Wright City R-II School District



West Elementary School 2024-2025 Handbook

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Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

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Letter from the Principal



Dear Wright City West Elementary Families,

Welcome to the new school year at Wright City West Elementary School! I am thrilled to welcome both our returning families and those new to our school community. As your principal, it is my honor to lead such a dedicated team of educators and to work with supportive parents and remarkable students.

At Wright City West Elementary, we are committed to fostering an environment where every student can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. We believe in setting high expectations and providing the necessary support for all students to achieve their fullest potential. Our staff is dedicated to inspiring a love of learning and to cultivate a community where our Core Values of empathy, integrity, and perseverance are valued and practiced.

This handbook is designed to be a comprehensive guide to our school policies, procedures, and resources. It is intended to help you understand the expectations we have for our students and the support systems we have in place to ensure their success. We encourage you to review this handbook and keep it as a reference throughout the school year.

Communication and collaboration between home and school are essential to our students' success. We welcome and encourage your involvement in your child's education. Whether through participating in school events, joining our parent-teacher organization, or maintaining regular communication with teachers, your engagement is invaluable.

As we embark on this new school year, I want to assure you that the well-being and academic growth of your child are our top priorities. We are here to support you and your child every step of the way. If you have any questions or need assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or any member of our staff.

Thank you for your trust and partnership. Together, we can make this school year a memorable and successful one for all our students.

Warm regards,

Sara Meadows Principal

WRIGHT CITY R-II SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mission Statement:

Dedicated to our students' success

West Elementary Vision Statement:

Our vision at Wright City West Elementary is to cultivate a community where academic achievement is celebrated, leadership is fostered, meaningful connections are valued, and enriching experiences empower every student to thrive!

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Staff Contact Information

School Calendar

Grade Level Supply Lists

ADDRESS AND/OR PHONE NUMBER CHANGES

For the safety and well-being of the students, parents/guardians are asked to make certain the school office has the current home address and phone number; each parent's place of employment and phone number; and an emergency phone number. **PLEASE NOTIFY THE SCHOOL OFFICE OF CHANGES DURING THE YEAR**. All information is maintained and released in accordance with the regulations in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974.

ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Amy Salvo, Superintendent
Dr. Holly Broadway-Yates, Assistant Superintendent
Dr. Jeremy Way, Assistant Superintendent
Kelly Brooks, Special Education Administrator
Andrea Schremp, Director of Technology
Glen Oberle, Director of Food Services

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board of Education Elected Members

The Board of Education is a representative body elected by the registered voters of the Wright City R-II School District. The Board is responsible for developing policies, rules, and procedures to serve as guidelines for the district's general management and administrative actions. Board Policy supersedes any procedures listed in this handbook. For a complete listing of Policies, Regulations, and Procedures, you may log onto http://www.wrighticty.kl2.mo.us, select School Board, and then select Board Policies. If you need additional information regarding a specific policy, please contact Central Office at 636-745-7200.

ANIMAL AND PET VISITS

For safety and health reasons animals and pets are not allowed to visit in the classroom. Exceptions to this guideline are limited to curriculum related visits with prior approval by the classroom teacher and building principal. In the event approval is given for animal or pet visitation, a parent/guardian must accompany and assume responsibility for the animal or pet during the visit.

ARRIVAL PROCEDURES

Procedures have been established to provide for safe and efficient morning arrival of all elementary students.

Car Riders/Walkers:

- Students should not arrive at school prior to 8:00 a.m. Supervision for students is not provided until 8:00 a.m., doors will remain locked until that time. The district will not be responsible for supervising before 8:00 am. (Students may go to breakfast beginning at 8:00 a.m.).
- Students arriving at or after the 8:14 a.m. bell will need to be signed in at the office by a parent/guardian and will be counted as absent for each minute late.
- Cars are to pull all the way down to the stop sign at the end of the circle drive. An administrator and other staff will have the first cars release their students. Students will enter the building through the doors off the cafeteria hallway or the main doors by the office.
- Parking in the front circle drive is prohibited between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., with the exception of handicap parking. It is important that emergency vehicles and buses can park in this spot throughout the day.
- Students eating breakfast at school will proceed to the cafeteria; students not eating breakfast will proceed to their classroom.

Bus Riders:

- Buses begin dropping students off at 8:00 a.m.
- Students enter the building from the bus road behind the school. Staff members are on duty to greet bus students.
- Students eating breakfast at school proceed to the cafeteria; students not eating breakfast will proceed to their classroom.
- Students will not be counted absent when bus delays occur.

ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

The district will use assessments as one indication of the success and quality of the district's education program. Further, the Board recognizes its obligation to provide for and administer assessments as required by law. The Board directs the superintendent or designee to create procedures governing assessments consistent with law and Board policy.

In cooperation with the administrative and instructional staff, the Board will regularly review student performance data and use this information to evaluate the effectiveness of the district's instructional programs, adjusting as necessary.

The district will comply with all assessment requirements for students with disabilities mandated by federal and state law, including the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

In order to achieve the purposes of the student assessment program, the district requires all enrolled students to participate in all applicable aspects of the assessment program.

District Assessment Plan

The superintendent or designee shall ensure that the district has a written assessment plan that will test competency in the subject areas of English, reading, language arts, science, mathematics, social studies and civics, as required by law.

The purposes of the district-wide assessment plan are to facilitate and provide information for the following:

- 1. Student Achievement To produce information about relative student achievement so that parents/quardians, students and teachers can monitor academic progress.
- 2. Student Guidance To serve as a tool for implementing the district's student guidance program.
- 3. Instructional Change To provide data that will assist in the preparation of recommendations for instructional program changes to:
 - Help teachers with instructional decisions, plans and changes regarding classroom objectives and program implementation.
 - b. Help the professional staff formulate and recommend instructional policy.
 - c. Help the Board of Education adopt instructional policies.
- 4. School and District Evaluation To provide indicators of the progress of the district and individual schools toward established goals.
- 5. Accreditation To ensure the district maintains accreditation.

There shall be broad-based involvement of staff and others with appropriate expertise in the development of the assessment program and its implementation. Instructional staff will be given training and responsibilities in coordinating the program. Every effort will be made to ensure that testing contributes to the learning process rather than detracts from it and that cultural bias does not affect the accuracy of assessments.

Reading Assessment

The district will administer a reading assessment to students in third, fourth, fifth and sixth grades to determine whether additional reading instruction and retention are needed, as required by law. The district will also administer a reading assessment to all students who transfer to the district in grades four, five or six, and to all students attending summer school due to a reading deficiency, as required by law.

The reading assessment will be a recognized method, or combination of methods of assessing a student's reading ability. Results of assessments will be expressed as reading at a particular grade level. The superintendent or designee will determine which methods of reading assessment the district will utilize.

English Proficiency Assessments

The district will annually assess the English reading, writing and oral language skills of district students with limited English proficiency.

Statewide Assessments

The district will implement the components of the Missouri Assessment Program (MAP) in order to monitor the progress of all students in meeting the standards adopted by the Missouri State Board of Education.

End-of-course (EOC) assessments will be administered in accordance with law and the rules of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). In courses where EOC assessments are given, the superintendent will determine what percent of the course grade will be decided by performance on EOC assessments.

If a student is taking a course that requires an EOC assessment and is failing the course or for some other reason may be required to retake the course, the district may choose to delay administration of the EOC assessment until the student has completed the course the second time. A team

consisting of the course instructor, the principal and a counselor will determine when delayed administration of an EOC assessment is appropriate. In the case of a student with an individualized education program (IEP), the IEP team will make the determination.

The School Board authorizes the superintendent to establish a process designed to encourage the students of this district to give their best efforts on each portion of any statewide assessment, which may include, but is not limited to, incentives or supplementary work as a consequence of performance.

The policy will also be kept in the district office and be available for viewing by the public during business hours of the district office.

National Assessment of Educational Progress

If chosen, the district will participate in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) as required by law.

ATTENDANCE

Regular and punctual patterns of attendance are expected of each student enrolled in the district. Student attendance at school is primarily the responsibility of the parents/guardians and students. Frequent absences of students from regular classroom learning experiences disrupt the continuity of the instructional process. When the benefit of regular classroom instruction is lost it cannot be entirely regained. The entire process of education requires a regular continuity of instruction, classroom participation, learning experiences, and study in order to reach the district's student achievement goals. The regular contact of the pupils with one another in the classroom and their participation in well-planned instructional activity under the supervision of a competent teacher are vital to this purpose. Attendance and punctuality play a significant role in a student's success at school and are essential life skills. This is a well-established principle of education which underlies and gives purpose to the requirement of compulsory schooling.

Due to the importance of school attendance we ask parents/guardians whose employers host "Take Your Child To Work Day" to consider arranging for their children to accompany them to work on a non-school day (e.g., summer day, spring break, extended holiday break). If an alternate date can't be arranged, this will be counted as a student absence.

It is recognized that absence from school is necessary under certain conditions (e.g., illness, funeral, family emergency). In the case of illness or emergency a parent/guardian is asked to call the attendance secretary at 636-745-7404 the morning of the absence. A written note explaining the student's absence should be sent to the school the day the child returns to school. When possible, doctor and dentist appointments should be made after school hours or on days when school is not in session. The school office staff may make phone calls to parents/guardians of the absentees if no notification has been given to the school.

Any student not in the classroom at 8:14 a.m. is considered late and will be counted absent for each minute gone. **Students who arrive late must have an adult come into the office with them and sign them in**. (Students are not counted as absent if the delay is due to a late bus arrival or if the student is dismissed late from a before school academic program.)

Students who are taken from school before the dismissal bell (3:20 p.m.) will need to be signed out in the office. Classroom teachers will not release students unless presented with a pass from the office. Students who leave school before 3:20 pm, will be counted absent for each minute before 3:20 p.m.

According to Board Policy JED-R1, parents/guardians will receive notification upon the fifth, tenth, fifteenth, and twentieth absence of their child. A copy of the notification letter may be sent to the Division of Youth Services and the Juvenile Office of Warren County when a student's absences warrant further investigation. In addition, parents/guardians will be asked to meet with an administrator to discuss excessive absences.

The Wright City School District has a School Resource Officer. This individual is charged with assisting to ensure that students are on-time and in school. This individual will contact parents, make home visits, and work closely with local law enforcement, courts, and other agencies to ensure the safety of our students.

Students who are absent from school may not attend after school activities the day they are absent.

AUDIO AND VISUAL RECORDING (Board Policy KKB)

Because the district predominantly serves minors, is subject to a number of confidentiality laws, respects parent/guardian and community concerns about privacy, and seeks to minimize disruption to the educational environment, the district prohibits audio and visual recordings on district property, district transportation or at a district activity unless authorized in this policy.

Any recording activity, even activity permitted under this policy, will be prohibited if the activity creates a disruption to the educational environment. No recording equipment will be used or placed in areas of the building where the occupant would have a reasonable expectation of privacy, such as restroom facilities or locker rooms.

Definitions

<u>Audio Recording</u> – Registering sounds on tape, digitally or by other mechanical or electronic means.

<u>Outside Entity</u> – Any individual, group, organization or corporation other than the administration, officers, staff or students of the Wright City R-II School District or individuals authorized to act for the district.

<u>Visual Recording</u> – Registering visual images on film, tape, digitally or by other mechanical or electronic means.

Recording by Outside Entities

The Wright City R-II School District prohibits the use of visual or audio recording equipment on district property or at district activities by outside entities without permission from the superintendent or designee unless otherwise authorized by law. This prohibition shall not apply to:

- 1. Performances or activities to which the general public is invited, such as athletic competitions, concerts and plays.
- 2. Recording of staff for the sole purpose of professional training or development.
- 3. Open meetings of the Wright City R-II School District Board of Education or committees appointed by or at the direction of the Board.
- 4. Recording of an event sponsored by an outside entity using or renting district facilities in accordance with Board policies and established administrative procedures.

Recording by District Personnel or District Agents

The district or designated agents of the district may make audio or visual recordings to provide security, to maintain order, for professional staff development use, for educational purposes or for other purposes related to furthering the educational mission of the district. This may include the use of visual recording equipment in district buildings and on district transportation. Recordings by or on behalf of district personnel that include students will be considered student records and will be maintained in accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and other applicable laws.

Pre-Service and Student Teachers

The district may allow student teachers or pre-service teachers to record themselves teaching or otherwise interacting with students when the recording is used for educational purposes in the student teacher or pre-service teacher preparation program. The student teacher or pre-service teacher must obtain permission to do so from the cooperating teacher and the building principal and must have signed Missouri Pre-Service Teacher Assessment permission forms from all students

and adults who will appear or can be heard in the recordings if those recordings will be viewed by any person who is not employed by the district. The district reserves the right to refuse to allow recording or to limit the time and place for such recordings in order to minimize disruption to the educational process.

Recording by Students

The Wright City R-II School District prohibits the use of visual or audio recording equipment, including cellular devices on district property or at district activities by students except:

- 1. If required by a district-sponsored class or activity.
- 2. At performances or activities to which the general public is invited, such as athletic competitions, concerts and plays.
- 3. At open meetings of the Board of Education or committees appointed by or at the direction of the Board.
- 4. As otherwise permitted by the building principal.

Recording of Meetings

The Board of Education prohibits the use of audio, visual or other recording devices at meetings held pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as well as other meetings among district employees and between district employees and parents/guardians. Exceptions to this prohibition will be made only in accordance with Board policy and law. Requests for such exceptions must be made within a reasonable period of time prior to the scheduled meetings. This prohibition does not apply to conversations held within view of district security cameras.

Secretive Recording or Transmission

The district prohibits secretive recordings where persons involved do not consent to the recording and it is not otherwise obvious that recording equipment is present or being used, unless the superintendent or designee determines in rare circumstances that such recordings are necessary for educational or security reasons. The district prohibits the simultaneous electronic transmission of any conversation by any person to a third party without the consent of all involved in the conversation, even if the conversation is not recorded.

Use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems

All unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) operators seeking to operate a UAS on or over district property or at a district event must receive authorization from the superintendent or designee. Authorization will be granted only when such operation is on behalf of the district, supports the mission of the district or otherwise serves a public purpose.

All UAS with the potential to capture or produce visual images of district property or district events must be operated in accordance with applicable Federal Aviation Administration regulations or safety guidelines.

BEFORE AND/OR AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Extra-curricular opportunities are provided for the students at Wright City West Elementary. Sponsored activities may include but not limited to Math Club, Destination Imagination, Talent Show, Girls on the Run, and Wildcat Choir. These activities provide our students with opportunities to expand learning, join with others having similar interests, and have a good time. Specific information about these activities will be distributed during the school year.

The following guidelines are provided to help ensure that each child has a safe and constructive environment while participating in an after-school activity.

- If a student knows he/she will be missing a meeting, a note is to be sent to the club sponsor prior to the meeting. If a student is not in attendance on the day of the activity he/she is not permitted to participate in the after-school activity.
- Students are to be picked up on time. Should an emergency arise causing the parent/guardian to be delayed, the elementary office should be contacted whenever possible.
- Students are to follow school behavioral guidelines.

Supervision of students participating in after school activities is the responsibility of the attending activity sponsor(s).

The district is not liable for students participating in before or after school activities not sponsored by the school district (e.g., scouts, Good News, non-school sporting activities). Supervision of students at Wildcat Parent/Teacher Committee events is the responsibility of their parents/guardians.

BEHAVIORAL GUIDELINES

Students do their best learning and teachers do their best teaching in an atmosphere in which appropriate behavior is expected of all students. The vast majority of students in the Wright City R-II School District demonstrate appropriate behavior.

Please refer to the discipline policy in Appendix A.

All discipline consequences support and follow district board policy <u>JG-R1</u> and <u>JG-R2</u>.

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

Breakfast is from 8:00 a.m. - 8:14 a.m.

Lunch is according to class schedule:

Please find meal prices on the district website.

Financial assistance for school meals is available to families where need is established. Free and reduced applications are sent home at the beginning of the year and are available in the office or through Infinite <u>Campus Parent Portal</u> throughout the year. (Please be aware that students who qualify for free or reduced meals must take a school lunch in order to receive free milk. Students who qualify for free or reduced meals and who bring their lunch from home are not eligible to receive free milk.)

Money for breakfast and lunch may be deposited to the student's individual account on the parent portal. Payments for all students in a household can be made at the same time. There is a \$1 transaction fee for each transaction. Payments can be made by check or cash. Checks should be made payable to the Wright City R-II School District. To ensure proper credit, money (both by check and cash) should be sent to school in a clearly marked envelope with the student's name (first and last), teacher's name, and the amount of money enclosed. (Please use extreme care when sending cash to school with students.) Label envelopes containing lunch money may be placed in locked boxes in the red hall, cafeteria, or office.

Parents/Guardians may check their children's account balances using the Parent Portal or may contact the cafeteria (636-745-7400) between the hours of 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. or between 1:00 and 1:30 p.m.

Students may not charge over two meals to their accounts. Once two charged lunches have accrued the student will be provided with a sandwich and a carton of milk for the following two lunches. To help parents/guardians avoid overdue balances, notification is sent home with students when account balances are \$3.20 or below. If negative balances continue, parents/guardians will be contacted personally by food service personnel or a building administrator.

3rd—5th grade students may purchase a la carte items (e.g., water, Gatorade, snacks, extra menu items), as available. A la carte items may not be charged.

PARENT/STUDENT LUNCH REGULATIONS

Parents/Guardians having lunch with their child can sit at the back table with their child only, not with other students.

Parents are only allowed to bring lunch for their child, not other students.

Parents are not permitted to bring lunch for an entire class during lunch hours, only during non-lunch hours only with teacher's prior approval.

BULLYING POLICY- (Board Policy JFCF)

In order to promote a safe learning environment for all students, the Wright City R-II School District prohibits all forms of bullying. The district also prohibits reprisal or retaliation against any person who reports an act of bullying among or against students.

Definitions

Bullying – In accordance with state law, bullying is defined as intimidation, unwanted aggressive behavior, or harassment that is repetitive or is substantially likely to be repeated and causes a reasonable student to fear for his or her physical safety or property; that substantially interferes with the educational performance, opportunities or benefits of any student without exception; or that substantially disrupts the orderly operation of the school. Bullying includes, but is not limited to: physical actions, including violence, gestures, theft, or property damage; oral, written, or electronic communication, including name-calling, put-downs, extortion, or threats; or threats of reprisal or retaliation for reporting such acts.

Cyberbullying – A form of bullying committed by transmission of a communication including, but not limited to, a message, text, sound or image by means of an electronic device including, but not limited to, a telephone, wireless telephone or other wireless communication device, computer or pager. The district has jurisdiction over cyberbullying that uses the district's technology resources or that originates on district property, at a district activity or on district transportation. Even when cyberbullying does not involve district property, activities or technology resources, the district will impose consequences and discipline for those who engage in cyberbullying if there is a sufficient nexus to the educational environment, the behavior materially and substantially disrupts the educational environment, the communication involves a threat as defined by law, or the district is otherwise allowed by law to address the behavior.

School Day - A day on the school calendar when students are required to attend school.

Designated Officials

The principal of each building is hereby designated as the individual to receive and investigate reports of bullying. Each building principal shall designate at least two teachers or administrators in the building who are authorized to receive and investigate reports of bullying in the principal's absence or at the principal's discretion.

The district compliance officer appointed in policy AC will serve as the district-wide anti-bullying coordinator. The anti-bullying coordinator will receive all completed investigative reports from all buildings and analyze the reports to identify any information that would inform the district's antidiscrimination and anti-bullying education and training programs. In addition, the anti-bullying coordinator will assist in making any relevant reports as required by state and federal law.

Reporting Bullying

School employees, substitutes or volunteers are expected to intervene to prevent student bullying, appropriately discipline the perpetrator, assist the victim and report the incident to the building principal or designee for further investigation and action. Any school employee, substitute or

volunteer who witnesses or has firsthand knowledge of bullying of a student must report the incident to the building principal or designee as soon as possible, but no later than two school days after the incident.

Students who have been subjected to bullying, or who have witnessed or have knowledge of bullying, are encouraged to promptly report such incidents to a school employee. Any school employee receiving such a report shall promptly transmit the report to the building principal or designee.

If the bullying incident involves students from more than one district building, the report should be made to the principal or designee of the building in which the incident took place or, if more appropriate, to the principal or designee of the building was attended by the majority of the participants in the incident.

Investigation

Within two school days of receiving a report of bullying, the principal or designee will initiate an investigation of the incident. Reports that involve students from multiple buildings will be investigated cooperatively by the principals of each building involved, or those principals may request that the district's compliance officer designated in policy AC conduct the investigation. If at any time during the investigation the principal determines that the bullying involves illegal discrimination, harassment or retaliation as described in policy AC, the principal will report the incident to the compliance officer designated in that policy, who will assist in the investigation. If the alleged bullying involves a special education student or a student with disabilities, the principal will also notify the special education director.

The investigation shall be completed within ten school days of the date the report of bullying was received unless good cause exists to extend the investigation. Upon completion of the investigation, the principal will decide whether bullying or harassment occurred and, if so, whether additional discipline is warranted in accordance with the district's student discipline code. The principal will generate a written report of the investigation and findings and send a copy of the completed report to the district's anti-bullying coordinator. The principal or designee will document the report in the files of the victim and the alleged or actual perpetrator of bullying. All reports will be kept confidential in accordance with state and federal law.

If the incident involved allegations of illegal discrimination or harassment, the principal's decision may be appealed in accordance with policy AC. Student discipline may be appealed when allowed by law in accordance with Board policy.

The principal or other appropriate district staff will work with victims and their families to access resources and services to help them deal with any negative effects that resulted from the incident.

Consequences

Students who participate in bullying or who retaliate against anyone who reports bullying will be disciplined in accordance with the district's discipline code. Such discipline may include detention, in-school suspension, out-of-school suspension, expulsion, removal from participation in activities, exclusion from honors and awards, and other consequences deemed appropriate by the principal or superintendent. The district will also contact law enforcement when required by law or notify social media companies of inappropriate online activity when appropriate.

Even in situations where the district does not have jurisdiction to discipline a student for bullying, such as when the acts take place off campus and there is an insufficient nexus to the district, the principal or designee will take appropriate actions to assist student victims. Such actions may include, but are not limited to, contacting the parents/guardians of the victim and the alleged perpetrator, communicating that this behavior is not allowed on district grounds or at district activities, notifying the appropriate district staff to assist the victim, and taking additional action when appropriate, such as notifying law enforcement or social media companies of inappropriate online activity.

District employees and substitutes who violate this policy will be disciplined or terminated. Discipline

may include suspension with or without pay, a negative evaluation, prohibition from being on district property or at district activities, mandated training or other appropriate remedial action. Volunteers who violate this policy will no longer be permitted to volunteer.

Training and Education

The district's anti-bullying coordinator will provide information and appropriate training designed to assist employees, substitutes and volunteers who have significant contact with students in identifying, preventing and responding to incidents of bullying.

The district will provide education and information about bullying and this policy to students every year. The principal of each school, in consultation with school counselors and other appropriate school employees, will determine the best methods for facilitating the discussion. Methods may include, but are not limited to: assemblies; homeroom presentations; class meetings; team or club meetings; special presentations by counselors, social workers or mental health professionals; and open-house events. When practical, parents/guardians will be invited to attend.

In addition to educating students about the content of this policy, the district will inform students of:

- 1. The procedure for reporting bullying.
- 2. The harmful effects of bullying.
- 3. Any initiatives the school or district has created to address bullying, including student peer-to-peer initiatives.
- 4. The consequences for those who participate in bullying or engage in reprisal or retaliation against those who report bullying.

School counselors, social workers, mental health professionals, school psychologists or other appropriate district staff will educate students who are victims of bullying about how to overcome the negative effects of bullying including, but not limited to:

- 1. Cultivating the student's self-worth and self-esteem.
- 2. Teaching the student to defend him- or herself assertively and effectively without violence.
- 3. Helping the student develop social skills.
- 4. Encouraging the student to develop an internal locus of control.

Additional School Programs and Resources

The Board directs the superintendent or designee to implement programs and other initiatives to address bullying, respond to such conduct in a manner that does not stigmatize the victim, and make resources or referrals available to victims of bullying. Such initiatives may include educating parents/guardians and families on bullying prevention and resources.

BUSES AND TRANSPORTATION

All students are to be driven to school or ride on district provided bus transportation (the exception to this is for students residing in the "walker" area that is serviced by a sidewalk). The Wright City R-II School District leases and operates buses through Durham. Riding a school bus is a privilege. This privilege is maintained by the student's proper conduct on the bus. State law states classroom behavior is to be observed on the school bus and the driver has the authority to control and discipline students on the bus. Misconduct on a bus may result in suspension of the privilege.

Each student will have only one pick-up location and one drop-off location. Students will not be permitted to ride buses they are not assigned to or be dropped off at alternate bus stops. If an emergency occurs, and a student needs to go to a different location, they will need to be picked up via the carpool line.

Changes to student's' dismissal routines are discouraged. For safety reasons any dismissal change is to be completed and verified in the elementary office no later than 2:00 p.m. on the day of the necessary dismissal change

For each bus to maintain a regular schedule and arrive at school in a timely manner, students are expected to be waiting at their assigned bus pick-up locations. Usually a five minute arrival before the scheduled stop is ample. Schedules should be normally consistent, within a minute or two, except for the first week or so of school until routes are "firmed up" or possibly in the case of a substitute driver, unforeseen traffic delays, or severe weather conditions.

School bus safety is of utmost importance for the wellbeing of our students, drivers, and the general public. Bus drivers will report student misconduct to the transportation office. Formal documentation is then shared with the school for the determination of consequences.

During any bus suspension it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to see that their child gets to and from school.

Dismissal changes are handled at the office.

For questions regarding transportation discipline contact the assistant principal (745-7403).

For general transportation questions contact the bus supervisor (745-7077).

STUDENT CONDUCT ON SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION

Students, parents/guardians, bus drivers and school officials must work together to provide for the safe transportation of students. The school buses, bus stops, and all other forms of transportation provided by the district or provided incidental to a school activity are considered school property. Students are subject to district authority and discipline while waiting for, entering and riding district transportation. The superintendent or designee will create and enforce administrative procedures detailing the conduct expected of students and will make that information available to students and parents.

Students who fail to observe district rules or fail to contribute to a safe transportation environment will be subject to disciplinary action including, but not limited to, suspension of the privilege of riding the bus. Students with disabilities will be disciplined in accordance with their Individualized Education Program (IEP) or applicable law. The bus driver or other authorized personnel shall report all misbehavior or dangerous situations to the principal as soon as possible.

CLASS PLACEMENT

Grade placement and class assignment should be appropriate to the student's academic, social, and emotional needs. The principal and staff of the school may make adjustments in school placement when the reassignment more adequately meets the needs of the student.

Reassignments will be based on observation and evaluation of the student's progress.

A student received as a transfer from any unaccredited school or home instructional program will not be placed permanently in a grade or program of study until the student can be academically evaluated by the building principal and/or by other appropriate professional staff members.

Classroom assignment decisions are based upon information from school and home. Parent/Guardian requests for specific teachers are not accepted.

CURRICULUM

The elementary curriculum has been planned and developed with the continuous growth of the child in mind and in correlation with state and federal guidelines. The curriculum includes reading, mathematics, science, social studies, communication arts, health/physical education, computer literacy, art, music, and counselor guidance. It is essential for students to master the concepts and skills in each subject area. Curriculum individualization is addressed during the instructional process according to the needs of the student.

CUSTODIAL/NON-CUSTODIAL PARENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

When parents of a student are separated, involved in divorce proceedings, or are divorced, the building principal will respect the rights of custodial and non-custodial parents equally except when a court order exists concerning special restrictions. It is the responsibility of the custodial parent to provide the school principal a copy of such a court order if restricted access to student(s) or student's') information is requested. For the school's purpose, the parent who resides with the child(ren) is known as the custodial parent.

Parent rights include access to student records and school mailings, attendance at

parent-teacher conferences and Individual Educational Program (IEP) meetings, and authority to request that a student be released early or be absent from school for a legitimate reason. If the non-custodial parent asks to take the child from school, the custodial parent may be contacted.

It is the responsibility of the non-custodial parent to inform the school office of his/her name, address, and phone number if he/she wishes to be consulted regarding his/her child or wish to be placed on the school's mailing list.

DESTRUCTION AND/OR LOSS OF SCHOOL PROPERTY

As responsible citizens, students are expected to maintain and use school property appropriately. Textbooks and resource materials that are lost or damaged must be paid for by the students/parents. Students/Parents will be expected to reimburse the school district for property lost, defaced, or damaged. The principal or a designated representative, in accordance with the price of the item lost or damaged, will assess payment amount.

DISTRIBUTION OF NON-CURRICULAR STUDENT PUBLICATIONS (POLICY IGDBA)

Guidelines

Students may distribute unofficial material, including but not limited to petitions, buttons, badges, or other insignia. However, students cannot distribute expressions which:

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

Procedures

Anyone wishing to distribute unofficial material must first submit for approval a copy of the material to the superintendent or designee 24 hours in advance of desired distribution time, together with the following information:

- A. Name and phone number of the person submitting the request.
- B. Date(s) and time(s) of day of intended distribution.
- C. Location where material will be distributed.

D. The grade(s) of students to whom the distribution is intended.

Within 24 hours of submission, the superintendent (or designee) will render a decision whether the material violates the Guidelines in Section I or the time, place and manner restrictions in Section III of this policy. In the event that permission to distribute the material is denied, the person submitting the request should be informed in writing of the reasons for the denial.

Permission to distribute material does not imply approval of its contents by the school, the administration, the Board, or the individual reviewing the material submitted.

If the person submitting the request does not receive a response within 24 hours of submission, the person shall contact the office to verify that the lack of response was not due to an inability to locate the person. If the person has made this verification and there is no response to the request, the material may be distributed in accordance with the time, place and manner provisions in Section III.

The person submitting the request may appear and present the reasons supported by relevant witnesses and material, as to why the distribution of the unofficial material is appropriate.

Time, Place and Manner of Distribution

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

- A. School principals may designate a bulletin board, table or other specific location where information regarding student non curricular publications targeting students and parents may be posted or distributed. Such advertising must clearly state "Not affiliated with the Wright City R-II School District", in order to be considered. Building principals may establish uniform rules about the length of time a student may distribute a non curricular publication and may limit the number of publications available at one time.
- B. No unofficial material may be distributed if it is reasonably likely to cause a material and substantial disruption of that activity.
- C. Distribution of unofficial material is prohibited when it blocks the safe flow of traffic around the designated location.

Definitions

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

- A. "Obscene to minors" is defined as:
 - a. The average person, applying contemporary community standards, would find that the unofficial material, taken as a whole, appeals to the prurient interest of minors of the age to whom distribution is requested; and/or
 - b. The unofficial material depicts or describes, in a manner that is patently offensive to prevailing standards in the adult community concerning how such conduct should be presented to minors of the age to whom distribution is requested, sexual conduct such as intimate sexual acts (normal or perverted), masturbation, excretory functions, and lewd exhibition of the genitals; and/or
 - c. The unofficial material, taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value for minors.
- B. "Minor" means any person under the age of 18.
- C. "Material and substantial disruption" of a normal school activity is defined as follows:
 - a. Where the normal school activity is an educational program of the district for which student attendance is compulsory, "material and substantial disruption" is defined as any disruption which interferes with or impedes the implementation of that program.
 - Where the normal school activity is voluntary in nature (including, without limitation, school athletic events, school plays and concerts, and lunch periods), "material and substantial disruption" is defined as student rioting, unlawful seizures of property,

widespread shouting or boisterous conduct inappropriate to the event, participation in a school boycott, demonstration, sit-in, stand-in, walk-out or other related forms of activity.

In order for expression to be considered disruptive, there must exist specific facts upon which the likelihood of disruption can be forecast, including past experience in the school, current events influencing student activities and behavior, and instances of actual or threatened disruption relating to the material in question.

- D. "School activities" means any activity of students sponsored by the school and includes -- by way of example, and not by way of limitation -- classroom work, library activities, physical education classes, official assemblies and other similar gatherings, school athletic contests, band concerts, school plays, and in-school lunch periods.
- E. "Unofficial material" includes all written or pictorial communications except school publications funded and/or sponsored or authorized by the school. Examples include leaflets, buttons, badges, insignia, brochures, flyers, petitions, placards, underground newspapers, whether created by students or others.
- F. "Libelous" is a false and unprivileged statement about a specific individual that tends to harm the individual's reputation, or to lower him or her in the esteem of the community.
- G. "Distribution" means circulation or dissemination of unofficial material by means of handing out free copies, selling or offering copies for sale and accepting donations for copies. It includes displaying unofficial material on the building's bulletin board or a table in a designated area which is generally frequented by students.

DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

Procedures have been established to provide for safe and efficient dismissal of all elementary students.

Car Riders:

- Students are dismissed to the cafeteria hallway at 3:20 p.m. At that time students will check in with the staff on supervision.
- Parents/Guardians will pull their car to the stop sign at the end of the circle drive, making
 three lines. A tag with the student's last name will need to be displayed in your car for staff to
 see. We will provide this tag. At that time an administrator or other staff member will radio
 inside to send your child out to you. They will enter the car and wait for the signal from staff to
 go. Then the next cars will pull forward.
- If you forget your tag you will need to sign your child out in the office. Any person picking up a
 child must be prepared to identify themselves (e.g. driver's license, photo ID). If someone
 other than you is picking your child up you may give them your tag to display in their car.
 They may also come in to sign them out, but we will need verification from a parent/guardian
 ahead of time.
- Only those persons listed on the Student Dismissal Non-Bus Rider form, completed at the beginning of the school year, are permitted to pick up the student. (Changes may be made during the school year in the elementary office.)
- Students that are not bus riders or walkers must be picked up in the car rider line. The office will not be allowed to sign students out during dismissal time.

Bus Riders:

- Students riding the bus at the end of the day are released from the rear of the building:
- Teachers will walk their classes out to the bus lines.
- Student dismissal is monitored by assigned staff personnel.

Walkers:

Students who will be walking home from school (those not serviced by a school bus) will be
dismissed to a designated area and will follow the staff/crossing guards instructions for
safely crossing the street. Any student in this group who decides to ride a bike must walk the
bike when crossing onto school property and at any time they are on school property.

Student supervision is provided through the end of the school day and for students participating in extracurricular school activities. Students on school property after 3:30 p.m. – unless participating in an extracurricular activity, extended day learning program, or having made special arrangements with the principal – will not be provided supervision. Additional precautions may be taken by the school administration appropriate to the age of the student(s) and as the need(s) arise.

DISMISSAL - DURING SCHOOL DAY

Procedures have been established to provide for the safety of students being dismissed during the school day.

- Staff members will not excuse any student from the school prior to the end of the school day
 or into any person's custody without prior approval and knowledge of the building principal or
 office staff member on duty. All parents must come to the office to sign a student out.
- The principal or office staff member on duty will excuse a student before the end of the school day when the parent/guardian is present and signs the student out in the office.
- Any person picking up a child from school must be prepared to identify him/herself (e.g., driver's license, photo identification).
- Telephone requests for early dismissal of a student will not be honored due to the inability of positive caller identification.
- Students may only be released to those persons listed on their Family Registration, Health, or Transportation forms.
- Dismissal is an extremely hectic time of day. Therefore, no dismissals from the office will occur
 after 3:00 p.m. If a student has an appointment and needs to be picked up at 3:10, for
 example, an exception may be made at that time. However, this will not be honored on a
 regular basis. The office will need notification before 2:00 p.m. if you need to make
 arrangements for a change to transportation arrangements at the end of the school day.

DISMISSAL - END OF DAY CHANGE

Procedures have been established to provide for the safety of those students requiring end of the day dismissal changes. To allow time for notification to be given to the classrooms, we ask that any changes be made and verified by office staff prior to 2:00 p.m.

DRESS AND GROOMING

The dress and personal appearance of Wright City West Elementary students is to be neat, clean, and in good taste so that each student may share in promoting a positive, healthy, and safe atmosphere within the school district.

Student dress and grooming will be the responsibility of the students and their parents/guardians, within the following guidelines:

- Dress and grooming will be clean and in keeping with health, sanitary, and safety requirements.
- All students must wear shoes, boots, or other types of footwear. **Shower shoes, cleated shoes,** and roller skate shoes are not allowed. The wearing of flip-flops is strongly discouraged.
- Dress and grooming will not disrupt the teaching/learning process or cause undue attention to an individual student.
- Class activities, which present a concern for student safety, may require the student to adjust hair and/or clothing during the class period in the interest of maintaining safety standards.
- Additional dress regulations may be imposed upon students participating in certain

- extracurricular activities.
- Students are not allowed to wear clothing which displays suggestive, inappropriate language, nor alcohol or tobacco product depictions.
- Caps, hats (both boys and girls), bandanas or other headgear or sunglasses may be worn in the building at the principal's discretion.
- Modest dress is to be the rule. There are to be no bare midriffs, crop top shirts or spaghetti straps. Straps must be at least 1 inch in width.
- Shorts are to be of appropriate length. Mid-thigh is an appropriate length.
- Undergarments are just that—under garments. They are not to show.
- During school hours, no backpacks or heavy coats may be carried or worn. (The exception being entry to and exiting from the building.)

When, in the judgment of the principal, a student's appearance or mode of dress disrupts the educational process, or constitutes a threat to health or safety, the student may be required to make modifications.

DUE PROCESS

It is within the right of a student or parent/guardian to appeal a suspension of more than 10 consecutive days to the Board of Education.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Emergency preparedness drills (fire, severe weather, tornado, bus evacuation, earthquake, bomb threat, lockdown, shelter-in-place, and evacuation) are in place. A sufficient number of drills are conducted each year to give instruction and practice in proper actions should an emergency occur. Students will follow the teacher's directives during all emergencies or related drills. Emergency exiting procedures are posted near the door in all instructional areas. At all times the students' well-being is the first priority.

ENROLLMENT AND TRANSFER PROCEDURES

Student enrollment for all schools in the Wright City R-II School District is completed online through the parent portal or at the district's central office (90 Bell Road). Parents/Guardians are asked to provide the following information upon enrolling students: proof of residency (e.g., property tax statement, utility bill, real estate contract, rental agreement/receipt, telephone bill, legal property description), birth certificate, and immunization record. These items can be scanned in for online enrollment or they will be copied and the originals returned by Central Office staff. Additional information (e.g., emergency contact numbers, medical information, day care information) will also be needed for the completion of school forms.

Parents/Guardians moving from our school district are asked to provide this information to the school office (636-745-7400) prior to their students' last day of attendance. Student records are forwarded to the new school upon receipt of a record's request from the student's new school.

FIELD TRIPS

Educational field trips enhance the program of instruction and add much to the education of the student. Teachers will provide advance information to parents/guardians about field trips.

Parents/Guardians must provide written approval in order for their child(ren) to participate in a scheduled field trip. If a parent/guardian fails to give permission for his/her child to participate in the field trip, the child will remain at school. All school rules concerning student behavior and bus safety are to be followed on student field trips.

The number of parents/guardians requested to assist with field trip supervision is dependent upon the specific classroom and destination needs. Parents/Guardians wishing to accompany and help on a field trip must follow the new Missouri State Highway Patrol fingerprint background check. The cost is \$43.00 and is good for 6 years. Information is listed on the website under the Parents tab

under the Forms section. We encourage parents to do this at the beginning of the school year to limit problems at a later date.

GRADING STANDARDS

Grade cards are provided four times each year. These will be shared via Infinite Campus. Physical copies will be provided upon request only. Two parent-teacher conferences will be held—one in the fall and one in the spring. Parent Portal, progress reports, assignment book correspondence, student folders, letters, and telephone calls are also extended as further ways to inform parents/guardians of their students' progress. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to keep in close contact with their child(ren)'s teacher(s). We use standards-based report cards. We have additional information available upon request.

Hazing (see board policy **JFCG**)

Any activity that a reasonable person believes would negatively impact the mental or physical health or safety of a student or put the student in a ridiculous, humiliating, stressful or disconcerting position for the purposes of initiation, affiliation, admission, membership or maintenance of membership in any group, class, organization, club or athletic team including, but not limited to, a grade level, student organization or district-sponsored activity. Hazing can occur even when all students involved are willing participants.

HEALTH SERVICES

Communicable Disease

It is very important that we attempt to control the spread of communicable disease. Students or employees with communicable diseases that pose a risk of transmission in school or at school activities (such as, but not limited to, chicken pox, influenza and conjunctivitis) will be managed as required by law and in accordance with guidelines provided by the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) and local county or city health departments. Such management may include, but is not limited to, exclusion from school or reassignment as needed for the health and safety of students and staff.

We would appreciate your consideration in following these guidelines.

- Students should be fever-free (without the influence of fever-reducing medication) for 24 hours before returning to school.
- Students should be free of continuous coughing.
- Students should remain at home for 24 hours after the last episode of vomiting or diarrhea.
- Students should remain at home for 24 hours after taking the first dose of an antibiotic for an infection.

Illness During School

In the event a student is evaluated by the school nurse and would need to be sent home for a potential communicable illness, the nurse would use the list provided by parents to contact an authorized individual(s) to pick up their student from school. Parents are asked to pick up their child as soon as possible. The student will remain in the nurse's office to be monitored and separated from others to decrease the risk of transmission. Students will not be allowed to ride the bus home in the event they are sent home sick.

Parents will be called to pick up their child in the event the student arrives at school prior to the 24 hour rule.

Immunizations (Policy JHCB)

- All students must present documentation of month, day, and year for each immunization before they attend school.
- All immunizations must be up-to-date before students are permitted to attend classes.
- The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) allows a 4-day grace period, so students in all grade levels may receive immunizations up to 4 days before they are due.
- To remain in school, students "in progress" must have an Imm.P.14 form on file and must receive immunizations as soon as they become due.
- Religious and medical exemptions are allowed. The appropriate exemption card must be on file (Imm.P.11A or Imm.P.12).
- For more information on student immunizations, please see Board Policy JHCB or contact the elementary nurse at 636-745-7431.

Insurance

Our primary concern is for the health and safety of our students. It is recognized that even with the greatest precautions and the closest supervision, accidents can and do happen at school. They are a fact of life and a part of the growing-up process our children go through.

Parents/Guardians need to be aware of this and be prepared for possible medical expenses that may arise should their child(ren) be injured at school.

The school district does not provide medical insurance to automatically pay for medical expenses when students are injured at school. This is the responsibility of the parents/guardians. The district does make student medical insurance available to families for their individual purchase.

Medication Administration in the School Setting (over-the-counter and prescription)

Giving medicine to students during the school hours is discouraged and restricted to necessary medication that cannot be given on an alternative schedule. All over-the-counter medications must be delivered by a parent/guardian to the school principal or designee in the manufacturer's original packaging and will only be administered up to 6 doses in a semester. Further dosage will only occur with written doctor's permission.

When medicine is to be administered by school officials, the medicine must be accompanied by a label affixed by a pharmacy/physician or a parent/guardian note in the case of a nonprescription medicine. The prescription label will be considered the equivalent of a prescriber's written direction, and a separate document is not needed. The prescription label must reflect the most recent fill or refill. Further, a parent/guardian must provide the district with written permission to administer a prescription medication before the district will administer a prescription medication to the student.

In addition, written instructions signed by the parent/guardian and/or physician, will be required and are to include the following:

- Child's name
- Date prescribed
- Name of medication
- Purpose of medication
- Time to be administered
- Dosage
- Possible side effects
- Termination date for administering the medication

The administration of the medicine to a student, when all the above conditions have been met, will be limited to the school nurse, the principal, or other designated person(s). All medication will be kept under the supervision of the nurse. The parent/guardian of the student must assume responsibility for informing the school personnel of any changes in the student's health or change in medication. For the safety of our students, all medication is to be brought to and/or picked up from the school nurse's office by a parent/guardian. Do not send medication of any type to school with a student.

Emergency Medication

Stock Epinephrine- Schools are equipped with prefilled epinephrine auto injector syringes that can be administered in the event of an allergic reaction that causes anaphylaxis. Epinephrine will be administered by the school nurse or other designated person(s) in accordance with written protocols provided by the authorized prescriber, except for students authorized to to carry and self administer in accordance with board policy. During Online registration parents/guardians will authorize if a student is able to receive epinephrine in the event of an emergency. If at any time you would like to change the status of emergency administration of epinephrine contact Central office. These changes can be made anytime.

Medical Marijuana and Cannabidiol (CBD) Oil

The district does not permit the possession or administration of marijuana or marijuana-infused products for medicinal purposes on district property or at district events since these products are prohibited under federal law.

In accordance with state law, parents/guardians with a valid hemp extract registration card may possess CBD oil on district property for the purpose of administering it to their students who are less than 18 years old for the treatment of epilepsy. Students 18 and older with a valid hemp extract registration card may possess CBD oil on district property for the limited purpose of bringing it to the health office where it will be stored with other medications and administered to the student by the nursing staff for the treatment of epilepsy. Students who have an actual prescription for a medication containing CBD will be permitted to possess and administer the prescription medication in accordance with this policy.

MO HealthNet for Kids Children's Health Insurance Program

The Federal Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), part of the MO HealthNet for Kids program, is a health insurance program for uninsured children of low-income families who do not have access to affordable health insurance. Additional information can be found HERE.

HOMELESS

Wright City School District is responsible for meeting the educational needs of an increasingly diverse student population by providing a wide range of resources and support to ensure that all students have the opportunity to succeed and be college ready and career ready. Our school district has programs designed to help meet the unique educational needs of children working to learn the English language, students who are advanced learners, students with disabilities, homeless students, the children of migratory workers, and neglected or delinquent students.

If you need assistance or have questions regarding homelessness, please contact Abigail Jackson at (636)-745-7500 ext. 10909.

CHILD FIND

All responsible public agencies are required to locate, evaluate and identify children with disabilities who are under the jurisdiction of the agency, regardless of the severity of the disability, including children that are attending private schools, highly mobile children such as migrant and homeless children, and children who are suspected of having a disability and in need of special education, even though they are advancing from grade to grade. The Wright City School District will assure that it will provide a free and appropriate education (FAPE) to all eligible children with disabilities between the ages of 3–21 under its jurisdiction. Disabilities include autism, deaf/blindness, emotional disorders, hearing impairment/deafness, mental retardation, multiple disabilities, orthopedic impairment, other health impaired, specific learning disabilities, speech and/or language, traumatic brain injury, visual impairment/blindness, and a young child with a developmental delay.

HOMEWORK

Work assigned for home study provides practice for materials previously presented in the classroom. Under most circumstances, students should be able to complete homework assignments with minimal assistance. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to contact the teacher if their student is having extreme difficulty with homework or if the child is spending an inordinate amount of time with homework on an ongoing basis. Parents/Guardians may be asked to provide additional home assistance should their student be struggling in an academic area.

Homework is an extension of the classroom. Examples of homework activities include:

- preparing for a test,
- · completing assignments not finished during the school day,
- additional drill or practice on basic skills,
- reading for exploratory purposes, enjoyment, and enrichment,
- scientific experimentation,
- extended projects over a period of time, and
- make-up work missed during absence.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Throughout the year students are recognized for their accomplishments.

Additional student recognitions may be given during the school year dependent upon classroom and building-wide activities in correlation with academic and special programs.

INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (IPM)

The Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program is specifically designed for the sensitive environment of the Wright City School District and its guests, employees, and vendors. It involves a thorough inspection of our facilities and a monitoring program that utilizes the products and treatment methods that have the least impact on the staff, children, visitors and non-targeted organisms.

INTERNET POLICY

(Board Policies EHB, EHB-R, EHB-AF1, EHB-AF2)

The purpose of the Wright City R-II School District's network, including Internet access and other technological resources, is to support and enhance communication, learning, and teaching. Acceptable uses of the network are activities that promote the school's goals and mission.

Each school year parents/guardians and students are provided with written guidelines pertaining to the district's network. Access to and use of the school's network is only allowed if all parties agree, in writing, to abide by the guidelines in regards to personal safety and responsibility, respect for privacy, illegal activities, copyright and e-mail regulations, and the use of school resources.

Every effort is made to block access to inappropriate sites and materials. Elementary students must receive permission to access network sites and are closely monitored during use.

Should a student accidentally encounter material(s) that violate the rules of appropriate use he/she is to immediately notify a staff member.

Anyone using the district's network may be monitored for improprieties in accordance with board policy. Evidence of impropriety will be given to the building principal for review.

LIBRARY

Wright City West Elementary Library is an excellent source of reading and resource materials for students. The library book collection is continually updated and students are encouraged to check out materials. Teachers schedule visits to the library for their students and students may go to the library before school begins. Book fairs are held during the year so students may purchase books for their own personal use.

LOST AND FOUND

The lost and found is located outside the elementary gymnasium. If your child has lost something (i.e. shoes, lunchbox, coat), please check in the lost and found box. Small, breakable, or valuable items are to be turned in to the elementary office to await claim. Items which remain unclaimed at the end of the school year will be donated to a charity organization or distributed as appropriate.

NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

The District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, ethnicity, ancestry, sex, religion, disability, age, genetic information, sexual orientation or perceived sexual orientation in its programs, activities, or employment practices. The following persons have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:

Section 504 Coordinator	Title VI Coordinator	Title IX Coordinator
Assistant Superintendent	Assistant Superintendent	Assistant Superintendent
90 Bell Road	90 Bell Road	90 Bell Road
Wright City, MO 63390	Wright City, MO 63390	Wright City, MO 63390
Telephone: 636.745.7200	Telephone: 636.745.7200	Telephone: 636.745.7200

Telephone: 636.745.7200	Telephone: 636.745.7200	Telephone: 636.745.7200
Americans with Disabilities Act (Title II) Coordinator Assistant Superintendent 90 Bell Road Wright City, MO 63390 Telephone: 636.745.7200	Age Discrimination Act and Age Discrimination in Employment Act Coordinator Assistant Superintendent 90 Bell Road Wright City, MO 63390 Telephone: 636.745.7200	Title VII Coordinator Assistant Superintendent 90 Bell Road Wright City, MO 63390 Telephone: 636.745.7200

Any person may also contact the Kansas City Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education, regarding the District's compliance with Section 504, Title II, Title VI, Title IX, and the Age Discrimination Act.

Office for Civil Rights

U.S. Department of Education 8930 Ward Parkway, Suite 2037 Kansas City, MO 64114-3302

Telephone: 816-268-0550

Any person may also contact the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for concerns relating to the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, or Title VII.

Robert A. Young Federal Building 1222 Spruce Street, Room 8.100, St. Louis, MO 63103

Telephone: 800-669-4000

Other agencies dealing with non-discrimination issues include: Missouri Commission for Human Rights U.S. Department of Justice Department of Labor and Industrial Relations

Notice to Building Occupants, Parents/Guardians, and Workers

In compliance with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act of 1986 (AHERA), the Wright City R-II School District conducts three-year re-inspection services as part of its asbestos management plan. Most recently this reinspection was completed by Environmental Consultants, LLC.

The only district building containing asbestos is Wright City High School. All asbestos was recently inspected by the outside firm as part of the management plan. No conditions warranting action were found. Select district personnel have received training and conduct semi-annual inspections as part of the management plan.

A copy of the management plan is available for public review in the superintendent's office.

OCCUPATIONS

The high school in the district will provide its students with information concerning occupations that have a critical need or shortage of trained personnel as provided by the State Board of Education.

PARENT/FAMILY INVOLVEMENT IN INSTRUCTIONAL AND OTHER PROGRAMS (Board Policy IGBC)

The Wright City R-II School District Board of Education believes that engaging parents/families in the education process is essential to improved academic success for students. The Board recognizes that a student's education is a responsibility shared by the district, parents, families and other members of the community during the entire time a student attends school. The Board believes that the district must create an environment that is conducive to learning and that strong, comprehensive parent/family involvement is an important component. Parent/Family involvement in education requires a cooperative effort with roles for the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), the district, parents/families and the community.

Parent/Family Involvement Goals and Plan

The Board of Education recognizes the importance of eliminating barriers that impede parent/family involvement, thereby facilitating an environment that encourages collaboration with parents, families and other members of the community. Therefore, the district will develop and implement a plan to facilitate parent/family involvement that shall include the following six (6) goals:

- 1. Promote regular, two-way, meaningful communication between home and school.
- 2. Promote and support responsible parenting.
- 3. Recognize the fact that parents/families play an integral role in assisting their children to learn.

- 4. Promote a safe and open atmosphere for parents/families to visit the schools their children attend, and actively solicit parent/family support and assistance for school programs.
- 5. Include parents as full partners in decisions affecting their children and families.
- 6. Use available community resources to strengthen and promote school programs, family practices and the achievement of students.

The district's plan for meeting these goals is to:

- Provide activities that will educate parents regarding the intellectual and developmental needs of their children at all age levels. This will include promoting cooperation between the district and other agencies or school/community groups (such as parent-teacher groups, Head Start, Parents as Teachers, etc.) to furnish learning opportunities and disseminate information regarding parenting skills and child/adolescent development.
- 2. Implement strategies to involve parents/families in the educational process, including:
 - a. Keeping parents/families informed of opportunities for involvement and encouraging participation in various programs.
 - b. Providing access to educational resources for parents/families to use together with their children.
 - c. Keeping parents/families informed of the objectives of district educational programs as well as of their child's participation and progress within these programs.
- 3. Enable families to participate in the education of their children through a variety of roles. For example, parents/family members should be given opportunities to provide input into district policies and volunteer time within the classrooms and school programs.
- 4. Provide professional development opportunities for teachers and staff to enhance their understanding of effective parent/family involvement strategies.
- 5. Perform regular evaluations of parent/family involvement at each school and at the district level.
- 6. Provide access, upon request, to any instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum.
- 7. If practical, provide information in a language understandable to parents.

Title I, Migrant Education (MEP) and Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Programs

The Board also recognizes the special importance of parent/family involvement to the success of its Title I, MEP and LEP programs. Pursuant to federal law, the district and parents will jointly develop and agree upon a written parental involvement policy that will be distributed to parents participating in any of these programs.

Title I Program Parent Involvement

The district and parents of children participating in the Title I program will jointly develop and agree upon a written parent involvement policy that will describe how the district will:

- 1. Involve parents in the joint development of the Title I program plan and in the process of reviewing the implementation of the plan and suggesting improvements.
- 2. Provide the coordination, technical assistance and other support necessary to assist participating schools in planning and implementing effective parental involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance.
- 3. Build the schools' and parents' capacity for strong parental involvement.
- 4. Coordinate and integrate Title I parental involvement strategies with those of other educational programs.
- 5. Conduct, with the involvement of parents, an annual evaluation of the content of the parental involvement policy and its effectiveness in improving the academic quality of the schools served. This will include identifying barriers to greater participation by parents in activities

authorized by law, particularly by parents who are economically disadvantaged, have disabilities, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, or are of any racial or ethnic minority background. The district will use the findings of such evaluation to design strategies for more effective parental involvement and to revise, if necessary, the parental involvement policies.

- 6. Involve parents in the activities of the schools served.
- 7. If a school receives Title I funds, provide notice that parents can receive, upon request, information regarding whether the student's teacher is certified to teach in the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction; whether the student's teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional certification status; and whether the student is provided services by a paraprofessional and, if so, the qualifications of the paraprofessional.

Each school receiving Title I funds will jointly develop and distribute to parents of children participating in the Title I program a written parental involvement policy agreed upon by such parents in accordance with the requirements of federal law:

- 1. The policy must be made available to the local community and updated periodically to meet the changing needs of parents and the school.
- 2. The policy shall contain a school-parent compact that outlines how parents, the entire school staff and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children.
- Each school participating in the Title I program will convene a meeting annually to inform
 parents about Title I and to involve parents in the planning, review and improvement of Title I
 programs, including the planning, review and improvement of the school parental
 involvement policy.

Migrant Education Program Parent Involvement

Parents of students in the MEP will be involved in and regularly consulted about the development, implementation, operation and evaluation of the Migrant Education Program.

Parents of MEP students will receive instruction regarding their role in improving the academic achievement of their children.

Limited English Proficiency Program Parent Involvement

Pursuant to federal law, parents of LEP students will be provided notification regarding their child's placement in and information about the district's LEP program.

Parents will be notified of their rights regarding program content and participation.

Policy Evaluation

The district, with parent/family involvement, will review and evaluate the content and effectiveness of this policy and each school-level policy at least annually. The district will revise this policy as necessary to improve or create practices that enhance parent/family involvement.

PARTIES

All grade levels will have three scheduled parties during the 23/24 school year; Halloween, Winter, and Valentine's Day. Classroom teachers will plan & organize each party. Parents/Guardians may reach out to teachers if they wish to donate items to the parties, such as: refreshments, quiet games, and clean up items. One parent/guardian per student/per party will be allowed to attend.

BIRTHDAYS

Parents/Guardians wishing to bring birthday treats for the classroom are asked to make prior arrangements with their child's classroom teacher. We strongly encourage healthy snacks as birthday treats. Birthday treats may be given out during the lunch period or the end of the day to members of the student's class. If bringing a cookie cake, please ensure it is cut prior to being delivered to the classroom. Students may not deliver treats to other classrooms. During school hours, treats should be brought to the elementary office.

Invitations for out of school parties cannot be brought to school for distribution. The sending of gifts (e.g., flowers, stuffed animals, balloons) to students is discouraged as this can cause a disruption to the instructional environment. Such items may be held in the school office until the end of the day and may be picked up by the student upon dismissal.

Nutrition Standards for Food Brought by Parents and Students (Policy ADF-API)

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

Safety standards require that all food items must be purchased (e.g., prepackaged from the store or bakery). Due to life threatening food allergies, it is recommended that any food for classroom distribution and/or instruction not contain peanut butter or nuts.

PICTURES

Individual and class school pictures are taken each year. Parents/Guardians will be informed of the exact dates so the students will be prepared for their pictures to be taken. There is no obligation on the part of the parents/guardians to buy these pictures. Pictures are taken for the yearbook and school purposes even if no pictures are purchased by our students' families.

We also look for opportunities to photograph exciting lessons and school events to share on our school Facebook and Twitter pages. If you do not want your child's photo used please notify the district through the <u>Disclosure Opt Out Form</u>.

PROMOTION AND RETENTION

In recognizing that students' progress through the developmental continuum at different rates, the district provides for individual student needs through varied and adaptable educational programs. Most students progress annually from grade to grade.

Only a limited number of retentions are appropriate or effective. Retention is considered only when there is a reasonable chance of its benefit for the student. Retention is based on

multi-criteria and occurs only after:

- A very thorough and complete professional analysis of a student's academic, social, and emotional needs has been completed.
- Sufficient data (e.g., academic achievement, attendance, interventions, observations) have been reviewed.
- Communication with parents has taken place with the first notification letter of possible (considered for) retention being sent before February 1.

In addition, as a result of Missouri SB319, school districts must assess and determine the grade-level reading ability of students in grade 3 and students in grades 4-6 who transfer in during the school year. This determination must be made within 45 days of the end of the school year. The assessment is not required for students who have already been determined to be reading at or above grade level. Students with disabilities or limited English proficiency may be exempted from the mandatory reading assessment.

With input from parents, school districts must develop an individualized "Reading Improvement Plan" to be implemented during grade 4, for any third-grader who was determined to be reading below second grade level. Each district will determine the content of students' reading improvement plans. The reading plan must include, at a minimum, "30 hours of additional reading instruction or practice outside the regular school day during the fourth-grade year". Such instruction may be provided during the summer before grade 4 or during the regular school term.

After fourth grade, if a student is determined to be reading below third grade level, the student shall be required to attend summer school to receive reading instruction. At the end of such summer school the student shall be given another reading assessment. If such a student is determined to be reading below third grade level, the district shall notify the student's parents/guardians, and the student shall not be promoted to fifth grade. No student shall be denied promotion more than once solely for inability to meet the reading standards set out in this section.

Parents/Guardians will receive prior notification and explanation concerning possible retention. However, the decision will rest with the school administration. Parents may appeal this decision to the Board of Education.

PROTECTION OF PUPIL RIGHTS AMENDMENT (PPRA)

Model Notification of Rights Under the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA)

PPRA affords parents of elementary and secondary students certain rights regarding the conduct of surveys, collection and use of information for marketing purposes, and certain physical exams. These include, but are not limited to, the right to:

- Consent before students are required to submit to a survey that concerns one or more of the following protected areas ("protected information survey") if the survey is funded in whole or in part by a program of the U.S. Department of Education (ED) –
 - 1. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or student's parent;
 - 2. Mental or psychological problems of the student or student's family;
 - 3. Sex behavior or attitudes;
 - 4. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
 - 5. Critical appraisals of others with whom respondents have close family relationships;
 - 6. Legally recognized privileged relationships, such as with lawyers, doctors, or ministers;
 - 7. Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or student's parent; or
 - 8. Income, other than as required by law to determine program eligibility.
- Receive notice and an opportunity to opt a student out of -
 - 1. Any other protected information survey, regardless of funding;
 - Any non-emergency, invasive physical exam or screening required as a condition of attendance, administered by the school or its agent, and not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of a student, except for hearing, vision, or scoliosis screenings, or any physical exam or screening permitted or required under State law; and
 - 3. Activities involving collection, disclosure, or use of personal information collected from students for marketing or to sell or otherwise distribute the information to others. (This does not apply to the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information collected

from students for the exclusive purpose of developing, evaluating, or providing educational products or services for, or to, students or educational institutions.)

- Inspect, upon request and before administration or use
 - 1. Protected information surveys of students and surveys created by a third party;
 - 2. Instruments used to collect personal information from students for any of the above marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes; and
 - 3. Instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum.

These rights transfer from the parents to a student who is 18 years old or an emancipated minor under State law.

Wright City R-II policies, in consultation with parents, regarding these rights, as well as arrangements to protect student privacy in the administration of protected information surveys and the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information for marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes. Wright City R-II will directly notify parents of these policies at least annually at the start of each school year and after any substantive changes. Wright City R-II will also directly notify, such as through U.S. Mail or email, parents of students who are scheduled to participate in the specific activities or surveys noted below and will provide an opportunity for the parent to opt his or her child out of participation of the specific activity or survey. Wright City R-II will make this notification to parents at the beginning of the school year if the District has identified the specific or approximate dates of the activities or surveys at that time. For surveys and activities scheduled after the school year starts, parents will be provided reasonable notification of the planned activities and surveys listed below and be provided an opportunity to opt their child out of such activities and surveys. Parents will also be provided an opportunity to review any pertinent surveys. Following is a list of the specific activities and surveys covered under this direct notification requirement:

- Collection, disclosure, or use of personal information collected from students for marketing, sales, or other distribution.
- Administration of any protected information survey not funded in whole or in part by ED.
- Any non-emergency, invasive physical examination or screening as described above.

Parents who believe their rights have been violated may file a complaint with:

Family Policy Compliance Office U.S. Department of Education 400 Maryland Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20202

RECESS

Outdoor recesses are scheduled each day. Parents/Guardians should be sure their children's clothing is suitable for outside play activities. Indoor activities are planned during inclement weather when children cannot safely play outside. Students are not allowed to bring balls to school. All playground equipment is provided by the school.

After an illness, a child who presents a written request from a doctor is permitted to remain indoors for the designated length of time. Such a request from a parent will be honored for up to one week.

SEARCHES

Notice regarding searches, including:

- a. Students have no expectation of privacy in lockers, desks, computers or other district-provided equipment or areas.
- b. The district will conduct periodic and unannounced administrative searches of lockers, computers and other district equipment.

- c. The district uses dogs to indicate the presence of alcohol, drugs or other prohibited substances on campus, including the parking lot.
- d. Additional searches of bags, purses, coats, electronic devices, other personal possessions and cars in accordance with law.
- e. The district may require a student to submit to a drug or alcohol test if there is reasonable suspicion that the student has consumed prohibited substances.
- f. The details of extracurricular drug testing, if applicable.

(Fourth Amendment of U.S. Constitution, Policy JFG and JFCI when applicable)

RESIDENCY

According to the school laws of Missouri (167 RSMO), students attending in the Wright City R-II School District must be a permanent resident within the defined Wright City R-II School District boundaries and reside with their parent(s), resident care-giver, or court-appointed legal guardian within such boundaries.

During the school year, if a student moves within the district, it is vital that a parent/guardian notifies the elementary office of the change of address. Please contact the elementary office should other information pertaining to your child (e.g., phone number, immunizations, medications) change during the school year.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

The district seeks to identify, evaluate and provide free and appropriate educational services in the least restrictive environment to all qualified students with disabilities within the definitions of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). No qualified student with a disability shall, on the basis of disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any district program, including nonacademic services and extracurricular activities.

Students with disabilities may be eligible for accommodation under district policy even though they are not eligible for services pursuant to the IDEA. The district will initiate a referral if a student requiring accommodation is also believed to be a student with a disability under the IDEA. Implementation of an IEP in accordance with the IDEA satisfies the district's obligation to provide a free and appropriate education under Section 504. If a student is in need of special services which are not currently being provided, contact should be made with the Office of Special Student Services through the administrative office of the district.

It is the policy of the Board of Education to provide a free and appropriate public education (FAPE) for students with disabilities who are in need of special education and related services in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), the Missouri State Plan for Special Education (State Plan), the district's local compliance plan, and applicable state and federal laws.

STAFF/STUDENT ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION (Policy GBH)

Staff members are encouraged to communicate with students and parents/guardians for educational purposes using a variety of effective methods, including electronic communication. As with other forms of communication, staff members must maintain professional boundaries with students while using electronic communication regardless of whether the communication methods are provided by the district or the staff member uses his or her own personal electronic communication devices, accounts, webpages or other forms of electronic communication.

The district's policies, regulations, procedures and expectations regarding in-person communications at school and during the school day also apply to electronic communications for

educational purposes, regardless of when those communications occur. Staff communications must be professional, and student communications must be appropriate. Staff members are discouraged from communicating with students electronically for educational purposes between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6 a.m. Staff members may use electronic communication with students only as frequently as necessary to accomplish the educational purpose.

STUDENT RECORDS (Policy JO)

In order to provide students with appropriate instruction and educational services, it is necessary for the district to maintain extensive and sometimes personal information about students and families. These records must be kept confidential in accordance with law, but must also be readily available to district personnel who need the records to effectively serve district students.

The superintendent or designee will provide for the proper administration of student records in accordance with law, develop appropriate procedures for maintaining student records and standardize procedures for the collection and transmission of necessary information about individual students throughout the district. The superintendent and building principals will develop a student records system that includes protocols for releasing student education records. Principals are responsible for maintaining and protecting the student education records in each school. The superintendent or designee will make arrangements so that all district employees are trained annually on the confidentiality of student education records, as applicable for each employee classification.

Definitions

Eligible Student – A student or former student who has reached age 18 or is attending a postsecondary school.

Parent – A biological or adoptive parent of a student, a guardian of a student, or an individual acting as a parent or guardian in the absence of the student's parent or guardian.

Student – Any person who attends or has attended a school in the school district and for whom the district maintains education records.

Health Information

Student health information is a type of student record that is particularly sensitive and protected by numerous state and federal laws. Student health information shall be protected from unauthorized, illegal or inappropriate disclosure by adherence to the principles of confidentiality and privacy. The information shall be protected regardless of whether the information is received orally, in writing or electronically and regardless of the type of record or method of storage.

Parent and Eligible Student Access

All parents may inspect and review their student's education records, seek amendments, consent to disclosures and file complaints regarding the records as allowed by law. These rights transfer from the parent to the student once the student becomes an eligible student; however, under the Missouri Sunshine Law, parents maintain some rights to inspect student records even after a student turns 18. The district will extend the same access to records to either parent, regardless of divorce, custody or visitation rights, unless the district is provided with evidence that the parent's rights to inspect records have been legally modified.

If a parent or eligible student believes an education record related to the student contain information that is inaccurate, misleading or in violation of the student's privacy, the parent or eligible student may use the appeals procedures created by the superintendent or designee to request that the district amend the record.

The district will annually notify parents and eligible students of their rights in accordance with law.

NOTIFICATION OF RIGHTS AND OPT OUT FORM

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99) is a Federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. The law applies to all schools that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education.

FERPA gives parents certain rights with respect to their children's education records. These rights transfer to the student when he or she reaches the age of 18 or attends a school beyond the high school level. Students to whom the rights have transferred are "eligible students."

- Parents or eligible students have the right to inspect and review the student's education records maintained by the school. Schools are not required to provide copies of records unless, for reasons such as great distance, it is impossible for parents or eligible students to review the records. Schools may charge a fee for copies.
- Parents or eligible students have the right to request that a school correct records which they
 believe to be inaccurate or misleading. If the school decides not to amend the record, the
 parent or eligible student then has the right to a formal hearing. After the hearing, if the
 school still decides not to amend the record, the parent or eligible student has the right to
 place a statement with the record setting forth his or her view about the contested
 information.
- Generally, schools must have written permission from the parent or eligible student in order to release any information from a student's education record. However, FERPA allows schools to disclose those records, without consent, to the following parties or under the following conditions (34 CFR § 99.31):
 - o School officials with legitimate educational interest;
 - Other schools to which a student is transferring;
 - Specified officials for audit or evaluation purposes;
 - Appropriate parties in connection with financial aid to a student;
 - Organizations conducting certain studies for or on behalf of the school;
 - Accrediting organizations;
 - o To comply with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena;
 - Appropriate officials in cases of health and safety emergencies; and
 - State and local authorities, within a juvenile justice system, pursuant to specific State law.

Schools may disclose, without consent, "directory" information such as a student's name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, honors and awards, and dates of attendance. However, schools must tell parents and eligible students about directory information and allow parents and eligible students a reasonable amount of time to request that the school not disclose directory information about them. Schools must notify parents and eligible students annually of their rights under FERPA. The actual means of notification (special letter, inclusion in a PTA bulletin, student handbook, or newspaper article) is left to the discretion of each school.

Please refer to <u>Wright City R-II School Board Policy JO</u> regarding the categories of information the district has designated as public directory information and <u>20 U.S.C. § 7908</u> regarding Armed Forces recruiter access to students and student recruiting information.

In accordance with JO-AP(2): (4. Disclosure of Images and Recordings as Directory Information – The district sometimes creates and maintains images and recordings that are either intended to be disclosed to the public or are otherwise not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if disclosed to the public, even if the image or recording is directly related to a personally identifiable student. For example, the district, or agents of the district, frequently create images and recordings of concerts, athletic performances and graduations.

If the parents of a student or an eligible student have opted out of the disclosure of directory information and the image or recording is directly related to that identifiable student, the district will not disclose the image or recording unless the district is able to isolate or redact the image or recording to protect the student's identity or unless another exception applies. The district will disclose the image or recording if a student is merely pictured in a crowd at a public event and is not the subject of the image or recording.)

Disclosure Opt Out

Law Enforcement Access

The district may report or disclose education records to law enforcement and juvenile justice authorities if the disclosure concerns law enforcement's or juvenile justice authorities' ability to effectively serve, prior to adjudication, the student whose records are released. The officials and authorities to whom such information is disclosed must comply with applicable restrictions set forth in federal law.

If the district reports a crime committed by a student with a disability as defined in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), the district will transmit copies of the special education and disciplinary records to the authorities to whom the district reported the crime as allowed by law.

Law enforcement officials also have access to directory information and may obtain access to student education records in emergency situations as allowed by law. Otherwise, law enforcement officials must obtain a subpoena or consent from the parent or eligible student before a student's education records will be disclosed.

Children's Division Access

The district may disclose education records to representatives of the CD when reporting child abuse and neglect in accordance with law. Once the CD obtains custody of a student, CD representatives may also have access to education records in accordance with law. CD representatives may also have access to directory information and may obtain access to student education records in emergency situations, as allowed by law.

Military and Higher Education Access

The district will disclose the names, addresses and telephone numbers of secondary school students to military recruiters or institutions of higher education as required by law. However, if a parent, or a secondary school student who is at least 18, submits a written request, the district will not release the information without first obtaining written consent from the parent or the student. The district will notify parents, and secondary school students who are at least 18, that they may opt out of these disclosures.

STUDENT ALCOHOL ABUSE/DRUG POLICY (Policy JFCH)

The Wright City R-II School District is concerned with the health, welfare and safety of its students. Therefore, use, sale, transfer, distribution, possession or being under the influence of unauthorized prescription drugs, alcohol, narcotic substances, unauthorized inhalants, controlled substances, illegal drugs, counterfeit substances and imitation controlled substances is prohibited on any district property, in any district-owned vehicle or in any other district-approved vehicle used to transport students to and from school or district activities. This prohibition also applies to any district-sponsored or district-approved activity, event or function, such as a field trip or athletic event, where students are under the supervision of the school district. The use, sale, transfer or possession of drug-related paraphernalia is also prohibited.

For the purpose of this policy a controlled substance shall include any controlled substance, counterfeit substance or imitation controlled substance as defined in the Narcotic Drug Act, § 195.010, RSMo., and in schedules I, II, III, IV and V in section 202(c) of the Controlled Substances Act, 21 U.S.C. 812(c).

Students may only be in possession of medication as detailed in Board policy JHCD.

Searches of persons reasonably suspected to be in violation of this policy will be conducted in accordance with Board policy.

Any student who is found by the administration to be in violation of this policy shall be referred for prosecution and may be suspended from all extracurricular activities for a maximum of 90 school days, regardless of whether such periods may span semesters or school years. In addition, any student violating this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action up to and including suspension, expulsion or other discipline in accordance with the district's discipline policy. Strict compliance is mandatory. The school principal shall immediately report all incidents involving a controlled substance to the appropriate local law enforcement agency and the superintendent. All controlled substances shall be turned over to law enforcement.

Students with disabilities who violate this policy will be disciplined in accordance with policy JGE.

SUICIDE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION

Suicide is a leading cause of death among youths in Missouri and is a public health concern impacting all Missouri citizens. The Wright City R-II School District is committed to maintaining a safe environment to protect the health, safety and welfare of students.

This policy will outline key protocols and procedures the district will use to educate employees and students on the resources and actions necessary to promote suicide awareness and prevent suicide. The goal of the district is to help students who may be at risk of suicide without stigmatizing or excluding students from school. No student will be excluded from school based solely on the district's belief that the student is at risk of suicide.

CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM

The district will establish a district-level CRT and, if practical, a team in each building. CRT members will include administrators, counselors and the school nurse and may also include school social workers, school resource officers, teachers and community members as appropriate. The CRT will be responsible for implementation of the district's response plan.

The district will use an evidence-based/informed tool for determining whether a student is at risk of suicide or is having a suicide crisis. The CRT members, the building administrator and a designee will receive training and coaching in using this tool to assist in making these determinations and appropriately responding.

Response Plan

District employees will respond immediately in situations where they have a reasonable belief that a student may be at risk of suicide or may be having a suicide crisis.

Students Who May Be at Risk of Suicide

Any district employee who has a reasonable belief that a student may be at risk of suicide, even though the student is not having a suicide crisis as defined in this policy, will take the following steps:

- 1. Make every effort to locate the student immediately, and do not leave the student alone.
- 2. Notify a CRT member or the building administrator or designee. If the employee cannot reach the building administrator, designee or any of the CRT members, the employee will contact the student's parent/guardian. If the parent/guardian is also unavailable, or at the parent's/guardian's request, the employee will contact emergency services.

When a CRT member or the building administrator or designee receives notification that a student may be at risk of suicide, he or she will take the following steps:

- 1. If the student cannot be located or leaves after being located, a CRT member or the building administrator or designee will contact the parent/guardian to explain the district's concern.
- 2. If the student has been located, a CRT member or the building administrator or designee will use an evidence-based/informed tool to determine whether the student is at risk of suicide

- and the appropriate response. Regardless of the determination, the building administrator or designee will contact the student's parent/guardian to discuss the concern.
- 3. If it is determined that the student may be at risk of suicide, a school counselor and a CRT member will meet with the student and his or her parents/guardians to discuss support and safety systems, available resources, coping skills and collaborative ways to support the student.

SURVEYING, ANALYZING, OR EVALUATING STUDENTS (POLICY JHDA)

Inspection

Any parent may inspect, upon request, any instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum and all instructional materials, including teachers' manuals, films, tapes, or other supplementary material, that will be used in connection with any survey, analysis, or evaluation as part of any applicable program. Further, a parent may inspect, upon request, a survey created by a third party before the survey is administered or distributed by a school to a student. The term "instructional material" does not include academic tests or academic assessments.

In general, the district will not collect, disclose, or use personal student information for the purpose of marketing or selling that information or otherwise providing the information to others for that purpose. In the rare case where the district may collect information from students for the purpose of marketing or selling that information, parents may inspect any instrument used before the instrument is administered or distributed to a student, upon request and in accordance with board policy.

Consent Required

In accordance with law, no student, as part of any program wholly or partially funded by the U.S. Department of Education, shall be required to submit to a survey, analysis, or evaluation (hereafter referred to as "protected information survey") that reveals any of the following information without written, positive parental consent (must opt student in):

- 1. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or the student's parent.
- 2. Mental or psychological problems of the student or the student's family.
- 3. Sex behavior or attitudes.
- 4. Illegal, antisocial, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior.
- 5. Critical appraisals of other individuals with whom respondents have close family relationships.
- 6. Legally recognized privileged, or analogous relationships, such as those of lawyers, physicians, and ministers.
- 7. Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or the student's parent.
- 8. Income other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such a program.

TEACHING ABOUT HUMAN SEXUALITY

The Board of Education recognizes that parents/guardians are the primary source of sexuality education for their children. The Board also recognizes that effective sexuality education, taught in concert with parents/guardians, helps students avoid risks to their health and academic success and prepares them to make informed decisions as adults. Therefore, pursuant to the requirements of state law, any course materials and instruction relating to human sexuality and sexually transmitted diseases shall be medically and factually accurate. For more information regarding the content of the District's human sexuality instruction, please see Policy IGAEB, Teaching About Human Sexuality. Please note that parents/guardians have the right to remove their student from any part of the district's human sexuality instruction. Further, the district is required to make all curriculum materials used in the district's human sexuality instruction available for public inspection as a public record prior to the use of such materials in actual instruction.

TELEPHONE/CELL PHONES

To protect teaching-learning time, students will not be called from class to take an incoming phone call. The school strongly discourages the carrying of cell phones or electronic devices to/from school. These are expensive items that are a high risk for being lost or stolen. In addition, cell phones can be a significant school distraction.

We understand that you may not be with your child after school and you prefer them to carry a cell phone. In this case, all phones should remain off during the school day and in backpacks. Cell phones may be confiscated by school staff if a student is using his/her phone during the school day. These will be stored in the office for a parent/guardian to pick-up.

TRAUMA-INFORMED SCHOOLS INITIATIVE

Pursuant to Missouri Senate Bill 638, Section 161.1050, the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) has established the "Trauma-Informed Schools Initiative." https://dese.mo.gov/traumainformed

UNSCHEDULED SCHOOL CLOSINGS

In the event of inclement weather or an unforeseen emergency, listen/watch for the Wright City R-II School District name on the following radio and television stations:

Radio Stations

KWRE	730	AM
KMOX	1120	AM
KLOU	103.3 F	М
KFAV	99.9 F	М

Television Stations

KTVI Channel 2
KMOV Channel 4
KSDK Channel 5

In addition, unscheduled closing will also be posted on our district's website, on the Parent Portal, Facebook, and Twitter.

Each child should have an Early Release form on file in the office which has been completed by a parent/guardian (at the beginning of each school year or when registering during the school year) detailing where their child(ren) should go in the event of a scheduled early release day or an unscheduled early release closing.

VIRTUAL COURSES

Because virtual instruction can be an effective education option for some students, the district may offer virtual courses to students through district staff or by contracting for those services as part of the district-sponsored curriculum. In addition, eligible students may enroll in virtual courses offered through the Missouri Course Access Program (MOCAP). The district will accept all grades and credits earned through district-sponsored virtual instruction and MOCAP.

The district will pay the costs of a virtual course only if the district has first approved the student's enrollment in the course as described in this policy. Even if a student or his or her parents/guardians pay the costs for a virtual course, the student or parents/guardians should meet with the principal or designee prior to enrollment to ensure that the course is consistent with the student's academic and personal goals.

The district is not required to provide students access to or pay for courses beyond the equivalent of full-time enrollment. The district will provide supervision for students who take virtual courses in district facilities but will not provide supervision for students taking virtual courses offsite.

Students taking courses virtually are subject to district policies, procedures and rules applicable to students enrolled in traditional courses including, but not limited to, the district's discipline code and prohibitions on academic dishonesty, discrimination, harassment, bullying and cyberbullying.

Enrollment in Virtual Courses

The superintendent or designee will establish open enrollment periods and registration deadlines for students to enroll in virtual courses offered by the district or through MOCAP. These enrollment periods and registration deadlines will be strictly enforced unless the superintendent or designee determines that an exception is warranted due to circumstances such as a change in a student's health or the long-term suspension of a student. Enrollment periods and registration deadlines must align with the district's academic calendar and assessment schedule to the extent practicable.

A student or parent/guardian must notify the student's principal or designee before the student may enroll in a district-sponsored virtual course or a MOCAP virtual course through the district. The student will be enrolled unless the principal or designee, in consultation with the student's parents/guardians and relevant staff, such as the school counselor or district special education director, determines that there is good cause to refuse the student enrollment in the course. For enrollment in a MOCAP course, good cause is limited to situations where it is not in the best educational interest of the student to enroll in the course.

Students or parents/guardians who disagree with the principal's or designee's determination about a MOCAP course can appeal the decision to the Board of Education and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) as detailed later in this policy. For all other virtual courses, students or parents/guardians may appeal the decision to the superintendent or designee, and the superintendent's or designee's decision will be final. The superintendent or designee is authorized to consult the district's attorney prior to making a decision.

Students with Disabilities

In general, students with disabilities may enroll in district-sponsored virtual courses or MOCAP virtual courses using the same approval process applicable to other students. However, in accordance with federal law, if a student receives special education services, the student's individualized education program (IEP) team may determine that a virtual course is not appropriate for the student even if the course has otherwise been approved. Any appeal of that decision must be made through the special education process rather than to the superintendent or designee or the Board.

If a student who is receiving accommodations for a disability under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act (Section 504) is enrolled in a virtual course, the student's Section 504 team will determine whether any additional accommodations are necessary for the student.

Attendance and Completion

Students who enroll in district-sponsored virtual courses or MOCAP courses through the district are expected to actively participate in those courses with the goal of completing the course. If a student does not actively participate in a course or is not successful in the course, the district may remove the student from the virtual course and refuse to enroll the student in virtual courses in the future.

Students enrolled in virtual courses are expected to complete all course requirements in the time allotted for the course. Extensions of time to complete a virtual course will be permitted only in situations where completion of the course in the allotted time would be impossible due to factors not controlled by the student.

Students enrolled in a district-sponsored or MOCAP course through the district will be considered in attendance for state aid purposes in accordance with law. A completed virtual course shall be counted as no less than 95 percent attendance for purposes of A+ eligibility.

Notice

The district will inform students and parents/guardians in handbooks, registration documents and on the homepage of the district's website of the option to enroll in virtual courses, including courses offered through MOCAP, as required by law.

MOCAP

In accordance with state law, the district will pay the cost of student enrollment in MOCAP virtual courses as long as:

- The student meets eligibility requirements;
- 2. The student has approval for enrollment in accordance with this policy; and
- 3. Taking the course does not cause the student to exceed full-time enrollment in the district.

In addition to the requirements listed above and in accordance with law, a student is eligible to enroll in a MOCAP course through the district if:

- 1. The student resides in and is enrolled in the district on a full-time basis;
- 2. The student has attended a public school or charter school full-time for at least one semester immediately prior to enrolling in a MOCAP course; * and
- 3. The enrollment is approved by the principal or designee.
- *A student will be excused from this requirement if he or she has a documented medical or psychological diagnosis or condition that prevented the student from attending a school in the district during the previous semester.

The district is not obligated to provide students computers, equipment or Internet access to take a MOCAP course unless otherwise required by law to accommodate a student with a disability.

District counselors or certificated staff will develop an individual career and academic plan (ICAP) for district students enrolled in three or more virtual courses. If a student already has an ICAP, the plan will be reviewed and modified as necessary. In accordance with law, school counselors cannot be required to make the final decision regarding a student's enrollment in a MOCAP course.

Appeal

If the principal or designee determines that it is not in a student's best educational interest to take a virtual course, the student and the parents/guardians will be notified in writing, provided an explanation for the decision and informed that the student or parents/guardians may appeal the decision to the Board. However, if the student is receiving special education services, the student's IEP team will make the final decision regarding student enrollment in a virtual course in accordance with federal law, and the decision must be appealed through the special education process rather than through the Board.

If the student or parent/guardian appeals to the Board, the principal or designee will provide the Board written reasons for denying the student's enrollment, and the student or parent/guardian will

provide written reasons the student should be allowed to take the course. Both documents will be retained by the Board and will be incorporated into the minutes. In addition, the student, parents/guardians and the principal or designee will be allowed to present their arguments at a Board meeting.

The appeal to the Board shall be held in closed session. The Board will consider the information presented and release a written decision within 30 calendar days of the meeting. The student or parents/guardians may appeal the decision to DESE. The appeal to DESE must be filed within seven days of the Board's final decision.

Payment

The district will pay a MOCAP course provider a monthly pro rata amount based on a student's completion of assignments and assessments, subject to the cost limitations in state law. The district will stop making monthly payments if a student discontinues enrollment. The superintendent or designee is authorized to negotiate lower course rates with MOCAP course providers when possible.

Monitoring and Reporting

The district will monitor the progress and success of students enrolled in MOCAP courses. The district may remove a student from a course if it does not meet the educational needs of the student. The district may terminate access to a course or refuse to allow students to enroll in a MOCAP course if the district determines that the course is not meeting the educational needs of the students enrolled in the course.

All concerns regarding the quality or delivery of a MOCAP course will be reported to DESE. The district may consider concerns regarding the quality of a course when making approval decisions for other students. In addition, the district will consider recommendations made by DESE regarding continued or future enrollment in MOCAP courses.

Transfers

The district will accept transfer credits students earn by successfully passing approved MOCAP courses if the course provider gives the district an official record of the completed course and the grade earned. Students who transfer to the district while enrolled in MOCAP courses will be allowed to continue enrollment in those courses even if the course provider is not one used by the district.

VISITORS

In order to provide a secure environment, during academic hours all parents/guardians and other visitors are required to report to the office and sign in before going further into the building. Badges (e.g., visitor, volunteer, staff) are required to be worn in an easily visible location by all visitors and staff. Parents/Guardians and other visitors must sign out in the office when leaving school property.

Parents/Guardians are welcome to visit school. Visits should be prearranged through the principal and/or classroom teacher. Individuals, other than parents/guardians, who wish to observe in a classroom, must obtain prior permission from the building principal. In order to ensure limited disruption to instruction and the learning environment, the principal reserves the right to limit the length of time as well as the date and time of day when visits may occur.

Students may not bring other children to school as visitors in the classroom.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers provide a valuable service to the students and staff at Wright City West Elementary. Activities performed by the volunteers will be varied as determined by the classroom situation and teacher with approval of the principal. Confidentiality of information while volunteering must be maintained.

Volunteers are to sign in and out of the office and wear a volunteer badge while in the building. Preschoolers or other children are not permitted to accompany volunteers during the school day without prior authorization from the principal.

All volunteers interested in working with our students by chaperoning field trips or other hosted school events where the volunteer is interacting with groups of students must register fingerprints through the Missouri State Highway Patrol fingerprint background check. The cost is \$43.00 and more information may be found under the <u>Parents tab of the district website</u>. We encourage volunteers to do this at the beginning of the school year to limit delays when there is a need to volunteer.

ESSA PARENT/GUARDIAN NOTIFICATION

Our district is required to inform you of information that you, according to the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA), have the right to know. Upon your request, our district is required to provide to you in a timely manner, the following information:

- Whether your student's teacher has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction.
- Whether your student's teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived.
- Whether your student's teacher is teaching in the field of discipline of the certification of the teacher.
- Whether your child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

In addition to the information that parents may request, a building receiving Title I. A funds must provide to each individual parent:

- Information on the level of achievement and academic growth of your student, if applicable and available, on each of the State academic assessments required under Title I.A.
- Timely notice that your student has been assigned, or has been taught for 4 or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who has not met applicable State certification or licensure requirements at the grade level and subject area which the teacher has been assigned.

Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA) COMPLAINT PROCEDURES

This guide explains how to file a complaint about any of the programs¹ that are administered by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (the Department) under the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA)².

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1. What is a complaint?

For these purposes, a complaint is a written allegation that a local education agency (LEA) or the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (the Department) has violated a federal statute or regulation that applies to a program under ESSA.

2. Who may file a complaint?

Any individual or organization may file a complaint.

3. How can a complaint be filed?

Complaints can be filed with the LEA or with the Department.

4. How will a complaint filed with the LEA be investigated?

Complaints filed with the LEA are to be investigated and attempted to be resolved according to the locally developed and adopted procedures.

5. What happens if a complaint is not resolved at the local level (LEA)?

A complaint not resolved at the local level may be appealed to the Department.

Programs include Title I. A, B, C, D, Title II, Title III, Title IV.A, Title V

² In compliance with ESSA Title VIII-Part C. Sec. 8304(a)(3)(C)

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6. How can a complaint be filed with the Department?

A complaint filed with the Department must be a written, signed statement that includes:

- A statement that a requirement that applies to an ESSA program has been violated by the LEA or the Department, and
- 2. The facts on which the statement is based and the specific requirement allegedly violated.

7. How will a complaint filed with the Department be investigated?

The investigation and complaint resolution proceedings will be completed within a time limit of forty-five calendar days. That time limit can be extended by the agreement of all parties.

The following activities will occur in the investigation:

- 1. Record. A written record of the investigation will be kept.
- 2. Notification of LEA. The LEA will be notified of the complaint within five days of the complaint being filed.
- 3. Resolution at LEA. The LEA will then initiate its local complaint procedures in an effort to first resolve the complaint at the local level.
- 4. Report by LEA. Within thirty-five days of the complaint being filed, the LEA will submit a written summary of the LEA investigation and complaint resolution. This report is considered public record and may be made available to parents, teachers, and other members of the general public.
- **5. Verification.** Within five days of receiving the written summary of a complaint resolution, the Department will verify the resolution of the complaint through an on-site visit, letter, or telephone call(s).
- Appeal. The complainant or the LEA may appeal the decision of the Department to the U.S. Department of Education.

8. How are complaints related to equitable services to nonpublic school children handled differently?

In addition to the procedures listed in number 7 above, complaints related to equitable services will also be filed with the U.S. Department of Education, and they will receive all information related to the investigation and resolution of the complaint. Also, appeals to the United States Department of Education must be filed no longer than thirty days following the Department's resolution of the complaint (or its failure to resolve the complaint).

9. How will appeals to the Department be investigated?

The Department will initiate an investigation within ten days, which will be concluded within thirty days from the day of the appeal. This investigation may be continued beyond the thirty day limit at the discretion of the Department. At the conclusion of the investigation, the Department will communicate the decision and reasons for the decision to the complainant and the LEA. Recommendations and details of the decision are to be implemented within fifteen days of the decision being delivered to the LEA.

10. What happens if a complaint is not resolved at the state level (the Department)?

The complainant or the LEA may appeal the decision of the Department to the United States Department of Education.

APPENDIX A: BEHAVIOR POLICIES

STUDENT DISCIPLINE (Board Policy JG)

It is essential that the district maintain a classroom environment that allows teachers to communicate effectively with all students in the class and allows all students in the class to learn. To assist district staff in maintaining the necessary classroom environment, the Board of Education has created a discipline code that addresses the consequences, including suspension or expulsion, for students whose conduct is prejudicial to good order and discipline in the schools or impairs the morale or good conduct of other students.

The comprehensive written code of conduct of the district is composed of this policy and includes, but is not limited to, the following policies, procedures and regulations: JG-R1, JG-R2, JGA, JGB, JGD, JGE and JGF. A copy of the district's comprehensive written code of conduct will be distributed to every student and the parents/guardians of every student at the beginning of each school year and will be available in the superintendent's office during normal business hours.

Application

These policies, regulations and procedures will apply to all students in attendance in district instructional and support programs as well as at school-sponsored activities. Off-campus misconduct that adversely affects the educational climate will also be subject to these policies, regulations and procedures. Students who have been charged, convicted or plead guilty in a court of general jurisdiction for commission of a felony may be suspended in accordance with law.

The Board authorizes the immediate removal of a student upon a finding by a principal or superintendent that the student poses a threat of harm to self or others, as evidenced by the prior conduct of such student. Any such removal will be subject to the appropriate due process procedures and in accordance with law.

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

Enforcement

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

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

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

STUDENT DISCIPLINE REGULATIONS-Elementary School (Board Policy <u>JG-R1</u> & <u>JG-R2</u>)

The Wright City School District understands the importance of maintaining a safe school environment and a climate that allows teachers to communicate effectively with all students in classes so that student learning can be maximized. The Wright City School District views student discipline as a learning opportunity for all students that has as its ultimate goal improved student behavior and a safe school environment. Discipline will be trauma-informed, equitably applied, restorative in nature, and will be developmentally appropriate. The district seeks to minimize the exclusion of students from classrooms and schools and encourages the superintendent and district staff to exclude students only when necessary to maintain a safe and appropriate learning environment.

The superintendent or designee is authorized to contact the district's attorney for advice on the legality of district discipline or the discipline process. The board encourages the superintendent to recommend changes to board policy related to student discipline as needed.

Discipline Code

To assist district staff in maintaining the necessary education environment, the board of education has created a discipline code that addresses the consequences for students whose conduct is prejudicial to good order and discipline in the schools or impairs the morale or good conduct of other students.

The district's comprehensive written code of conduct includes, but is not limited to, this policy, JG-R1, JG-R2, JG-R3, JG-R4, JGA, JGB, JGD, JGE, JGF and associated procedures. The district's comprehensive written code of conduct will be placed on the district's website, and a copy will be available in the superintendent's office during normal business hours. The code of conduct will be distributed to all students and their parents/guardians at the beginning of each school year, which may be accomplished by directing students and parents/guardians to the district's website. These policies, regulations and procedures will apply to all students in attendance in the district's instructional and support programs as well as at district-sponsored activities.

Equity

All district staff are required to enforce district policies, regulations and procedures in a manner that is consistent, developmentally appropriate and equitable. District staff may increase or decrease the consequences for student behavior based on individual circumstances. Documentation explaining the reasons for the variance will be included in the discipline resolution report as logged in the school information system. The superintendent or designee will review district data on a regular basis to determine whether district policies are being equitably enforced and, when necessary, make recommendations to the board of education for policy changes, additional training for staff, or resources to further the district's goal of providing equitable discipline for all students.

Discipline for Off-Campus Misconduct

Students may be disciplined for misconduct that occurs off district grounds and outside a district activity when allowed by law including, but not limited to, the following situations:

The district's technology is used.

- The student's conduct creates a substantial negative disruption to the educational environment during school hours and programming.
- 2. The student has been charged with, convicted of, or pled guilty to the commission of a felony in a court of general jurisdiction(not a juvenile court). The board may suspend such students after a hearing in accordance with law.
- The student has been indicted on, charged with or convicted of one of the specific crimes listed in '167.171, RSMo. (see in policy JEC) or a petition has been filed or adjudicated in juvenile court involving one of the specific crimes listed in '167.171, RSMo. The district shall exclude such

- students from school or from the general education environment after appropriate due process.
- 4. The student transfers to the district during a suspension or expulsion from another public school or a private or parochial school, and the district determines that the conduct would have resulted in a suspension or expulsion in this district. The district may honor a student's suspension or expulsion in such cases after providing appropriate due process when necessary.

Immediate Removal

The board authorizes the immediate removal of a student upon a finding by a principal or superintendent that the student poses a threat of harm to self or others, as evidenced by the prior conduct of such student. Any such removal will be subject to the appropriate due process procedures and in accordance with law.

Enforcement

Building principals are responsible for the development and enforcement of additional student conduct rules needed to maintain proper behavior in schools under their supervision. All such rules shall be consistent with board-adopted discipline policies and regulations, and will reflect the board's commitment to utilizing trauma-informed approaches and restorative practices.

The board expects each teacher to maintain an ethical standard of conduct in the classroom. Teachers have the authority and responsibility to make and enforce necessary rules for discipline in the classroom, subject to review/approval by the building principal as long as they are consistent with board-adopted discipline policies and regulations and reflect the board=s commitment to utilizing trauma-informed approaches and restorative practices.

All district staff enforcing student discipline should seek to minimize, as much as possible, the amount of instructional time the student loses and emphasize discipline as a learning experience.

Training

All district employees shall annually receive instruction related to the specific contents of the district's comprehensive code of conduct and any interpretations necessary to implement its provisions including, but not limited to, confidentiality requirements and the approved methods for dealing with acts of school violence and disciplining students with disabilities.

This discipline policy, adopted by the Wright City R-II Board of Education, states guidelines for dealing with some, but not all offenses that may occur and provides guidelines for the manner in which discipline policy violations will be handled. This code includes, but is not necessarily limited to, acts of students on district property, including playgrounds, parking lots and district transportation, or at a district activity, whether on or off district property. These will be considered maximum guidelines. Students with disabilities will be disciplined in accordance with this policy subject to the modifications of the discipline process mandated by law. The district may also discipline students for off-campus conduct that negatively impacts the educational environment, to the extent allowed by law. The district recognizes the value of handling student discipline infractions equitably, which in the context of this policy strongly considers student development. The district also believes in the power of handling student discipline through a lens that focuses on the restoration of relationships and emphasizes that student discipline should be framed as a learning experience. Through these efforts, the district will empower a discipline approach that aligns with restorative practices and maintains a trauma-informed approach.

The district defines *restorative practices* as a relational approach to building school climate and addressing student behavior that fosters belonging over exclusion, social engagement over control, and meaningful accountability over punishment.

The district, pursuant to the Missouri Trauma-Informed Schools Initiative, defines a trauma-informed approach as an approach that involves understanding and responding to the symptoms of chronic interpersonal trauma and traumatic stress across the lifespan. The district defines a

trauma-informed school as a school that realizes the widespread impact of trauma and understands potential paths for recovery; recognizes the signs and symptoms of trauma in students, teachers and staff; responds by fully integrating knowledge about trauma into its policies, regulations, procedures and practices; and seeks to actively avoid re-traumatization.

The district believes that through an intentional approach to discipline, this policy will create an environment most conducive to learning and will allow for the highest level of school safety.

Reporting to Law Enforcement

It is the policy of the Wright City R-II School District to report all crimes occurring on district property to law enforcement including, but not limited to, the crimes the district is required to report in accordance with law. A list of crimes the district is required to report is included in policy JGF.

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

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

Documentation in Student's Discipline Record

The principal, designee or other administrators or school staff will maintain all discipline records as deemed necessary for the orderly operation of the schools and in accordance with law and policy JGF.

Conditions of Suspension, Expulsion and Other Disciplinary Consequences

All students who are suspended or expelled, regardless of the reason, are prohibited from participating in or attending any district-sponsored activity, or being on or near district property or the location of any district activity for any reason, unless permission is granted by the superintendent or designee. When appropriate, the district may prohibit students from participating in activities or restrict a student's access to district property as a disciplinary consequence even if a student is not suspended or expelled from school. Likewise, a student may become ineligible for or be required to forfeit any honors and awards as a disciplinary consequence.

In accordance with law, any student who is suspended for any offenses listed in § 160.261, RSMo., or any act of violence or drug-related activity defined by policy JGF as a serious violation of school discipline, shall not be allowed to be within 1,000 feet of any district property or any activity of the district, regardless of whether the activity takes place on district property, unless one of the following conditions exist:

The student is under the direct supervision of the student's parent, legal guardian, custodian or another adult designated in advance, in writing, to the student's principal by the student's parent, legal guardian or custodian, and the superintendent or designee has authorized the student to be on district property.

- 1. The student is enrolled in and attending an alternative school that is located within 1,000 feet of a public school in the district.
- 2. The student resides within 1,000 feet of a public school in the district and is on the property of the student's residence.

Students who violate the prohibitions in this section may be suspended or expelled in accordance with the offense, "Failure to Meet Conditions of Suspension, Expulsion or Other Disciplinary Consequences," listed below.

Pursuant to law, no student will be confined in an unattended locked space except in an emergency situation while awaiting the arrival of law enforcement personnel.

Impact on Grades

Students will be allowed to make up work for days missed as a result of out-of-school suspension (OSS).

Students with disabilities will be disciplined in accordance with this policy subject to the modifications of the discipline process mandated by law.

Prohibited Conduct

The following are descriptions of prohibited conduct and potential consequences for violations. Building-level administrators are authorized to more narrowly tailor potential consequences as appropriate for the age level of students in the building within the ranges established in this regulation. In addition to the consequences specified here, school officials will notify law enforcement and document violations in the student's discipline file pursuant to law and board policy.

Principal's Discretion Clause - Building administrators reserve the right to alter the consequences should circumstance warrant.

Bus or Transportation Misconduct (see Board policy JFCC) - Any offense committed by a student on transportation provided by or through the district shall be punished in the same manner as if the offense had been committed at the student's assigned school. Suspension of transportation privileges may be used as an alternative consequence.

District Property/District-Sponsored Activity - Any offense committed by a student on district property or at a district-sponsored activity shall be punished in the same manner as if the offense had been committed at the student's assigned school.

Disciplinary response options implemented by teacher or staff member for minor misbehaviors which interfere with the orderly operation of the school (i.e., classroom disturbances such as talking, out of seat, failure to complete assignments, etc):

- One-to-one counseling between teacher and student.
- Withdrawal of recess or other privileges.
- Assigned seating in class or in the lunchroom.
- Time-out.
- Communication with the parent by phone or letter.
- Restricted use of restroom when appropriate (i.e., escorted to restroom, etc.)
- Detention time after school.

Student Discipline

This discipline policy, adopted by the Wright City Board of Education, states guidelines for dealing with most, but not all, offenses that may occur. These are considered guidelines for maximum consequences.

Disciplinary Programs

The consequences enumerated below are guidelines used by building administrators to implement the Wright City School District policy JG. Offenses are divided into three classes:

Class A - Minor violations that disrupt the learning environment

Class B – Major violations that disrupt the learning environment

Class C - Major violations that disrupt the learning environment and violate Missouri state statutes

Consequences for violations fall within one of four levels. Building administrators have the discretion to select among the consequences within each level. Each time a student commits a specific violation, the student moves to the next level.

Level 1

- Restorative conversation with student, staff and other students involved
- Contact with parent/guardian
- Reteaching of classroom expectations, positive reteaching opportunities

AND/OR

- Loss of privileges, such as, but not limited to,
- Recess time
- Lunch privileges
- District technology

Level 2

- Restorative conversation with student, staff and other students involved
- Contact with parent/guardian
- Reteaching of classroom expectations, positive reteaching opportunities

AND ONE OF THE FOLLOWING

- Loss of privileges, such as, but not limited to,
- Recess time
- Lunch privileges
- District technology
- Up to 5 days Restorative Room
- Completion of restorative packet is required
- Up to 3 days OSS
- Final day of OSS should be served in Restorative Room to complete restorative packet
- Optional re-entry meeting with student, staff members, family

Level 3

- Restorative conversation with student, staff and other students involved
- Contact with parent/quardian
- Reteaching of classroom expectations, positive reteaching opportunities

AND ONE OF THE FOLLOWING

- Loss of privileges, such as, but not limited to,
- Recess time
- Lunch privileges
- District technology
- Up to 10 days Restorative Room
- Completion of restorative packet is required
- Up to 10 days OSS
- Final day of OSS should be served in Restorative Room to complete restorative packet
- Optional re-entry meeting with student, staff members, family
- Notification of SRO

Level 4

- Restorative conversation with student, staff and other students involved
- Contact with parent/guardian

AND ONE OF THE FOLLOWING

- Up to 10 days Restorative Room
- Completion of restorative packet is required
- 10 days OSS
- Final day of OSS should be served in Restorative Room to complete restorative packet
- Optional re-entry meeting with student, staff members, family
- Referral to superintendent for up to 180 days OSS
- Review for possible expulsion
- Involvement of SRO

K-2 Elementary				
Class A Offenses				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Class Disruptions	/	'	'	
Dress Code (see board policy JFCA) All students are expected to dress appropriately. Examples of unacceptable dress are bare feet, bare midriffs, open backs, muscle shirts, short shorts or skirts, low necklines, tube tops, halter tops, sagging pants (undergarments are not to be visible), clothing with profane or suggestive language improinted (including drug, alcohol or tobacco advertisements) Hats, head coverings, jackets, coats and backpacks are not to be worn during the school day. Visible piercings include ears only. (** Office will provide a T-shirt or sweatpants to be worn for the day. Students will receive personal clothing back in exchange for school-issued clothing at the end of the day.)	•	V		
Horseplay, Running in Halls, Poor Attitude, Wandering Halls- Students who do not act in a mature matter	/	'	~	
Nuisance Items - possession or use of items such as toys, games, and portable media players that are not authorized for educational purposes (Parents may be required to come to school to pick up confiscated items)	•	•		
Public Displays of Affections (PDA) - Consensual physical contact which is inappropriate for the school setting, including, but not limited to kissing and groping.	•	~		
Technology Misuse: 1. Using, displaying or turning on pagers, cell phones, personal digital assistants (PDAs), personal laptops or any other electronic communication devices, without teacher permission during instructional class time. 2. Using district technology for anything other than educational purposes as assigned by teachers.	~	V	•	
Class B Offenses				
Academic Dishonesty- Cheating on tests, assignments, projects or similar activities; plagiarism, claiming credit for author person's work; fabrication of facts, sources or other supporting material; unauthorized collaboration; facilitating academic dishonesty; and other misconduct related to academics. - Assignment must be redone	V	•	•	
Dishonesty- Act of lying, whether verbal or written, including forgery. - Forged document must be nullified - Forged assignment must be redone	~	•	•	

Disrespectful or Disruptive Conduct or Speech (see board policies AC and ACA if illegal harassment or discrimination is involved) - Verbal, written, pictorial or symbolic language or gesture that is directed at any person that is in violation of district policy or is otherwise rude, vulgar, defiant, considered inappropriate in educational settings or that materially and substantially disrupts classroom work, school activities or school functions.	V	V	•	
Failure to Care for or Return District Property- loss of, failure to return, or damage of district property, including, but not limited to, books, computer, calculators, uniforms, and sporting and instructional equipment.		~	•	
Inappropriate Physical Contact		'	'	
Insubordination		✓	~	
Profanity	'	/		
Class C Offeren	_	_	-	
Class C Offenses Law Enforcement officials will be notified in any or al	l of these of	ffenses	•	
Arson- starting or attempting to start a fire, or causing or attempting to cause an explosion.			•	/
Assault				
1. Using physical force, such such as hitting striking, or pushing to cause or attempt to cause physical injury; placing another person in apprehension of immediate physical injury; recklessly engaging in conduct that creates a grave risk of death of serious physical injury; causing physical contact with another person knowing the other person will regard the contact as offensive or provocative or any other act that constitutes criminal assault in the third or fourth degree.			•	>
2. Knowingly causing or attempting to cause serious physical injury or death to another person, recklessly causing serious physical injury to another person, or any other act that constitutes assault in the first or second degree			•	/
Bullying and Cyberbullying (see board policy JFCF) Intimidation, unwanted aggressive behavior, or harassment that is repetitive or os substantially likely to be repeated and causes a reasonable student to fear for their physical safety or property; that substantially interferes with the educational performance, opportunities or benefits of any student without exception; or that substantially disrupts the orderly operation of the school. Bullying includes, but is not limited to physical actions, including violence, gestures, theft or property damage; oral, written or electronic communication, including name- calling, put-downs, extortion or threats; or threats of reprisal or retaliation for reporting such acts. Cyberbullying is a form of bullying committed by transmission of a communication including, but not limited to, a message, text, sound, or image by means of an electronic device including, but not limited to, a telephone, wireless telephone, or other			•	>

wireless communication device, computer or pager.				
Drugs (see board policies JFCH and JHCD)				
Possession, sale, purchase or distribution of any over-the-counter drug, herbal preparation of imitation drug or herbal preparation			•	~
2. Possession of drug paraphernalia or possession of or attendance while under the influence of, or soon after consuming, any unauthorized prescription drug, alcohol, narcotic substance, unauthorized inhalant, counterfeit drug, or imitation controlled substance, including controlled substances and illegal drugs defined as substances identified under Schedules I, II, III, IV, V in section 202(c) of the Controlled Substances Act.			V	•
3. Sale, purchase or distribution or any prescription drug, alcohol, narcotic substance, unauthorized inhalants, counterfeit drugs, imitation controlled substances or drug-related paraphernalia, including controlled substances and illegal drugs defined as substances identified under schedules I, II, III, IV, V in section 202(c) of the Controlled Substances Act.			•	•
Failure to Meet Conditions of Suspension, Expulsion or Other Disciplinary Consequences - Violation the conditions of a suspension, expulsion or other disciplinary consequences including, but not limited to, participating in por attending any district-sponsored activity or being on or near district property or the location where a district activity is held. See the section of this regulation titled, Conditions of Suspension, Expulsion and other Disciplinary Consequences." As required by law, when the district considers suspending a student for an additional period of time or expelling a student for being on or within 1,000 feet of a district property during a suspension, consideration shall be given to whether the students poses a threat to the safety of any child or school employee and whether the student's presence id disruptive to the educational process or undermines the effectiveness of the district's discipline policy.			/	
False Alarms (see also "Threats or Verbal Assault") Tampering with emergency equipment, setting off false alarms, making false reports, communicating a threat or false report for the purpose of fighting, disturbing, disrupting or causing the evacuation or closure of district property.	V	•	•	
Fighting (see also, "Assault") Mutual combat in which both parties have contributed to the conflict either verbally or by physical action.		/	'	'
Harassment, including Sexual Harassment (see board policy AC and ACA and note that additional provisions of the code of conduct may apply to the student's behavior)				
1. Use of material of a sexual nature or unwelcome verbal, written or symbolic language based on gender, race, color, religion, sec, national origin, ancestry, disability or any other characteristic protected by law.		•	•	

2. Unwelcome physical contact of a sexual nature or that is based on gender, race, color, religion, sec, national origin, ancestry, disability or any other characteristic protected by law.		•	~
Student is found "responsible" for sexual harassment under Title IX upon conclusion of a formal complaint under policy ACA.			•
Hazing (see board policy JFCG)- Any activity that a reasonable person believes would negatively impact the mental or physical health or safety of a student or put the student in a ridiculous, humiliating, stressful or disconcerting position for the purpose of initiation, affiliation, admission, membership or maintenance of membership in any group, class, organization, club or athletic team including, but not limited to a, grade level, student organization or district-sponsored activity. Hazing can occur even when all students involved are willing participants.	V	•	
Incendiary Devices or Fireworks - Possessing, displaying, or using matches, lighters or other devices used to start fires unless required as part of an educational exercise and supervised by district staff; possessing or using fireworks		•	•
Sexting and/or Possession of Sexually Explicit, Vulgar or Violent Material (see board policies AC and ACA)- Students may not possess or display, electronically or otherwise, sexually explicit, vulgar or violent material including, but not limited to pornography or depictions of nudity, violence or explicit death or injury. This prohibition does not apply to curricular material that has been approved by district staff for its educational value.	V	•	
Sexual Activity- Consensual acts of sex or consensual simulations or sex including, but not limited to intercourse or oral or manual stimulation		•	•
Technology Misconduct (see board policies EHB and KKB and procedure EHB-AP1)			
1. Attempting, regardless of success, to; gain unauthorized access to a technology system or information; use district technology to connect to other systems in evasion of the physical limitations of the remote system; copy district files without authorization; interfere with the ability of others to utilize district technology; secure a higher level of privilege without authorization; introduce computer viruses, hacking tools, or other disruptive/destructive programs onto or using district technology; or evade or disable a filtering/blocking device.	V	•	'
2. Violations, other than those listed above, of board policy EHB, procedure EHB-AP1 or any policy or procedure regulating student use of personal electronic devices	'	'	'
3. Use of audio or visual recording equipment in violation of board policy KKB.	'	'	'
Theft - theft, attempted theft or knowing possession of stolen property.	~	~	~
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Unauthorized Entry - Entering or assisting any other person to enter a district facility, office, locker or other area that is locked or not open to the general public; entering or assisting any other person to enter a district facility through an unauthorized entrance; assisting authorized persons to enter a district facility through any entrance.		•	V
Vandalism (see board policy ECA) - Damage to district, staff or student property.	•	•	•
Weapons (see board policy JFCJ)			
1. Possession or use of any weapon as defined in board policy, other than those defined in 18 U.S.C. 921, 18 U.S.C 930(g)(2) or 57010, RSMo. which is customarily used for attack or defense against another person; any instrument or device used to inflict physical injury to another person.		'	'
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Due Process

All students will be afforded due process as guaranteed by the constitutional provisions. The process will be in accordance with state law and with provisions outlined in the Board's policy.

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PLEASE CONTACT SARA MEADOWS, PRINCIPAL, WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT 636-745-7401.

TECHNOLOGY USAGE Policy EHB

The Wright City R-II School District's technology exists for the purpose of enhancing the educational opportunities and achievement of district students. Research shows that students who have access to technology improve achievement. In addition, technology assists with the professional enrichment of the staff and increases engagement of students' families and other patrons of the district, all of which positively impact student achievement. The district will periodically conduct a technology census to ensure that instructional resources and equipment that support and extend the curriculum are readily available to teachers and students.

The purpose of this policy is to facilitate access to district technology and to create a safe environment in which to use that technology. Because technology changes rapidly and employees and students need immediate guidance, the superintendent or designee is directed to create procedures to implement this policy and to regularly review those procedures to ensure they are current.

Wright City School District Chromebook Policy Handbook Agreement and Student Pledge