worn if needed
- e. Must be no more **than fingertip length**
- f. No boxers, running shorts, and/or denim

C. Shirt Styles

- a. Collared, solid short or long sleeve polo style shirts in white, black, blue, gray or purple
- b. No logos, designs, or pictures on shirts unless school logo
- c. White button-down blouses/shirts with collars are acceptable but must be buttoned
- d. Shirts must be tucked in
- e. No bare waists, midriffs, bare backs, and or low necklines permitted. **(no cleavage showing)**
- f. Solid turtlenecks in white, blue, black, gray, purple is permitted under a sweater, sweater vest or fleece
- g. Only solid white, blue, gray, purple, or black may be worn under required uniform. Any and all other colors seen will be defined as “Out of uniform” and subject to consequences

D. Sweaters/Sweat Vests/ Fleece

- a. Solid colored sweaters, cardigans, sweater vests, and polar fleece pullovers in white, gray, blue, black, purple or school pride sweat shirt.
- b. No logos, designs, or pictures unless school logo
- c. Must have uniform shirt on underneath
- d. Shirts must fit well and not be oversized
- e. No hoods permitted
- f. No jackets

E. Shoes

- a. Athletic shoes or closed toe shoes are acceptable.(No open back shoes, i.e. cros)
- b. Athletic shoes are required for P.E.

F. Socks and Tights

- a. Black, white or navy socks must be worn with dress code appropriate shoes
- b. Solid tights/nylons are acceptable

G. Belts

- a. Solid black, blue or brown
- b. Worn when needed
- c. Belts and suspenders must be worn as intended, i.e. belts buckled suspenders attached.

H. Jewelry/Accessories

- a. Students should not wear key chains that are visible.
- b. Chains by themselves or with charms, medallions, or symbols attached are prohibited.
- c. Gang colors and one-sided clothing or accessories are not allowed.
- d. For health and safety, no visible body piercings allowed, i.e. nose, tongue.
- e. No visible tattoos.
- f. No smart watches

Headgear

Caps, hats and other headgear are not to be worn in the building. When worn on the school grounds outside the building, they must be in the straight position.

Uniform Expectations

Student's dress and grooming must not disrupt the educational process, interfere with the maintenance of a positive teaching/learning climate, or compromise reasonable standards of health, safety and decency. Sagging pants below the waistline will be construed as immoral/obscene behavior.

Students' choice of clothing disrupts the learning environment where it may be representative or suggestive of gang affiliation or activities. The Board of Education recognizes that gangs are present in the District's community and pose a real threat to the disruption of schools. "Gang", as the term is used in this policy, is any group of two or more persons whose purposes include the commission, conspiracy or the advocacy of illegal acts. The Board of Education recognizes that clothing which is identifiable as gang-related changes frequently and is, therefore, often difficult to discern.

Students' choice of clothing also disrupts the learning environment where it unduly fosters competition among students for expensive or elaborate clothing or for unnecessarily frequent purchases of new clothing.

The Board of Education recognizes the susceptibility of school age children to peer pressure and believes that schools have an important role in teaching children to make sensible clothing decisions, regardless of fashion, and to respect each other without regard to personal attire.

Because the Board of Education has determined that the educational process is likely to be disrupted due to student attire, students shall wear uniforms while in attendance at school or school-related functions. In addition, in those situations where uniforms are not required, students must at all times wear appropriate clothing while they are at school or school-related functions.

The Board of Education does not intend to censor students' thoughts, expressions of opinion or ideas. Other forms of expression are available to Calumet City students. The intention of the Board of Education is to prohibit substantial interference with or material disruption to the education process. The Board finds that this Dress Code and Uniform Policy is necessary to maintain the orderly process of the school functions and to prevent the endangerment of student health or safety. For consequences for violation of uniform policy, see Page 5 in the Student Discipline Policy.

Uniform Exceptions

Uniforms need not be worn at extracurricular athletic, academic, dramatic, or musical events or ceremonies after school hours unless required by the staff member supervising the event. Faculty sponsors with the approval of the Superintendent of Schools may make other appropriate clothing requirements for such events.

The Board of Education finds that whenever a student's religious beliefs or health needs are reasonably believed to require any deviation from the uniform or dress code policy, accommodations may be made provided that the student's parents consult with the student's Building Principal.

The Principal shall determine whether a genuine conflict exists between the uniform requirements and a central tenet of the student's religious beliefs or health needs and what accommodation, if any, should be made for the student.

Any exception to the uniform requirements recommended by the Principal based upon a student's religious beliefs or health needs shall be submitted to the Superintendent for approval.

The Superintendent shall also consider requests for assistance for compliance with this policy and shall adopt reasonable criteria and procedures to further this purpose.

UNIFORMS FOR Phy (Grades 6-8)

Ash gray gym shirt and black gym shorts will be available at registration. Be sure student's name is on all articles. Students are responsible for bringing their own combination lock for the gym locker room. No key locks.

VISITOR REGULATIONS AND SCHOOL VISITATION DAYS

Tuesday and Thursday only
Please call 24 hours in advance.

Parents are particularly invited to visit classrooms during National Education Week in November. According to the *School Visitation Rights Act*, employers must grant an employee unpaid leave of up to a total of eight (8) hours during any school year, and no more than four (4) hours of which may be taken on any given day, to attend school conferences or classroom activities related to the employee's child if the conference or classroom activities cannot be scheduled during non-work hours; however, no leave may be taken by an employee of an employer that is subject to the Act unless the employee has exhausted all accrued vacation leave, personal leave, compensatory leave and any other leave that may be granted to the employee except sick leave and disability leave.

Forms for verification to the employer confirming that a parent had actually been at school for a conference or classroom activity are available at each school office. Further and full information on the *School Visitation Rights Act* may be obtained by contacting the Illinois Department of Labor, State of Illinois Building, 160 North LaSalle Street, Suite C-1300, Chicago, Illinois 60601-3150, Telephone 312/793-2800.

All visitors must register in the school office by signing in and providing either a valid driver's license or state id, processing through our **Raptor system** and obtain a visitor's pass. This pass must be worn and visible during your entire visit. According to state law, at no time are visitors allowed in the building without registering in the office. Individuals in the school building without permission and/or visitor's pass are subject to arrest and prosecution. The displaying or imitating of gang sign, symbols or gestures by anyone including visitors, is forbidden. All hats are to be removed before entering the building.

Arrangements for parent-teacher conferences and/or classroom visitations should be made at least **24 hours in advance**. Scheduled meetings must be arranged with classroom teacher. A pre-conference with the appropriate teacher should be held prior to any classroom visitations.

WALKING THE STREETS

(Calumet City Code)

Sec. 17-179. (b) Where sidewalks are provided it shall be unlawful for any pedestrian to walk along and upon an adjacent roadway except at a crosswalk. (State law reference B Similar provisions, Ill. Rev. Stat. Ch. 952, 11-1007).

Sec. 17-191. **Parental responsibility.** The parent of any child and the guardian of any ward shall not authorize or knowingly permit any such child to violate any of the provisions of this article.

Sec. 17-192. **Applicability of traffic ordinances.** Every person riding a bicycle upon a roadway shall be subject to the provisions of the traffic ordinances of the city. (Procedures provided by the Calumet City Police Department).

Calumet City School District No. 155 CALENDAR FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Pre-K, Early Childhood</u> Morning Session 8:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Afternoon Session 12:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. WEDNESDAY ONLY SCHEDULE Morning Session 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Afternoon Session 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Woodrow Wilson</u> Grades K – 2 8:30 a.m. to 3:10 p.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Wentworth Intermediate</u> Grades 3 – 5 8:20 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Wentworth Jr. High</u> Grades 6 – 8 8:20 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.</p>
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AUGUST	8/19/2024	Teacher Institute - No Classes
	8/20/2024	Teacher Institute - No Classes
	8/21/2024	First Day of School Attendance--All registered students K-8
	8/26/2024	Open House Wentworth Junior High 6 pm
	8/27/2024	Open House Woodrow Wilson 6 pm
	8/28/2024	School Improvement Day K-8th Early Dismissal 1 pm
	8/29/2024	Open House Wentworth Intermediate 6 pm
SEPTEMBER	9/2/2024	LABOR DAY - NO CLASSES*
	9/4/2024	School Improvement Day K-8th Early Dismissal 1 pm
	9/11/2024	School Improvement Day K-8th Early Dismissal 1 pm
	9/18/2024	School Improvement Day K-8th Early Dismissal 1 pm
	9/25/2024	School Improvement Day K-8th Early Dismissal 1 pm
	9/27/2024	Progress Reports - Grades K-8th
OCTOBER	10/2/2024	School Improvement Day K-8th Early Dismissal 1 pm
	10/9/2024	School Improvement Day K-8th Early Dismissal 1 pm
	10/14/2024	CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS DAY – NO CLASSES*
	10/16/2024	School Improvement Day K-8th Early Dismissal 1 pm
	10/23/2024	School Improvement Day K-8th Early Dismissal 1 pm
	10/24/2024	Picture Day - Grades Pre/K-8th (Subject to Change)
	10/30/2024	School Improvement Day K-8th Early Dismissal 1 pm
NOVEMBER	11/5/2024	ELECTION DAY – NO CLASSES
	11/6/2024	School Improvement Day K-8th Early Dismissal 1 pm
	11/8/2024	END OF TRIMESTER 1
	11/11/2024	VETERAN'S DAY - NO CLASSES

	11/13/2024	School Improvement Day K-8th Early Dismissal 1 pm
	11/20/2024	School Improvement Day K-8th Early Dismissal 1 pm
	11/25/2024	PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES 12:15-7:00 PM NO CLASSES
	11/26/2024	THANKSGIVING RECESS - NO CLASSES 11-26 through 11-29
DECEMBER	12/2/2024	CLASSES RESUME
	12/4/2024	School Improvement Day K-8th Early Dismissal 1 pm
	12/11/2024	School Improvement Day K-8th Early Dismissal 1 pm
	12/18/2024	School Improvement Day K-8th Early Dismissal 1 pm
	12/23/2024	WINTER RECESS 12-23-24 through 1-3-25- NO CLASSES
	12/25/2024	CHRISTMAS DAY
JANUARY	1/1/2025	NEW YEAR'S DAY
	1/6/2025	Teacher Institute - No Classes
	1/7/2025	Classes Resume
	1/8/2025	School Improvement Day K-8th Early Dismissal 1 pm
	1/15/2025	School Improvement Day K-8th Early Dismissal 1 pm
	1/17/2025	Progress Reports Grades K-8th
	1/17/2025	Picture Retakes (Subject to Change)
	1/20/2025	MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BIRTHDAY- NO CLASSES
	1/22/2025	School Improvement Day K-8th Early Dismissal 1 pm
	1/29/2025	School Improvement Day K-8th Early Dismissal 1 pm
FEBRUARY	2/5/2025	School Improvement Day K-8th Early Dismissal 1 pm
	2/12/2025	School Improvement Day K-8th Early Dismissal 1 pm
	2/17/2025	PRESIDENT'S DAY - NO CLASSES*
	2/19/2025	School Improvement Day K-8th Early Dismissal 1 pm
	2/21/2025	End of 2 nd Trimester
	2/26/2025	Teacher Inservice K-8 th Early Dismissal 1 pm
	2/28/2025	PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES - 8:15 am - 3:00 pm NO CLASSES
MARCH	3/3/2025	Casimir Pulaski Day - NO CLASSES*
	3/5/2025	School Improvement Day K-8th Early Dismissal 1 pm
	3/12/2025	School Improvement Day K-8th Early Dismissal 1 pm
	3/19/2025	School Improvement Day K-8th Early Dismissal 1 pm

	3/26/2025	School Improvement Day K-8th Early Dismissal 1 pm
APRIL	4/2/2025	School Improvement Day K-8th Early Dismissal 1 pm
	4/9/2025	School Improvement Day K-8th Early Dismissal 1 pm
	4/11/2025	Progress Reports Grades K-8th
	4/16/2025	School Improvement Day K-8th Early Dismissal 1 pm
	4/18/2025	GOOD FRIDAY-NO CLASSES
	4/21/2025	SPRING RECESS - NO CLASSES 4/21 through 4/25
	4/30/2025	School Improvement Day K-8th Early Dismissal 1 pm
MAY	5/7/2025	School Improvement Day K-8th Early Dismissal 1 pm
	5/14/2025	School Improvement Day K-8th Early Dismissal 1 pm
	5/21/2025	School Improvement Day K-8th Early Dismissal 1 pm
	5/26/2025	MEMORIAL DAY - NO CLASSES *
	5/28/2025	School Improvement Day K-8th Early Dismissal 1 pm
JUNE	6/4/2025	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - 1 pm dismissal/End of 3rd Trimester
	6/19/2025	JUNETEENTH - NO CLASSES

GRADING PERIODS

First Trimester..... August 21 – November 8
Second Trimester..... November 11 – February 21
Third Trimester..... February 24– June 4

*** STATE OF ILLINOIS MANDATED LEGAL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

** By action of the Board of Education of School District No. 155, five (5) emergency days can be abated, shortening the school year to June 5, 2024.

June 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5 Last Day of School School Improvement Day Dismissal 1:00 P.M. End of Trimester	6 Proposed Emergency Day	7 Proposed Emergency Day	8
9	10 Proposed Emergency Day	11 Proposed Emergency Day	12 Proposed Emergency Day	13	14	15
16 Father's Day	17	18	19 	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30		Notes				
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July 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3		5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			


August 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Teacher Institute Day NO CLASSES	20 Teacher Institute Day NO CLASSES	21 First Day of School Registered New and Returning Students K-8th Grade	22	23	24
25	26 OPEN HOUSE Wentworth Jr. High 6PM	27 OPEN HOUSE Wilson Elementary 6PM	28 School Improvement Day Dismissal - 1PM	29 OPEN HOUSE Wentworth Intermediate 6PM	30	31

September 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1		3	4 School Improvement Day Dismissal - 1PM	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 School Improvement Day Dismissal - 1PM	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 School Improvement Day Dismissal - 1PM	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 School Improvement Day Dismissal - 1PM	26	27 PROGRESS REPORTS	28
29	30					

October 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 School Improvement Day Dismissal - 1PM	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 School Improvement Day Dismissal - 1PM	10	11	12
13		15	16 School Improvement Day Dismissal - 1PM	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 School Improvement Day Dismissal - 1PM	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 School Improvement Day Dismissal - 1PM	31		

November 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4		6 School Improvement Day Dismissal - 1PM	7	8 End of 1st Trimester	9
10		12	13 School Improvement Day Dismissal - 1PM	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 School Improvement Day Dismissal - 1PM	21	22	23
24	25 NO CLASSES Parent/Teacher Conferences 12:15-7:00 P.M.	26 Thanksgiving Recess NO CLASSES	27 Thanksgiving Recess NO CLASSES		29 Thanksgiving Recess NO CLASSES	30


December 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 School Improvement Day Dismissal - 1PM	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 School Improvement Day Dismissal - 1PM	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 School Improvement Day Dismissal - 1PM	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 New Year's Eve				

January 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
						
5	6 NO CLASSES Teacher Institute	7	8 School Improvement Day Dismissal - 1PM	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 School Improvement Day Dismissal - 1PM	16	17 Progress Reports Grades K-8	18
19		21	22 School Improvement Day Dismissal - 1PM	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 School Improvement Day Dismissal - 1PM	30	31	


February 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5 School Improvement Day Dismissal - 1PM	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 School Improvement Day Dismissal - 1PM	13	14	15
16		18	19 School Improvement Day Dismissal - 1PM	20	21 End of 2nd Trimester	22
23	24	25	26 Teacher Inservice Early Dismissal - 1 PM	27	28 NO CLASSES Parent-Teacher Conferences 8:15-3:00 PM	


March 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2		4	5 School Improvement Day Dismissal - 1PM	6	7	8
9	10 <small>shutterstock.com - 213663391</small>	11	12 School Improvement Day Dismissal - 1PM	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 School Improvement Day Dismissal - 1PM	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 School Improvement Day Dismissal - 1PM	27	28	29
30	31					
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April 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 School Improvement Day Dismissal - 1PM	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 School Improvement Day Dismissal - 1PM	10	11 Progress Reports	12
13	14	15	16 School Improvement Day Dismissal - 1PM	17	18 GOOD FRIDAY NO CLASSES	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
 <p>Spring Break</p>						
27	28	29	30 School Improvement Day Dismissal - 1PM			

May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 School Improvement Day Dismissal - 1PM	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 School Improvement Day Dismissal - 1PM	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 School Improvement Day Dismissal - 1PM	22	23	24
25		27	28 School Improvement Day Dismissal - 1PM	29	30	31

June 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL 1 PM Dismissal End of 3rd Trimester	5 Proposed Emergency Day	6 Proposed Emergency Day	7
8	9 Proposed Emergency Day	10 Proposed Emergency Day	11 Proposed Emergency Day	12	13	14
15	16	17	18		20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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Calumet City School District No. 155 Uniform Policy

I understand that the school uniform for Calumet City District 155 consists of the following:

- White, blue, gray, black or purple collared shirt (tucked in)
- Only solid white, blue, gray, black or purple shirts may be worn under required uniform. Any and all other colors seen will be defined as “out of uniform” and subject to consequences
- Navy blue, black, or khaki pants, skirt or jumper (NO MINIS – at least fingertip length) must be worn at the waist
- Navy blue, black or khaki fingertip length shorts during hot weather
- White, blue, gray, black or purple crew neck sweater or sweatshirt
- Athletic/gym shoes
- Black, brown or navy blue belt (if needed)
- White or navy socks

Bookbags, backpacks, fanny packs and purses are not allowed in the classroom. If unsure about a uniform item, please call before you purchase.

***Please note that there have been several changes made in the handbook. Be sure to read the handbook thoroughly.**

**Parent/Student Handbook, Discipline Policy, Technology Policy,
Concussion Information, and Uniform Policy** was received by

(Student's Name)

ON

Date

(Parent/Guardian)