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2025-26 STUDENT HANDBOOK

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2025-2026 School Calendar

August 2025						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

August 5 SPED In-Service 8-3

August 6-8 New Teacher Training 8-3

August 11-14 All Staff Training 8/11 Virtual PD

August 19- First Day of School

November 2025						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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30						

November 3- Staff PD

November 24 In Session

November 26-December -Thanksgiving Break

February 2026						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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February 2- Staff PD 8-4

May 2026						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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31						

May 4 Snow Make-Up Day

May 17 HS Graduation 2:00 P.M.

May 18 In Session

May 21 Last Day Early Out (40 days/80days)

Early Out 12:30 P.M./ May 22 Staff Work Day

BOE Approved: 2/13/25

September 2025						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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September 15 Staff PD- 8-4

December 2025						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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December 15 In Session

December 19 Early Out 12:30 P.M.

December 19 End of 2nd Qtr (34 days/70 days)

December 20-January 4 Christmas Break

March 2026						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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March 9 Staff PD 8-4

March 13 end of 3rd Quarter (40 days)

March 30 In Session

June 2026						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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Summer School May 28- June 24

150 Student Days

163 Teacher Days

1092.84 Hours

October 2025						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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October 6 Staff PD- 8-4

October 17- End of 1st Quarter (36 days)

October 29 and 30 P/T Conf. 4:30-8 PM

October 31 NO SCHOOL

January 2026						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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January 5 Staff Work Day 9-3

January 6 Students Return

January 12 Staff PD 8-4

April 2026						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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April 3-6 NO SCHOOL Easter Break

April 13 Snow-Make-Up Day

July 2026						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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Staff PD Day

Staff Work Day

End of Quarter

First/Last Day of School

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Summer School

Snow Make-Up Day

DAILY BELL SCHEDULE

Warning Bell..... 7:50
First Period7:55-8:55
Second Period.....8:59-9:59
Third Period.....10:03-11:03
Fourth Period.....11:07-12:28
1st Lunch Shift 11:04-11:28
2nd Lunch Shift 11:31-11:55
3rd Lunch Shift 12:04-12:28
Fifth Period.....12:32-1:32
Sixth Period.....1:36-2:36
Seventh Period2:40-3:40

The Montgomery County R-II Board of Education believes the standards set forth in the daily operation of the R-II School District are important for the maintenance of an atmosphere where safe, orderly learning is possible and encouraged. This guide is designed to provide students and parents/guardians with information about policies, procedures, rules, regulations, and the consequences of actions. We want students to be able to make informed decisions and choices.

It is not the intent to impose unnecessary restrictions on the student body. We intend for the rules and expectations to parallel what is to follow on the job and in the “real world” so that students can best prepare for the next stage of their lives. Students who choose not to follow regulations and procedures will be assigned appropriate consequences. Parents/guardians are asked to familiarize themselves with the school’s expectations and procedures so that we can work together to solve and avoid problems.

STUDENTS: Set high standards for yourself and a good example for others to follow and remember this is your school and your foundation for success. We encourage each of you to dress and behave according to norms that would be found at a youth-related job. School is your job for these four years.

In order to be successful on your job, you need to attend every day possible, follow the rules and expectations of the “job site,” be respectful of yourself, others and property, and prove to your “supervisors” (teachers) that you are making every effort to do the job to the best of your ability. **Be mindful that this is a public place and, therefore, our language, dress, and behavior will not be the same as it is in private or when we are in other social settings. Use common sense and good judgment.** If you are unsure, ask! If you do these things, not only will you be successful here, but you will also enjoy your days and your interactions with others. Have a great year!

GENERAL STUDENT INFORMATION

When a student enrolls, he/she will be given a copy of the Course Guide from the counselors. This Course Guide provides information about individual classes offered and gives other important information. Please reference the Course Guide or see the counselors with questions regarding:

Graduation Requirements
Early Graduation
Grade Level Placement
Dual Credit Courses
Correspondence Classes
Cum Laude
NCAA Clearinghouse

Academic letters & Awards
Alternative Credit
Missouri Options
At-Risk Services
MOCAP
Part-Time Enrollment
Course Changes

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students will be required to earn a total of 24 units or more in Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12. The Montgomery County R-II Board of Education is following the guidelines recommended by the State Department of Education. The basic idea is for students to get a broad background in several areas their freshman year and use their background to help develop and select a career pathway of study that will guide them the next three years.

<i>Language Arts</i>	<i>4 credits</i>
<i>Mathematics</i>	<i>3 credits</i>
<i>Science</i>	<i>3 credits</i>
<i>Social Studies</i>	<i>3 credits</i>
<i>Fine Arts</i>	<i>1 credit</i>
<i>Practical Arts</i>	<i>1 credit</i>
<i>Physical Education</i>	<i>1 credit</i>
<i>Health</i>	<i>.5 credit</i>
<i>Personal Finance</i>	<i>.5 credit</i>
<i>General Electives</i>	<i>7 credits</i>

TOTAL UNITS TO GRADUATE: 24 UNITS

GRADING SCALE

Grade	%	GPA
A	94-100	4.000
A-	90-93	3.667
B+	87-89	3.334
B	83-86	3.000
B-	80-82	2.667
C+	77-79	2.334
C	73-76	2.000
C-	70-72	1.667
D+	67-69	1.334
D	63-66	1.000
D-	60-62	.667
F	59	0.000

**When a student completes a weighted course, a weighted GPA value starts at 5.000 for A and proceeds down following the same scale length as the traditional scale.*

Weighted Courses: *Calculus, Advanced American History, LA 4 Honors, Physics, Chemistry, College Algebra, Trigonometry, LA 3 Honors, and pre-approved virtual Dual Credit courses*

GRADUATION HONORS/CUM LAUDE

In order to earn Cum Laude honors, all students must have taken a minimum of 24 credits, completed the courses listed in the college prep curriculum, and have been enrolled as a *full-time equivalent student.

Academic Hall of Fame = Gold Honor Cord (Students who earn an Academic Letter all 4 years of high school will be honored at graduation, and listed as a member of the Academic Hall of Fame. Graduates will wear a gold cord at graduation ceremonies.)

3.900 and above: Summa Cum Laude

3.75-3.89: Magna Cum Laude

3.50-3.74: Cum Laude

ATTENDANCE REGULATIONS DISTRICT ATTENDANCE PROCEDURE FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

The Montgomery County Board of Education Goals for the District includes a goal of 95% attendance district-wide. Absences of 3 days per semester triggers the first formal contact with parents.

Parents are encouraged to notify the school when their child is absent by calling before 9:15 a.m. When a student is absent, and the parent has not notified the school, office personnel will call the family and inquire about the student. A phone log will be maintained to document reasons for the absences. Parents who do not have a phone are expected to send a note when their child returns to school following an absence.

When the attendance of a student becomes a concern and absences for a student reach 3 days per semester, the parent of the student will be contacted with a formal letter that includes the following information:

- ❖ A statement regarding parents/guardians' responsibility to ensure regular attendance of their children.
- ❖ A statement indicating the principal's responsibility to monitor attendance and notify parents of excessive absences.
- ❖ A statement indicating that excessive absences may result in retention or referral to the Children's Division and/or the Juvenile Officer of the Circuit Court.

When absences for a student reach 5 days per semester, the second contact (formal letter) will include:

- ❖ Citation of state law informing parents of mandatory attendance ages.
- ❖ A request for parent/administrator meetings.
- ❖ A statement that although the child may be 16 or above, the parent should be aware that continued absenteeism will negatively impact their child's A+ status, Vo-Tech school enrollment, participation in field trips and eligibility for early release.
- ❖ A statement that the student will lose some extra-curricular privileges (such as dances, participation in seasonal events like homecoming or courtwarming festivities, etc.) and may be subject to forfeiting credit should they reach 7 unverified absences for any class during semester.
- ❖ For those students who are not yet 16, a statement indicating that excessive absences may result in retention or referral to the Children's Division and/or the Juvenile Officer of the Circuit Court.

When absences for a student reach 7 days per semester, the third contact (formal letter) will include the following information:

- ❖ Continued absences could result in retention.
- ❖ Citation of state law informing parents of mandatory attendance ages.
- ❖ A request for parent/administrator meetings.
- ❖ A statement that although the child may be 16 or above, the parent should be aware that continued absenteeism will negatively impact their child's A+ status, Vo-Tech school enrollment, participation in field trips and eligibility for early release.

- ❖ A statement that the student will lose some extra-curricular privileges (such as dances, participation in seasonal events like homecoming or courtwarming festivities, etc.) if they have reached 7 undocumented absences for any class during the semester.
- ❖ For those students under the age of 16, the student may be reported to the Juvenile Officer of the Circuit Court for truancy. Referrals to the Children's Division for educational neglect may also be considered. For those students under the age of 16, the District will cooperate with the Prosecuting Attorney's office regarding RSMo 167.031 and .061.

When absences for a student reach 15 days per semester, a child abuse hotline for educational neglect call is made at the principal's discretion.

ATTENDANCE GUIDANCE

Students must be in attendance, at school, the entire day to be at a school activity unless the absence is prearranged. Each student is expected to attend school daily and to be on time for their classes. This is necessary for the student to receive maximum benefit from the instructional program and to develop habits of punctuality, self-discipline, and responsibility. It is ineffective to teach someone who is not present. Thus, there is a close relationship between poor attendance habits and classroom failure. Beyond the classroom, students will find employers who are hesitant to hire anyone with a history of poor school attendance.

This policy designates **seven (7)** days of absence, or 10% of the semester, per class period, each semester as the maximum allowed for normal circumstances of regular school attendance. Absences for reasons listed below will be verified by the office and not considered a student attendance violation:

- ❖ Funeral (must have documentation and limited to 3 days)
- ❖ Doctor appointment/Hospital visit
- ❖ Religious holidays affecting students (some religious affiliated events may be considered with prior approval by administration)
- ❖ Family emergency as approved by administration
- ❖ Court Appearance

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An absence will be recorded as unverified unless and/or until the parent/guardian contacts the school and/ or the student displays documentation. Documentation must be turned in for consideration on or before the LAST DAY of each semester. In other words, ALL absences count regarding course attendance and extra-curricular privileges except the 5 mentioned with documentation.

Parents/guardians are responsible for notifying the principal's office when their son/daughter is to be absent from school. If notification is not received by 9:15 am, school personnel will attempt to contact parents for verification of son/daughter's absence. If a parent is not reached via phone, then the student is expected to return to school after an absence with a written statement signed by his/her parent/guardian, or a doctor's note, indicating the reason for his/her absence. If the student does not provide documentation then the absence will be counted as unverified by the office.

Students whose attendance falls below 90% Students with 7 or more absences will not be permitted to attend some extra curricular events (dances, homecoming/courtwarming festivities, etc.) without making arrangements with the office to make up attendance time via after school or Saturday detentions.

Students will be expected to make up all assignments from missed classes regardless of whether an absence is documented or undocumented. Each teacher may set reasonable limits regarding the timeframe in which missed work may be completed. Attendance and participation are part of a successful learning experience. Except in certain situations with foster care children in accordance with law, students with more than nine documented absences or 4 undocumented absences in any class in a semester will be issued an academic penalty in the form of grade reductions as follows:

Documented Absences	Grade Reduction	Undocumented Absences	Grade Reduction
10	2%	5	2%
11	4%	6	4%
12	8%	7	8%
13	16%	8	16%
14	32%	9	32%
15+	50%	10+	50%

This academic penalty represents the participation portion of the student’s grade and is intended as a deterrent to excessive absences. Academic consequences accumulate more quickly for undocumented absences. Penalties are cumulative so that a student with ten documented absences and 5 undocumented absences would be penalized four percent. Undocumented absences will not count in the documented total, so a student with nine documented absences and one undocumented absence will not receive any penalty.

Any student may reduce accrued absences by attending make-up sessions that are designated by the principal during non instructional times. Students must notify the principal or designee that they wish to make up attendance days, and the principal or designee will provide students information on the next available session. Make-up sessions do not match the educational value of actual class attendance, so no student will be allowed to make up more than five absences by attending make-up sessions.

Students wishing to appeal their attendance situation may request an appeal to the attendance review committee, which will convene during the last week of each semester.

- ❖ **Saturday School (for attendance recovery) will be offered on the following days from 8 am - 12 pm:**
 - **Fall 2025 - 11/8, 11/15, 11/22, 12/6, 12/13**
 - **Spring 2026 - 4/18, 4/25, 5/2, 5/9, 5/16**
- ❖ **Seniors will forfeit their right to walk/participate in the Graduation Ceremony if they have not reclaimed their attendance to 90% or better by the Friday before Graduation.**

Students with verified absences, as defined in paragraph one of this policy, may make up work missed while he/she was absent. **Students should communicate with their teachers via email or Google Classroom to arrange for make-up work and keep up with curriculum pacing.**

Make-up work would be allowed on such an occasion if the following guidelines were met:

- ❖ A parent/guardian conference with the principal/assistant principal must be held several days in advance of the family trip.
- ❖ At this time a decision will be made to grant or deny make-up work.
- ❖ A prior approval form must be obtained from the office, signed by the parent or guardian and returned to the office.
- ❖ The student will turn in all make-up work assignments prior to any student’s pre-arranged absence.

Parents and students are reminded that any unverified absences are considered negative counts against the 90% standard on the seven-day limit.

A student who is absent from school due to an out-of-school suspension will not have those suspension days counted toward the number of days absent permitted per semester.

- ❖ Students may not sign out to run personal errands or anytime during the day, and then return to school. Students leaving for the purpose of running personal errands will have the time counted as unverified absence. (i.e. students may not go get food during lunch, get an item from home, etc).
- ❖ Students who are attending school events are not counted as “absent” by the classroom teacher.
- ❖ If a student wishes to appeal their attendance, the principal or designee will determine when to convene the attendance review committee, which is made up of teachers representing each department and/or grade.
- ❖ The information in the student’s file will be presented to the committee which will study it and make a recommendation to the principal concerning the granting or denial of extensions of the absence limit, or other possible actions as they deem appropriate. Parents/guardians will be informed by the principal in writing as to the decision of the child’s attendance problem.
- ❖ School sponsored activities for which the student has been properly pre-approved are exempt from and will not pertain to this policy; however, students will be required to make up all work missed because of the activity. Communication with the teacher prior to the absence is required of the student. Students must also understand that some, if not all, of the work may be required to be completed prior to the student’s absence.
- ❖ Students of legal age (18 and older) will still be responsible for following the same guidelines of the attendance policy as other students. Married students and students with unusual circumstances will be responsible to confer with the principal for special arrangements concerning their attendance.
- ❖ *Students of legal age or married must still receive parent/guardian permission to leave school at any time.

The seven days of absence per semester built into the attendance policy are not to be considered as an approved number of days to skip classes. Any student absent from school without permission will be considered truant and dealt with accordingly.

Seven absences, or 10% of required attendance, per semester are an adequate amount of time to cover most student and family needs. Just like a job, students are allowed so many days to meet personal needs, whether it is sickness, family problems, business, death, etc. The student does need their parent's permission to miss that day. However, the consequences are clearly outlined when a student misses more than the seven days allotted.

Any decision rendered by the attendance committee and school administration can be appealed to the Superintendent of schools and the Montgomery County R-II Board of Education.

TARDIES

Punctuality is a necessary life skill, and teachers have limited instructional time each day. At the bell, students should be in the classroom with materials ready to begin class. All staff and students will be using e-hallpass. Tardies will be entered to Infinite Campus by the teacher and addressed by the office. After 20 minutes, a student is no longer considered tardy and instead will be listed as absent and truant.

ARRIVING LATE OR LEAVING PRIOR TO DISMISSAL

Students should arrive at school prior to the **7:55 a.m.** bell unless they have a work study time scheduled to begin each day. If they are running late, parents are asked to call in and explain the situation. Oversleeping, personal business and car problems are not a valid excuse as the school provides punctual transportation in buses. Being on time is one of the best “life skills” that students can learn in school and this issue is taken seriously. Once students arrive at school they are to report to their first hour class. Students arriving after **7:55 a.m.** must report to the office, sign in and get a SecurlyPass from the office personnel in order to be admitted to class. The student will be marked with a “L” (Late) along with the time he/she signed in at the office. This time will count towards the students overall attendance percentage.

If a student needs to leave school prior to their assigned dismissal time, they must sign out in the office AND students will not be granted permission to leave without parent approval, regardless of their age. Students who neglect to do this after one reminder are subject to disciplinary consequences. Students are encouraged to arrange personal business for outside the school day. Please review the attendance policy and procedures in this student guide to prevent absences from interfering with academic success.

If a parent is picking a student up from school early, they are asked to come into the HS vestibule and sign the student out at the office window. Please do not call and ask for a student to be dismissed prior to your arrival. In order to maintain the highest level of in-class time, students will not be exited from class until their ride arrives and reports to the office.

If a student is feeling ill and wishes to go home, the procedure involves first reporting to the nurse's office for medical assessment. Students are NOT to text or call home without having first seen the nursing staff. If the nurse's office is closed, this same procedure will be followed with the office secretary. These individuals will contact parents to arrange transportation or to notify the parents of driving students that they are being sent home sick if it is determined that this is necessary.

- **First incident:** Warning. Second incident: 1 hour after school detention
- **Subsequent incidents:** After school detentions, Saturday detentions, or 1-10 days ISS

TRUANCY

Truancy is defined as any unauthorized absence from school or class without the knowledge and consent of parents/guardians and/or the school administration. If a student leaves during the school day without following the proper procedure outlined in this student guide, he/she may be considered truant. Students who fail to report to a class during the school day will also be considered truant.

Those students who have not yet attained the age of 17, who are habitually absent and/or truant, will be referred to the Montgomery County juvenile officer. A referral to the court appointed attendance officer might also be made so that a home visit can occur. **Educational Neglect** is now considered an act of child abuse under **Missouri Law**.

Parents will be notified whenever a student is found to be truant from school. The truant student will not be given the opportunity to do make-up work and the student will lose the opportunity to appeal for an absence extension.

BACKPACKS, BOOK BAGS, DUFFLE BAGS, HEADWEAR

These items may be carried to school, but must remain in student lockers until the end of the school day. PE class is the exception to this rule. Administrators may make exceptions when special circumstances arise.

CAFETERIA PROCEDURES

Students are expected to be in the cafeteria area (seniors can access the courtyard; all students can use the hallway and main bathrooms) while eating breakfast and lunch on his/her lunch shift. During breakfast and lunch time, the vending machines will not be available for student use. Students can purchase a meal by using the lunch lines or purchase items at the A La Carte counter.

- Breakfast - \$3.30 Entree - \$1.50
- Lunch Prices - \$3.80 Entree - \$2.00
- A La Carte - Prices vary

Students with a negative lunch balance will not be allowed to purchase any items from the A La Carte line.

CELL PHONES AND ALL PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES

The school takes no responsibility for theft, damage or loss of personal items a student chooses to bring to school. As dependent as students and adults have become to cell phones and electronic devices, these items are not necessary nor required for a school day. Students may use their phones and personal electronic devices **UP TO** the 7:55 bell.

*Phones are prohibited in locker rooms and restrooms.

*Students are not to wear wireless headphones, airpods, etc. during the school day.

Students whose phones or any other electronic devices are used inappropriately will be asked to hand them over to the STAFF MEMBER ASKING. Consequences that include confiscation require parents to pick up the item. Devices that are not given to the teacher will automatically start at the 3rd offense:

Additionally, if a parent needs to reach a student during the day, please contact the office rather than call or text them directly during instructional time. If it is an emergency, please specify this and we will get them immediately to the office.

First Offense: Warning. Item turned into the office along with a teacher referral and returned to the student at the end of the day. Parent notified.

Second Offense: Parent conference required; parent must pick up the item.

Third Offense: 3 day confiscation or 2 days in-school suspension

Fourth Offense: 5 day confiscation or 4 days in-school suspension.

Fifth Offense: 10 day confiscation or 8 days in-school suspension.

Subsequent Offenses: 1-10 days OSS.

The phone or any other electronic devices will remain in confiscation unless administrator(s) hear from a parent that they prefer their student to take the suspension over having the item confiscated. Confiscation will happen during the school day. Parents or guardians may elect to keep the phone at home in lieu of confiscation.

Any electronic communication or misconduct that is brought to school officials due to it disrupting the educational environment are subject to disciplinary consequences regardless of where the actions took place. Videos taken and/or distributed while at school or at a school event that disrupts the educational environment is prohibited.

1st Offense: 3-5 days ISS and suspension of personal technology privileges.

2nd Offense: 5-10 days ISS and suspension of the use of personal technology privileges.

3rd Offense: 1-10 days OSS and banning the use of electronic devices for the remainder of the school year.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR OTHER PERSONAL DATA

If there is a change to personal information including name, address, phone numbers, emergency contacts, custody, or other student data during the school year, please notify the office at once. It is very important in the communication process for the school to maintain up-to-date information. If information needs to be mailed to two separate addresses, please notify the secretary.

CLASS CHANGES

There will be no class changes, drops, transfers, etc. after the fourth (4th) school day (1 academic week) following the first school day of each semester. The administration does have the authority to change classes or schedules for disciplinary reasons and/or special circumstances. Administrative schedule changes will not be granted for simple requests.

COLLEGE & CAREER VISIT DAYS

The Montgomery County High School is dedicated to making sure all students are college and career ready. MCHS 10th, 11th and 12th graders in the Montgomery County School District with good attendance, behavior and academic performance may get approval for a verified attendance day. Seniors and Juniors may take two days, Sophomores may take one day of verified absences to visit prospective colleges, technical training programs, meet with military, or job shadow experiences. The day must be pre arranged by securing a form from the counselor's office and having each teacher sign off on it one week prior to the planned visit day. The student must also be able to provide his/her own transportation. Students may request additional days to visit colleges, attend technical training programs, or meet with the military. Though these absences may be approved, any day missed for college or career visits will impact student attendance.

DANCES

An out-of-school date must complete a Guest Permission form prior to the day of the dance. Junior High/Middle School students and guests over the age of 20 will not be allowed to attend High School Dances. The doors will be closed after one hour following the start of the dance. Students will not be allowed to attend the dance if there are any fines, fees, or lunch balances that are negative. Students may receive special consideration with prior administrative approval. Students who leave may not return. Students must have a full day of attendance the school day closest to the dance in order to attend unless prior arrangements have been made approved by the administration. Out of school guests may be required to show some sort of identification (School ID, Driver's License, etc.)

DELIVERIES

In an attempt to limit distractions and interruptions to instructional and work time, when a student receives a delivery it will remain in the office until the end of the school day. Consumables can be delivered during lunch time, but will not be delivered to the student.

On high volume delivery days, such as Valentine's Day, the following procedures will be used. When orders are placed at the florists, the customer is told by the florist to notify the recipient that they will have a delivery at school at the end of the day to be picked up. If the order is not placed in person, the florist will need to get contact information (phone number) for the recipient so they can notify the person prior to the delivery date that they will have a delivery at school to pick up. (This way our office staff and teachers do not have to provide notice or pull kids out of class and identify in any way those who are receiving a delivery and those who are not).

During 7th hour florists may come with deliveries (and the extra personnel they have hired on for the day) to the high school and organize their deliveries. When the bell rings at the end of the day, students can stop by the office to pick up their deliveries.

DIRECTORY INFORMATION

The Family Educational rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), a Federal law, requires that Montgomery County R-II, with certain exceptions, obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child's education records. However, Montgomery County R-II may disclose appropriately designated "directory information" without written consent, unless you have advised the district to the contrary in accordance with district procedures to not release this information. The primary purpose of directory information is to allow Montgomery County R-II to include this type of information from your child's education records in certain school publications.

Examples include:

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

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

If you do not want Montgomery County R-II to disclose directory information from your child's education records without your prior written consent, you must notify the District in writing. Montgomery County R-II has designated the following information as directory information:

Student's name.

Parent's name.
Address.
Telephone listing.
Enrollment status (full-time or part-time).
Electronic mail address.
Photograph.
Participation in officially recognized activities and sports.
Weight and height of members of athletic teams.
Degrees, honors, and awards received.
Date and place of birth.
Major field of study.
Dates of attendance.
Grade level.
The most recent educational agency or institution attended.

DRESS CODE

Students will be expected to dress for a **conservative** work environment that is climate-controlled, in an effort to limit distraction from the learning process and prepare students for work-place expectations. When in the judgment of an administrator or staff member, a student's attire disrupts the educational process, may be offensive to others or constitutes a threat to health and safety, the student will be required to make modifications or be required to go home.

- ❖ Students must wear appropriate shoes, boots, or sandals.
- ❖ Clothing should be in good repair.
- ❖ No clothing worn shall have writing, drawings, or emblems that are obscene, derogatory, or that make inappropriate or suggestive innuendos.
- ❖ Clothing and accessories with pictures or ads for liquor, tobacco, or controlled substances are prohibited.
- ❖ Blouses, t-shirts, shirts, etc. must extend to at least the top of the student's pants, skirt, or shorts. **Shirts and dresses for girls and shirts for boys must have sleeves and cover the shoulder.** Halters, backless clothing, see-through garments, strapless tops, spaghetti straps/narrow straps, tank tops, sleeveless shirts or bare midriffs will not be permitted. Shirts that fail to cover the back, sides, or stomach when worn normally are unacceptable.
- ❖ Tops that hang excessively low below the neck or armpits will not be allowed; this will include shirts or dresses exposing cleavage.
- ❖ Undergarments must always be covered.
- ❖ Extremely short or revealing shorts/skirts will not be permitted. The inseam of the shorts should be a minimum of 3 inches & square cut; no cutoff shorts will be allowed. Skirts and dresses must be long enough for the student's fingertips to touch the hem when arms are hanging normally at the individual's sides.
- ❖ Trousers and shorts must be pulled up to waist/hip level, zipped and fastened, and worn as designed to be worn.
- ❖ Students are not permitted to wear caps, hats, bandanas, scarves, hoods, nylons, sunglasses, other headwear, etc., in the school building unless approved by the administration or used for a curricular proper protective equipment need. All hats should be kept in the locker at all times during the school day.
- ❖ Wearing, possession or distribution of clothing or paraphernalia that could be construed to be gang-related will be prohibited.
- ❖ Any clothing that might be used for the purposes of concealment will not be allowed. This includes but is not limited to capes, trench coats, cloaks, etc.
- ❖ Teachers of specific courses where safety or health is a factor may require certain clothing or certain adjustments to hair or clothing during class.

This list is not all inclusive. As new fashion trends arrive, they will be evaluated by building administrators and announcements will be made to the student body regarding their appropriateness for school. This dress policy may be adjusted for activities outside the regular school day as long as good taste and acceptable standards for public viewing are followed. It is a good practice to keep in mind that different attire is appropriate for different occasions. ***What we might wear in the evenings and weekends is not always acceptable "on the job."***

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Students are encouraged to get involved in extracurricular activities as participants and spectators. This participation has been correlated with increased academic performance, improved school climate, and increased student satisfaction in school. Students involved with their school generally leave with a wider range of peer interactions, strong relationships with adult sponsors, and positive memories of their high school years. There are many activities a student can choose from ranging from academic clubs to social events to athletic programs. Students who are active in extracurricular programs are reminded that they are representatives of their school and must demonstrate acceptable behavior at all times. Those students participating in athletic programs will sign an athletic contract provided in the student athlete manual as well as participate in a drug testing program. Eligibility to participate in activities governed by MSHSAA requires that a student earn 3 credits the previous semester. Students placed on homebound status are subject to these guidelines, but will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the administration. **Students participating in extracurricular activities must remember that maintaining satisfactory academic performance and good attendance are required for participation and eligibility.** School policy applies to extracurricular activities both at our school and when we are attending other schools. Any student who is assigned to either in-school or out-of-school suspension is prohibited from attending or participating in any school sponsored activities from the time the assignment is made until their first day of return to their regular school classes. Students must be in attendance at school the entire day to be at a school activity unless the absence is prearranged. Special circumstances may exist that require administration to consider alternative options. **MSHSSA policy 2.2.3 states “If a student misses class(es) without being excused by the principal, the student shall not be considered eligible on that date. Further, the student cannot be certified eligible to participate on any subsequent date until the student attends a full day of classes.”**

FIELD TRIPS

Field trips are designed to be an extension of the learning experience. School policies and classroom expectations carry over to these opportunities. Before a student goes on a field trip, a permission form must be signed by parents/guardians.

In order to qualify to participate in field trips, students are expected to be in good standing, academically and behaviorally, and off the hold list. Responsibilities must be met consistently and students must be passing all classes. Work should be made up in advance unless other arrangements have been made with the teacher.

A final list of students going on the trip will be submitted to the office one day in advance.

Any student whose attendance percentage is below 90% or who has had significant discipline problems that semester as indicated by out-of-school suspension days, in-school suspension days, or multiple classroom referrals will be removed from the list and will not go on the trip.

FINES & FEES

Students are charged \$10 annually for class dues through their 3rd year in high school. Parents who wish to pay for all years of dues at once may do so in the office. Clubs, activities, sports, library dues, or other school functions may assess fees for membership, materials, etc. All fines and fees must be paid in order to participate in dances, graduation activities, or other defined school activities.

Students are held responsible for the care of property checked out in their name– lockers, textbooks, other classroom equipment, and supplies, etc. If damage beyond daily wear is evident, fines will be assessed and become the responsibility of the student and the parent/guardian. Students will be placed on the “hold” list until the obligations are taken care of, which prevents them from attending social functions and participating in field trips. When vandalism or damage due to the negligent behavior of a student occurs, restitution will be required.

GRADE REPORTS

Grade reports will be done each quarter and will be mailed home along with a letter indicating fines, charges, and other obligations a student has incurred. Parents or guardians may also pick them up for the first quarter at the annual parent-teacher conference date. Parents are urged to call the office if they do not receive grade information one week after the end of the quarter. Those ending dates are provided on an annual school calendar included in the beginning of this handbook.

Progress grade reports will be done 4 times a year and given to the student to let them know their current academic standing. We will mail home to parents progress reports that have a grade below a C. This information will be helpful in correcting a failing problem before the end of the grading period. Parents are encouraged to communicate with individual teachers before school, after school, or during their planning period with questions they have about grades and work. Parents and students can register for on-line access to stay current with their progress/information.

HEALTH SCREENING

Health screenings will be in the fall for sophomores. Distance vision will be checked. Results of the screenings will be mailed home. If your student wears eyeglasses or contacts, send them with your child on screening day. Students who fail the vision screening will be re-screened before any referrals are made. Students absent on the day of screening will be screened upon their return to school. Parents can exclude their child from such screenings by sending a signed note to the health office.

INELIGIBILITY

Students are required to stand in good standing both academically and with behavior. Eligibility will be completed at the end of each grade cycle (progress and quarter) and will remain ineligible until the next grading period. Students will be considered ineligible for inter curricular and extracurricular athletics and activities, dances, school field trips, etc if his/her grades or behavior does not meet the following criteria.

- ❖ No F's
- ❖ Attendance below 90%

Students that are ineligible may participate in practice, informal meetings, and attend games/events/competitions during after school hours (but can not participate in games/formal contests unless pre-approved by an administrator).

LATE COURSEWORK

In general, students are expected to keep up with their work throughout the school year. Teachers and/or departments may have a policy regarding late work and deadlines which they will outline in their course syllabus. Generally, the practice regarding late work is:

- 1 school day late** – 90% of the total points will be earned.
- 2 school days late** – 80% of the total points possible will be earned.
- 3 school days late** – 70% of the total points possible will be earned.
- 4 school days late or until the end of the unit/project/standard being assessed** – a maximum of 60% of the total points may be earned.

Students are expected to communicate with their teachers and understand the expectations set forth by their teachers regarding coursework. Teachers may choose to work with students in planning for coursework completion pending individual circumstances.

LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER

Hours: 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

(Time can be adjusted by appointment.)

- **Library Behavior** - The Library is a school classroom/resource learning center. Appropriate classroom behavior is required of all students. Individual students and class groups will be expected to work, read, or study in a manner that is not disruptive to others in the Library.
- **Library Passes** - Students will use SecurlyPass when sent to the Library by their classroom teacher (including substitute teachers).
- **Overdue Notices/Lost and Damaged Items** - Overdue notices are issued as a courtesy. Failure to receive overdue notices does not negate the student's responsibility to return library materials. All fines need to be paid promptly. Lost library materials will be fined at the full replacement cost of the lost item(s).

LOCKERS

Every student is assigned a locker at the beginning of the school year and will be expected to sign a locker contract to be kept on file in the office. This contract specifies the locker use regulations. Any student who is found opening or occupying a locker other than their own will be considered trespassing and dealt with accordingly. Students are not allowed to rig the lock mechanism to keep the locker unlocked.

Contact paper **will not** be allowed on the locker doors. This can cause permanent damage to both the locker door and the combination lock. Any student who violates this clause will be assessed a fine amounting up to \$50. **Any** damage to locks or lockers will result in a repair bill issued to the student. The cost of a replacement lock is \$15 per student.

Note: Locker checks will be made, unannounced, to make sure that students adhere to the above guidelines as well as to maintain safe and drug-free schools.

MAINTAINING A SAFE AND CONFLICT FREE SCHOOL

Students are the key component to maintaining a positive school climate. If you have an indication that a problem or threat exists, it is imperative that you get that information to an authority figure in a timely manner. Student names will not be released when information has been provided and your actions may save someone from making a very poor choice.

If you are feeling unsafe, threatened, or find yourself in the midst of a conflict, please seek adult assistance. The counselors and administrators can act as mediators to solve problems in a peaceful manner and are happy to do so. If you are concerned about a bullying issue, please use the forms (located throughout the building and on-line on the MCR2 webpage, mc-wildcats.org) to report issues to the office.

MAINTAINING LUNCH/BREAKFAST ACCOUNTS

Depositing money into student accounts must be done before school starts or after the school day ends. Money must be given to office personnel in the office and not in the cafeteria. It is expected that students maintain a current lunch balance. Students who have a negative balance beyond -\$5 will not be allowed to get any extras beyond a standard school lunch.

MAKE-UP WORK

Students who have authorized absences will be allowed to make up assignments and tests missed for full credit. One make-up day will be allowed for each day missed. It is the student's responsibility to ask the teacher for make-up assignments. When a test or assignment was announced during the student's presence in class or given in advance as part of a pre-arranged absence, he or she will be required to take the test or hand in the assignment on the date designated.

MEDICATIONS

The district may administer over-the-counter and prescription medications to a student with permission from the parent/guardian. **Over the Counter Medications:** The district will provide Acetaminophen, Ibuprofen, antacids and cough drops to students with parent permission. If the parent brings in over-the-counter medications, they must be delivered to the nurse, by a parent/guardian, in the manufacturer's original packaging, and will be administered in accordance with the manufacturer's label or doctor's orders. **Prescription Medications:** The prescription label will be considered the equivalent of a prescriber's written direction. All prescription medications must be delivered to the nurse, by the parent/guardian, in the original packaging and will only be administered in accordance with the physician's orders. Expired medications will not be given. Some important medication reminders include:

- ★ Medication may not be transported on school buses.
- ★ Students may not keep medications in lockers or bags. Students may keep ownership of emergency medicines (inhalers, EpiPens) The nurse must have a record of the medication and directions for use, emergency contacts, doctors info, etc.
- ★ All medicines must be administered by the nurse. If the health office is closed, students will go to the main office.
- ★ Students will not be allowed to provide medicine to other students – EVEN over-the-counter medications without disciplinary consequences. Although this may seem extreme, we must adhere to this due to the possibility of reactions.

MILITARY/POST SECONDARY SCHOOL REPRESENTATIONS

Throughout the school year, representatives from various colleges, vocational schools, and military branches will visit to meet with students during the lunch hour. This information will be posted at the counselor's office as well as listed in the announcements. Students will not be allowed to miss class time without office permission to visit with any of these representatives.

MOCAP (Missouri Course Access Program)

Eligible students must apply for MOCAP during the school's designated add/drop period which is identified as the first five days of a semester in order to be considered for enrollment. Applications are available from the building principal or counselor. Students participating in MOCAP will be expected to remain in the program for the entire semester.

MISSOURI OPTIONS PROGRAM

The Missouri Option Program serves students who are in significant credit lag. The program will allow students to complete their HiSET and receive a diploma as an alternative to earning the 24 traditional credits required for a diploma. When a student demonstrates a passing score on an on-site practice test, the Program Instructor will schedule the student at a test site. Once the test(s) have been passed and other components of the program have been met, a high school diploma will be awarded. The district will pay the cost of the test and provide transportation if needed. Students must maintain a 95% attendance rate, demonstrate good citizenship, and maintain a job while enrolled in the program. Students with prior attendance concerns may not be eligible for the Missouri Options Program.

PROHIBITED ITEMS

Due to problems with theft and disruption, electronic devices are not allowed in classrooms without teacher consent. They may be used before school or at lunch; however, the school takes no responsibility for those items a student chooses to bring.

Students are to refrain from bringing glass containers of any type to school. Lighters, laser lights, tasers, and pocket knives are not necessary in the school environment and can be dangerous. These items will be confiscated **and disposed of**.

In the case of a documented medical need, a snack may be cleared through the nurse's office. Students may consume food and drink in the classroom as approved by the classroom teacher. Water bottles are allowed in the classroom. **It is the student's responsibility to clean up after themselves and throw away their trash after consuming food and/or drink in the classroom.** The teacher has the right to refuse food and drink consumed in the classroom.

SCHOOL PHONE

School phones are for school business only. Students are not to use the school phones during the school day. Incoming phone calls and messages for students should be kept to a minimum. Messages received in the morning will be delivered to students during the lunch hour; messages received in the afternoon will be delivered at the end of the day, unless the incoming call is an emergency. Students will generally not be called from class to accept a phone call except in the rare case of extreme emergencies.

SPECIAL SUPPORT SERVICES

We have school counselors available to provide information and to meet academic and other supportive needs. However, at times a student may need additional services.

Requests for assistance and referrals for services are available through the administrators and counselors. Referrals may be made to the school's contract counselor or outside agencies for additional resources.

STUDENT DRIVING AND PARKING LOT PRIVILEGE

Driving to school is a privilege which comes with responsibilities. Students must maintain safe driving practices and follow the rules established here to maintain their driving privilege. Student drivers must register the vehicle they are driving. If this changes during the school year, students are required to update this information with the secretary.

A student parking lot is provided at the south end of the building. Students will be assigned a parking pass and required to submit vehicle and insurance information. ***Students are to refrain from parking in any other locations and need to park in an organized manner.*** When a student arrives at school, they need to immediately lock their vehicle and report into the school building. **Students are to report to the school building upon arrival and are not to visit the parking lot or their vehicle during the school day without specific permission from the office.** If a violation occurs after one reminder, a short term loss of driving privileges will be issued. An additional violation will result in a long-term loss of driving privileges.

Safety to all (drivers, passengers, and pedestrians in the area) is of primary concern to us; student drivers must refrain from:

- ★ Excessive speed.
- ★ Fishtailing or unnecessary swerving.
- ★ Spinning tires or throwing gravel.
- ★ Passing other cars while exiting.
- ★ Parking on sidewalk or otherwise inappropriately.
- ★ Driving on the sidewalk or school lawn.
- ★ Passing school buses while they are loading.
- ★ Other driving practices that are viewed as reckless or hazardous by school personnel.
- ★ Excessive noise distraction to the classroom.

Students are to leave from the south parking lot exit which connects to the main drive only. Students must give the right-of-way to school buses and other drivers entering the high school drive, and to buses that are attempting to enter the highway to take students home. Do not drive through the Middle School driveway unless the buses have already exited the school property.

The school reserves the right to press charges against anyone who is endangering the lives of others by driving carelessly. This includes Highway 19 in front of the building, as well as parking lots and driveways.

If a student driver repeatedly arrives late for school, leaves early without permission or visits the parking lot during the day without authorization, driving privileges may be suspended in an effort to help them arrive on time and remain in school by riding the school provided transportation.

STUDENT-STAFF INTERACTIONS

Any student problems with a school district employee are best solved before or after class. We do not wish to use instructional time to air out grievances, complain about staff members or discuss problems. Students are encouraged to talk directly in a mature, adult-like, respectful manner to the staff member with whom they have a concern. If this does not resolve the problem, we encourage you to share your concern with an administrator. Often on the job we come in contact with people that we do not particularly like, but are expected to form positive working relationships with a wide variety of people. School is an excellent place to develop this skill—you will probably not like all your teachers in the same way but you are expected to treat them with a level of respect befitting their authority and position. It may be helpful to view them as your “boss” in this on-the-job training exercise of the school day.

STUDENT USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI)

Students must learn to engage with AI technologies responsibly, ethically and effectively in order to enhance their learning experiences while safeguarding their privacy and well-being. The use of AI tools without the express consent of the teacher undermines the learning and problem-solving skills that are essential to academic success. Students are encouraged to develop their own knowledge, skills and understanding of course material rather than relying solely on AI tools and they should ask their teachers when they have questions and/or need assistance.

Responsible student use of AI includes:

- AI tools used solely for educational purposes as directed by teachers or school authorities. Using AI for non-educational activities or submitting AI work as original student work within the school context is not permitted.
- The use of AI technologies in an ethical manner, respecting copyright laws, privacy norms and intellectual property rights of others.
- Students cautiously interacting with AI tools and not sharing sensitive or personally identifiable information (PI) or data about themselves, another student, a staff member or any other person. Students must understand the risks and implications of data sharing.
- When communicating through AI tools such as chatbots and virtual assistants, adhering to the same standards of respect and decency expected in human interactions.
- Not using AI to access, create or disseminate harmful or inappropriate content that is threatening, obscene, disruptive, or sexually explicit or could be construed as harassment or disparagement of others based on their race/ethnicity, national origin, sex, gender, sexual orientation, age, disability, religion or political beliefs or interact with AI in a manner that supports any of the above.

The responsible use of AI by students in the K-12 educational setting is essential for fostering a safe, ethical and productive learning environment. By adhering to policy and regulation, students will be better equipped to leverage AI technologies for their educational advancement while respecting the norms and values of the school community.

This policy will be reviewed regularly to adapt to evolving technologies and educational needs, ensuring that AI remains a positive and powerful tool for learning and development in the District.

VIRTUAL COURSE INFORMATION

On occasion, students choose to enroll in courses that do not meet on our campus to meet graduation requirements. Information about these courses and the cost of enrollment can be found in the counseling department. If a student enrolls in a course to count toward graduation requirements and receives a letter grade for the course, it does become part of their official transcript and will be calculated in the student's GPA.

In the legislative session that ended in May of 2018, SB603 set forth rules and regulations that allowed Kindergarten through 12th Grade age students to be able to take classes on-line and count toward graduation from their local High School as long as they were registered as full-time students at the High School. There may be some instances where approved virtual classes are not available for certain grade levels or content areas. Classes that count toward this credit must be approved by MOCAP (link to site available on www.mc-wildcats.org) or meet the guidelines for Missouri approved classes (developed by Missouri educators that meet Missouri Learning Standards, taught by Missouri Certified Teachers, and credit provided by an approved Missouri school district).

The Montgomery County R-II School District has engaged with Fueled by Launch as a preferred provider of Virtual On-line Classes for our students. <https://fueledbylaunch.com/courses/> Students may also find additional offerings on the MOCAP web site (link below). <https://mocap.mo.gov/>

If a student and guardian are requesting approval for enrollment in a virtual course, they must submit the application to the school counselor the semester prior to the enrollment to ensure proper availability of courses and to meet registration deadlines. See the website for virtual course enrollment procedures.

<https://www.mc-wildcats.org/page/mcr2-procedures-for-virtual-class-enrollment>

In accordance with School Board Policy IGCD, students who are enrolled in a virtual course may ***request*** to complete the course remotely, or on their own, outside of school. Students must submit this request to their counselor, however the decision to grant this request will be collaborative between the student, parents/guardians, and building administration. Requests to complete virtual courses off campus will only be considered for the first and last periods of the school day. Students are not permitted to leave and return to school in the middle of the school day. Students wishing to request to complete virtual courses remotely must submit that request by the end of the schedule change period, which is the end of the first week of each semester.

Students requesting virtual courses that are also offered in-seat by our teachers must have the teacher approve the request to

take the class virtually instead of in-seat. Generally, courses that are offered in-seat should only be requested virtually if there is a schedule conflict that is not surmountable by the office.

Montgomery County R-II also allows for students to take a virtual course beyond their full-time course load. If students are eligible for this, they may also be eligible for reimbursement for the cost of the overload course. Please see the Guidance Office for details.

VISITORS

Visitors other than parents need to be pre-approved by administration. This includes lunch time, which requires a 24 hour pre-approval time. Upon entering the building, visitors (including parents) are expected to report to the office to register. Unauthorized persons found on school grounds may be subject to prosecution for trespassing. This is done to maintain a safe school environment.

NON-DISCRIMINATION

The Montgomery County R-II School District is an equal opportunity employer, and has adopted policies prohibiting discrimination based upon age, sex, race, color, national origin, religion, disability, or veteran status. Any alleged discriminatory treatment should be referred to the Superintendent of Schools, who serves as the district's Non-discrimination Officer. If you need accommodations to participate in the employment application process, please contact the Office of the Superintendent.

DISCIPLINE POLICY

STATE LAW

The local board of education of each school district will establish a policy of discipline, a written copy of which will be made available in the office of the superintendent for each district, for public inspection during normal business hours.

The Student Code of Conduct is designed to foster student responsibility, respect for the rights of others, and to provide for the orderly operation of district schools. No code can be expected to list each and every offense which may result in the use of disciplinary action. However, it is the purpose of this code to list certain offenses which, if committed by a student, will result in the imposition of a disciplinary action that is appropriate to the age and developmental level of the child. These disciplinary actions may range up to the consequences listed. Any conduct not included herein, or an aggravated circumstance of any offense or an action involving a combination of offenses may result in disciplinary consequences that extend beyond this code of conduct as determined by the principal, superintendent and/or Board of Education. In addition, placement in an alternative education setting, in keeping with the Safe Schools Act, may be used by administrative decision. Unattended confinement of students in a locked space is prohibited. This code of conduct is in force on all school property, on school buses, and at school activities regardless of whether or not school is in session.

District personnel in public schools are responsible for the care, supervision, and discipline of school children, including volunteers selected with reasonable care by the school district, and will not be civilly liable when acting in conformity with the established policy of discipline developed by each board under this section. Students are expected to follow the directions given from all adults within their role as school personnel in a respectful manner.

This discipline policy is developed for K-12. Not all consequences listed are appropriate or effective for high school students and may not be used.

REPORTING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT

It is the policy of the Montgomery County R-II School District to report all crimes occurring on school grounds 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 (10) 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.

PARTICIPATION IN ACTIVITIES

Students who are suspended or expelled for any reason are prohibited from attending or taking part in any district-sponsored activity, regardless of location, or any activity that occurs on district property. Students who violate this provision will be required to leave the activity and may face further discipline, including an additional period of suspension or expulsion.

PROHIBITION AGAINST BEING ON OR NEAR SCHOOL PROPERTY DURING SUSPENSION

All students who are suspended or expelled are prohibited from being on school property for any reason unless permission is granted by the Superintendent or designee.

Any student who is suspended for any offenses listed in § 160.261, RSMo., or any act of violence or drug-related activity defined by policy JGF as a serious violation of school discipline shall not be allowed to be within 1,000 feet of any public school in the district unless one (1) of the following conditions exist:

1. The student is under the direct supervision of the student's parent, legal guardian or custodian.
2. The student is under the direct supervision of another adult designated by the student's parent, legal guardian or custodian. The designation must be made in advance and in writing to the principal of the school that suspended the student.
3. The student is in an alternative school that is located within 1,000 feet of a public school in the district.
4. 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 this prohibition, may be suspended or expelled in accordance with the offense, "Failure to Meet Conditions of Suspension," listed below.

PROHIBITED CONDUCT

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

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

Cheating on tests, assignments, projects or similar activities; plagiarism; claiming credit for another person's work; fabrication of facts, sources or other supporting material; unauthorized collaboration; facilitating academic dishonesty; and other misconduct related to academics, including unauthorized use of generative artificial intelligence (AI), such as large language models (chatbots).

- **First Offense:** No credit for the work, grade reduction, or replacement assignment. Detention or in-school suspension on major projects.
- **Subsequent Offense:** No credit for the work, grade reduction, course failure, or removal from extracurricular activities.

Academic dishonesty may automatically disqualify a student from receiving an academic letter or other academic honors.

Students enrolled in dual credit courses will follow the College State Board’s policy for academic dishonesty. Instructors will have that policy in a separate handout.

AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOR

Aggressive behavior includes any conduct—verbal, physical, or digital—that is intended to cause or threatens to cause harm, fear, or intimidation to another person. This also includes behavior that escalates conflict or incites others to act aggressively.

- **First Offense:** Principal/Student conference, loss of privileges, detention, or in-school suspension.
- **Subsequent Offense:** Principal/Student conference, loss of privileges, detention, in-school suspension, or 1-10 days out-of-school suspension.

ARSON

Starting or attempting to start a fire, or causing or attempting to cause an explosion.

- **First Offense:** Detention, in-school suspension, 1-180 days out-of-school suspension, or expulsion. Restitution if appropriate.
- **Subsequent Offense:** 1-180 days out-of-school suspension or expulsion. Restitution if appropriate.

ASSAULT

1. Using physical force, 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 or 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.
 - **First Offense:** Detention, in-school suspension, 1-180 days out-of-school suspension, or expulsion.
 - **Subsequent Offense:** In-school suspension, 1-180 days out-of-school suspension, or expulsion.
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. ~~Attempting to kill or cause serious physical injury to another; killing or causing serious physical injury to another.~~
 - **First Offense:** 10-180 days out-of-school suspension or expulsion
 - **Second Offense -** Expulsion

AUTOMOBILE/VEHICLE MISUSE

Uncourteous or unsafe driving on or around district property, unregistered parking, failure to move vehicle at the request of school officials, failure to follow directions given by school officials or failure to follow established rules for parking or driving on district property.

- **First Offense:** Suspension or revocation of parking privileges, detention, or in school suspension,
- **Subsequent Offense:** Revocation of parking privileges, detention, in-school suspension, or 1-180 days out-of-school suspension.

BULLYING

Bullying and Cyberbullying JFCF – Intimidation, unwanted aggressive behavior, or harassment that is repetitive or is 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.

- **First Offense:** ~~Principal/Student conference~~, Detention, in-school suspension, or 1-180 days out-of-school suspension, notification to law enforcement.
- **Subsequent Offense:** 1-180 days out-of-school suspension or expulsion, notification to law enforcement.

**All staff must report within 2 days of witnessing or learning of an incident of bullying, regardless of resolution MO Statute requires that schools follow the following structure for reporting and investigating incidents.
2 days to report to a compliance officer, investigation must occur within 2 days, resolution within 10 days of reporting.

BUS OR TRANSPORTATION MISCONDUCT

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. In addition, transportation privileges may be suspended or revoked. Policy JFCC

CELL PHONES/SMART WATCH or OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICE

Cell phones and/or other electronic devices are prohibited during the school day. If a student is found to be in possession of a cell phone or other electronic device during the school day, that is subject to disciplinary action.

First Offense: Warning. Item turned into the office along with a teacher referral and returned to the student at the end of the day. Parent notified.

Second Offense: Parent conference required; parent must pick up the item.

Third Offense: 3 day confiscation during the school day (placed in the vault) or 2 days in-school suspension

Fourth Offense: 5 day confiscation during the school day (placed in the vault) or 4 days in-school suspension.

Fifth Offense: 10 day confiscation during the school day (placed in the vault) or 8 days in-school suspension.

Subsequent Offenses: 1-10 days OSS.

The phone or any other electronic devices will remain in confiscation unless administrator(s) hear from a parent that they prefer their student to take the suspension over having the item confiscated. Confiscation will happen during the school day. Parents or guardians may elect to keep the phone at home in lieu of confiscation.

Any electronic communication or misconduct that is brought to school officials due to it disrupting the educational environment are subject to disciplinary consequences regardless of where the actions took place. Videos taken and/or distributed while at school or at a school event that disrupts the educational environment is prohibited.

1st Offense: 3-5 days ISS and suspension of personal technology privileges.

2nd Offense: 5-10 days ISS and suspension of the use of personal technology privileges.

3rd Offense: 1-10 days OSS and banning the use of electronic devices for the remainder of the school year.

DISHONESTY

Any act of lying, whether verbal or written, including forgery.

- **First Offense:** Nullification of forged document. Principal/Student conference, detention, in-school suspension, or ~~1-10 days out-of-school suspension~~.
- **Subsequent Offense:** Nullification of forged document. Detention, in-school suspension, 1-180 days out-of-school suspension, ~~or expulsion~~.

DISRESPECTFUL OR DISRUPTIVE CONDUCT OR SPEECH

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, discriminatory, defiant, considered inappropriate in educational settings or that materially and

substantially disrupts classroom work, school activities or school functions. Students will not be disciplined for speech in situations where it is protected by law. (See board policies AC and ACA if illegal harassment or discrimination is involved)

- **First Offense:** Principal/Student conference, detention, in-school suspension, or 1-10 days out-of-school suspension.
- **Subsequent Offense:** Detention, in-school suspension, 1-180 days out-of-school suspension, or expulsion.

DRESS CODE VIOLATION

Failure to follow the dress code outlined in the handbook will result in the following:

- **First Offense:** Principal or staff conference, detention, in-school suspension, or 1-10 days OSS.
- **Subsequent Offense:** Detention, 1-3 days of ISS, or 1-10 days OSS

DRUGS/ALCOHOL

1. Possession, sale, purchase, transfer, manufacture, or distribution of any over-the-counter drug, herbal preparation, or imitation drug or herbal preparation.
 - **First Offense:** In-school suspension or 1-180 days of out-of-school suspension.
 - **Subsequent Offense:** 1-180 days of out-of-school suspension or expulsion.
2. Possession of drug paraphernalia or possession of or attendance while under the influence of any unauthorized prescription drug, alcohol, illegal drug, controlled substance (including marijuana and marijuana-infused products) as defined under schedules I, II, III, or IV of the Controlled Substances Act, unauthorized inhalant, counterfeit substance, imitation controlled substance, any substance intended to create a false negative on a drug test, or any substance prohibited on district property by law or policy.
 - **First Offense:** In-school suspension or 1-180 days of out-of-school suspension.
 - **Subsequent Offense:** 11-180 days out-of school suspension or expulsion.
3. Sale, purchase, transfer, manufacture, or distribution of any unauthorized prescription drug, alcohol, illegal drug, controlled substance (including marijuana and marijuana-infused products) as defined under schedules I, II, III, or IV of the Controlled Substances Act, unauthorized inhalant, counterfeit substance, imitation controlled substance, any substance intended to create a false negative on a drug test, any substance prohibited on district property by law or policy, or drug-related paraphernalia.
 - **First Offense:** 1-180 days of out-of-school suspension or expulsion.
 - **Subsequent Offense:** 11-180 days of out-of-school suspension or expulsion.

EXTORTION

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

- **First Offense:** Principal/Student conference, detention, in-school suspension, or 1-10 days out-of-school suspension.
- **Subsequent Offense:** In-school suspension, 1-180 days out-of-school suspension, or expulsion.

FAILURE TO CARE FOR OR RETURN DISTRICT PROPERTY

Loss of, failure to return, or damage to district property including, but not limited to, books, computers, calculators, uniforms, and sporting and instructional equipment.

- **First Offense:** Restitution. Principal/Student conference, detention, or in-school suspension.

- **Subsequent Offense:** Restitution. Detention or in-school suspension.

FAILURE TO MEET CONDITIONS OF SUSPENSION

Violating the conditions of a suspension, expulsion or other disciplinary consequence including, but not limited to, participating in or 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 1000 feet of district property during a suspension, consideration shall be given to whether the student poses a threat to the safety of any child or school employee and whether the student’s presence is disruptive to the educational process or undermines the effectiveness of the district’s discipline policy.

First Offense: Verbal warning, detention, in-school suspension, 1-180 days out-of-school suspension, or expulsion. Report to law enforcement for trespassing if expelled.

Subsequent Offense: In-school suspension, 1-180 days out-of-school suspension, or expulsion. Report to law enforcement for trespassing if expelled.

FALSE ALARMS

Tampering with emergency equipment, setting off false alarms, making false reports; communicating a threat or false report for the purpose of frightening, or disturbing people, disrupting the educational environment or causing the evacuation or closure of school property.

- **First Offense:** Restitution. Principal/Student conference, detention, in-school suspension, 1-180 days out-of-school suspension, or expulsion.
- **Subsequent Offense:** Restitution. In-school suspension, 1-180 days out-of school suspension, or expulsion.

FIGHTING

Mutual combat in which both parties have contributed to the conflict either verbally or by physical action.

- **First Offense:** Principal/Student conference, detention, in-school suspension, or 1-180 days out-of-school suspension.
- **Subsequent Offense:** In-school suspension, 1-180 days out-of-school suspension, or expulsion.

FIREWORKS, POSSESSION OR USE OF

First Offense: 10-180 days out-of-school suspension.

Subsequent Offense: Expulsion.

GAMBLING

Betting on an uncertain outcome, regardless of stakes; engaging in any game of chance or activity in which something of real or symbolic value may be won or lost. Gambling includes, but is not limited to, betting on outcomes of activities, assignments, contests, and games.

- **First Offense:** Principal/Student conference, loss of privileges, detention, or in school suspension.
- **Subsequent Offense:** Principal/Student conference, loss of privileges, detention, in-school suspension, or 1-10 days out-of school suspension.

HARRASSMENT/SEXUAL HARASSMENT

1. Use of material of a sexual nature or unwelcome verbal, written, or symbolic language based on gender, race, color, religion, sex, natural origin, ancestry, disability or any other characteristic protected by law.

- **First Offense:** Principal/Student conference, detention, in-school suspension, 1-180 days out-of-school suspension, or expulsion.
 - **Subsequent Offense:** In-school suspension, 1-180 days out-of-school suspension, or expulsion.
2. Unwelcome physical contact or a sexual nature or that is based on gender, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, disability or any other characteristic protected by law.
- **First Offense:** In-school suspension, 1-180 days out-of-school suspension, or expulsion.
 - **Subsequent Offense:** 1-180 days out-of-school suspension or expulsion.
3. Student is found “responsible” for sexual harassment under Title IX upon conclusion of a formal complaint under policy ACA.
- **Any Offense:** 10-180 days out-of-school suspension, or expulsion.

HAZING

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

- **First Offense:** In-school suspension or 1-180 days out-of-school suspension.
- **Subsequent Offense:** 1-180 days out-of-school suspension or expulsion.

HORSEPLAY

Horseplay is defined as rough or boisterous physical behavior or play that is inappropriate for the school setting. While not intended to harm, horseplay can lead to injury, property damage, or disruption of the learning environment. Any physical activity that is disruptive, unsafe, or causes accidental harm.

- **First Offense:** Principal/Student conference, loss of privileges, detention, or in-school suspension.
- **Subsequent Offense:** Principal/Student conference, loss of privileges, detention, in-school suspension, or 1-10 days out-of-school suspension.

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.

- **First Offense:** Confiscation. Warning, Principal/Student conference, detention, or in-school suspension.
- **Subsequent Offense:** Confiscation. Principal/Student conference, detention, in school suspension, or 1-10 days out-of-school suspension.

INSUBORDINATION

The refusal to follow reasonable direction from certified or classified staff members or administrators or deliberately disobeying school rules. Examples of insubordination are: failure to comply with direction or instruction of a staff member, refusal to work in class, refusal of detention, refusal to participate in in-school alternatives, refusal to report to the school office and refusals to report to in-school suspension.

- **First Offense:** Principal/student conference, in-school suspension, or 1-3 days out-of-school suspension.
- **Second Offense:** In school suspension or 1-10 days of out-of-school suspension.

NUISANCE ITEMS

Possession or use of items such as toys, games, and portable media players that are not authorized for educational purposes.

- **First Offense:** Warning, principal/student conference, detention, or in-school suspension.
- **Subsequent Offense:** Confiscation. Principal/Student conference, detention, in-school suspension, or 1-10 days out-of-school suspension

PUBLIC DISPLAY OF AFFECTION

Consensual physical contact that is inappropriate for the school setting including, but not limited to, kissing and groping.

- **First Offense:** Principal/Student conference, detention, or in-school suspension.
- **Subsequent Offense:** Detention, in-school suspension, or 1-180 days out-of school suspension.

SAFETY, FAILURE TO FOLLOW SAFETY PROCEDURES

Students are expected to follow all safety procedures. Failure to follow safety procedures and/or put themselves or others at risk of injury with result in the following:

- **First Offense:** Principal/Student conference, detention, in-school suspension, or removal from class.
- **Subsequent Offense:** Detention, in-school suspension, 1-180 days out-of-school suspension, or removal from class..

SEXUALLY EXPLICIT, VULGAR OR VIOLENT MATERIAL

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. Students will not be disciplined for speech in situations where it is protected by law.

- **First Offense:** Confiscation. Principal/Student conference, detention, or in-school suspension.
- **Subsequent Offense:** Confiscation. Detention, in-school suspension, 1-180 days out-of-school suspension, or expulsion.

SEXUAL ACTIVITY

Consensual acts of sex or consensual simulations of sex including, but not limited to, intercourse or oral or manual stimulation

- **First Offense:** Principal/Student conference, detention, in-school suspension, or 1-180 days out-of-school suspension.
- **Subsequent Offense:** Detention, in-school suspension, 1-180 days out-of school suspension, or expulsion.

SLEEPING

Students are expected to stay alert during the school day. Failure to do so will result in.

- **First Offense:** Principal or staff conference, detention, 1-3 days of ISS, or 1-10 days OSS.
- **Subsequent Offense:** Detention, 1-3 days of ISS, or 1-10 days OSS

STUDENT PARKING MISCONDUCT

Students in violation of our driving and parking privileges are subject to disciplinary action.

- **First Offense:** Up to ten (10) school days suspension of driving privileges plus student may be referred to Montgomery County Sheriff's Department.
- **Second Offense:** Up to twenty (20) school days suspended driving privileges and a referral to the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department.
- **Third Offense:** Loss of driving privileges for remainder of school year; student will be referred to Montgomery County Sheriff's Department.

TARDIES

Being punctual to class is important. A student will be marked tardy if he/she is not in the classroom by the bell at the beginning of class.

Consequences are as follows:

1-3 Tardies: Warning

8-10 Tardies: 2 ASDs or 1 day ISS

14-17 Tardies: 4 ASDs or 3 days ISS

4-7 Tardies: 1 hour after school detention (ASD)

11-13 Tardies: 3 ASDs or 2 days ISS

18+ Tardies: 1-10 days ISS

***Lunch Detention & Saturday School may be assigned in conjunction with or instead of after school detentions.

TECHNOLOGY MISCONDUCT

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.
 - **First Offense:** Restitution. Principal/Student conference, loss of user privileges, detention, or in-school suspension.
 - **Subsequent Offense:** Restitution. Loss of user privileges, 1-180 days out-of-school suspension, or expulsion.
2. Using, displaying or turning on pagers, personal digital assistants, personal laptops or any other personal electronic devices during the regular school day, including instructional class time, class change time, breakfast or lunch. Exceptions or waivers to this restriction may be made at the discretion of teachers or administrators in the event of an emergency or in accordance with the approved phone restrictions in the building handbooks.
 - **First Offense:** Confiscation, Principal/Student/Parent conference, detention, or in-school suspension.
 - **Subsequent Offense:** Confiscation, Principal/Student conference, detention, in-school suspension, 1-180 days out-of-school suspension, or expulsion.
3. Violations, other than those listed in (1) or (2) above, of board policy EHB, procedure EHB-AP1 or any policy or procedure regulating student use of personal electronic devices.
 - **First Offense:** Restitution. Principal/Student conference, detention, or in school suspension.
 - **Subsequent Offense:** Restitution. Loss of user privileges, 1-180 days out-of-school suspension, or expulsion.
4. Use of audio or visual recording equipment in violation of Board policy KKB.
 - **First Offense:** Confiscation. Principal/Student conference, detention, or in school suspension.
 - **Subsequent Offense:** Confiscation. Principal/Student conference, detention, in-school suspension, or 1-10 days out-of-school suspension.

THEFT

Theft, attempted theft, or knowing possession of stolen property.

- **First Offense:** Return of or restitution for property. Principal/Student conference, detention, in-school suspension, or 1-180 days out-of-school suspension.
- **Subsequent Offense:** Return of or restitution for property. 1-180 days out-of-school suspension or expulsion.

THREATS OR VERBAL ASSAULT

Verbal, written, pictorial or symbolic language or gestures that create a reasonable fear of physical injury or property damage.

- **First Offense:** Principal/Student conference, detention, in-school suspension, 1- 180 days out-of-school suspension, or expulsion.
- **Subsequent Offense:** In-school suspension, 1-180 days out-of-school suspension, or expulsion.

TOBACCO

1. Possession of any tobacco products, electronic cigarettes, vapes, other nicotine products or imitation tobacco products, as defined in policy AH, on district property, on district transportation or at a district activity. Nicotine patches or other medications used in a tobacco cessation program may be possessed only in accordance with district policy JHCD.
 - **First Offense:** Confiscation of tobacco product. Principal/Student conference, detention, or in-school suspension.
 - **Subsequent Offense:** Confiscation of tobacco product. Detention, in-school suspension, or 1-10 days out-of-school suspension.
2. Use of any tobacco products, electronic cigarettes (vaping products) imitation tobacco products or other nicotine-delivery products as defined by policy AH on district property, on district transportation or at a district activity. Nicotine patches or other medications used in a tobacco cessation program may be possessed only in accordance with district policy JHCD.
 - **First Offense:** Confiscation of tobacco product. Principal/Student conference, detention, in-school suspension, or 1-3 days out-of-school suspension.
 - **Subsequent Offense:** Confiscation of tobacco product. In-school suspension or 1-10 days out-of-school suspension.

TRUNANCY

Absence from school without the knowledge and consent of parents/guardians and the school administration; excessive non-justifiable absences, even with the consent of parents/guardians; arriving after the expected time class or school begins, as determined by the district.

- **First Offense:** Principal/Student conference, detention, or 1-3 days in-school suspension.
- **Subsequent Offense:** Detention or 3-10 days in-school suspension, and removal from extracurricular activities

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 unauthorized persons to enter a district facility through any entrance.

- **First Offense:** Principal/Student conference, detention, in-school suspension, or 1-180 days out-of-school suspension.
- **Subsequent Offense:** 1-180 days out-of-school suspension or expulsion.

UNPREPARED FOR CLASS

In order for the learning process to be effective, students must attend class with the required learning materials on a daily basis.

It is unfair to classmates that a teacher has to take time out of each lesson in order to gather missing materials. Teachers will indicate what materials are necessary for class. When a student is unprepared for class, the following consequences will be applied.

- **First Offense:** Principal or staff conference, detention, 1-3 days of ISS
- **Subsequent Offense:** Detention, 1-3 days of ISS, or 1-10 days OSS

VANDALISM

Willful damage or the attempt to cause damage to real or personal property belonging to the school, staff, or students.

- **First Offense:** Restitution. Principal/Student conference, detention, in-school suspension, 1-180 days out-of-school suspension, or expulsion.
- **Subsequent Offense:** Restitution. In-school suspension, 1-180 days out-of school suspension, or expulsion.

WEAPONS

The Board recognizes the importance of preserving a safe educational environment for students, employees and patrons of the district. In order to maintain the safety of the educational community, the district will strictly enforce the necessary disciplinary consequences resulting from the use or possession of weapons on school property. **No student may possess a weapon on school property at any time, except as specifically authorized during a school-sponsored or school-sanctioned activity permitting weapons.** The school district will provide secured storage of student firearms if necessary.

School property is defined as: Property utilized, supervised, rented, leased, or controlled by the school district including but not limited to school playgrounds, parking lots and school buses, and any property on which any school activity takes place.

A weapon is defined to mean one or more of the following:

- A firearm as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 921.
- A blackjack, concealable firearm, firearm, firearm silencer, explosive weapon, gas gun, knife, knuckles, machine gun, projectile weapon, rifle, shotgun, spring gun, switchblade knife, as these terms are defined in § 571.010, RSMo.
- A dangerous weapon as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 930(g)(2).
- All knives and any other instrument or device used or designed to be used to threaten or assault, whether for attack or defense.
- Any object designed to look like or imitate a device as described in 1-4.

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 § 571.010, RSMo.

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

2. Possession or use of a firearm as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 921 or any instrument or device defined in § 571.010, RSMo., or any instrument or device defined as a dangerous weapon in 18 U.S.C. § 930(g)(2).

- **First Offense:** One (1) calendar year suspension or expulsion, unless modified by the Board upon recommendation by the superintendent.
- **Subsequent Offense:** Expulsion.

3.. Possession or use of ammunition or a component of a weapon.

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

RULES GOVERNING DETENTION

1. Students are to report to detention by 4:00 p.m. weekdays. If they will be arriving late, they must receive pre-approval from the administration.
2. Detention will be held on Tuesday and Thursday after school from 4:00-5:00 p.m.
3. Detention may also be served in the mornings by special arrangement with the Assistant Principal. This option is available as an alternative to after school detention to avoid further consequences. If a student elects to serve before school detention, they must report directly there upon arrival, sign in and do so every day until the time has been completely served. The same rules apply to before school as after school time.

No food or drink allowed.

No sleeping or card playing.

Students will obey the faculty member in charge without question.

Any student who disrupts detention will be assessed a one-day suspension per hour not served.

Work detention may be assigned at the discretion of the supervisor. Contact assistant principal for detention location.

Students will bring work to do while in detention. Do not come in without something to do.

Any student who is assigned detention will have 1 week to fulfill their obligation. A copy of the detention notice will be mailed home after the student has been informed of the detention so that parents/guardians can help the students remember to take care of their obligations. After 1 week, the time will be moved to 1 day in-school suspension. Student involvement with extracurricular activities, after school employment, etc. will not be given special consideration. Transportation issues may exist but when a student chooses to break a rule, the consequence is part of that choice. Therefore, these transportation issues cannot factor into assigning student detention.

Teachers will assign before school detention for minor infractions in classes. This time is to be served with the teacher in their classroom in the mornings. If this time is not taken care of, an isolated lunch will be assigned for each 15 minutes assigned by the teacher. If a student neglects to do the before school time with the teacher or the isolated lunch time, they will be assigned an hour of detention time. We remind students to keep small problems from becoming larger ones by taking care of these responsibilities as they occur.

RULES GOVERNING IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSION

Students assigned ISS will be provided a list of rules and regulations upon their arrival. Basic information includes:

- Students will report each morning of the ISS assignment to the office and the student will be escorted to the ISS classroom at 7:55 a.m.
- Cell phones will be surrendered to the office until the end of the day. Failure to do so will result in immediate OSS. When the student returns to school, the remaining ISS time from the previous day will be served. Chromebooks will be turned in to the ISS teacher and used with permission when classwork demands the use of it.
- All work assigned must be completed before a student is released from ISS for full credit. If students do not complete their work during the ISS consequence they will be assigned one extra day to complete the assignments.
- Even if all work is completed, this does not shorten the length of the ISS assignment.

An assigned seat will be given upon arrival and the student will remain at that location throughout the time of the assignment. Any necessary assignments or books will be given to the ISS teacher to provide to the student if needed.

Students who disrupt the order of the ISS classroom or are noncompliant in any way during the assignment will be put on out-of-school suspension for the remaining time and receive no credit for work.

Students may not attend or participate in any school activities from the time the ISS assignment is issued until the first day of return to the regular school schedule.

If a student is absent during a day assigned to ISS, that day will be made up upon the student's return to school.

ISS will generally only be assigned once in a school year for similar violations by one student. If the ISS assignment does not modify the behavior and it is repeated, then an out-of-school suspension is warranted. The exception to this is truancy or minor incidents such as detention not served. In these cases, two ISS assignments per year can be given. ISS will also generally not be assigned more than twice in a given school year to the same student who chooses to violate different rules.

RULES GOVERNING OUT-OF-SCHOOL SUSPENSION

Out-of-school suspension is a serious issue. It removes a student from the educational process and this is not done without careful consideration. Some rules that apply in this situation include:

- Any work completed during OSS must be turned in upon return if it is not turned in electronically. Any work not turned in promptly upon return may not be accepted.
- Students on an out-of-school suspension may not attend or participate in any school-related activities until the day they return to school. If a student comes on to school property during a suspension, they may have days added on or be charged with trespassing.
- Students will not be allowed on field trips for the remainder of the semester. If the suspension takes place with less than 4 weeks left in a semester, all losses will carry over to the next semester.
- In many cases, a re-entry conference with the student, parents/guardians, and administration will be required before the student returns to avoid future suspensions.
- Building administrators may issue up to a 10 consecutive day suspension. If a violation warrants a longer suspension, a letter requesting a long-term suspension will be sent to the Superintendent and Board of Education for further action.

To request work, the student, on the day the suspension is assigned, can request for homework to be gathered for the NEXT day. Homework may be picked up by someone, other than the suspended student, at the office between 1:00-4:00 p.m. the NEXT day. If work is requested and not picked up, or turned in, no work will be gathered if there are more suspensions within the school year. Students are expected to communicate with teachers or the office to obtain work by the end of the following school day when students are sent home on out of school suspension.

RULES GOVERNING SATURDAY DETENTION

1. Students owing 4 hours are to report to Saturday School by 8:00 a.m.
2. Saturday School will be held as needed at a location announced at least one week prior to the Saturday Detention.
3. No food or drink allowed.
4. No sleeping or card playing.
5. Students will obey the faculty member in charge without question.
6. Any student who disrupts Saturday School will be assessed a one-day suspension per hour not completed successfully.
7. School service may be assigned at the determination of the Saturday School supervisor if the student requests it. Students should come prepared with work to do or something to read in case no school service is available or the supervisor does not wish to assign it.

Any student who is assigned Saturday School will be given one opportunity to serve it unless the absence has been prearranged with the administration by the student or parent. If a student neglects to serve the Saturday School assignment or arrives too late to complete the time, the time will be converted to 2 days ISS. Student involvement with extracurricular activities, employment, etc. will not be given special consideration.

SCHOOL BUS MISBEHAVIOR

Standards of behavior are at the same expected level on the bus as in the school building. Students are expected to follow the directions of the bus driver, just as they would the teacher in the classroom. Any offense committed by a student on a district-owned or contracted bus will be punished in the same manner as if the offense had been committed at the student's assigned school. In addition, bus riding privileges may be suspended or revoked. School bus drivers have the authority to assign seats and change seats as they see fit.

Student actions which take away from the safe and peaceful ride of the bus may include but are not limited to:

- ❖ Possession or use of electronic smokeless devices.
- ❖ Cutting or writing on seats.
- ❖ Tobacco use or possession.
- ❖ Fighting.
- ❖ Use of profane language.
- ❖ Damage to school bus in any form.
- ❖ Insubordination to bus driver.
- ❖ Out of assigned seat.
- ❖ Moving while the bus is in operation.
- ❖ Attempting to exit at an unapproved stop.
- ❖ Attempting to board a bus other than the assigned bus without office permission.
- ❖ Throwing objects on, in, or out of the bus.
- ❖ Sticking head or hands out window.
- ❖ Possession of prohibited items that are outlined earlier in this student guide without school permission.

First Offense: Student will be issued a warning, in the form of a citation mailed to the parents, explaining the situation and what a second violation would mean and/or 1-5 days loss of riding privileges.

Second Offense: Student will lose bus riding privileges for up to ten (10) full school days. Parents and guardians should recognize the serious nature of this matter and will be contacted by the high school administration immediately.

Third Offense: Student will lose all bus riding privileges for an extended time including up to the remainder of the school year.

Parents/guardians should recognize that riding a school bus is a privilege and this privilege can and will be taken away. Some violations may be considered serious enough to warrant immediate bus suspension without the benefit of a warning letter. When a student has been suspended from their bus, they are not allowed to ride ANY school bus to and from school.

STUDENT SURVEYS

Periodically, students are asked to participate in surveys in high school. The sophomores annually participate in the Safe and Drug Free Schools federal survey. The seniors turn in an exit survey about their high school preparation. Random students will be chosen to fill out surveys during the Missouri School Improvement Program cycle. Local surveys regarding the use of technology, curriculum offerings, and policies and procedures of our school may be given.

We are asking for your signed permission for your student to participate in any of the surveys administered at the high school. The goal of all of this collected information is the improvement of our school and school climate. Thank you for your assistance in this process.

****A contract page will be included with your student packet to include all forms that require signatures.****

PARENT & PUBLIC NOTICES & OTHER FORMS

You can find all **Parent & Public Notices** and **Other Required Forms** listed below on the district website. Visit www.mc-wildcats.org and navigate to the "Parent & Public Notices" section for easy access to these important documents.

- No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB) Complaint Procedures
- Equal Opportunity Employer
- Parent Notification No Child Left Behind Information
- MCR-II Alternative Methods of Instruction (AMI) Information
 - Montgomery County R-II has a DESE-approved AMI plan that allows learning to continue in the event of extended emergency closures. Our district's AMI plan includes a blend of online learning opportunities and learning activities that do not require any technology. When school must be canceled the notification sent by the district will let parents and students know **if we are implementing AMI for the missed day. On days AMI is implemented, student attendance for that day will be determined by the percentage of learning activities completed.** Staff will be available to students via email, applications such as Remind or Dojo and other methods determined by each teacher. Detailed information about learning activities will be provided by each school or teacher, and is also available on the district website. If your child has an IEP or a 504-plan, their team will ensure appropriate modifications and accommodations are made to the AMI learning activities.
- MCR-II District Virtual Course Information
 - Eligible students must apply for MOCAP (Missouri Course Access Program) during the school's designated add/drop period, which is identified as the first five days of a semester, in order to be considered for enrollment. Applications are available from the building principal or counselor. Students participating in MOCAP will be expected to remain in the program for the entire semester.
- Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)
- Directory Information Notice
- Children with Disabilities Public Notice
- 504/Title II Public Notice
- Surrogate Parent Public Announcement
- Parent & Student Handbook Forms
- MCR2 School-Parent-Student Compact
- FERPA Volunteer Confidentiality Agreement