



Raytown South Middle School

2021-2022 Student Handbook

The Raytown C-2 School District Board of Education is committed to maintaining a workplace and education environment that is free from discrimination and harassment in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs, services, activities and facilities. In accordance with law, the district strictly prohibits discrimination and harassment against employees, students or others on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, disability, age, genetic information or any other characteristic protected by law in its programs, activities or in employment. The Board also prohibits retaliatory actions against those who report or participate in the investigation of prohibited discrimination or harassment. The Raytown C-2 School District is an equal opportunity employer. Policy AC. The district also provides equal access in accordance with the Boy Scout Equal Access Act and other designated youth groups in accordance with federal law. Policy AC-AF1. Any person having inquiries concerning Consolidated School District No. 2 compliance with the regulations implementing Title VI, Title IX, Boy Scout Equal Access Act Section 504 is directed to contact Ms. Shirley Earley, 6608 Raytown Road, Raytown, Missouri 64133 (816-268-7000).

Administrative Office 6608 Raytown Road Raytown, MO 64133 (816) 268-7000

The mission of the Raytown C-2 School District is: A unified learning community leading individuals to achieve the exceptional

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Raytown South Middle School Mission Statement

We are dedicated to:

Cultivating a positive, supportive, and safe environment;

Nurturing the development of attitudes, skills, and knowledge essential to student growth;

Connecting educators, parents, and the community to support students.

Raytown South Middle School Vision Statement

We Grow Success Here!

Raytown South Middle School Contact Information

Head Principal.....Dr. Carl Calcara
Assistant PrincipalMr. Anthony Hile
Assistant Principal.....Mr. Joel Corzine
Counselor.....Ms. Shelley Sopha
Counselor.....Ms. Laura Wonderlin-Jones
Media Center.....Ms. Jaime Osborn
Nurse.....Ms. Chesney Dixon

Main Office..... 268-7380
Attendance..... 268-7390
Secretary—Connie Antone..... 268-7380
Finance/Fees 268-7380
Counseling Center/Registrar — Karen Muro.....268-7397
Office Fax Number.....268-7385
Bus Transportation..... 268-7170

School Office Hours.....7:30 am - 3:30 pm
Bus Release/Depart times.....7:40 am - 3:00 pm
Student School Hours.....7:50 am - 2:55 pm
Early Release PD Wednesday.....7:50 am - 1:30 pm
Early Release Half Days.....7:50 am - 11:10 am
School Tips Hotline..... 1-866-748-7047

Admissions Policy JEC & JECA

Persons seeking admission to the district and its instructional programs must satisfactorily meet all legal requirements to be enrolled. In addition, the district requests additional information from parents/guardians so that the district may better serve the student. The district encourages parents/guardians to preregister their children in the spring prior to initial enrollment or register their children prior to the beginning of school so that the district can hire the appropriate staff and adequately prepare for the school year. In accordance with law, students enrolling in the district whose parents/guardians are transferring to Missouri under military orders will be allowed to register remotely without the parent/guardian or student being physically present. Students who are homeless, in foster care or are otherwise entitled to admission will be admitted in accordance with Board policy and law. Raytown C-2 School District does not enroll students who are enrolled in another high school diploma program such as the University of Missouri high school diploma correspondence program. Students who transfer to the district from another district will be placed in accordance with Board policy. For admission into the district, students must reside in the district or otherwise be entitled to enrollment in accordance with law and policy JECA. *If the student and/or parent misrepresent his/her legal residence or enrollment information, the student may be immediately withdrawn from school and may be charged tuition in accordance with Board Policy regarding Admissions-Tuition.*

No student may enroll in Raytown during a suspension or expulsion from another district if it was determined upon attempt to enroll that the student’s conduct would have resulted in suspension or expulsion in this district.



RAYTOWN QUALITY SCHOOLS

2021-2022 Academic Calendar

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Bd. Apprd. 3/8/21

Elem. Grading Periods

Qtr. 1 Aug. 23 - Oct. 21
 Qtr. 2 Oct. 25 - Jan. 14
 Qtr. 3 Jan. 19 - Mar. 18
 Qtr. 4 Mar. 21 - May 27

MS & HS Trister Grading Periods

Oct. 8 - 33 days
 Nov. 23 - 29 days
 Jan. 14 - 27 days
 March 4 - 30 days
 April 22 - 29 days
 May 27 - 25 days

Grade cards are distributed approx. one week after grading periods end.

Graduation Class of 2022

RH: TBD
 SH: TBD
 Location: TBD
 TBD

Baccalaureate

Date: TBD by Graduation Committees

*Missouri State statute requires districts to meet a minimum of 1,044 student hours/year
 *184 Teacher Contract Days

Prof. Dev. Early Release PK-12:

8/25, 9/1, 9/8, 9/15, 9/22, 9/29, 10/6, 10/13, 10/20, 10/27, 11/3, 11/10, 11/17, 12/1, 12/8, 12/15, 1/5, 1/12, 1/19, 1/26, 2/2, 2/9, 2/16, 2/23, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 4/6, 4/13, 4/20, 4/27, 5/4, 5/11, 5/18, 5/25

- First/Last Day of School
- Non-Attendance PK-12
- Prof. Dev. Ear. Release K-12
- Early Dismissal PK-12
- Early Dismissal 9-12
- Built-in Snow Days

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August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May
11-16 New Teacher Orientation 17-20 Teacher Orientation 23 First Day of School K-12 24 First Day of School PK	6 Labor Day – No School 23 No School PK-12 – Teacher Prof. Dev.	22 Teacher Prof. Workday – No School 28-29 No School Oct. 25-28 PK-12 Parent-Teacher Conf. Window	24-26 Thanksgiving Break – No School	22 Early Dismissal PK-12 23-31 Winter Break – No School	3 Winter Break – No School 4 Classes Resume PK-12 17 Martin Luther King Day – No School 18 Teacher Professional Workday – No School	17-18 No School Feb. 14-17 PK-12 Parent-Teacher Conf. Window 21 Presidents' Day – No School	28-31 Spring Break – No School	1 Spring Break – No School 15 Good Friday – No School	26 Early Dismissal 9-12 27 Proj. Last Day of School PK-12 – Early Dismissal 30 Memorial Day – No School

June 1-28, Summer School

 SMS Bell Schedule 21-22 					
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY	FRIDAY
ADVISORY 7:50-8:10 am - 20 min	ADVISORY 7:50-8:10 am - 20 min	ADVISORY 7:50-8:20 am - 30 min		ADVISORY 7:50-8:10 am - 20 min	ADVISORY 7:50-8:10 am - 20 min
PERIOD 1 8:14-9:04 am - 50 min	PERIOD 1 8:14-9:04 am - 50 min	PERIOD 1 8:24-9:01 am - 37 min		PERIOD 1 8:14-9:04 am - 50 min	PERIOD 1 8:14-9:04 am - 50 min
PERIOD 2 9:08-9:58 am - 50 min	PERIOD 2 9:08-9:58 am - 50 min	PERIOD 2 9:05-9:42 am - 37 min		PERIOD 2 9:08-9:58 am - 50 min	PERIOD 2 9:08-9:58 am - 50 min
PERIOD 3 10:02-10:52 am - 50 min	PERIOD 3 10:02-10:52 am - 50 min	PERIOD 3 9:46-10:23 am - 37 min		PERIOD 3 10:02-10:52 am - 50 min	PERIOD 3 10:02-10:52 am - 50 min
PERIOD 4	PERIOD 4	PERIOD 4		PERIOD 4	PERIOD 4
LUNCH 10:56-12:13 - 70 min	LUNCH 10:56-12:13 - 70 min	LUNCH 10:27 - 11:27 - 60 min	LUNCH 10:27 - 11:04 - 37 min	LUNCH 10:56-12:13 - 70 min	LUNCH 10:56-12:13 - 70 min
PERIOD 5 12:17-1:07 pm - 50 min	PERIOD 5 12:17-1:07 pm - 50 min	PERIOD 5 11:31 - 12:08 37 min		PERIOD 5 12:17-1:07 pm - 50 min	PERIOD 5 12:17-1:07 pm - 50 min
PERIOD 6 1:11-2:01 pm - 50 min	PERIOD 6 1:11-2:01 pm - 50 min	PERIOD 6 12:12 - 12:49 - 37 min		PERIOD 6 1:11-2:01 pm - 50 min	PERIOD 6 1:11-2:01 pm - 50 min
PERIOD 7 2:05-2:55 - 50 min	PERIOD 7 2:05-2:55 - 50 min	PERIOD 7 12:53-1:30 - 37 min		PERIOD 7 2:05-2:55 - 50 min	PERIOD 7 2:05-2:55 - 50 min

Advisory Class

All RSMS students are assigned to a grade level Cardinal Advisory teacher. This teacher will serve as a point of contact for parents regarding general school information and overall academic progress. The Advisory class is a type of home room where students will:

1. Meet each morning for daily announcements,
2. Work with their teacher to track and monitor academic progress,
3. Participate in Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) lessons provided by the district,
4. Give input for surveys, events, and other school happenings.

Athletics and Activities

Athletic/Activity Eligibility

Though interscholastic sports are open to 7th and 8th graders, any student may participate in the other school-sponsored club activities. Students who earn more than one academic grade of “F” in any course will be ineligible to participate in athletics/activities/clubs during the following grading period. Students are expected to be in attendance at school the entire day they participate in any school event or athletic contest.

Athletic/Activity Fees

Raytown C-2 students participating on an athletic team will pay a fee of \$53 per year, not to exceed \$106 per family per year. All middle school students participating in clubs will pay a fee of \$26 per year, not to exceed \$52 per family per year. Families who qualify for free or reduced lunch programs will pay extra-curricular fees at 50% of full rate.

Athletic/Activity Attendance and Participation

Attendance at and participation in after-school activities is a privilege. Students may be restricted from activities if they do not follow school rules. The following guidelines apply to all students attending athletic events or activities at SMS.

1. Students must leave school and return no more than 10 minutes before game time.
2. Students who plan to attend a game without a parent or guardian must have a parent signature for that day's game on an event attendance form. Students will not be allowed to call home on game day to obtain permission.
3. Students are expected to watch the game and not loiter. They will not be allowed to reenter once they have left the building or stands.
4. While cheering is encouraged, students should not "boo" or be negative toward the opposing team.
5. Students who attend games must be picked up promptly at the end of the game. Students not picked up within 10 minutes of the scheduled pick up time will lose privileges to attend games for the remainder of the season.
6. Students whose behavior does not adhere to school rules or the above guidelines will lose privileges to attend games.
7. Admission fees will be charged for tournaments, Red/White games, and in-district CMS and RMS games.

Attendance Policy JED, JED-AP1 & JED-AP2

Regular school attendance is a good habit and an essential component for student success. Research shows that the two major reasons students do poorly in school are inconsistent attendance and lack of effort.

If a student will not be at school, parents are to call the Attendance Secretary, Connie Antone (268-7380), on the day the absence occurs, preferably before 9:00 a.m. Accumulations in excess of **ten** (10) "unexcused absences" are routinely reported to juvenile authorities. Parental requests will not always assure the student of an excused absence; excused and unexcused absences will always be determined by school personnel.

A student who knows he/she is going to be absent for personal reasons should submit a written request to the principal from a parent or guardian several days prior to the absence. The student must take the request to each teacher whose class will be missed and then submit it to the attendance office.

Late Arrival & Leaving School for Appointments

A student who arrives at school after 7:50 am must sign in at the front desk where the "time in" and "reason for late arrival" are recorded. If a student signs in between 7:50-8:15, they will be considered tardy. Students who arrive after 8:15 am will be considered unexcused for that time period unless the reason for being absent is excused by the school.

If a student is dismissed before 2:55 P.M., the parent or guardian will be required to sign the student out of the office. This procedure is used to ensure student safety; no child will be allowed to leave unless in the company of a designated, responsible adult. The district will not be responsible for supervising students outside of the stated times. Parents are not to drop off or leave children at the school during unsupervised periods.

Grades

Grading Scale and GPA

RSMS has six (6) grading tristers in a school year. Mid-trister grades serve as a status report on the student's progress for each grading period and will be provided to students in all core classes. The student's counselor can also collect immediate grades if there is a concern during grading periods. Students' trister grades are kept as a running total for each semester and semester grade.

RSMS uses the following standardized grading scale, and grade point average (GPA) is figured on a 4-point scale:

A	95 - 100%	4	C-	70 - 72%	2
A-	90 - 94%	4	D+	67 - 69%	1
B+	87 - 89%	3	D	63 - 66%	1
B	83 - 86%	3	D-	60 - 62%	1
B-	80 - 82%	3	F	59%-Below	0
C+	77 - 79%	2			
C	73 - 76%	2			

GPA = total points divided by # of classes

Grade cards and mid-terms are distributed to students. If you do not receive a grade card each trister and each semester, please call your student's counselor for a grade report.

Honor Roll

The scholastic honor roll is based on GPA.

Principal's Honor Roll.....4.0 GPA (All A's & A-'s)

Academic Honor Roll.....3.0--3.99 GPA

Recognition/Incentives

All students have the opportunity to earn Red or Gray Incentives each Trister. This incentive is for students with a strong academic record and overall positive school behavior. The following qualifications must be met in order to receive the incentives.

Qualifications for Red Cardinal Card:

Must have 3.5 GPA or higher

Two or less tardies

No ISS, OSS

Qualifications for Gray Cardinal Card:

Must have 3.0 – 3.49 GPA

Four or less tardies

No ISS, OSS

Rewards

Various prizes, including Open Gym, Prize Drawings, Front Courtyard Lunch Pass. Student qualifications will be checked periodically by Advisory teachers. If a student falls below incentive qualifications, they may not be eligible for future incentives within the Trister.

Academic and Achievement Recognition

A Recognition Program is held at the end of the school year to formally recognize students who have earned awards for academics, attendance, athletics, community involvement, and other categories. In addition, students who have significantly contributed to the success of the school by their achievements and activity are also recognized and presented awards at this time. Achievements are also acknowledged through publications, bulletin boards, assemblies, class/team celebration parties, and more.

Academic Assignments

Late Work

Students who are present in class but do not turn in assignments due on that day will be allowed to turn that assignment in late for up to two (2) days. On the first day late, the student receives 80% of the credit earned on the assignment. The second day late the student receives 70% of the credit earned on the assignment. Beyond the second day, students can stay for Homework Help to make up the assignment for 60% credit for two weeks after the due date of the assignment. To ensure efficient grading procedures, **no late work will be accepted the last week of each trimester.**

Make-Up Work

Make-up work is available for absences. When a student returns, it is his or her responsibility to request make-up work from each teacher. Students have one day to collect work and one day allotted for each day absent. Teachers will provide the necessary work for students.

The office will collect make-up work for students who are absent for **more** than 3 consecutive days if requested. To request homework collection, parents/guardians should contact the counseling secretary.

If a student is unable to participate in P.E. classes for three days or less, a parent's note of excuse is acceptable. If a student is physically unable to participate in P.E. classes due to medical reasons for more than three days, a doctor's note is required. A student who is unable to participate will be given another assignment in lieu of physical activity.

Bus Transportation

Students receive a copy of bus regulations in their registration packets and are expected to read and observe bus rules. Bus regulations are enforced by school officials to ensure the safety of all riders. If a student does not follow rules, drivers issue a bus discipline referral or "bus conduct" slip with copies to the school principal, the parent, and the district Director of Transportation. These slips could result in school and/or bus suspension. If you have questions regarding the buses or bus procedures, contact the transportation office at 268-7170.

Cafeteria

The cost of student lunches is \$2.25. Lunches may be purchased on a daily or prepaid basis. To prepay, students should take lunch money to the cafeteria before school. The cafeteria utilizes an automated system in which students are given a student ID/ PIN number. Students will need to use the PIN number on all purchases made in the cafeteria whether they have money in their accounts or not.

Hot and cold breakfast options are offered daily in the cafeteria from 7:35–7:48 AM at no cost.

The cafeteria offers a daily "hot lunch" with a limited number of side items such as chips, packaged snack cakes, drinks, and ice cream. Please refer to **Policy ADF-AP1** regarding nutritional standards to be served during school hours. We ask that all food and drink be consumed in the cafeteria.

NOTE: Prices are subject to change with Board approval

Daily menus are provided by our Cafeteria Manager and staff. Parents may check current school menus by checking the district web page at <https://www.raytownschools.org>

Free and reduced lunch applications are available during schedule pick up and are mailed to every student's home. If you did not receive one, you may pick one up at the school office. Please see eligibility guidelines in **Policy EFB**

Unfortunately, the RSMS cafeteria space does not allow for students to move freely around the cafeteria; socializing is limited to the area in which the student's class is assigned seating. Students are supervised by teachers who address individual student questions or needs. Students are expected to take care of their lunch trays and trash before leaving the cafeteria, and they are asked to remain seated until dismissed by an adult. Each class is escorted to and from the cafeteria by the classroom teacher. To ensure that parents/guardians have ample opportunity to resolve situations involving unpaid meal charges, the district will provide timely notification to parents/guardians when account balances run low (when applicable) **Policy EF-AP1**.

Cell Phones and Other Electronic Devices

Phone use is to assist in the instructional process at the direction of the teacher. Phones are not allowed to be used to take pictures or record video or audio during school hours or on the bus unless specifically directed to do so by a teacher or administrator as part of the instructional process.

This includes all personal electronic equipment including, but not limited to cell phones, video/camera phones, tablets, pagers, CD/DVD players, I-pods, MP3 players, video or audio recorders, and video game devices. If the cell phone or other device is observed by a staff member, it will be confiscated and turned into the main office.

-1st offense: Confiscation. Student may pick the device up at the end of the day from the front office.

-2nd offense: Confiscation. Parent/guardian must pick up during office hours.

-3rd offense: Parent/guardian must pick up

-4th offense: Parent must pick up, detention assigned.

-5th offense: Parent must pick up, additional consequences assigned.

-6th offense: Subsequent offenses, parent must pick up, additional consequence assigned.

NOTE: Refusal to turn in device to adult requesting it will result in additional consequences.

Communication/Telephone Calls

If students need to use the phone during the school day, they are to get a pass to the office from a teacher and use the school phone for urgent matters. Telephone messages for students will be delivered only in cases of emergency. Students must have permission and a pass from their current teacher to use the office phone.

School/Classroom Visitors

We encourage and advocate that all parents are involved in the lives of our students. However, classroom visitors can create a disruption to the regular educational environment, so we do ask that classroom visits be kept to a minimum. Custodial parents or legal guardians wishing to visit classrooms need to obtain permission from the administration at least one day in advance. Administration reserves the right to deny visitors to the classrooms. Students are not permitted to bring guests from other schools.

We believe it is our responsibility to provide a safe learning environment for all students. To provide for this type of climate we ask that all parents/legal guardians follow the procedures listed below **Policy JEDB**.

1. The district uses a visitor management system to scan visitors. Visitors are required to produce a scannable photo ID to complete this process. Sign in and out when entering and exiting the building.
Policies KK & KK-AP.
2. Wait to be escorted to and from location.
3. Wear a visitor pass at all times while in the building.
4. Respect classroom instruction.
5. Classroom visits are not for conferencing with the teacher, but rather to observe your student in the classroom setting. We expect you to respect the privacy of other students in the classroom.

****Conferences with individual teachers should be arranged by calling the teacher to schedule an appointment with them. Telephone conferences can be arranged during teacher's plan time.**

Delivering Books/Materials to Students

Items may be delivered to the main office. Students will be called down to pick up the item(s) during passing time. Some deliveries may be delayed until the end of the day due to possible classroom disruptions e.g. balloons, gifts, etc. In addition, some items cannot be taken on the school bus.

Discipline Intervention Model(s)

We expect our students to...

BE SAFE, BE RESPECTFUL, BE RESPONSIBLE

1) Behavior Intervention Support Team (BIST)

The Raytown School district believes that success is possible for all children and that some traditional forms of discipline are not as effective in changing a child's inappropriate behavior. One avenue that has been found to be successful in helping teachers help children is through the use of the BIST model.

A "**safe spot** or **safe seat**" is a designated area in the regular classroom where a student can go to deal with his/her emotions. A child may request to go to a safe spot, or he/she may be asked by an adult to use the safe spot if it becomes evident that he/she is not able to handle the general classroom environment.

The "**buddy room**" is the next level of intervention in the recovery process and is used when removal from a specific classroom environment is necessary. A buddy room is simply another classroom where students can go to re-group and manage their feelings and behaviors. If the buddy room is a full class or unavailable or presents an interruption to instruction, a student may be required to go to recovery instead.

A "**recovery room**" is a non-judgmental place where a child can go to help him/herself stop acting out and to calm down to avoid getting into trouble. While in the recovery area, the student will be responsible for taking ownership of his/her behavior and for developing a plan to avoid similar problems in the future.

When a student has demonstrated a pattern of misbehavior, he/she may be asked to meet with a teacher to "**process**". Processing is an opportunity for the adults to clearly communicate their concerns and observations and for the student to be involved in creating a workable solution to deal with his/her own problem.

It is during processing that "behavior plans" may be created and implemented. A behavior plan generally lists the specific behavior(s) that continue to get the student in trouble and expectations for students, staff and parents to help solve the problem.

2) Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS)

Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports, or PBIS, is a framework for schools to support the success of all students. It is a school-wide and prevention-based way of helping all students to achieve important academic and social goals. We know that when good behavior and good teaching come together, our students will excel in their learning.

Staff will begin to establish several clear rules for the behavior we expect in all areas of our school. We will explicitly teach those expectations to the students and recognize them frequently for appropriate behavior. The expectations for all student behavior will be clear throughout our building.

**PBIS and BIST will work in unison as systems of support for all students. For information about either of these approaches, contact your school's administrator or go to www.pbis.org and www.bist.org.*

Dress Code Guidelines Policy JFCA & JFCA-AP1

PERSONAL APPEARANCE THAT IS DISRUPTIVE TO THE INSTRUCTIONAL PROCESS IS NOT PERMITTED AT RAYTOWN SOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL.

It is our goal to maintain an orderly and pleasant educational environment for everyone, therefore all students are asked to help themselves and their school to maintain a clean, neat, tastefully dressed student body. Whether attire is deemed appropriate or inappropriate will be left to the discretion of the building administration. Violators of the dress code will not be allowed to attend class until they change their clothing and comply with school rules. Students should wear clothing that is appropriate for school and is not distracting, revealing, offensive, uncomfortable or dangerous. Additionally, clothes are to be worn the way they are designed to be worn.

Dress code includes but is not limited to the following:

1. Clothes should not display anything sexual in nature; advertise or promote drugs, alcohol, or tobacco; display violence; suggest put-downs toward any ethnic group or promote any other material deemed harmful, distracting, or offensive.
2. Students may not wear spaghetti straps, halter tops, see-through tops, tube tops, **tank tops** or midriff tops. All undergarments, e.g. bras and bra straps are to be covered. Leggings or spandex tights must be worn with an over-garment such as a skirt or shorts at fingertip length. Students will be asked to change to appropriate dress.
3. Students may not wear low cut or revealing tops or bottoms and all undergarments are to be covered.
4. **Clothing with holes is not appropriate** for the school environment. If holes reveal skin and are present above fingertip length the student may be asked to change.
5. Hems on shorts, skirts, and dresses must extend **beyond the finger tips**. Clothing made of stretchy material that can be pulled down or forced to meet dress code, must meet dress code at all times. If an article of clothing is observed not meeting this policy the student may be asked to change.
6. Pants, shorts, jeans, etc. must be worn so that the waistband is at your waist. **Sagging pants are not permitted.**
7. Students may not wear hoods or other headgear that completely covers the head or disrupts the educational environment. These items must be placed in a locker/out of sight.
8. Coats, overcoats, gloves, hats, sunglasses, hair picks large backpacks, book bags and other outerwear are to be placed in lockers upon arrival to school.
9. Jewelry must not be dangerous, distracting, oversized or promote drugs, alcohol, sex, or tobacco. Watch, wallet, or other chains worn from the waist are not permitted.
10. Students may not wear pajama pants or slippers and may not carry blankets or pillows during school hours.
11. **When students are unable to correct the dress code violation, they may be required to work in Recovery for that day.**

As fashion trends develop, the administration may determine that other styles are not safe or appropriate to be worn at school.

If students violate the dress code policy, they will be asked to change or fix their clothing. Students may be instructed to call home for new clothes if necessary. If the violation cannot be corrected, the student may be assigned recovery for the remainder of the day.

Health Services

The clinic maintains facilities for first aid. Students requiring medical attention must receive a clinic pass from a teacher. Students are not to go to the clinic without notifying their teacher first unless it is an emergency. Should a student be too ill or injured to remain at school, the clinic nurse will contact the parent and make the necessary arrangements to have the child picked up from school. **Students are not to call home and ask for someone to remove them from school on their own.** If a student disagrees with the nurse's decision not to send him/her home, the student may appeal to the principal's office for final determination.

Health Procedures

In accordance with the Missouri Department of Health, no pupil shall attend school while affected with any contagious or infectious disease or while liable to transmit such disease after having been exposed to the same. The school district may require a student suspected of having a disease or of being able to transmit a disease be examined by a physician and to provide a written statement of health before reentering school. Any pupil not complying may be excluded from school.

Students will be sent home for the following:

1. Temperature 100 degrees and over
2. Vomiting and diarrhea
3. Question of a communicable disease
4. Injury which may require medical attention.

Medications

All student medications, including over the counter medications, must be brought to the clinic without exception. No school personnel are permitted to give medication, including aspirin or Tylenol, unless brought to the clinic with a note granting permission for it to be administered. All medication must be brought to school in the original container and clearly labeled with child's name, date, name of doctor, current medication, and current dosage instruction. A "Permission Form for Medication" (JHCD AF-2 is available from the clinic along with detailed policies and procedures regarding all forms of medication). Students who carry medication in their possession will face disciplinary action.

Medical Marijuana and Cannabidiol (CBD) Oil - The district does not permit the possession or administration of marijuana or marijuana-infused products for medicinal purposes on district property or at district events since these products are prohibited under federal law. In accordance with state law, parents/guardians with a valid hemp extract registration card may possess CBD oil on district property for the purpose of administering it to their students who are less than 18 years old for the treatment of epilepsy. Students 18 and older with a valid hemp extract registration card may possess CBD oil on district property for the limited purpose of bringing it to the health office where it will be stored with other medications and administered to the student by the nursing staff for the treatment of epilepsy. Students who have an actual prescription for a medication containing CBD will be permitted to possess and administer the prescription medication in accordance with this policy. When applicable, district staff will administer prescription medication containing CBD in the same manner used to administer other prescription medication.

For information regarding emergency use of epinephrine, naloxone and asthma medication, please see Policy JHCD.

Immunization Requirements

All students must present an immunization record to the school and all immunizations must be up to date before a student will be permitted to attend classes. Homeless children are allowed special consideration in accordance with Federal Legislation. If the district provides information on immunizations, infectious diseases, medications or other school health issues to parents/guardians of K-12 students, the district will also provide parents/guardians of K-12 students influenza and influenza vaccination information that is identical or similar to that produced by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Policy KB-AP1

Insurance

It is the responsibility of parents to carry appropriate insurance on their student to cover accidents/injuries that may occur on school grounds or at school functions. RSMS does not carry any type of insurance on students. Information regarding MO HealthNet for Kids Programs is found in Policy KB-AP1.

Lockers

Each student is issued a locker equipped with a deadbolt lock that has a new combination each school year. Only the teacher and the student know the locker combination. Because of the many problems that can arise, students are not to share their lockers or combinations. Students are required to lock their personal items in their lockers including cell phones and large back packs or tote bags.

Each student is responsible for the use and contents of the locker issued to him/her. The locker is to be kept clean. Lockers are the property of the Raytown School District and under joint control of both the student and the school administration. In the event of an emergency, administrators may conduct periodic locker checks.

Locker Room

Students are not permitted in the locker rooms that are unsupervised by a teacher/coaching staff member. Failure to comply may result in truancy or defiance and be subject to disciplinary action. Students may not possess or use cameras or recording devices in the locker room area.

Lost and Found

Teachers may collect lost and found items, or students may go to the office to turn in or look for a lost item. It is strongly recommended that students label all personal belongings and **leave valuable items at home.**

Media Center

The Media Center offers extensive support services including computers, reference materials on CD Rom, and Internet access. Students may check out three items at a time. Overdue materials are fined five (5) cents per day.

School Closing Due to Inclement Weather or Emergencies

Severe storms, road conditions, or other emergencies, which create safety hazards, may make it necessary to cancel classes and other scheduled school activities. Local TV and radio stations are notified by using the Emergency School Message Center as soon as a decision to cancel classes is made, and patrons are urged to monitor these stations for information. Information is also available on the school district web page and by calling the 24-Hour Message Line, 268-7001. **Please do not call the school. A school reach message will be sent to communicate specific daily information.**

Student Discipline

Tardy Policy

The RSMS tardy policy is designed to develop good decision-making skills for students and to ensure the educational integrity of each class period. During middle school years, students are maturing and making more independent choices that affect their lives. Using and organizing their time wisely is a necessary lifelong skill.

Students are to be seated with proper materials and be ready to learn when the tardy bell sounds.

All students are given one to two weeks to adjust to their class schedules before tardies are counted. The office announces to the student body when the "grace period" for tardies will end. Adjustments are made for late buses and weather related issues.

The consequences for tardiness will include written warning, detention, calls home, individual conference, and ISS after a student has earned an excessive amount of tardies. An assistant principal will meet with the student as they reach increments of 7 to assign additional consequences and consider a hall plan.

A **hall freeze** will be conducted at random. Teachers will shut and lock doors when the tardy bell rings. If a student is in the hall without a pass, he/she is to report immediately to the Recovery Room. The student will be assigned an automatic detention to serve at that time.

In-School Suspension (ISS)

When a student is assigned to ISS by a principal, the ISS interventionist receives notice and collects the student's assignments. The student reports to the ISS room immediately upon arrival at school and is not allowed in the hallways to socialize and/or to go to his/her locker.

While in ISS, students are expected to complete their class assignments, for which they receive full class credit. No talking, socializing, or leaving the room is allowed, except for scheduled necessity breaks. Lunch is eaten in the ISS room, and students may either bring their lunch or order one from the cafeteria.

A student assigned to ISS is to leave the building/ grounds at dismissal and may not attend any school function (home or away games/events) or appear on any Raytown C-2 District premises (i.e. high school programs) during the suspension period unless it adversely impacts his/her grades. Students are expected to serve all assigned days and complete their schoolwork. Students who are removed from ISS will serve the remaining days of ISS as OSS.

With the implementation of BIST, students may now be assigned "Team Focus," in which they serve their suspension with their team teachers in a designated location in a regular classroom. However, the rules of ISS remain in effect, and students are expected to comply as they would in a separate ISS room.

Out of School Suspension (OSS)

A student's right to attend the Raytown C-2 School District carries with it responsibilities to attend school regularly and to comply with district policies, rules, and regulations. Safe and orderly conduct is essential for permitting others to work productively at school. Therefore, the administrative prerogative to remove a student from the school setting shall be permitted because of willful violation of school rules and regulations, willful conduct which materially or substantially disrupts the rights of others to an education, or willful conduct which endangers the student, other students/staff, or the property of the school, provided such action is taken in accordance with due process and with due regard for the welfare of both the individual and the school.

A student may be suspended for conduct which negatively affects good order and discipline in school or impairs the morale or good conduct of students. Notice of suspension shall be given to the student, parent, or guardian and to the superintendent.

Students who are suspended from school are not to be on any C-2 district premises or attend any school function during the period of suspension.

Students on School Grounds (Before/After School) and Neighboring Property

For their own safety, students are not to be dropped off or arrive at school before 7:30 AM. Students are to enter the building when they arrive, and they are not to leave the building without school approval until dismissal at 2:55 P.M. Only students who have particular school business (i.e. tutoring, athletics, detention) are allowed in the building after 3:00 P.M. No loitering is permitted in the building or on school grounds.

Raytown South Middle School is a neighborhood school and we believe in being a good neighbor. No trespassing, loitering, or otherwise disturbing area residents, their property, or pets will be tolerated. RSMS administration and teachers pursue any complaints, including complaints by our students.

Textbooks and Supplies

Some classes issue students textbooks for their individual use at the beginning of the year. Each assigned textbook has a serial number, which is recorded by the teacher. The student is to write his/her name in the space provided in the front of the book. Students are strongly discouraged from "loaning" or "sharing" books with others. If the book is lost or damaged, the student who was assigned the book is responsible for replacement or repair costs.

In other cases, a class set of textbooks is utilized for the duration of the course. Students may have electronic access to the text and login information can be shared with the parents.

A list of required materials needed for the classes at each grade level are included in the enrollment packet. This information is also available on the District Web site. In addition, **teachers share specific information during Open House when they provide a class syllabus.**

Student Responsibilities

Students are expected to abide by a standardized set of behaviors and expectations at Raytown South Middle School.

- ***Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible***
- Students are seated and prepared to work when the bell rings.
- Raise hand before speaking out in class.
- Raise hand before getting out of seat.
- Follow directions the first time given.
- Do your BEST...Be the BEST CARDINAL you can be!



Technology 1 to 1 Program Charges

Research shows that students' access to technology increases engagement and positively impacts student achievement. Teachers will use computer technology for instruction, assignments, projects, research, and assessments.

The District's 1 to 1 computer initiative will provide laptops to students in grades 6-12 for the 2021-2022 school year. 1 to 1 devices will follow students throughout their educational career in Raytown. Students in grades 2-5 will continue to have access to 1 to 1 devices in the classroom. Students in grades K-1 will have access to classroom computer sets.

All participating students and their parents will be expected to sign a Loan Agreement prior to receiving their 1 to 1 device. Parents will sign this agreement as part of online enrollment and students will as part of the back to school process. The full 1 to 1 Handbook, Loan Agreement, and signature page can be found on the District website.

Program Key Points:

- Each student in the 1 to 1 program will be loaned either a Chromebook (middle school) or Windows Laptop (high school), charger, and carrying sleeve upon completed enrollment in the District.
- Devices will be checked out at the beginning of the year and returned at the end of the year or when the student withdraws from the District.
- Students will be responsible for the device loaned to them and take good care of it.
- Students may not alter the appearance of the device, including adding stickers, or other embellishments.
- Students are responsible for all damage to the device as outlined in the Device Repair Charge schedules, which can be found on the District website (<https://www.raytownschools.org/Page/1956>).
- Lost, stolen or non-returned devices will result in a charge of the full replacement value of the device.
- Students are expected to follow all Board policies, procedures, and district handbooks regarding the care and use of the device.
- Students are expected to practice safe and responsible technology use.
- Devices must be charged and brought to school each day.
- The loaned device remains the property of the District and is subject to inspection at any time without notice; there is no expectation of privacy while using District's technology resources.

Student Damage Repair Cost:

Students are responsible for caring for the device checked out to them and for following the Technology Usage Policies and Administrative Procedures (EHB, EHB-AP1). If an accident occurs, additional costs may be incurred as outlined in the Device Damages & Charges schedule on the District website. If the student technology usage fee is NOT paid prior to the damage, all damage will be assessed a charge of 100% of the cost of replacement.

<u>Optional Insurance Cost</u>	<u>Fee Per Student</u>	<u>Family Maximum</u>
Full Pay Lunch	\$21	\$42
Free/Reduced Lunch	\$11	\$22

If student technology optional insurance is purchased, damage costs will be assessed as follows:

<u>Repair Cost</u>	<u>1st Incident</u>	<u>2nd Incident</u>	<u>Additional Incidents</u>	<u>Lost/Stolen Device</u>
Up to \$50	no charge	50% parts cost	100% parts cost	MS: \$224 HS: \$610
Over \$50	up to \$25 deductible	50% parts cost	100% parts cost	MS: \$224 HS: \$610

Acceptable Use: Each year, as part of enrollment, students and parents sign the District's Technology Use Agreement. The Technology Use Policy (EHB), Procedure (EHB-AP1) and Agreement (EHB-AF1 & EHB-AF2) are documents that outline how the District expects students to behave with technology. They define what is deemed acceptable behavior for users of District technology, including the use of loaned devices, online communication, and the Internet. District policy states that "a user does not have a legal expectation of privacy in the user's electronic communications or other activities involving the District's technology resources." In addition, "use of technology resources in a disruptive, inappropriate or illegal manner impairs the District's mission, squanders resources and shall not be tolerated. Therefore, a consistently high level of personal responsibility is expected of all users granted access to the District's technology resources." Technology violations may result in additional discipline in accordance to Board policy JG, Student Discipline and associated policies and administrative procedures.

In particular, these agreements state:

- You are responsible for all media, Internet usage, downloads, file creation, file deletion, file sharing, file storage, and other actions that involve all applications accessed via your assigned device.

- Students are always responsible for their loaned device, including all activity on their device or on other devices using their district log-in.
- Your device is only for creation of, access to, and consumption of school-related and school-appropriate content. Do not access, store, create, consume, or share unauthorized or inappropriate content with your device.
- You are prohibited from taking photos or videos at school without prior approval from a teacher or administrator.
- You must keep your login and password information private.
- You will use safe searching practices and not search for unacceptable content.
- You will only use online resources approved by the District; in addition, you will not fill out any form or sign up for anything online without permission.
- You will use appropriate language in all digital products and communications.
- You will not use your device to bully, harass or intimidate others.
- You will not attempt to avoid or bypass a content filter installed by the District.
- If you identify or know about a security problem, you are expected to convey the details to your teacher without discussing it with other students.
- You will not develop programs to harass others, hack, bring in viruses, or change other individual's files.
- District technology users have no expectation of privacy while using the District's technology resources as outlined in BOE policy EHB, this includes student loaned device.

In addition, students are expected to follow the following expectations for use of district provided devices and accounts at both at home and school:

- The loaned device remains the property of the Raytown Quality Schools and the device is subject to inspection at any time without notice.
- You can only install district approved software or apps.
- You will use appropriate language in all digital products and communities.
- You will follow internet use guidelines as outlined in Board Policy EHB and Administrative Procedure EHB-AP1.
- You will not use pictures with offensive language and/or materials.
- You will not be permitted to install software.
- You will not loan your device or charging cords to other individuals.
- You will follow all directions given by the teacher regarding laptop use.
- Your device is labeled in a manner specific to district defined procedures. Under no circumstances are students to modify, remove or destroy these labels or etchings.
- You will not provide personal information to anyone online without the permission of a teacher/parent/guardian.

Protecting Students at School

Student safety remains a priority with our Online Safety curriculum. As a certified Common Sense Media District, our online safety program is derived from the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) recommended guidelines established through CommonSenseMedia.org. For more information on online safety and resources you can use at home, see the Online Safety resources on the District website.

All student devices will be filtered at home by the same software used in district. As with all content filters, it is important to remember that no filter is foolproof. The District has curriculum for all students that teach online safety. We encourage families to also discuss online safety. The District's technology page has links to online safety and digital citizen resources for parents to use at home.

Board Policy EHB and EHB-AP1 allows for the monitoring of all District technology. As with all devices, the District has the ability to access the activity of any student/device regardless of if the activity is done on the district network.

Laptop Rules & Guidelines

The following are highlights from the Laptop Rules & Guidelines. The complete document can be found on the District website.

- Log in on your device using only district provided account.
- Do not share passwords.
- Carry your device with both hands or in provided sleeve.
- Always set your device on flat surface to use it.
- Keep food and drinks away; don't eat or drink while using your device. Instead, take a study break.
- Never place heavy object on your device or place your device in a backpack with textbooks, this can cause your screen to crack over time.
- Keep your device clean; use the provided cleaning cloth to wipe your screen.
- Charge your device every night; look for the charging light.
- Keep your device away from pets.
- Do not swap or share with another student.
- You are solely responsible for your device, keep it safe at all times.
- You are only allowed to download or install any software or other materials approved by district.
- Do not record video, audio or photos on school property without district permission.
- Do not leave items, such as headphones, inside the laptop when closing.
- Do not leave your device in a car.
- Do not store your device with the lid open.
- Do not remove district asset tags or stickers; this will result in a damage charge.
- You are encouraged to save all your work to Google Drive.

More information on the District 1 to 1 Program, including the 1 to 1 Handbook and District Policies & Procedures, can be found on the District website at <https://www.raytownschools.org/Page/1544>.

STUDENT DISCIPLINE

It is essential that the district maintain a safe school environment and a climate that allows teachers to communicate effectively with all students in the class and allows all students in the class to learn. Discipline will be equitably applied and viewed as a learning opportunity with the ultimate goal of improving behavior, safety and the school climate. The district seeks to minimize the unnecessary exclusion of students from classrooms and school and encourages the superintendent and district staff to exclude students only when necessary to maintain a safe and appropriate learning environment. The superintendent or designee is authorized to contact the district's attorney for advice on the legality of district discipline or the discipline process. The Board encourages the superintendent to recommend changes to Board policy related to student discipline as needed.

Discipline Code

To assist district staff in maintaining the necessary education environment, the Board of Education has created a discipline code that addresses the consequences, for students whose conduct is prejudicial to good order and discipline in the schools or impairs the moral or good conduct of other students. The district's comprehensive written code of conduct includes, but is not limited to, the following policies, procedures and regulations: JG-R1, JGA, JGB, JGD, JGE and JGF and associated procedures. The district's comprehensive written code of conduct will be placed on the district's website, and a copy will be available in the superintendent's office during normal business hours. The code of conduct will be distributed to all students and their parents/guardians at the beginning of each school year which may be accomplished by directing students and parents/guardian to the district's website. These policies, regulations and procedures will apply to all students in attendance in the district's instructional and support programs as well as at district-sponsored activities.

Equity

All district staff are required to enforce district policies, regulations and procedures in a manner that is consistent, developmentally appropriate and equitable. District staff who increase or decrease the consequences for student misconduct based on individual circumstances must document the reasons for the variance. The superintendent or designee will regularly review district discipline data to determine whether district policies are being equitably enforced and, when necessary, make recommendations to the Board for policy changes, training or resources to further the district's goals for providing equitable education to all students.

Discipline for Off-Campus Misconduct

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

1. The district's technology is used.
2. The student's conduct negatively impacts the education environment or there is a nexus to the education environment.
3. The student has been charged with, convicted of, or pled guilty to the commission of a felony in a court of general jurisdiction (not a juvenile court). The Board may suspended such students after a hearing in accordance with law.
4. The student has been indicted on, charged with or convicted of one of the specific crimes listed in § 167.171, RSMo. (see in policy JEC) or a petition has been filed or adjudicated in juvenile court involving one of the specific crimes listed in § 167.171, RSMo. The district shall exclude such students from school or from the general education environment after appropriate due process.
5. The student transfers to the district during a suspension or expulsion from another public school or a private or parochial school, and the district determines that the conduct would have resulted in a suspension or expulsion in this district. The district may honor a student's suspension or expulsion in such cases after providing appropriate due process when necessary.

Immediate Removal

The Board authorizes the immediate removal of a student upon a finding by a principal or superintendent that the student poses a

threat of harm to self or others, as evidenced by the prior conduct of such student. Any such removal will be subject to the appropriate due process procedures and in accordance with law.

Enforcement

Building principals are responsible for the development and enforcement of additional student conduct rules needed to maintain proper behavior in schools under their supervision. All such rules shall be consistent with Board-adopted discipline policies and regulations. Teachers have the authority and responsibility to make and enforce necessary rules for discipline in the classroom, subject to review by the building principal. The Board expects each teacher to maintain a satisfactory standard of conduct in the classroom.

Training

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

Regulation: JG-R1

STUDENT DISCIPLINE

The Student Code of Conduct is designed to foster student responsibility, respect for others, and to provide for the orderly operation of district schools. No code can be expected to list each and every offense that may result in 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 certain disciplinary action. Any conduct not included herein, any aggravated circumstance of any offense, or any 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 extraordinary circumstances where the minimum consequence is judged by the superintendent or designee to be manifestly unfair or not in the interest of the district, the superintendent or designee may reduce the consequences listed in this policy, as allowed by law. This code includes, but is not necessarily limited to, acts of students on school property, including playgrounds, parking lots and district transportation, or at a district activity, whether on or off school district property. The district may also discipline students for off campus conduct that negatively impacts the educational environment, to the extent allowed by law.

Reporting to Law Enforcement

It is the policy of the Raytown C-2 School District to report all crimes occurring on district property to law enforcement, including, but not limited to, the crimes the district is required to report in accordance with law. A list of crimes the district is required to report is included in policy JGF.

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

In addition, the superintendent shall notify the appropriate division of the juvenile or family court upon suspension for more than ten (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.

Conditions of Suspension, Expulsion and Other Disciplinary Consequences

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

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

1. The student is under the direct supervision of the student’s parent, legal guardian, custodian or another adult designated in advance, in writing, to the student’s principal by the student’s parent, legal guardian or custodian, and the superintendent or designee has authorized the student to be on district property.
2. The student is enrolled in and attending an alternative school that is located within 1,000 feet of a public school in the district.
3. The student resides within 1,000 feet of a public school in the district and is on the property of his or her residence.

If a student violates this prohibition in this section, he or she may be suspended or expelled in accordance with the offense, “Failure to Meet Conditions of Suspension, Expulsion or Other Disciplinary Consequences,” listed below.

Academic Consequences

Students who are suspended from school will be expected to complete course work assigned during the term of suspension. Students will receive full credit earned for the work they completed and returned in accordance with district policy JED: Student Absences and Excuses.

Prohibited Conduct

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

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.

First Offense:	No credit for the work, grade reduction, or replacement assignment.
Subsequent Offense:	In-school suspension, no credit for the work, grade reduction, course failure, or removal from extracurricular activities.

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 degree.

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. Knowingly causing or attempting to cause serious bodily injury or death to another person, recklessly causing serious bodily injury to another person, or any other act that constitutes assault in the first or second degree.

First Offense:	10 – 180 days out-of-school suspension or expulsion.
Subsequent 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 – 9 days out-of-school suspension.

Bullying and Cyber bullying (See Board policy JFCF) – Intimidation or harassment of a student or multiple students perpetuated by individuals or groups. Bullying includes, but is not limited to: physical actions, including violence, gestures, theft, or damaging property; oral or written taunts, including name calling, put-downs, extortion, or threats; threats of retaliation for reporting such acts; sending or posting harmful or cruel text or images using the Internet or other digital communication devices; sending or posting materials that threaten or raise concerns about violence against others, suicide or self-harm. Students will not be disciplined for speech in situations where speech is protected by law.

First Offense:	Detention, in-school suspension, or 1 – 180 days out-of-school suspension.
Subsequent Offense:	1 – 180 days out-of-school suspension or expulsion.

Bus or Transportation Misconduct (See Board policy JFCC) – Any offense committed by a student on transportation provided by or through the district shall be punished in the same manner as if the offense had been committed at the student’s assigned school. In addition, transportation privileges may be suspended or revoked.

First Offense:	1 – 5 days of bus suspension.
Subsequent Offense:	6 – 15 days of bus suspension. Restriction of bus privileges.

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

First Offense:	Nullification of forged document. Principal/Student conference, detention, or in-school suspension.
Subsequent Offense:	Nullification of forged document. Detention or in-school suspension.

Disrespectful Speech or Conduct - (See Board policy AC if illegal harassment or discrimination is involved) – Verbal, written, pictorial or symbolic language or gesture that is directed at any person that is in violation of district policy or is otherwise rude, vulgar, defiant, considered inappropriate in educational settings. Students will not be disciplined for speech in situations where it is protected by law.

First Offense:	Principal/Student conference, confiscation, detention, in-school suspension, or 1 – 9 days out-of-school suspension.
Subsequent Offense:	Detention, referral to care team/grade level support team, in-school suspension, 1 – 180 days out-of-schools suspension, or expulsion.

Disruptive Speech or Conduct (See Board policy AC if illegal harassment or discrimination is involved) – Verbal, written, pictorial or symbolic language or gesture that is directed at any person that is in violation of district policy or that materially and substantially disrupts classroom work, school activities or school functions, or that jeopardizes the personal safety of others. Students will not be disciplined for speech in situations where it is protected by law.

First Offense:	Principal/Student conference, confiscation, detention, or in-school suspension.
Subsequent Offense:	Detention, referral to care team/grade level support team, or in-school suspension.

Drugs/Alcohol (See Board policies JFCH and JHCD)

1. Possession, sale, purchase or distribution of any over-the-counter drug, herbal preparation or imitation drug or herbal preparation.

First Offense:	Principal/Student conference, confiscation, detention, in-school suspension, or 1 – 9 days out-of-school suspension.
Subsequent Offense:	In-school suspension, 1 – 180 days out-of-school suspension or expulsion.

2. Possession of or attendance while under the influence of or soon after consuming any unauthorized prescription drug, alcohol, narcotic substance, unauthorized inhalants, counterfeit drugs, imitation controlled substances or drug-related paraphernalia, including controlled substances and illegal drugs defined as substances identified under schedules I, II, III, IV or V in section 202(c) of the Controlled Substances Act.

First Offense:	Exclusion from school activities, in-school suspension or 1 – 180 days out-of-school suspension.
Subsequent Offense:	1 – 180 days out-of-school suspension or expulsion.

3. Sale, purchase or distribution of any prescription drug, alcohol, narcotic substance, unauthorized inhalants, counterfeit drugs, imitation controlled substances or drug-related paraphernalia, including controlled substances and illegal drugs defined as substances identified under schedules I, II, III, IV or V in section 202(c) of the Controlled Substances Act.

First Offense:	Exclusion from school activities, in-school suspension or 1 – 180 days out-of-school suspension or expulsion.
Subsequent Offense:	1 – 180 days 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 – 9 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. Restricted privileges, Principal/Student conference, detention, or in-school suspension.
Subsequent Offense:	Restitution. Detention or in-school suspension.

Failure to Meet Conditions of Suspension, Expulsion or Other Disciplinary Consequences – 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, “Consequences of Suspension, Expulsion and Other Disciplinary Consequences.” As required by law, when the district considers suspending a student for an additional period of time or expelling a student for being on or within 1,000 feet of 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 disciplinary policy.

First Offense:	Verbal warning, loss of privileges, 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 (See also “Threats or Verbal Assault”) – Tampering with emergency equipment, setting off false alarms, making false reports; communicating a threat or false report for the purpose of frightening or disturbing people, disrupting the educational environment or causing the evacuation or closure of district 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 (See also, “Assault”) – 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.
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Subsequent Offense:	In-school suspension, 1 – 180 days out-of-school suspension, or expulsion.
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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 outcome of activities, assignments, contest and games.

First Offense:	Principal/Student conference, loss of privileges, detention, or in-school suspension.
Subsequent Offense:	Principal/Student conference, loss of privileges, referral to care team/grade level support team, detention, or in-school suspension.

Harassment, including Sexual Harassment (See Board policy AC)

1. Use of material of a sexual nature or unwelcome verbal, written or symbolic language based on gender, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, disability or any other characteristic protected by law. Examples of illegal harassment include, but are not limited to, racial jokes or comments; requests for sexual favors and other unwelcome sexual advances; graffiti; name calling; or threatening, intimidating or hostile acts based on a protected characteristic.

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 of a sexual nature or that is based on gender, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, disability or any other characteristic protected by law. Examples include, but are not limited to, touching or fondling the genital areas, breasts or undergarments, regardless of whether touching occurred through or under clothing; pushing or fighting based on protected characteristics.

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.

Hazing (See Board policy JFCF) – 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:	Loss of privileges, in-school suspension or 1 – 180 days out-of-school suspension.
Subsequent Offense:	1 – 180 days out-of-school suspension or expulsion.

Incendiary Devices or Fireworks – Possessing, displaying or using matches, lighters or other devices use 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, in-school suspension, or 1 – 10 days out-of-school suspension.
Subsequent Offense:	Confiscation. Principal/Student conference, detention, in-school suspension, or 1 – 10 days 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:	Confiscation. Warning, Principal/Student conference, detention, or in-school suspension.
Subsequent Offense:	Confiscation. Principal/Student conference, detention, or in-school suspension.

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

First Offense:	Principal/Student conference, detention, or in-school suspension.
Subsequent Offense:	Detention or in-school suspension.

Sexting and/or Possession of 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. Report to appropriate authorities. Principal/Student conference, detention, referral to care team/grade level support team, or in-school suspension.
Subsequent Offense:	Confiscation. Report to appropriate authorities. Detention, referral to care team/grade level support team, in-school suspension, or 1 – 180 days out-of-school suspension, or expulsion.

Sexual Activity – Acts of sex or simulated acts of sex including, but not limited to, intercourse or oral or manual stimulation.

First Offense:	Report to appropriate authorities. Principal/Student conference, loss of privileges, detention, referral to care team/grade level support team, in-school suspension, or 1 – 180 days out-of-school suspension.
Subsequent Offense:	Report to appropriate authorities. Loss of privileges, detention, referral to care team/grade level support team, in-school suspension, 1 – 180 days out-of-school suspension, or expulsion.

Technology Misconduct (See Board policies EHB and KKB and procedure EHB-AP)

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, in-school suspension, or 1 – 180 days out-of-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, phones, personal digital assistants, personal laptops or any other personal electronic devices during the regular school day, including instructional class time, unless it is part of the instructional program, required by a district-sponsored class or activity, or otherwise permitted by the building principal.

First Offense:	Confiscation. Principal/Student conference, detention, or in-school suspension.
Subsequent Offense:	Confiscation. Principal/Student conference, detention, or in-school suspension.

3. Violations, other than those listed in (1) or (2) above, of Board policy EHB, procedure EHB-AP 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 – 9 days out-of-school suspension.

4. Use of audio or visual recording equipment in violation of Board policy KKB. Using video or audio equipment on district property or at district activities except: if required by a district-sponsored class or activity; at performances or activities to which the general public is invited such as athletic competitions, concerts and plays; at open meetings of the Board of Education or committees appointed by or at the direction of the Board; or as otherwise permitted by the principal.

First Offense:	Confiscation. Principal/Student conference, detention, in-school suspension, or 1 – 10 days out-of-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, or other nicotine-delivery products on district property, district transportation or at any district activity. Nicotine patches or other medications used in a tobacco cessation program may only be possessed 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 – 9 days out-of-school suspension.

2. Use of any tobacco products, electronic cigarettes, or other nicotine-delivery products on district property, district transportation or at any district activity. Nicotine patches or other medications used in a tobacco cessation program may only be used 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 – 9 days out-of-school suspension.

Truancy or Tardiness (See Board policy JED and procedures JED-AP1 and JED-AP2) – 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 for 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 – 9 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.

Vandalism (See Board policy ECA) – Willful damage or the attempt to cause damage to real or personal property belonging to the district, 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 (See Board policy JFCJ)

- 1. Possession or use of any weapons 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 or 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.

POLICY: JGA

CORPORAL PUNISHMENT

For the purposes of this policy, corporal punishment is the use of physical force as a method of correcting student behavior. No person employed by or volunteering on behalf of the Raytown C-2 School District shall administer corporal punishment or cause corporal punishment to be administered upon a student attending district schools.

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

POLICY: JGB

DETENTION AND/OR IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSION OF STUDENTS

The provisions of detention or an in-school suspension program for student violations of policies, rules and procedures shall provide principals with an additional alternative for dealing with disciplinary problems that occur in the schools. When this alternative is appropriate, students will be assigned to serve a specified time period in the in-school suspension program. These assignments, and the determination of the time period for them, shall be determined by the principal, or his or her designee.

POLICY: JGD

STUDENT SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION

The following procedures apply to all students. However, additional procedures for discipline for students with disabilities are sometimes required, as discussed in policy JGE, Discipline of Students with Disabilities.

The Board of Education believes that the right of a child to attend free public schools carries with it the responsibility of the child to attend school regularly and to comply with the lawful policies, rules and procedures of the school district. This observance of school policies, rules and procedures is essential for permitting others to learn at school.

Therefore, the administration may exclude a student from school because of the violation of school rules and procedures, conduct which materially or substantially disrupts the rights of others to an education, or conduct which endangers the student, other students or the property of the school. Furthermore, if a student poses a threat to self or others, as evidenced by the prior conduct of such student, the administration may immediately remove the student from school. Such actions will be taken in accordance with due process and with due regard for the welfare of both the student and the school.

The terms "suspension" and "removal" refer to an exclusion from school that will not exceed a specific period of time and shall be subject to the due process procedures set forth for "suspension" in this policy. The term "expulsion" refers to exclusion for an indefinite period.

The district may honor suspensions and expulsions from another in-state or out-of-state school district including a private, charter or parochial school or school district pursuant to law and policy JEC, Student Admissions. Before making any decision to honor such suspensions or expulsions, the superintendent or designee will consider whether the student has received the due process required by law.

Suspensions

In Missouri, a principal may suspend a student for up to ten (10) school days. A superintendent may suspend a student for up to 180 school days. Procedures for suspending a student are outlined below.

1. Before suspending a student, a principal or superintendent must (a) tell the student, either orally or in writing, what misconduct he or she is accused of; (b) if the student denies the accusation, explain, either orally or in writing, the facts that form the basis of the proposed suspension; and (c) give the student the opportunity to present his or her version of the incident.
2. If the principal or superintendent concludes that the student has engaged in misconduct punishable by suspension, the procedures described below apply. If the student has a disability as defined in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) as amended or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, additional procedural safeguards described in the policy dealing with the discipline of students with disabilities apply.
3. The principal or superintendent should determine whether the student should be suspended or whether less drastic alternative measures would be appropriate. In many cases, the principal or superintendent may decide not to suspend a student unless conferences (between the teacher, student and principal and/or between the parent, student and principal) have been held and have failed to change the student's behavior.
4. If suspension is imposed, the student's parents or guardians must be promptly notified of the suspension and the reasons for the action.
5. Any suspension by the principal must be reported, immediately and in writing, to the superintendent, who may revoke the suspension, either part or in full, at any time.
6. If a student is suspended for more than ten (10) school days, the following rules also apply:
 - a. The student, his or her parents, guardians or others having custodial care have a right to appeal the superintendent's decision to the Board or a committee of the Board appointed by the Board president.
 - b. If the student gives notice that he or she wishes to appeal the suspension to the Board, the suspension shall be stayed until the Board renders its decision, unless in the superintendent's judgment, the student's presence poses a continuing danger to persons or property or an ongoing threat of disrupting the academic process.
 - c. All notices of appeal shall be transmitted, either by the appealing party or by the superintendent, to the secretary of the Board. Oral notices, if made to the superintendent, shall be reduced to writing and communicated to the secretary of the Board.
 - d. The superintendent, when notified of an appeal, shall promptly transmit to the Board a full written report of the facts relating to the suspension, the action taken by the superintendent, and the reasons for the action.
 - e. Upon receipt of a notice of appeal, the Board will schedule a hearing and within a reasonable time in advance of the scheduled date, will notify, by certified mail, the appealing party of the date, time and place of the hearing and of the right to counsel, to call witnesses, and to present evidence at the hearing.
 - f. Hearings of appealed suspensions will be conducted as described in the section of this policy dealing with student disciplinary hearings.

Suspensions For More Than 180 School Days and Expulsions

Only the Board may expel a student or suspend a student for more than 180 school days. The applicable procedures are outlined below.

1. Before recommending to the Board that a student be expelled or suspended for more than 180 school days, the superintendent must (a) tell the student, either orally or in writing, what misconduct he or she is accused of; (b) if the student denies the accusation, explain, either orally or in writing, the facts that form the basis of the proposed suspension/expulsion; and (c) give the student an opportunity to present his or her version of the incident.
2. If the superintendent concludes that the student has engaged in misconduct and should be expelled or suspended for more than 180 school days, the procedures described below apply unless the student has a disability. (In the case of a student with a disability, the procedures described in the policy dealing with the discipline of students with disabilities shall apply.)
 - a. The superintendent will recommend to the Board that the student be expelled or suspended for more than 180 school days. The superintendent may also immediately suspend the student for up to 180 school days.
 - b. Upon receipt of the superintendent's recommendation, the Board will follow the procedures described in the section of this policy dealing with student disciplinary hearings.
3. If the student is expelled, he or she may later apply to the Board for readmission. Only the board can readmit an expelled student.

POLICY: JGF

DISCIPLINE REPORTING AND RECORDS

In compliance with state law, the Board of Education establishes clear channels of communication between teachers, administrators, law enforcement officials and other schools concerning acts of school violence and other behaviors that endanger the welfare or safety of students, staff or patrons of the district. The purpose of this policy is to designate specific actions committed by students that must be reported to teachers, administrators and/or law enforcement officials as well as those actions that must be documented in a student's discipline record.

Definitions The following definitions and terms apply to this policy:

Act of School Violence/Violent Behavior – The exertion of physical force by a student with the intent to do serious physical injury to another person while on school property, including while on school transportation in service on behalf of the district or while involved in school activities.

Need to Know – Relates to school personnel who are directly responsible for the student's education or who otherwise interact with the student on a professional basis while acting within the scope of their assigned duties.

School or District Property – Property utilized, supervised, owned, rented, leased or controlled by the school district including, but not limited to, school playgrounds, parking lots, school transportation and any property on which any school activity takes place.

Serious Physical Injury – Physical injury that creates a substantial risk of death or that causes serious disfigurement or protracted loss or impairment of any part of the body.

Serious Violation of District's Discipline Policy – One or more of the following acts if committed by a student enrolled in the district:

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

Reporting to School Staff School administrators shall report acts of school violence to all teachers at the attendance areas in which the involved students are educated and to other school district employees with a need to know the information to adequately supervise the students and to protect themselves or others. In addition, any portion of a student's individualized education program (IEP) that is related to demonstrated or potentially violent behavior shall be provided to any teachers and other district employees with a need to know the information.

The superintendent or designee will inform district employees with a need to know of any criminal act committed or allegedly committed by a student in the district that is reported to the district by a juvenile officer or an employee of the Children's Division (CD) of the Department of Social Services, sheriff, chief of police or other appropriate law enforcement entity in accordance with state law. Such reports shall not be used as the sole basis for denying educational services to a student.

Reporting to Law Enforcement Officials School administrators are required by law to report certain crimes to law enforcement. In an effort to support timely and accurate reporting, the Board encourages all employees who have information about any criminal act to share that information with their supervisors. The Board expects employees to share information regarding serious criminal acts, and employees must report criminal acts when required by law and Board policy.

Any crime listed in this section, or any act that if committed by an adult would be a crime listed in this section, that is committed on school property, on any school transportation or at any school activity must be reported immediately by the appropriate school administrator to the appropriate law enforcement entity. The following criminal acts are subject to this reporting requirement:

1. First- or second-degree murder under §§ 565.020, .021, RSMo.
2. Voluntary manslaughter under § 565.023, RSMo.
3. Involuntary manslaughter in the first or second degree under §§ 565.024, .027, RSMo.
4. First- or second-degree kidnapping under §§ 565.110, .120, RSMo.
5. First-, second- or third-degree assault under §§ 565.050, .052, .054, RSMo.*
6. Rape in the first or second degree under §§ 566.030, .031, RSMo.
7. Sodomy in the first or second degree under §§ 566.060, .061, RSMo.
8. Burglary in the first or second degree under §§ 569.160, .170, RSMo.
9. Robbery in the first degree under § 570.023, RSMo.
10. Possession of a weapon under chapter 571, RSMo., 18 U.S.C. § 921
11. Manufacture of a controlled substance under § 579.055, RSMo.
12. Delivery of a controlled substance under § 579.020, RSMo.
13. Arson in the first degree under § 569.040, RSMo.
14. Property damage in the first degree under § 569.100, RSMo.
15. First-, second- or third-degree child molestation under §§ 566.067, .068, .069, RSMo.
16. Sexual misconduct involving a child pursuant to § 566.083, RSMo.
17. Sexual abuse in the first degree pursuant to § 566.100, RSMo.

18. First-degree harassment under § 565.090, RSMo.

19. First-degree stalking under § 565.225, RSMo.

* Immediate reporting of third-degree assault under § 565.054, RSMo., may not be required if an agreement with law enforcement exists.

If the district is aware that a student who is suspended for more than ten days or expelled is under court jurisdiction, the superintendent shall notify the appropriate division of the juvenile or family court of the suspension or expulsion.

All employees shall immediately report to the principal any incident that constitutes a crime, including any incident in which a person is believed to have committed an act that if committed by an adult would be first-, second- or third-degree assault, rape in the second degree or sodomy in the second degree against a student or school employee, while on school property, school transportation or at school activities. Employees shall also inform the principal if a student is discovered to possess a controlled substance or weapon in violation of the district's policy. The principal shall immediately report these listed offenses to the appropriate law enforcement entity and the superintendent. However, if the district has entered into an agreement with law enforcement regarding the reporting of third-degree assaults, the district will report third-degree assaults to law enforcement in accordance with that agreement.

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

Reporting Third-Degree Assault The superintendent and the appropriate local law enforcement entity may develop a written agreement outlining the procedure for reporting any incident in which a student is believed to have committed an act that if committed by an adult would be third-degree assault. If such an agreement exists in the district, the principal shall report third-degree assaults to the appropriate local law enforcement entity in accordance with the agreement.

Student Discipline Records The Board of Education directs the superintendent or designee to compile and maintain records of any serious violation of the district's discipline policy for each student enrolled in the district. Such records shall be made available to all district employees with a need to know and shall be provided to any school district in which the student subsequently attempts to enroll within five business days of receiving the request, in accordance with state law. If a student is placed in another school by the CD, the records will be transferred to the new school within two business days after notification by the CD. Personally identifiable student records will only be released or destroyed in accordance with state and federal law.

Pursuant to Department of Secondary and Elementary Education (DESE) data reporting requirements, the district shall report rates and durations of, and reasons for, student suspensions of ten days or longer and expulsions.

Confidentiality Any information received by a school district employee relating to the conduct of a student shall be received in confidence and used for the limited purpose of assuring that good order and discipline are maintained in the schools.

Liability Teachers and authorized district personnel, including volunteers selected with reasonable care by the district, shall not be civilly liable when acting in accordance with the Board's policies, including the Board's discipline policies, or when reporting acts of school violence or threatened acts of school violence to the appropriate supervisor or other person, pursuant to law and district policy.

STUDENT ALCOHOL/DRUG ABUSE

The Raytown C-2 School District is concerned with the health, welfare and safety of its students. Therefore, use, sale, transfer, distribution, possession or being under the influence of unauthorized prescription drugs, alcohol, narcotic substances, unauthorized inhalants, controlled substances, illegal drugs, counterfeit substances and imitation controlled substances is prohibited on any district property, in any district-owned vehicle or in any other district-approved vehicle used to transport students to and from school or district activities. This prohibition also applies to any district-sponsored or district-approved activity, event or function, such as a field trip or athletic event, where students are under the supervision of the school district. The use, sale, transfer or possession of drug-related paraphernalia is also prohibited.

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

Students may only be in possession of medication as detailed in Board policy JHCD. Searches of persons reasonably suspected to be in violation of this policy will be conducted in accordance with Board policy.

Any student who is found by the administration to be in violation of this policy shall be referred for prosecution and subject to disciplinary action up to and including suspension, expulsion or other discipline in accordance with the district's discipline policy. Strict compliance is mandatory. The school principal shall immediately report all incidents involving a controlled substance to the appropriate local law enforcement agency and the superintendent. All controlled substances shall be turned over to local law enforcement.

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

WEAPONS IN SCHOOL

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:

1. A firearm as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 921.
2. 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.
3. A dangerous weapon as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 930(g)(2).

4. All knives and any other instrument or device used or designed to be used to threaten or assault, whether for attack or defense.
5. Any object designed to look like or imitate a device as described in 1-4.

Pursuant to the Missouri Safe Schools Act and the federal Gun-Free Schools Act of 1994, any student who brings or possesses a weapon as defined in #1 or #2 above on school property will be suspended from school for at least one (1) calendar year or expelled and will be referred to the appropriate legal authorities. The suspension or expulsion may be modified on a case-by-case basis upon recommendation by the superintendent to the Board of Education. Students who bring or possess weapons as defined in #3, #4 and #5 and not otherwise included in #1 and #2, will also be subject to suspension and/or expulsion from school and may be referred to the appropriate legal authorities.

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

Policy JFCF: Bullying - In order to promote a safe learning environment for all students, the Raytown C-2 School District prohibits all forms of bullying. The district also prohibits reprisal or retaliation against any person who reports an act of bullying among or against students.

Definitions Bullying – In accordance with state law, bullying is defined as intimidation, unwanted aggressive behavior, or harassment that is repetitive or is substantially likely to be repeated and causes a reasonable student to fear for his or her physical safety or property; that substantially interferes with the educational performance, opportunities or benefits of any student without exception; or that substantially disrupts the orderly operation of the school. Bullying includes, but is not limited to: physical actions, including violence, gestures, theft, or property damage; oral, written, or electronic communication, including name-calling, put-downs, extortion, or threats; or threats of reprisal or retaliation for reporting such acts. *Cyberbullying* – A form of bullying committed by transmission of a communication including, but not limited to, a message, text, sound or image by means of an electronic device including, but not limited to, a telephone, wireless telephone or other wireless communication device, computer or pager. The district has jurisdiction over cyberbullying that uses the district's technology resources or that originates on district property, at a district activity or on district transportation. Even when cyberbullying does not involve district property, activities or technology resources, the district will impose consequences and discipline for those who engage in cyberbullying if there is a sufficient nexus to the educational environment, the behavior materially and substantially disrupts the educational environment, the communication involves a threat as defined by law, or the district is otherwise allowed by law to address the behavior. *School Day* – A day on the school calendar when students are required to attend school.

Designated Officials The principal of each building is hereby designated as the individual to receive and investigate reports of bullying. Each building principal shall designate at least two teachers or administrators in the building who are authorized to receive and investigate reports of bullying in the principal's absence or at the principal's discretion. The district compliance officer appointed in policy AC will serve as the districtwide antibullying coordinator. The antibullying coordinator will receive all completed investigative reports from all buildings and analyze the reports to identify any information that would inform the district's antidiscrimination and antibullying education and training programs. In addition, the antibullying coordinator will assist in making any relevant reports as required by state and federal law.

Reporting Bullying School employees, substitutes or volunteers are expected to intervene to prevent student bullying, appropriately discipline the perpetrator, assist the victim and report the incident to the building principal or designee for further investigation and action. Any school employee, substitute or volunteer who witnesses or has firsthand knowledge of bullying of a student must report the incident to the building principal or designee as soon as possible, but no later than two school days after the incident. Students who have been subjected to bullying, or who have witnessed or have knowledge of bullying, are encouraged to promptly report such incidents to a school employee. Any school employee receiving such a report shall promptly transmit the report to the building principal or designee. If the bullying incident involves students from more than one district building, the report should be made to the principal or designee of the building in which the incident took place or, if more appropriate, to the principal or designee of the building attended by the majority of the participants in the incident.

Investigation Within two school days of receiving a report of bullying, the principal or designee will initiate an investigation of the incident. Reports that involve students from multiple buildings will be investigated cooperatively by the principals of each building involved, or those principals may request that the district's compliance officer designated in policy AC conduct the investigation. If at any time during the investigation the principal determines that the bullying involves illegal discrimination, harassment or retaliation as described in policy AC, the principal will report the incident to the compliance officer designated in that policy, who will assist in the investigation. If the alleged bullying involves a special education student or a student with disabilities, the principal will also notify the special education director. The investigation shall be completed within ten school days of the date the report of bullying was received unless good cause exists to extend the investigation. Upon completion of the investigation, the principal will decide whether bullying or harassment occurred and, if so, whether additional discipline is warranted in accordance with the district's student discipline code. The principal will generate a written report of the investigation and findings and send a copy of the completed report to the district's antibullying coordinator. The principal or designee will document the report in the files of the victim and the alleged or actual perpetrator of bullying. All reports will be kept confidential in accordance with state and federal law. If the incident involved allegations of illegal discrimination or harassment, the principal's decision may be appealed in accordance with policy AC. Student discipline may be appealed when allowed by law in accordance with Board policy. The principal or other appropriate district staff will work with victims and their families to access resources and services to help them deal with any negative effects that resulted from the incident.

Consequences Students who participate in bullying or who retaliate against anyone who reports bullying will be disciplined in accordance with the district's discipline code. Such discipline may include detention, in-school suspension, out-of-school suspension, expulsion, removal from participation in activities, exclusion from honors and awards, and other consequences deemed appropriate by the principal or superintendent. The district will also contact law enforcement when required by law or notify social media companies of inappropriate online activity when appropriate. Even in situations where the district does not have jurisdiction to discipline a student for bullying, such as when the acts take place off campus and there is an insufficient nexus to the district, the principal or designee will take appropriate actions to assist student victims. Such actions may include, but are not limited to, contacting the parents/guardians of the victim and the alleged perpetrators, communicating that this behavior is not allowed on district grounds or at district activities, notifying the appropriate district staff to assist the victim, and taking additional action when appropriate, such as notifying law enforcement or social media companies of inappropriate online activity. District employees and substitutes who violate this policy will be disciplined or terminated. Discipline may include suspension with or without pay, a negative evaluation, prohibition from being on district property or at district activities, mandated training or other appropriate remedial action. Volunteers who violate this policy will no longer be permitted to volunteer.

Policy Publication The district shall annually notify students, parents/guardians, district employees, substitutes and volunteers about this policy and the district's prohibition against bullying. A copy of this policy shall be included in student handbooks and posted on the district's website.

Training and Education The district's antibullying coordinator will provide information and appropriate training designed to assist employees, substitutes and volunteers who have significant contact with students in identifying, preventing and responding to incidents of bullying. The district will provide education and information about bullying and this policy to students every year. The principal of each school, in consultation with school counselors and other appropriate school employees, will determine the best methods for facilitating the discussion. Methods may include, but are not limited to: assemblies; homeroom presentations; class meetings; team or club meetings; special presentations by counselors, social workers or mental health professionals; and open-house events. When practical, parents/guardians will be invited to attend. In addition to educating students about the content of this policy, the district will inform students of:

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

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

1. Cultivating the student's self-worth and self-esteem.

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

Additional School Programs and Resources

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

POLICY: EHB

TECHNOLOGY USAGE

The Raytown C-2 School District's technology exists for the purpose of enhancing the educational opportunities and achievement of district students. Research shows that students who have access to technology improve achievement. In addition, technology assists with the professional enrichment of the staff and increases engagement of students' families and other patrons of the district, all of which positively impact student achievement. The district will periodically conduct a technology census to ensure that instructional resources and equipment that support and extend the curriculum are readily available to teachers and students.

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

Definitions

For the purposes of this policy and related procedures and forms, the following terms are defined:

Technology Resources – Technologies, devices and services used to access, process, store or communicate information. This definition includes, but is not limited to: computers; modems; printers; scanners; fax machines and transmissions; telephonic equipment; mobile phones; audio-visual equipment; Internet; electronic mail (e-mail); electronic communications devices and services, including wireless access; multi-media resources; hardware; and software. Technology resources may include technologies, devices and services provided to the district by a third party.

User – Any person who is permitted by the district to utilize any portion of the district's technology resources including, but not limited to, students, employees, School Board members and agents of the school district.

User Identification (ID) – Any identifier that would allow a user access to the district's technology resources or to any program including, but not limited to, e-mail and Internet access.

Password – A unique word, phrase or combination of alphabetic, numeric and non-alphanumeric characters used to authenticate a user ID as belonging to a user.

Authorized Users The district's technology resources may be used by authorized students, employees, School Board members and other persons approved by the superintendent or designee, such as consultants, legal counsel and independent contractors. All users must agree to follow the district's policies and procedures and sign or electronically consent to the district's User Agreement prior to accessing or using district technology resources, unless excused by the superintendent or designee.

Use of the district's technology resources is a privilege, not a right. No potential user will be given an ID, password or other access to district technology if he or she is considered a security risk by the superintendent or designee.

User Privacy A user does not have a legal expectation of privacy in the user's electronic communications or other activities involving the district's technology resources including, but not limited to, voice mail, telecommunications, e-mail and access to the Internet or network drives. By using the district's network and technology resources, all users are consenting to having their electronic communications and all other use monitored by the district. A user ID with e-mail access will only be provided to authorized users on condition that the user consents to interception of or access to all communications accessed, sent, received or stored using district technology.

Electronic communications, downloaded material and all data stored on the district's technology resources, including files deleted from a user's account, may be intercepted, accessed, monitored or searched by district administrators or their designees at any time in the regular course of business. Such access may include, but is not limited to, verifying that users are complying with district policies and rules and investigating potential misconduct. Any such search, access or interception shall comply with all applicable laws. Users are required to return district technology resources to the district upon demand including, but not limited to, mobile phones, laptops and tablets.

Technology Administration The Board directs the superintendent or designee to assign trained personnel to maintain the district's technology in a manner that will protect the district from liability and will protect confidential student and employee information retained on or accessible through district technology resources.

Administrators of district technology resources may suspend access to and/or availability of the district's technology resources to diagnose and investigate network problems or potential violations of the law or district policies and procedures. All district technology resources are considered district property. The district may remove, change or exchange hardware or other technology between buildings, classrooms or users at any time without prior notice. Authorized district personnel may install or remove programs or information, install equipment, upgrade any system or enter any system at any time.

Content Filtering and Monitoring The district will monitor the online activities of minors and operate a technology protection measure ("content filter") on the network and all district technology with Internet access, as required by law. In accordance with law, the content filter will be used to protect against access to visual depictions that are obscene or harmful to minors or are child pornography. Content filters are not foolproof, and the district cannot guarantee that users will never be able to access offensive materials using district equipment. Evading or disabling, or attempting to evade or disable, a content filter installed by the district is prohibited.

The superintendent, designee or the district's technology administrator may fully or partially disable the district's content filter to enable access for an adult for bona fide research or other lawful purposes. In making decisions to fully or partially disable the district's content filter, the administrator shall consider whether the use will serve a legitimate educational purpose or otherwise benefit the district.

The superintendent or designee will create a procedure that allows students, employees or other users to request that the district review or adjust the content filter to allow access to a website or specific content.

Online Safety, Security and Confidentiality In addition to the use of a content filter, the district will take measures to prevent minors from using district technology to access inappropriate matter or materials harmful to minors on the Internet. Such measures shall include, but are not limited to, supervising and monitoring student technology use, careful planning when using technology in the curriculum, and instruction on appropriate materials. The superintendent, designee and/or the district's technology administrator will develop procedures to provide users guidance on which materials and uses are inappropriate, including network etiquette guidelines.

All minor students will be instructed on safety and security issues, including instruction on the dangers of sharing personal information about themselves or others when using e-mail, social media, chat rooms or other forms of direct electronic communication. Instruction will also address cyberbullying awareness and response and appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms.

This instruction will occur in the district's computer courses, courses in which students are introduced to the computer and the Internet, or courses that use the Internet in instruction. Students are required to follow all district rules when using district technology resources and are prohibited from sharing personal information online unless authorized by the district.

All district employees must abide by state and federal law and Board policies and procedures when using district technology resources to communicate information about personally identifiable students to prevent unlawful disclosure of student information or records.

All users are prohibited from using district technology to gain unauthorized access to a technology system or information; 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 technology; secure a higher level of privilege without authorization; introduce computer viruses, hacking tools, or other disruptive/destructive programs onto district technology; or evade or disable a content filter.

Closed Forum The district's technology resources are not a public forum for expression of any kind and are to be considered a closed forum to the extent allowed by law. The district's webpage will provide information about the school district, but will not be used as an open forum.

All expressive activities involving district technology resources that students, parents/guardians and members of the public might reasonably perceive to bear the imprimatur of the district and that are designed to impart particular knowledge or skills to student participants and audiences are considered curricular publications. All curricular publications are subject to reasonable prior restraint, editing and deletion on behalf of the school district for legitimate pedagogical reasons. All other expressive activities involving the district's technology are subject to reasonable prior restraint and subject matter restrictions as allowed by law and Board policies.

Inventory and Disposal The district will regularly inventory all district technology resources in accordance with the district's policies on inventory management. Technology resources that are no longer needed will be disposed of in accordance with law and district policies and procedures related to disposal of surplus property.

Violations of Technology Usage Policies and Procedures Use of technology resources in a disruptive, inappropriate or illegal manner impairs the district's mission, squanders resources and shall not be tolerated. Therefore, a consistently high level of personal responsibility is expected of all users granted access to the district's technology resources. Any violation of district policies or procedures regarding technology usage may result in temporary, long-term or permanent suspension of user privileges. User privileges may be suspended pending investigation into the use of the district's technology resources.

Employees may be disciplined or terminated, and students suspended or expelled, for violating the district's technology policies and procedures. Any attempted violation of the district's technology policies or procedures, regardless of the success or failure of the attempt, may result in the same discipline or suspension of privileges as that of an actual violation. The district will cooperate with law enforcement in investigating any unlawful use of the district's technology resources.

Damages All damages incurred by the district due to a user's intentional or negligent misuse of the district's technology resources, including loss of property and staff time, will be charged to the user. District administrators have the authority to sign any criminal complaint regarding damage to district technology.

No Warranty/No Endorsement The district makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the services, products or access it provides. The district's technology resources are available on an "as is, as available" basis.

The district is not responsible for loss of data, delays, non-deliveries, misdeliveries or service interruptions. The district does not endorse the content nor guarantee the accuracy or quality of information obtained using the district's technology resources.

POLICY: JHDF

SUICIDE AND PREVENTION POLICY

Purpose Suicide is a leading cause of death among youths in Missouri and is a public health concern impacting all Missouri citizens. The Raytown C-2 School District is committed to maintaining a safe environment to protect the health, safety and welfare of students. This policy will outline key protocols and procedures the district will use to educate employees and students on the resources and actions necessary to promote suicide awareness and prevent suicide. The goal of the district is to help students who may be at risk of suicide without stigmatizing or excluding students from school. No student will be excluded from school based solely on the district's belief that the student is at risk of suicide.

Definitions Crisis Response Team (CRT) – A team of district employees trained in suicide awareness and prevention.
Student at Risk of Suicide – A student who is demonstrating individual, relationship, community or societal factors that are associated with suicide and that in combination indicate that an individual might be contemplating suicide.
Suicide Crisis – A situation in which a person is attempting to kill him- or herself or is seriously contemplating or planning suicide. Planning may include, but is not limited to, a timeframe and method for attempting suicide or obtaining or attempting to obtain the means to attempt suicide. A suicide crisis is considered a medical emergency requiring immediate intervention.

Crisis Response Team The district will establish a district-level CRT and, if practical, a team in each building. CRT members will include administrators, counselors and the school nurse and may also include school social workers, school resource officers, teachers and

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

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

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

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

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

1. If the student cannot be located or leaves after being located, a CRT member or the building administrator or designee will contact the parent/guardian to explain the district's concern.
2. If the student has been located, a CRT member or the building administrator or designee will use an evidence-based/informed tool to determine whether the student is at risk of suicide and the appropriate response. Regardless of the determination, the building administrator or designee will contact the student's parent/guardian to discuss the concern.
3. If it is determined that the student may be at risk of suicide, a school counselor and a CRT member will meet with the student and his or her parents/guardians to discuss support and safety systems, available resources, coping skills and collaborative ways to support the student.

Students Who May Be Having a Suicide Crisis If an employee reasonably believes that a student is having a suicide crisis, the employee will take the following steps:

1. Make every effort to locate the student immediately, and do not leave the student alone.
2. Immediately report the situation to a CRT member or the building administrator or designee. If the employee cannot reach the building administrator, designee or any of the CRT members, the employee will notify the student's parent/guardian and contact emergency services. The employee may also contact the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (800-273-8255) for assistance. As soon as practical, the employee will notify the building administrator or designee.

When a CRT member or the building administrator or designee receives notification that a student is believed to be having a suicide crisis, he or she will take the following steps:

1. If the student cannot be located or leaves after being located, a CRT member or the building administrator or designee will contact the parent/guardian to explain the district's concern.
2. If the student has been located, the CRT member or the building administrator or designee will, based on his or her training and an assessment of the student, determine the appropriate action, including whether to call emergency services, and implement the appropriate response.
3. At an appropriate time after the crisis has passed, a school counselor and a CRT member will meet with the student and his or her parents/guardians to discuss support and safety systems, available resources, coping skills and collaborative ways to support the student.

Confidentiality Employees are required to share with the CRT and administrators or their designees any information that may be relevant in determining whether a student is at risk of suicide, is having a suicide crisis or is otherwise at risk of harm. Employees are prohibited from promising students that information shared by the student will be kept secret when the information is relevant to the student's safety or the safety of another person.

Release of a student's individually identifiable education records will be made in accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). In accordance with FERPA, information contained in a student's education records may be revealed at any time to the student's parents/guardians and school personnel who have a legitimate interest in the information. Education records may be shared with other appropriate persons when necessary to protect the health or safety of the student or others.

Abuse and Neglect If any employee of the district has reasonable cause to believe a student has been or may be subjected to abuse or neglect or observes the student being subjected to conditions or circumstances that would reasonably result in abuse or neglect, the employee will contact the Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline in accordance with law and Board policy.

Accommodating a Disability If at any time a parent/guardian informs the district that a student has a medical condition or impairment that could require accommodation, district employees will contact the district's compliance coordinator to determine whether the student has a disability.

School and Community Resources The district will, in collaboration with local organizations and the Missouri Department of Mental Health, identify local, state and national resources and organizations that can provide information or support to students and families. Copies of or links to resources will be available to all students and families on the district's website and in all district schools.

A school counselor or a CRT member will periodically follow up with students and parents/guardians of students who have been identified as being at risk of suicide or who have had a suicide crisis to offer additional assistance.

Response to Incidents Impacting the School When the school community is impacted by the attempted suicide or death by suicide of a student, staff member or other person in the school community, the superintendent or designee will confer with the district-level CRT and, when appropriate, confer with local community resources and professionals to identify and make available supports that may help the school community understand and process the behavior or death.

The CRT and the superintendent or designee will determine appropriate procedures for informing the school community of an attempted suicide or death by suicide and the supports that will be offered. Staff and students who need immediate attention following an attempted suicide or death by suicide will be provided support and resources available through the district and will be given information about other resources.

Staff Education on Suicide Prevention and Response Protocol All district employees will receive information regarding this policy and the district's protocol for suicide awareness, prevention and response. This information will be provided to current employees and each new employee hired. The information will focus on the importance of suicide prevention, recognition of suicide risk factors, strategies to strengthen school connectedness, and response procedures.

The district will also provide opportunities for district staff to participate in professional development regarding suicide awareness and prevention. Opportunities may include district-led training, access to web-based training, or training provided in other school districts or by local organizations or health professionals.

Suicide Prevention Education for Students Starting no later than fifth grade, students will receive age-appropriate information and instruction on suicide awareness and prevention. Information and instruction may be offered in health education, by the counseling staff or in other curricula as may be appropriate.

Policy Publication The district will notify employees, students and parents/guardians of this policy by posting this policy on the district's website and providing information about the policy to district employees. The district may also include information about the policy in appropriate district publications and student handbooks.

DESE Trauma-Informed Schools Initiative <https://dese.mo.gov/traumainformed>



Additional Board Policies For more information regarding the following Board Policies, please refer to www.raytownschools.org.

Policy ACA: The Raytown C-2 School District does not discriminate on the basis of sex in its education programs and activities, including employment and admissions, as required by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX). Inquiries about the application of Title IX may be referred to the Title IX Coordinator or the U.S. Department of Education.

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Policy EBAB-AP1: Hazardous Material – Asbestos Control Information including presence of asbestos, any inspections, re-inspections, and response/actions taken.

Policy EBC: Federal Emergency Management Agency - Emergency Drill – Earthquake

Policy EBC1-AP1: Students will be informed of the appropriate action to take in an emergency. Emergency drills for fire, weather, and other disasters shall be conducted each school year in accordance with the requirements of counties, municipalities, or fire protection districts in which district buildings are located. In any case, a minimum of two (2) fire, two (2) tornado and two (2) bus evacuation drills each shall be conducted regularly during the academic school year.

Policy EHB-AP1 and KKB: Use of electronic communication devices and audio and visual recording equipment.

Policy GBH: Electronic communication between staff members and students

Policy GBL: Title 1 Teacher/Paraprofessional Qualifications – parent rights to request & receive teacher & paraprofessional qualifications; grade levels and subject areas the teacher provide instruction; if the teacher is teaching under provisional certification status; and if the student is provided services by a paraprofessional

Policy IGAEB: The district will offer instruction in human sexuality and will provide instruction regarding sexual abuse as required by law. All instruction will be appropriate to the age of the students receiving the instruction, and students may be separated by gender for the instruction. **Notice and Opt-Out:** The district will notify parents/guardians of the basic content of the district's human sexuality and sexual abuse instruction. The district will also notify parents/guardians of their right to remove their student from any part of the district's instruction on these topics upon written request. The district will make all curriculum materials used in the district's human sexuality and sexual abuse instruction available for inspection prior to the use of such materials in actual instruction.

Policy IGAEB: The district will teach students about the characteristics of and ways to identify sexual predators. Teach students safe and responsible Internet use, including the dangers of online sexual predators, when using electronic communication methods such as the Internet, mobile phones, text messages, chat rooms, social media,

e-mail and instant messaging. Instill in students the importance of having open communication with responsible adults, reporting any inappropriate situation, activity or abuse to a responsible adult and, depending on intent and content, to local law enforcement, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) or the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's "CyberTipline." Explain the potential consequences, both personal and legal, of inappropriate text messaging and sexting, even among friends.

Policy IGAEB: In accordance with law, the district will provide trauma-informed, developmentally appropriate training to students in grades 6–12 regarding sexual abuse including, but not limited to, instruction on: 1. How to recognize sexual abuse; 2. How to report an incident of sexual abuse; 3. How to obtain assistance and intervention; and 4. Resources for students affected by sexual abuse.

Policy IGBA: Special Education Services – district’s obligation to provide special education or related services to children ages 3 to 21.

Policies IGBCA, IGBCB, IGBH: Homeless, Migratory, and English Learners District’s obligation to identify and provide education and assistance to students who are homeless, migratory and/or are English Learners.

Policy IGCD: eligible students may enroll in virtual courses offered through the Missouri Course Access Program (MOCAP). The district will accept all grades and credits earned through district-sponsored virtual instruction and MOCAP. The district will pay the costs of a virtual course only if the district has first approved the student's enrollment in the course as described in policy IGCD.

Policy IKF & IKFA: Graduation Requirements and Early Graduation Policy

Policy IL: Assessment Program EOC examinations may be waived for: 1. Students receiving special education services whose IEP teams have determined that the MAP-A alternative is the appropriate assessment; 2. English learner students who have been in the United States 12 or fewer months at the time of administration, in some circumstances; and 3. Foreign exchange students. At the beginning of each school year, the district shall notify the parents/guardians of each student that the district will provide, upon request and in a timely manner, information regarding any state or district policy regarding student participation in any assessments. Such notice shall include information about state or local policies that would allow students to opt out of assessments. Missouri has no such policy, and the district expects all students to participate in all district or statewide assessments.

Policy JEDB: Student Dismissal Procedures must adhere to the following rules: Students will only be released to the parent, guardian or designee of the parent or guardian or to other individuals or agencies as permitted or required by law. The district will release a student to either parent unless the district has a valid court order directing otherwise or unless the parent requesting release is only entitled to supervised visitation. If district staff have concerns about releasing the student to a parent, the student may be held while additional precautions are taken, including, but not limited to, verifying custody orders, contacting the other parent or contacting appropriate authorities. Students who are 17 years old and living independently and students 18 or older must validate their own attendance and dismissal. Telephone requests for early dismissal of a student shall be honored only if the caller can be positively identified as the student's parent or guardian. Any person requesting release of a student must present proper identification prior to release of the student. For the purposes of this policy, a parent is defined as a biological or adoptive parent, including parents who are unmarried; a guardian; or an individual acting as a parent in the absence of the parent or guardian. **Dismissal from School Activities** If an activity occurs immediately after school, the district will follow the same procedures used for dismissing students from the regular school day. Otherwise, students are expected to return from activities with the student's parents or the same person(s) who transported them to the activity. If the district provides the student transportation to an activity, the student is expected to return using district transportation. However, district administrators may develop procedures for releasing students from a school activity to parents or other authorized persons, keeping the safety of students in mind.

Policy JFG & JFCI: The district respects the privacy of students. However, in order to maintain a safe learning environment and properly investigate potential misconduct, district personnel may search student property or district property used by students and in some limited cases require students to undergo drug and/or alcohol testing. All searches will be conducted professionally and in accordance with law. Students do not have an expectation of privacy in lockers, desks, technology, or other district-provided equipment or areas. Student property, including vehicles parked on district property may be searched based on reasonable suspicion of violation of law, district policy or other rules applicable to students. The district will conduct periodic and unannounced administrative searches of lockers, computers and other district equipment. The district uses dogs to indicate the presence of alcohol, drugs, or other prohibited substances on campus, including the parking lot. Additional searches of bags, purses, coats, electronic devices, and other personal possessions and cars are performed in accordance with law. The district may require a student to submit to a drug or alcohol test if there is reasonable suspicion that the student has consumed prohibited substances. The details of extracurricular drug testing are available via Board Policy, Fourth Amendment of U.S. Constitution.

Policy JHC: Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA) including privacy regarding: Surveys The term "invasive physical examination" means any medical examination that involves the exposure of private body parts or any act during such examination that includes incision, insertion or injection into the body, but does not include a hearing, vision, head lice or scoliosis screening: Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA) including privacy regarding.

Policy JHCB: Immunizations in Preschools/Daycares

Policy JHDA: Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA) including privacy regarding: Non-Emergency, Invasive Physical Examinations The district will take measures to protect the identification and privacy of the students participating in a protected information survey, regardless of the source of funding. These measures may include limiting access to the completed surveys and the survey results as allowed by law.

Policies JO & JO-AP1: Student Records Notice of rights under the Family and Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) regarding directory information is information contained in an education record of a student that generally would not be considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if disclosed without the consent of a parent or eligible student. The district will disclose the names, addresses and telephone numbers of secondary school students to military recruiters or institutions of higher education as required by law. However, if a parent, or a secondary school student who is at least 18, submits a written request, the district will not release the information without first obtaining written consent from the parent or the student.

Policies JO & JO-AP1: *Directory Information – Information contained in an education record of a student that generally would not be considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if disclosed.* General Directory Information – The following information the district maintains about a personally identifiable student may be disclosed by the district to the school community through, for example, district publications, or to any person without first obtaining written consent from a parent or eligible student: Student's name; date of birth; parents' names; grade level; enrollment status (e.g., full-time or part-time); student identification number; user identification or other unique personal identifier used by the student for the purposes of accessing or communicating in electronic systems as long as that information alone cannot be used to access protected educational records; participation in district-sponsored or district-recognized activities and sports; weight and height of members of athletic teams; athletic performance data; dates of attendance; degrees, honors and awards received; artwork or course work displayed by the district; schools or school districts previously attended; and photographs, videotapes, digital images and recorded sound unless such records would be considered harmful or an invasion of privacy.

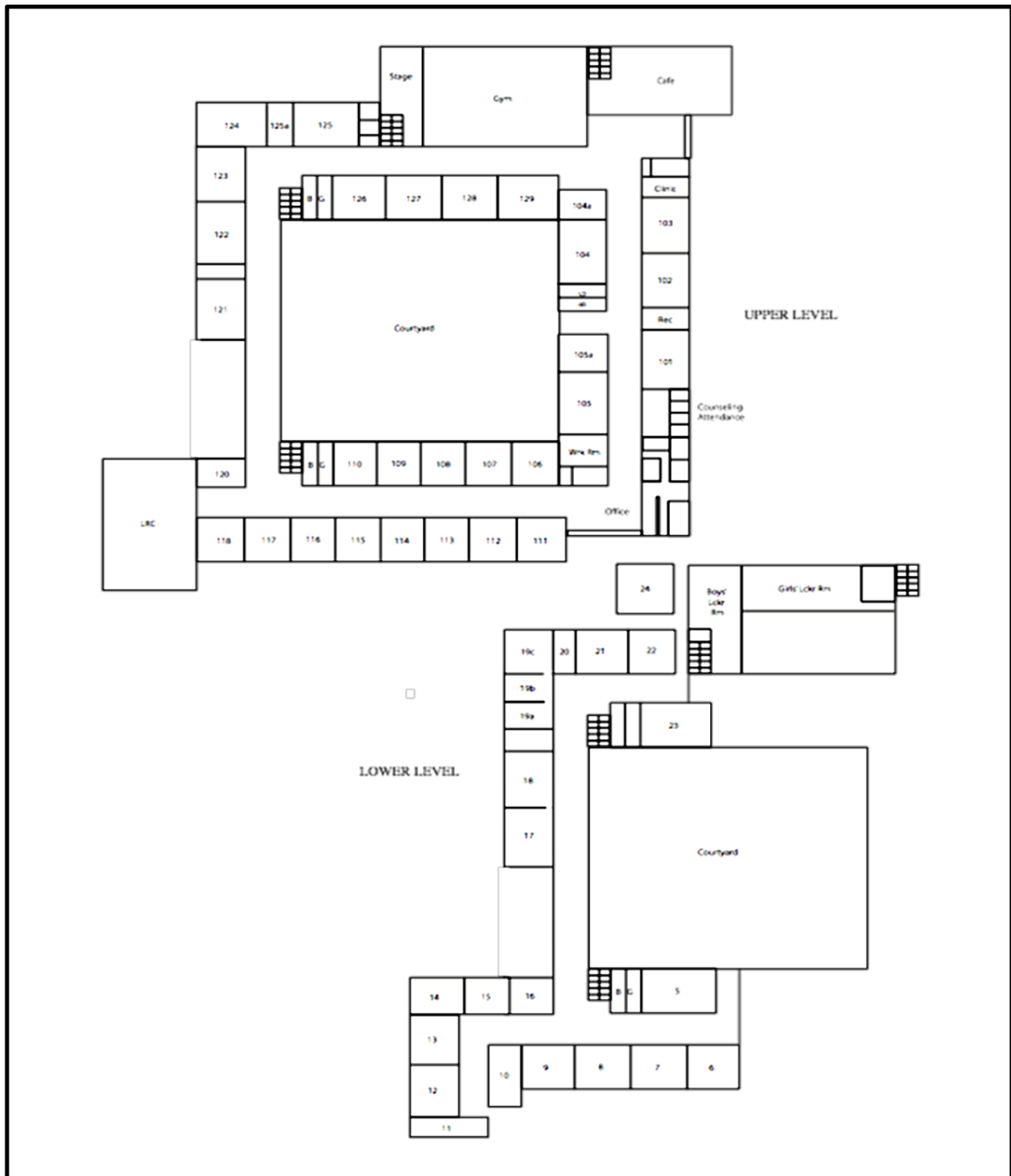
Policy KB-AP1: Public Information Program regarding district and building accountability report cards

Policy KB-AP1: Prior to November 1 of each year, each high school in the district will provide its students with information concerning occupations that have critical need or shortage of trained personnel as provided by the State Board of Education.

Policy KI: Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA) including privacy regarding: Collecting, Disclosing or Using Information for Marketing The district will not collect, disclose or use personal information from students for the purpose of marketing or selling that information or otherwise providing that information to others for that purpose unless required by law.

Policy KLA: Federal Program Concerns & How to File a Complaint Regarding Certain Federal Programs

RSMS Building Map



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