

**Clinton  
Middle School**

**Student/Parent  
Handbook  
2025-2026**



***Home of the Cardinals***

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Mission C-110-S

The mission of the Clinton School District #124 is: Transforming Potential into Performance.

**CLINTON MIDDLE SCHOOL VISION**

CMS students will be challenged in a safe, collaborative environment that encourages high achievement through individualized instruction, innovative technology and a committed staff.

**EDUCATE.EMPOWER.ENGAGE**

School Board Members G-100-S

Cody Westendorff, President

Ryan Parks, Vice-President

Matt Willings

Marilyn Parratt

Eric Townsend

Dr. Thumper Womack

Scott Bernard

The role of the District's Board is to govern the community's public schools by making the major decisions for the District as a whole. The Board collectively makes these decisions and individual Board members do not have the power to speak or act for the Board. The Board as a whole, by working with the Superintendent to make decisions that will best serve the District's students, will govern the community's schools. Accordingly, complaints or concerns made to Board members will be referred to the appropriate District point of contact for resolution.

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's District and Building Report Cards are available [here](#).

Superintendent Information

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2025-2026 Bell Schedule

Students arriving after 7:45 will be marked Tardy to First Hour.

**(Monday, Wed-Friday)**

1st Hour: 7:45–8:34

2nd Hour: 8:38–9:27

3rd Hour: 9:31 –10:20

4th Hour: 10:24 –11:13

5th Hour: 11:17 – 12:20

Lunch Shifts

First Shift: 11:17-11:28

Second Shift: 11:38-11:59

Third Shift: 11:59-12:20

6th Hour: 12:25– 1:14

7th Hour: 1:18 – 2:07

8th Hour: 2:11–3:00

**(Tuesdays only)**

Students arriving after 7:45 will be marked Tardy to First Hour.

**Cardinal Focus:** 7:45-8:00

1st Hour: 8:04-8:49

2nd Hour: 8:53–9:38

3rd Hour: 9:42-10:27

4th Hour: 10:31 –11:16

5th Hour: 11:20 – 12:28

Lunch Shift

First Shift: 11:20-11:42

Second Shift: 11:43-12:05

Third Shift: 12:06-12:28

6th Hour: 12:33– 1:19

7th Hour: 1:23 – 2:09

8th Hour: 2:13–3:00

## Welcome Letter

Cardinal Families,

Welcome to another exciting year of learning at Clinton Middle School! We are thrilled to have you join our school family for the upcoming school year. Clinton Middle School has numerous opportunities to provide each student a challenging education in a safe, supportive environment that promotes self-discipline, motivation, and excellence in learning.

The Clinton Middle School Student/Parent Handbook provides a great deal of important information regarding our programs and services, as well as our policies and procedures. Please take time to read the handbook thoroughly and discuss this information with your student/s. This relationship between home and school helps to promote the well-being of our children and their learning process.

We strive to keep the lines of communication open between home and school. To do this, we will utilize our school website, PowerSchool, and social media pages to get information out to our parents in a timely manner.

Please feel free to contact any member of our school staff if you have any questions or concerns. We encourage a close proactive relationship with our families and look forward to working with you. Clinton Middle School is a wonderful environment for developing young minds and we hope to create lasting memories for your student/s. Please remember our door is always open for questions, comments or concerns.

Here is to an amazing school year, Clinton Cardinals!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jill Chapman

CMS Principal

Mr. Jake Kenney

CMS Assistant Principal

Academic Calendar I-100-S

**JULY**

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
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**AUGUST**

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**SEPTEMBER**

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**OCTOBER**

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**DECEMBER**

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**Clinton School District**

701 S. 8th Street, Clinton, MO 64735

(660) 885-2237

**2025 – 2026 School Calendar**

August 11-12  
August 13-19

New Teacher Orientation  
Professional Development &  
Teacher Workday  
School Begins

August 20

Labor Day—No School  
Professional Development—No Students

September 1  
September 22

Teacher Workday/Parent Conferences  
No School  
Professional Development—No Students

October 16  
October 17  
October 20

Thanksgiving Break—No School

November 24-28

December 19  
December 22—January 2

Semester Ends  
Winter Break—No School

January 5  
January 6  
January 19

Teacher Work Day—No Students  
Professional Development—No Students  
Martin Luther King, Jr.—No School

February 16

President’s Day—No School

March 2  
March 16-20

Professional Development—No Students  
Spring Break—No School

April 3-6

No School

May TBD  
May 14  
May 15

High School Graduation  
Last Day for Students  
Teacher Workday

**JANUARY**

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**FEBRUARY**

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**MARCH**

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**APRIL**

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**MAY**

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**JUNE**

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Snow days will be made up in this order:

May 15, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22

	Days per	Semester Ends
1st Semester	78	December 19
2nd Semester	82	May 14

Total Student Days 160 x 6.75 = 1080 Hours  
Total Staff Days 172

\*Summer School Start and End Dates TBD

Adopted ~ 1/27/2025

▲ New Teacher Days    ● Profess. Dev./No Students    ⛔ No School    ○ Holidays    ● Last Day    ● Teacher Workday

### Administration of Medication S-135-S

All medication is kept in the health office and no medication will be dispensed without written parental permission, including over-the-counter medication. Many medications can be given at home before or after school. When this is not possible, medication should be brought directly to the health office by the parent and must be accompanied by the following information:

*Non-Prescription Medication* – Non-Prescription medication must be sent to school in the original unopened container. A written note from the parent/guardian with the student's name, reason for the medication, the time the medication is to be given, the dosage prescribed, and the number of days the medication is to be administered at school. These medications include, but are not limited to, allergy medication, decongestants, cough syrup, ibuprofen (Advil), acetaminophen (Tylenol), cough drops, or others.

*Prescription Medication* – Prescription medication must be sent to school in the original prescription container. The prescription label will serve as the written permission from the physician. If the doctor has given samples of medication, then a written note from the physician is necessary and should include the name of the student, the medication, and the dosage prescribed. The nurse may need to clarify prescription orders with the provider. The nurse will not administer the first dose of a new prescription.

When a student has a health condition which needs accommodation or may necessitate emergency care, it is important that the school nurse be informed. Examples of a health condition that would need to be shared with the school nurse include severe allergies, asthma, diabetes, hearing loss, seizure disorder, etc. This would include situations when a physician recommends a student assume responsibility for self-medication. The nurse may request a release of information from the student's health care provider and the information may be shared with necessary District staff members on a need-to-know basis. Please contact CMS nurse, 660-885-3353.

### Allergy Prevention and Response S-145-S

The District is required to ensure students with allergies are safe at school through planned prevention and response to a student's allergic reaction. For purposes of District policy and related procedures, an allergic reaction occurs when the immune system overreacts to a typically harmless substance and may be mild to life-threatening. Allergy prevention and response protocols apply to all school locations, including non-academic, school-sponsored activities and transportation provided by the District. The Board authorizes the Superintendent or designee to develop and implement procedures to protect the health and well-being of students with significant allergies.

Parents/guardians should provide, at the time of enrollment, information on any allergies the student may have. The school nurse may request written permission from the parents/guardians to communicate with a student's health care provider as needed. Staff members are trained annually on risk reduction strategies, symptom recognition, and response procedures. The school nurse has an emergency kit available and accessible in all school buildings containing prefilled auto syringes of epinephrine and asthma-related medications as allowed by District rules. If you do not want these medications administered to your student in an emergency, please notify the school nurse or principal in writing.

The District will provide age-appropriate education for students, consistent with state learning standards, including potential causes of allergic reactions, information on avoiding allergens, symptoms of allergic reactions, and simple steps a student can take to keep classmates safe.

All processed foods, including food sold in vending machines, are labeled with a complete list of ingredients on each individual package. Ingredient lists will be created for all food provided through the District's nutrition program, including before- and after-school programs, which are

available upon request. This also applies to items sold as part of concessions, fundraisers, and classroom activities.

### *Individual Approaches*

The District will evaluate and determine whether a student's allergies rise to the level of a disability that requires accommodations through the provisions of an Individual Education Plan (IEP) or Section 504 Plan (504). For those students who have allergies that do not rise to the level of disability, a designated team may develop an Individual Health Plan (IHP) and/or Emergency Action Plan (EAP). Staff who have a need to know about a student's allergies and plan will be informed and trained, and all staff members will follow any IEP, 504 Plan, IHP, and/or EAP.

A student's health information and individualized plan will be kept confidential and not shared with those who do not have a need to know unless authorized by the parent/guardian or as allowed by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). The District will communicate and collaborate at least annually with parents/guardians regarding the student's allergies, medications, restrictions/precautions, emergency contacts and any other relevant information to keep the student safe.

### *Arrival and Dismissal Procedures S-165-S*

Morning arrival procedures:

Please do not drop off students on Clinton Street as it is not school property and the district cannot enforce school safety protocol.

- Car Drop Off - Cars will enter off Clinton Street through the exit to the stadium and line up in the stadium parking toward the bus lane East of the gym. Pull all the way forward in the lane, drop off your student/s and continue back out on to Clinton Street.
- All car riders, walkers, and bicycle riders will enter through the front doors (located at the north side of the building).
- Remember: doors to the school do not open until 7:25.
- Cars are not to drop off in the front circle drive.

Afternoon dismissal procedures:

- All bus riders will be dismissed at the bell (3:00) to board the buses.
- At approximately 3:05, walkers and car riders will be dismissed.
- Please do not park or pick your child up on Clinton Street or in surrounding parking lots or side streets as they are not school property and Clinton School District cannot enforce school safety protocol.
- Car riders will exit the building out the bus doors (located on the east side of the building). Cars will enter through the exit to the stadium (off of Clinton Street) and line up in the stadium parking. Once the buses exit (out the parking lot toward CIS), cars will then be directed to pull forward and line up in the bus lane.
- Note: No cars will be allowed to drive through the front circle-drive for dismissal.
- Walkers and bicycle riders will exit out the front doors (located on the north side of the building). No other students will exit out the front doors.

### *Assessment Program I-195-S*

All students will participate in the required statewide screening and assessment program or an alternative assessment as determined by a student's Individual Education Plan (IEP). The District will comply with all assessment requirements for students with disabilities. The District has a written assessment plan, which is updated and posted annually on the District's website.

### Attendance and Absence Procedures S-115-S

*Expectations for Attendance*

Attendance is essential for learning. By law, all children must attend school from the age of 7 until the age of 17. Parents/guardians are accountable for the attendance of their child. The District will inform parents/guardians of their student's absence and support families when attendance becomes a concern. It is the responsibility of the student to make up work due to an absence.

Students who wish to participate in school-sponsored activities must attend school the entire day on which the activity occurs, unless the principal has pre-approved the absence based upon special circumstances. Furthermore, a student who wishes to participate in a school-sponsored activity scheduled on a weekend date or during an extended school break must attend school the entire day on the most recent school day in session prior to that weekend's or extended break's scheduled activity. For example, if an activity is scheduled for a Saturday or Sunday and the most recent scheduled school day is the Friday before, the student will be required to attend a full day of school on that Friday to be eligible to participate on the subsequently scheduled activity on Saturday or Sunday unless the principal has pre-approved the absence upon special circumstances. The administration makes the final determination regarding whether an absence is excused or unexcused.

#### *Procedures for Reporting an Absence*

Clinton Middle School day begins at 7:45 a.m. and ends at 3:00 p.m. Students are expected to be present at school daily. Permission for early dismissal should be obtained in the front office, through approved parent or guardian. Students should not be calling or messaging from a personal device for parent pickup. This is outside of school policy. A full day of attendance is required to participate in afterschool and weekend activities unless prior approval is granted by the principal or activities director.

Parents should report a student's absence by 9:30 a.m. on the morning of the absence by calling the office telephone number, 660-885-3353. If the parent/guardian has not called to report the absence, a written note from the parent and/or a doctor's stating the reason for the absence will be necessary for the absence to be verified. The school will contact parents who do not report a student's absence by the designated time. When a student is released early from school to a parent or guardian, it constitutes an absence. It is the **student's responsibility** to check with each of his or her teachers to obtain missed assignments. Assignments will be recorded as zeros until the student work is made up, completed and turned in before the deadline assigned by the classroom teacher. This pertains to Excused and Unexcused, Verified or Unverified absences.

Attendance letters will be sent out for the *third* and *fifth* day of being absent. These are informational letters as a courtesy to our families to let you know where your child stands on attendance. Chronic absences will result in a conference request letter and meeting with the attendance improvement team to set goals for improving student's attendance.

Continued absenteeism may result in a hotline to Henry County Children's Division, a referral to Henry County Juvenile Office, and a referral to the Henry County Prosecutor's Office.

- *Excused Absences*

Parents or students must provide proper notification and documentation to the school showing the absence was unavoidable for an absence to be excused. It is the responsibility of the student to make up work with teacher support when a student's absence is excused. The timelines for turning in make-up work will be determined by the teacher

- *Unexcused Absences*

Absence for reasons other than the categories of excusable reasons, or that does not have the proper documentation for an excused absence as determined by the principal, will be considered unexcused. The timelines for turning in make-up work and any impact on grading will be according to the guidelines of the building and at the direction of the teacher. Excessive, unexcused absences will result in written notice from the principal to the parents/guardians.

#### *Late Arrival/Tardiness*

A late arrival or tardy occurs when a student arrives after the expected class period has begun, as determined by the District. Students late to school will not be eligible to participate in any after school activities. The District will count tardiness as an absence.

### *Truancy*

Truancy is when the student is absent from school without permission of the parents/guardians or school official. Truancy includes, but is not limited to, skipped classes, falsely informing the school about the reason(s) for the absence, or absences that have not been pre-arranged and pre-approved as excused. The District may assign disciplinary measures for truancy. The timelines for turning in make-up work and any impact on grading will be according to the guidelines of the building and at the direction of the teacher. Families are entitled to appeal assigned consequences to the Superintendent or designee.

In order to receive course credit, or to be considered for promotion to the next grade level, a student must be present a minimum of 90 percent of the scheduled attendance days for the school year and receive a passing grade (D- and above) in all second semester classes. Absences shall not exceed five (8) days per semester. Parents will be advised by letter when the student has been absent three (3) of the scheduled semester days. If the student exceeds the eight-day limit, the parent will be advised by letter. Students finishing the school year with less than 90% attendance may be required to attend summer school.

### Bullying, Hazing, and Cyberbullying S-185-S

The District strictly prohibits bullying, including hazing, and cyberbullying on school grounds, at any school function, or on District transportation.

#### *Definitions*

*Bullying* – 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; substantially interferes with the educational performance, opportunities, or benefits of any student without exception; or substantially disrupts the orderly operation of the school. Bullying may consist of physical actions, including gestures, or oral, cyberbullying, electronic, or written communication, and any threat of retaliation for reporting such acts.

*Cyberbullying* – Bullying as defined above through the transmission of a communication including, but not limited to a telephone, wireless telephone, or other wireless communication device, computer, or pager. The District has jurisdiction to prohibit cyberbullying that originates on a school campus, or at a District activity if the communication was made using District technological resources, if there is sufficient nexus to the educational environment, or if the electronic communication was made on the school's campus or at a District activity using the student's own person technological resource.

*Anti-bullying Coordinator* – The Superintendent will ensure an individual at each school is designated to serve as the anti-bullying coordinator. All anti-bullying coordinators will be teacher-level or above and a list of coordinators will be kept on file at the District administration office and updated annually. Additionally, a District anti-bullying coordinator will be designated. The building anti-bullying coordinator is: Mr. Jake Kenney, Assistant principal and can be reached at 660-885-3353.

*School Day* – A day on the District calendar when students are required to attend school.

#### *Reporting Bullying or Cyberbullying*

District employees are required to report any instance of bullying of which the employee has firsthand knowledge. Any employee, substitute, or volunteer who witnesses an incident of bullying must report the incident to the building anti-bullying coordinator within two (2) school days of witnessing the incident. If the anti-bullying coordinator is unavailable or is the subject of the report, the employee should contact the District's Compliance Officer. In addition, all District employees, substitutes, or volunteers must direct all persons seeking to report an incident of bullying to the building anti-bullying coordinator.

Any individual making a verbal report of bullying will be asked to submit a written complaint to the anti-bullying coordinator. If the person refuses or is unable to submit a written complaint, the anti-bullying coordinator will summarize the verbal complaint in writing.

When an anti-bullying coordinator is informed about a possible bullying or cyberbullying incident, verbal, written, or otherwise, the District will conduct a prompt, impartial, and thorough investigation to determine whether misconduct, including unlawful conduct, occurred. The District will implement interim measures as necessary. When it is determined that bullying or cyberbullying occurred, the District will take appropriate action for violations of District expectations and rules.

#### *Investigation*

Within two (2) school days of receipt of a report of bullying or cyberbullying, the anti-bullying coordinator or designee will initiate an investigation of the incident. The school principal may appoint other school staff to assist with the investigation. The investigation will be completed within ten (10) school days from the date of the written report unless good cause exists to extend the investigation. A copy of the written report of the investigation and results will be sent to the District anti-bullying coordinator and included in the files of the victim and the alleged or actual perpetrator of bullying or cyberbullying. All reports are confidential in accordance with law and District rules.

#### *Retaliation*

The District prohibits reprisal or retaliation against any person who reports an act of bullying or cyberbullying, testifies, or participates in any manner with an investigation proceeding, or hearing. The District will take appropriate remedial action for any student, teacher, administrator, or other school personnel who retaliates.

#### *Consequences of Bullying, Cyberbullying, or Retaliation*

When the District receives a report of bullying, cyberbullying, or retaliation, interim measures to protect the victim(s) will be taken. If an investigation determines that bullying, cyberbullying, or retaliation occurred, the District will act to end the bullying, cyberbullying or retaliation.

Students who are determined to have participated in bullying, cyberbullying, or retaliation will be disciplined in accordance with the District discipline policy. Consequences may include, but are not limited to, loss of privileges, detention, in- or out-of-school suspension, expulsion, and referral to law enforcement. Any determination of consequences will consider factors such as the age of the student(s), developmental level of the student(s), degree of harm, severity of behavior, disciplinary history, and other educationally relevant factors.

District employees and substitutes who violate this policy will be disciplined, up to and including termination. Volunteers, visitors, patrons, or others who violate this policy may be prohibited from District property or activities, or other remedial action.

#### *Public Notice*

The District will:

1. Provide information and appropriate training to District staff who have significant contact with students regarding the policy.
2. Provide education and information to students regarding bullying, including information regarding the District policy prohibiting bullying, the harmful effects of bullying, and applicable initiatives to address bullying, including student peer-to-peer initiatives to provide accountability and policy enforcement for those found to have engaged in bullying, cyberbullying, and/or retaliation against any person who reports an act of bullying.
3. Instruct school counselors, school and licensed social workers, mental health professionals, and school psychologists to educate students who are victims of bullying on techniques for overcoming bullying's negative effects. Techniques will include, but are not limited to, cultivating the student's

self-worth and self-esteem; teaching the student to defend himself/herself assertively and effectively; helping the student develop social skills; and/or encouraging the student to develop an internal locus of control.

4. Implement programs and other initiatives to address and respond to bullying in a manner that does not stigmatize the victim and makes resources or referrals available to victims of bullying.

Complaints alleging unlawful discrimination, harassment, or retaliation in violation of District policy will be referred for investigation to the District Compliance Officer.

#### *Report Form*

This form is available at: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1huF6wzpZApJQyRTTrKBxnYtUm39QtE9-q-RmVl5MaN3s/viewform?edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1huF6wzpZApJQyRTTrKBxnYtUm39QtE9-q-RmVl5MaN3s/viewform?edit_requested=true).

CMS Student Council will sponsor two student dances per year; fall and spring. These dances are closed to all but Clinton Middle School students who have meet eligibility requirement below;

- Cumulative grades at 60% or above for current semester.
- No more than 10 tardies during the current semester.
- Attendance is at or above 90% during the current semester.
- No ISS or OSS for the current semester.

All Requirements are at administrative discretion.

#### Communicable Diseases F-245-S

Parents/guardians must notify the District if their student has a communicable disease.

Parents/guardians may be required to provide written approval from the student's treating physician in order for their student to attend school. The District reserves the right to prevent student attendance until clarification or implementation of precautionary measures are in place. Parents/guardians are required to notify the District if they are enrolling or have a student attending school who is HIV positive.

Medical information of students is highly confidential, and the District will take necessary steps to protect the medical information of students and ensure that such information is released only to those with a need-to-know and/or individuals and entities who are required by law to be notified of certain health and medical information.

Students with a communicable disease who exhibit behaviors that increase the chances of their condition being spread to other individuals, may be subject to discipline/ remedial action in accordance with the discipline code, and state and federal law.

#### *Immunizations and Vaccinations*

It is unlawful for any student to attend school unless the student has been immunized according to Missouri School Immunization Law or unless a signed statement of medical or religious exemption is on file at the school, which is described in all enrollment information. Parents/guardians should bring immunization records at the time of enrollment and obtain additional immunizations as required by state law.

#### Complaints or Concerns C-120-S

Effective communication helps avoid and resolve many complaints, concerns, misunderstandings and disagreements. Individuals who have a complaint or concern should discuss their concerns with the school personnel involved in the issue at hand in an effort to resolve problems. This step will usually involve communicating directly with the person or persons with whom the complainant has a concern. This step may be skipped when the complainant in good faith believes that speaking directly to the person would subject the complainant to discrimination, harassment or retaliation.

This step may also be skipped if the complainant in good faith believes that any law or a District policy or written rule has been violated. The District has adopted specific procedures for investigation and resolution for complaints or concerns as required by specific and varying laws that are applicable to the

District. The District's Compliance Officer should be contacted with any complaints or concerns that any law or District written rule has been violated, including but not limited to, laws relating to: civil rights, including discrimination, harassment, and retaliation; special education matters including the IEP and 504 processes and services; federal programs and related services; bullying; and The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, including student records and confidentiality.

When communicating directly with the school personnel involved in the issue does not resolve matters satisfactorily, or if it is appropriate to skip the first step as described above, a complainant should consult with the District's Compliance Officer who will direct the complainant to the appropriate process for resolution of the complaint. The District designates the following individual to act as the District's Compliance Officer:

Name: Dr. Christian Meier  
Phone #: 660-885-2237  
Email Address: [cmeier@clintoncardinals.org](mailto:cmeier@clintoncardinals.org)

In the event the District's Compliance Officer is unavailable or is the subject of a report that would otherwise be made to the Compliance Officer, reports should instead be directed to the alternative Compliance Officer:

Name: Mr. Daniel Brungardt  
Phone #: 660-885-2237  
Email Address: [dbrungardt@clintoncardinals.org](mailto:dbrungardt@clintoncardinals.org)

All complaints of violation of any law or a District policy or written rule will be promptly investigated by the District, and appropriate action will be taken. Complainants are strongly encouraged to provide their concerns in writing.

#### *Deliveries*

Outside food deliveries such as Doordash, Uber Eats, etc. are NOT permitted between 7:25am to 3:00pm. This includes during lunch shifts. Any food deliveries made during this time will be held in the office until dismissal for student pick up. Restaurant/fast food deliveries brought for lunch from parents/guardians, etc. are not allowed in the cafeteria and must be eaten in a designated location.

#### *District Sponsored Extracurricular Activities and Clubs I-210-S*

Students and Student-Athletes at away events will only be released to their parents. At such events, parents must sign their child out with the head coach or his/her designee before the child will be released to leave. Students missing all or part of the school day may not participate in an activity that day without receiving permission from the principal or activities director prior to being absent.

#### *Academic Eligibility*

Students must remain in good academic standing, no failing (F) grades, in order to maintain the privilege of participating in extracurricular activities. Academic standing will be determined by weekly grades in PowerSchool.

If a student is not in good academic standing as reported at mid-term, quarter, or semester he/she will lose extracurricular eligibility during the 7 days following. After the 7 days following, the student's grade will be checked weekly. If the grade has been raised from an "F", the student will be declared eligible. If the student's grade is still an "F", he/she will continue to remain ineligible. Students receiving a failing grade(F) on a semester grade will not be permitted to participate in extracurricular activities the following semester. Students must also meet the Missouri State High School Activities Association requirements for activities that are governed by their rules.

#### *Academic Grade Checks:*

If a student had an F on the dates listed below, they must sit out of competition and trips for one week, even if they raise their grade during the week. After a week has passed, grades will be checked again. If the

student's grade is a D or higher they may resume competition. If at any time their grade drops back down to an F they must sit out until the grade is brought up. **Teachers are not expected to expedite grading late work in order to make a student eligible for competition.**

- September 17<sup>th</sup>
- October 15<sup>th</sup>
- November 12<sup>th</sup>
- January 7<sup>th</sup>
- February 4<sup>th</sup>
- March 11<sup>th</sup>
- April 15<sup>th</sup>

#### *PARTICIPATION and ACADEMIC FEES*

- In order to help cover the increasing cost of activities, a student will be required to pay a \$30.00 fee for each interscholastic activity that he/she participates in. This fee is due before the first scheduled game. Failure to pay this fee by the required date may result in your student not getting to participate in *game* activities until paid. He/She may still remain on the team and participate in all practice activities, however.
- In order to help cover the increasing cost of supporting students, each student will be required to pay a \$20.00 student fee at the beginning of each school year.

Extracurricular activities sponsored by the District are part of the educational experience and opportunities for students. Clubs, sports, and other groups seek a diverse range of students and provide fair access under the law. Participation in extracurricular activities is voluntary and a privilege. Therefore, students must meet certain academic standards, demonstrate acceptable citizenship and behavior, and maintain appropriate attendance in order to be eligible to participate. Unless special arrangements have been made with the principal, a student is required to attend school on the day of an activity in order to participate. All extracurricular activities are supervised by District employees and the expected code of conduct for students remains the same as during the standard school day. Additional guidelines for specific groups, including activities sanctioned by the Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA), are outlined at the beginning of the year and/or season. Competitive, interscholastic activities may have evaluation procedures that eliminate some students from participation. Students may be eliminated from tryouts and/or competitions if students have Fs, below 90% attendance, behaviors write ups, excessive tardies, activity attendance, activity abilities, etc. When students are not selected for participation, communication will occur in a personal and respectful way.

#### **Activities**

##### **6<sup>th</sup> Grade - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

Dances  
After-school clubs  
In-School clubs  
Archery  
Field trips (Academic or Incentive)

#### **Sports**

##### **7<sup>th</sup> Grade and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

Fall sports: Football, Girls' Volleyball, Cross Country, Cheerleading, Softball  
Winter sports: Wrestling, Boys' and Girls' basketball, Cheerleading  
Spring sports: Track and Field, Baseball

##### **6<sup>th</sup> grade:**

Fall Sports: Cross Country, Softball  
Winter Sports: Wrestling  
Spring Sports: Track and Field, Baseball

### Dress Code S-180-S

The purpose of a dress code is to contribute to a safe, healthy environment that protects students and maintains a focus on learning. The dress code included in this handbook provides guidance to students and parents as to what constitutes appropriate attire for school and school activities. District administrators have the discretion to determine whether a garment or manner of dress not specifically described below is appropriate attire for school and school activities and/or causes a disruption to the educational environment. Administrators have the authority to take action to address dress code matters as they arise. The following District guidelines should be observed:

#### *Dress Code Expectations and Prohibitions*

Shirts and shoes must be worn. Clothing should be properly fitted (not overly restrictive or loose). Coverage of the body is expected. Therefore, the following garments are **not** permitted:

1. Sleepwear/PJ pants or shoes intended to be house shoes/slippers;
2. See-through garments;
3. Tops that are backless, strapless, low-cut, bare-midriff, have overly-large arm openings; or spaghetti straps;
4. Clothing that does not cover undergarments when a student is sitting or standing;
5. Undergarments worn as outerwear;
6. Spandex shorts (some would consider volleyball shorts);
7. Clothing that does not completely cover the chest area and buttocks area;
8. Clothing with profane, obscene, or otherwise inappropriate language;
9. Clothing with words, symbols or images that promote illegal, sexual, or violent behavior;
10. Clothing with advertisements or promotion of alcohol, tobacco, or drugs;
11. Language or symbols that promote gangs;
12. Hats and hoods (hooded sweatshirts worn up), except on designated spirit days;
13. Do-rags;
14. Handkerchiefs;
15. Sunglasses, except on designated spirit days;
16. Face paint;
17. Other wear that restricts the line of sight of a student's face and/or facial recognition may not be worn (although exceptions will be made by the principal for head coverings that have religious significance, are worn for medical reasons, or are for a specific, school-sponsored event);
18. Blankets carried or worn as coats or wraps while in the building, except on designated spirit days;
19. Stuffed animals or toys carried;
20. Heavy or loose chains, or straps that create a safety risk.
21. Costumes of any kind including ears, tails, masks, etc.
22. Writing on themselves during the school day

#### *Additional Dress Code Information*

Courses and/or class activities that require specific safety protocol may adjust expectations of student's clothing, accessories, or hair style for the duration of the class (e.g., hair pulled back and/or hair nets for culinary classes or other safety wear, etc.). Other dress code requirements may be articulated for students participating in certain extracurricular activities.

Violations of the District dress code will be addressed with remedial actions and discipline consequences. Dress Code for special events such as Dances, Awards Ceremonies, NJHS, Concerts, Performances, Promotion, Fields Trips and such is still in place. Building administrators have the final decision as to the appropriateness of all clothing and attire.

#### *English Language Learners I-150-S*

The District provides programs and support for students in order to provide equal educational opportunities for students with limited English proficiency (LEP).

Free language interpreting and translation is available for parents/guardians and students who require it. If you require an interpreter, please inform your student's teacher or school, and the District will arrange for an interpreter to assist at no cost to you. If we do not have an interpreter for your language, we will work to find someone who can help.

Information on District programs such as Gifted Education (GATES), AP classes, Special Education, extracurricular activities, and others can be found on the District website. The website features the ability to translate information into 10 languages. You can receive text messages and emails from the schools in the languages that are available.

For more information about the programs for students with LEP or assistance for families, please contact:

Name of Coordinator: Director of Special Services  
Phone #: 660-885-2237  
Email: [jragan@clintoncardinals.org](mailto:jragan@clintoncardinals.org)

Equal Opportunity and Prohibition against Harassment, Discrimination, and Retaliation C-130-S

The District is committed to providing equal opportunity in all areas of admission, recruiting, hiring, employment, retention, promotion, contracted services, and access to programs, services, activities, and facilities. The District strictly prohibits any unlawful discrimination or harassment against any person because of race, color, religion, disability, age, sex, gender, national origin, or any other characteristic protected by law. The District also prohibits retaliatory action, harassment, or discrimination against individuals who make complaints of, report, or otherwise participate in the investigation of any such unlawful discrimination, harassment, or retaliation. The District is an equal opportunity employer.

Anyone who believes that they have been discriminated, harassed, and/or retaliated against in violation of this policy should report the alleged discrimination, harassment and/or retaliation to the District's Compliance Officer. The District designates the following individual to act as the District's Compliance Officer:

Name: Dr. Christian Meier  
Phone #: 660-885-2237  
Email: [cmeier@clintoncardinals.org](mailto:cmeier@clintoncardinals.org)

In the event the Compliance Officer is unavailable or is the subject of a report that would otherwise be made to the Compliance Officer, reports should instead be directed to the alternative Compliance Officer:

Name: Mr. Daniel Brungardt  
Phone #: 660-885-2237  
Email: [dbrungardt@clintoncardinals.org](mailto:dbrungardt@clintoncardinals.org)

All employees, students, and visitors who have witnessed any incident or behavior that could constitute discrimination, harassment, or retaliation under this policy must immediately report such incident or behavior to the District's Compliance Officer for investigation.

All complaints of violation of this policy will be promptly investigated by the District, and appropriate action will be taken.

Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA) Complaint Procedures

This guide explains how to file a complaint about any of the programs (Title I, A, B, C, D, II, III, IV.A, V) that are administered by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (the Department) under Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA).

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**1. What is a complaint?**

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

**2. Who may file a complaint?**

Any individual or organization may file a complaint.

**3. How can a complaint be filed?**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The following activities will occur in the investigation:

- **Record.** A written record of the investigation will be kept.
- **Notification of LEA.** The LEA will be notified of the complaint within five days of the complaint being filed.
- **Resolution at LEA.** The LEA will then initiate its local complaint procedures in an effort to first resolve the complaint at the local level.
- **Report by LEA.** Within thirty-five days of the complaint being filed, the LEA will submit a written summary of the LEA investigation and complaint resolution. This report

is considered public record and may be made available to parents, teachers, and other members of the general public.

- **Verification.** Within five days of receiving the written summary of a complaint resolution, the Department will verify the resolution of the complaint through an on-site visit, letter, or telephone call(s).
- **Appeal.** The complainant or the LEA may appeal the decision of the Department to the U.S. Department of Education.

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

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

**9. How will appeals to the Department be investigated?**

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

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

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

Field Trips (*incentives*) Incentives will be utilized at CMS. Depending on the incentive, to be eligible students must meet all or some of the requirements listed below:

- 90% or above attendance
- Cumulative grades are at 70% or above for Payday period (No Ds or Fs)
- No ISS or OSS
- No excessive tardies (TBD)

New transfer students to CMS must also meet the requirements in order to be eligible. Transfer paperwork will be used to determine eligibility.

**Field Trips - Associated with activities, athletics, or academics**

- In order for students to be eligible for a trip they must meet the following requirements
- All grades at or above 60% at the time of the trip
- No ISS or OSS for the current semester
- Attendance at or above 90%
- No more than 1 Tardy on average per week

*Firearms and Weapons F-235-S*

Possession of weapons, including concealed weapons, is strictly prohibited on District property, on District transportation or at any District function or activity sponsored by the District unless the visitor is an authorized law enforcement official or is specifically authorized by the Board.

Food Service Program F-285-S

*Free and Reduced Lunch Application*

State guidelines will be used to determine free and reduced lunch and breakfast recipients for students unable to pay full price of meals served. Family size and income criteria will be used to determine

eligibility. Parents and students may be asked to verify eligibility. Application forms are available in the office.

### *Breakfast and Lunch*

The school cafeteria is maintained as a vital part of the health program of the school. To encourage good nutrition, a well-balanced lunch is offered at a reasonable price. All breakfast and lunch must be eaten in the cafeteria and will not be allowed to be taken outside of the cafeteria.

The school meal program is operated on a non-profit basis. The Clinton School Board of Education sets the cost of school lunch and breakfast. The student's ID number will be presented to the cashier when exiting the food line each day. Students may deposit weekly, monthly, or larger sums into their account. (Daily deposits are discouraged). Envelopes will be provided and deposits left at the office. The student's name, grade, and account number must be provided on the envelope. Online lunch account deposits are encouraged. Online payments can be made [here](#). Breakfast will be available each morning in the cafeteria between 7:25-7:40.

All students must report to the cafeteria during their scheduled lunch shift. If a student is late to their class following lunch, he/she will be considered tardy. If a student is more than five minutes late, it will be considered truancy.

### *Food and Drink Policy specific to Clinton Middle School*

To maintain a clean, safe, and focused learning environment, the following food and drink expectations are in place at Clinton Middle School:

- Food and drinks are only permitted in the cafeteria. Students may not have food or beverages in hallways or classrooms, except for water.
- Food is only allowed in classrooms with administrative approval or for documented medical reasons.
- Sodas and sports drinks (e.g., Gatorade) are allowed during lunch only.
- Energy drinks of any kind are strictly prohibited from the time a student arrives on campus until they leave at the end of the school day.
- Students are responsible for cleaning up any spills or trash from food and drinks. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action or loss of privileges.
- Food and drinks should not be shared between students due to health and allergy concerns.

Food deliveries from outside sources (such as DoorDash, Uber Eats, or restaurants) are not permitted between 7:25 to 3:00pm. Any food deliveries made during this time will be held in the office until student dismissal for student pickup. Clinton Middle School has a closed lunch session. Restaurant/fast food deliveries brought for lunch from parents/guardians, etc. are not allowed in the cafeteria and must be eaten in a designated location. Visitors are not allowed unless approval is granted by building administration 24 hours in advance.

*Breakfast* - Cost \$1.75. Reduced Breakfast \$.30. Adult/Guest breakfast \$4.00.

7:25 a.m.-7:40 a.m.

Hot breakfast served in the cafeteria

Grab and Go served from a cart in the hallway

\*There will be no second chance breakfast\*

*Lunch* - Cost \$2.35. Reduced lunch\$.40. Adult/Guest lunch \$4.00.

*Misc. (students are charged full price for these items regardless of their free/reduced status)*

Extra Milk-\$.40

*A La Carte*

Chips-\$1.25

Cookies-\$1.25

Water-\$1.25

### *Grading and Reporting System*

As a District, we strive to use the most effective grading practices by only including scores that relate to the achievement of Missouri Learning Standards and by using a variety of assessment methods to collect high quality, evidence of learning. Students and parents may check student grades at any time on PowerSchool. Grades will be updated by teachers a minimum of once per week. Because teachers, parents, and students have access to PowerSchool at any time, it will be used as our number one source of communication for grades. Teachers may include comments and/or descriptions for each assignment.

CMS and CMS teachers provide strict deadlines to students for all assignments given. Student work is expected to be turned in on or before the deadline to receive full credit. Any work turned in after the deadline will receive a deduction on the assignment. If a student desires to complete missing work, they must follow the academic procedure set forth by CMS. Missing work will be marked as a ZERO in PowerSchool until it is turned in AND graded by the classroom teacher. Missing work will not be expedited to be graded. Late submissions beyond the final deadline will result in a grade of zero and will not be eligible for credit. In order to participate in extracurricular activities and go on field trips, students must have all grades at 60% or above.

### *Grading*

Clinton Middle School will follow a semester-based grading calendar, meaning grades will be stored and reported by semester. Printed grade cards will not be sent home, as current grades are always accessible through PowerSchool.

### *PROMOTION POLICY*

To earn promotion from one grade level to the next, students must have passing grades in all classes (no Fs) during the second semester. Failure in classes during second semester may result in retention and/or summer school. Eighth graders with Fs will not be allowed to walk at 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion. The building level administrators will make a final decision on each case based upon evidence from classes and the student's total record. The student's parents or guardians will be properly informed of the student's academic progress as the year develops.

### Health Services S-215-S

Health services are provided under the direction of a school nurse. The school nurse for your student's building may provide services in other buildings as well. Although the nurse may not be physically present at all times in a specific building, the nurse is always on call and there are trained employees in the building to provide first aid, dispense medication, and support the needs presented in the health office.

### *Illnesses/Injuries*

The Middle School has a health room so if a student becomes ill or injured at school, the nurse will assess the health of the student and parent contact may be made. The school nurse is not a doctor and should not be used in the place of such. The nurse cannot treat all ailments. The school district ***does not*** carry medical insurance for accidents occurring at school. If students are feeling ill, they should request to see the nurse and the nurse or school office will contact parents as needed. *Students are not to use their cell phone to contact their parents without authorization of the nurse or someone in the administration office. If students use cell phones without prior permission, they may be subject to disciplinary action.*

Students will be sent home for illness, fever, diarrhea or vomiting. They will need to speak with the school nurse or administration about when a student can return to school.

### *Health Screenings*

Clinton School District will do health screens on a select group of students annually in the following areas: vision, hearing, dental, height/weight, blood pressure and pulse. A copy of the student's health fair

screening form will be sent home with the student on the day of the screenings. The building nurse will notify parents/guardians by mail if a referral is recommended.

#### *Health Office*

If you have any questions, please contact CMS nurse at 660-885-3353.

#### *Identification Cards/Badges*

All visitors to the building must stop at the office and receive an identification badge.

#### *Incentives*

Students are expected to meet minimum behavior norms and expectations while in attendance at CMS. We will be providing incentives for students who have earned the opportunity to participate. They will be based on attendance, grades, conduct, and tardies. Conversely, students will not be able to attend/participate in incentives if they do not meet above criteria.

#### *Lockers*

Will only be assigned to students as needed or upon request.

#### *Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) Activities*

The District complies with all MSHSAA guidelines. The most up-to-date version of the MSHSAA handbook is located [here](#).

#### Personnel Records E-190-S

The District is required to inform you that, according to the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (Public Law 114-95), upon your request, the District is required to provide you in a timely manner, the following information:

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

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

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

#### *Physical Examinations and Screenings S-146-S*

The District will generally obtain parental consent before administering a physical examination or screening on a student. However, the District may forgo obtaining parental consent if there is a health or safety concern or by court order.

No nonemergency, invasive physical examinations or screenings of students are scheduled or expected to be scheduled at this time.

Parents and guardians will be provided an opportunity to opt out of any nonemergency, invasive physical examination or screening of their student.

This policy does not apply to any physical examination or screening that is permitted or required by state law, including physical examinations or screenings that are permitted without parent notification.

Program for Students who are Homeless, Migrant, English Learners, At-Risk or in Foster Care I-140-S  
The District is committed to the provision of a free and appropriate education for all students enrolled in the District. Therefore, the District complies with all provisions, regulations, and administrative rules applicable to state and/or federal requirements in order to serve students who are homeless, migrants, English learners, at-risk, or in foster care.

The District's liaison for students who are homeless, migrant, English learners, or in foster care is:

Name: Jill Ragan  
Phone #: 660-885-2237  
Email Address: [jragan@clintoncardinals.org](mailto:jragan@clintoncardinals.org)

#### *School Cancellations and/or Early Dismissal*

School will be closed when weather conditions are such that buses are unable to run safely. A broadcast will be made utilizing the School Reach messenger to notify students and parents/guardians. Announcements will also be made on the District website and Facebook, and local radio stations, KDKD 95.3 and KLRQ 96.1 and on Kansas City TV station, Channel 4.

At times, school may dismiss early during the day. In the event such a closing should occur, a broadcast will be made and media notified. Information should be given to your child as to what s/he should do if this situation arises. Please keep a watch on the weather, especially in the winter months. If the school needs to send your student to another destination or phone someone to pick her/him, please have this information on file in the office. Time is short in emergency situations and every effort will be made to keep students safe.

#### *School Nutrition Program F-290-S*

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), religious creed, disability, age, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the [USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, \(AD-3027\)](#) found online at: [How to File a Complaint](#), and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;  
Fax: (202) 690-7442; or  
Email: [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov)

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

*Section 504 I-125-S*

The District is required to undertake measures to identify and locate every qualified disabled person residing in the District who is not receiving a public education; and take appropriate steps to notify disabled persons and their parents or guardians of the District's duty.

The District will provide free appropriate public education (FAPE) to each qualified disabled person in the District's jurisdiction regardless of the nature or severity of the person's disability. For purposes of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the provision of an appropriate education is the provision of regular or special and related aids and services that are designed to meet individual educational needs of disabled persons as adequately as the needs of nondisabled persons are met and are based on adherence to procedures that satisfy the requirements of the Section 504 federal regulations.

The District has developed a 504 Procedures Manual for the implementation of federal regulations for Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Subpart D. This Procedures Manual may be reviewed Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 3:00 pm in the office of the Director of Special Education, 660-885-2237 ext. 8205, [mbatusic@clintoncardinals.org](mailto:mbatusic@clintoncardinals.org). Alternative times are available by request. This notice will be provided in native languages as appropriate.

#### *Special Education I-125-S*

The District is required to locate, evaluate, and identify children with disabilities who are under the jurisdiction of the District, regardless of the severity of the disability, including children attending private schools, children who live outside the District but are attending a private school within the District, highly mobile children, such as migrant and homeless children, children who are wards of the state, and children who are suspected of having a disability and in need of special education even though they are advancing from grade to grade. The District assures that it will provide a free, appropriate public education (FAPE) to all eligible children with disabilities between the ages of 3 and 21 under its jurisdiction. Disabilities include autism, deaf/blindness, emotional disorders, hearing impairment and deafness, intellectual disability, multiple disabilities, orthopedic impairment, other health impairments, specific learning disabilities, speech or language impairment, traumatic brain injury, visual impairment/blindness and young child with a developmental delay.

The District assures that it will provide information and referral services necessary to assist the State of Missouri in the implementation of early intervention services for infants and toddlers eligible for the Missouri First Steps program.

The District assures that personally identifiable information collected, used, or maintained by the District for the purposes of identification, evaluation, placement or provision of FAPE of children with disabilities may be inspected and/or reviewed by their parents/guardians. Parents/guardians may request amendment to the educational record if the parent/guardian believes the record is inaccurate, misleading, or violates the privacy or other rights of their child. Parents have the right to file complaints with the U.S. Department of Education or the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education concerning alleged failures by the District to meet the requirements of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

The District has developed a Local Compliance Plan for the implementation of State Regulations for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). This plan contains the agency's policies and procedures regarding storage, disclosure to third parties, retention and destruction of personally identifiable information and the agency's assurances that services are provided in compliance with the General Education Provision Act (GEPA).

This plan may be reviewed Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 3:00 pm in the office of the Director of Special Education, 660-885-2237 ext. 8205, [jsowell@clintoncardinals.org](mailto:jsowell@clintoncardinals.org). Alternative times are available by request. This notice will be provided in native languages as appropriate.

#### Student Alcohol/Drug Abuse S-195-S

The District takes measures to foster a safe and drug-free learning environment that supports student engagement and development. Therefore, educational programs are provided to help students cultivate

healthy lifestyles and age-appropriate drug awareness. All use, sale, transfer, distribution, possession, or being under the influence of unauthorized prescription drugs, alcohol, narcotic substances, unauthorized inhalants, controlled substances, illegal drugs, or counterfeit substances on any District property, vehicles, or at District-sponsored events is strictly prohibited. Suspected or known violations of the District policy should be immediately reported to school authorities. Any incidents that violate this policy are subject to disciplinary action and notification to law enforcement. Any confiscated substances will be turned over to law enforcement.

In cases where it is necessary for a student to take prescription or over-the-counter medications during the school day, the medication must be documented by the nurse's office in accordance with written label directions and parental permission in compliance with District rules. (See the Handbook's section on Administration of Medication for more information.)

The possession or use of medical marijuana at school is prohibited. Students under the influence of medical marijuana may result in discipline.

Any drug/alcohol offense may result in one or more of the following: Administrator/Student conference, detention, in-school suspension, 1-180 days out-of-school suspension or expulsion, restitution if appropriate, loss of privileges including, but not limited to: confiscation of the contraband item, loss of parking privileges, loss of technology privileges, and referral to law enforcement. (See the Handbook's section on Student Discipline for more information.)

#### Student Discipline S-170-S

##### *Student Code of Conduct*

The District believes students deserve the right to participate and learn in a safe environment which allows teachers to focus on instruction that accelerates achievement. To ensure that school is a quality atmosphere for all students at all times, the code of conduct and discipline policies outline consequences for misconduct that occurs at school, during a school activity whether on- or off-campus, on District transportation, or misconduct that involves the use of District technology. All District personnel are responsible to supervise and hold students accountable for violations of discipline rules.

Failure to obey standards of conduct may result in, yet is not limited to, verbal warning, community service, confiscation of property, principal/student conference, parent contact, loss of credit, grade reduction, course failure, removal from extracurricular activities, revocation of privileges including transportation, parking and technology privileges, detention, in- or out-of-school suspension, expulsion, and report to law enforcement. For offenses involving academic integrity, the student may also be subject to a loss of credit for work, a grade reduction, and/or course failure. The Board authorizes the immediate removal of a student who poses a threat to self or others as determined by the principal, Superintendent, or the Board.

Any student who is suspended for any serious violation of the District's Student Discipline policy shall not be allowed while suspended to be within 1,000 feet of any school property or any activity of the District, regardless of where the activity takes place, unless:

1. Such student is under the direct supervision of the student's parent, legal guardian, or custodian and the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee has authorized the student to be on school property;
2. Such student is under the direct supervision of another adult designated by the student's parent, legal guardian, or custodian, in advance, in writing, to the principal of the school which suspended the student and the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee has authorized the student to be on school property;
3. Such student is enrolled in and attending an alternative school that is located within one thousand feet of a public school in the District where such student attended school; or
4. Such student resides within one thousand feet of any public school in the District where such student attended school in which case such student may be on the property of his or her residence without direct adult supervision.

If a student engages in an act of violence, a school administrator will report the information to teachers and other District employees who are responsible for the student's education or otherwise interact with the student on a professional basis while acting within the scope of their assigned duties. Additionally, school administrators will report to the appropriate law enforcement agencies any crimes as required by law.

Corporal punishment is strictly prohibited as a method of discipline. Reasonable force may be used, when necessary, for the protection of a student or others and property. The District limits the use of seclusion or restraint to situations or conditions in which there is imminent danger of physical harm to self or others.

Students with disabilities will be disciplined in compliance with state and federal laws per the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Plan, and any regulations and state and local compliance plans, which includes due process rights as afforded to all students. Additionally, a student's Individual Education Plan (IEP), including any portion that is related to past or potentially future violent behavior, will be provided to appropriate staff members with a need to know.

Information regarding a student's misconduct and discipline is confidential and only shared with those who have a need to know. Teachers and other authorized District personnel shall not be civilly liable when acting in conformity with District policies, including the discipline policy, or when reporting acts of school violence to a supervisor or other person as mandated by law.

The District discipline policy and procedures will be provided to every student at the beginning of each year, be published on the District website, and made available in the office of the Superintendent during normal business hours.

This code applies to all misbehavior committed by a student on District property, at any school-sponsored activity or event whether on- or off-campus, and District transportation. Additionally, the District may use its authority to address behavior that occurs off-campus if it interferes with the operation of the school or endangers the safety of students or staff.

#### *Standards of Conduct and Consequences*

No document can identify every possible offense that could potentially result in disciplinary action. This code identifies most offenses constituting a failure to obey the standards of conduct set by the Board. However, when circumstances warrant, the principal, Superintendent, and/or Board may impose consequences for misconduct not specifically outlined in this document.

#### *District Policy for Discipline*

##### *Definitions*

*Acts of violence or violent behavior* - The exertion of physical force with the intent to do serious physical injury while on school property, including District-transportation and school activities.

*Corporal Punishment* – The intentional infliction of physical punishment, usually in the form of spanking, as a method of student discipline.

*Detention* – A form of student discipline that requires students to attend a before and/or after school setting which monitors and restricts student activity.

*Expulsion* – A form of student discipline which removes and excludes a student from school for an indefinite period of time. Students who are expelled are entitled to due process rights.

*In-school suspension* – A form of student discipline which consists of removing the student from normal classes during the day and assigning the student to an in-school suspension program or class for a specified period of time.

*Need to know* – A requirement to report acts of school violence to school personnel who are directly responsible for a student’s education and who otherwise interact with the student on a professional basis while acting within the scope of their assigned duties.

*Out-of-school suspension* – A form of student discipline which removes and excludes a student from school for a defined period of time. Students who are suspended are entitled to due process rights.

*Physical Restraint* – The use of person-to-person physical contact that immobilizes or reduces the ability of a student to move the student’s torso, arms, legs, or head freely. It does not include briefly comforting or calming a student, holding a student’s hand to transport the student for safety purposes, physical escort, intervening in a fight, or using an assistive or protective device prescribed by an appropriately trained professional or professional team.

*Restitution* – The requirement of a student to return or pay for stolen goods or damaged property.

*Seclusion* – This is the involuntary confinement of a student alone in a room or area that the student is physically prevented from leaving and that complies with the building code in effect in the school district. Seclusion does not include a timeout, in-school suspension, detention, or other appropriate disciplinary measures. Seclusion is limited to situations or conditions in which there is imminent danger of physical harm to self or others.

*Serious violation of the District’s Student Discipline Policy* – Any act of violence or violent behavior, any drug-related activity, any offense listed in [Section 160.261.2, RSMo](#), or any other violation of the District’s Student Discipline Policy resulting in the suspension of a student for more than 10 school days.

<b>Prohibited Conduct</b>	<b>Definition</b>
Academic Dishonesty	Any type of cheating that occurs in relation to an academic exercise or assignment. It may include plagiarism, fabrication of information or citations, cheating, falsification of work or excuses for work, disrupting or destroying another person’s work, failure to contribute to a team project, or other misconduct related to academic work. Students may not claim AI generated content as their own work. The use of AI to take tests, complete assignments, create multimedia projects, write papers, or complete schoolwork without permission of a teacher or administrator is strictly prohibited. The use of AI for these purposes constitutes cheating or plagiarism.
Arson	Starting or attempting to start a fire or causing or attempting to cause an explosion.
Assault, First or Second Degree	Knowingly causing or attempting to cause serious physical injury or death to another person, recklessly causing serious physical injury to another person, or any other act that constitutes criminal assault in the first or second degree.
Assault, Third or Fourth Degree	Using physical force, such as hitting, striking or pushing, to cause or attempt to cause physical injury; placing another person in apprehension of immediate physical injury; recklessly engaging in conduct that creates a grave risk of death or serious physical injury; causing physical contact with another person knowing the other person will regard the contact as offensive or provocative; or any other act that constitutes criminal assault in the third or fourth degree.

Automobile/Vehicle Misuse	Discourteous 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.
Bullying and Cyberbullying	Intimidation, unwanted aggressive behavior or harassment (including criminal harassment under the Safe Schools Act), 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; substantially interferes with the educational performance, opportunities or benefits of any student without exception; or substantially disrupts the orderly operation of the school. Bullying may consist of physical actions, including gestures, or oral communication, cyberbullying, electronic or written communication, and any threat of retaliation for reporting of such acts. "Cyberbullying" means bullying through the 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. Students will not be disciplined for speech in situations where the speech is protected by law.
Bus or Transportation Misconduct	Any misconduct committed by a student on transportation provided by or through the District.
Dishonesty	Any act of lying, whether verbal or written, including forgery.
Disrespectful or Disruptive Conduct or Speech	Conduct that interferes with an orderly education process such as disobedience or defiance to an adult's direction, use of vulgar or offensive language or graphics, any rude language or gesture directed toward another person. Discriminatory or harassing conduct may be addressed under the District's policy regarding this conduct.
Drugs/Alcohol/Tobacco/E-Cigarettes	The use, sale, transfer, distribution, possession, or being under the influence of prescription drugs, alcohol, tobacco products, electronic cigarettes, vaping products, other nicotine delivery products, imitation tobacco products, narcotic substances, unauthorized inhalants, controlled substances, illegal drugs, counterfeit substances, imitation controlled substances, drug/tobacco paraphernalia, or over the counter drugs on any District property, vehicles, or at District-sponsored events. However, students may use, possess, and be under the influence of their prescription drugs and over the counter drugs in compliance with District procedures.
Extortion	Threatening or intimidating any person for the purpose of obtaining money or anything of value.
False Alarms or Reports	Intentionally tampering with alarm equipment for the purpose of setting off an alarm, making false reports for the purpose of scaring or disrupting the school environment.
Fighting	A conflict: verbal, physical, or both, between two or more people.
Weapons and Firearms	<p>A) Possession or use of a firearm as defined in <a href="#">18 U.S.C. § 921</a> or any instrument or device defined in <a href="#">§ 571.010, RSMo</a>, or any instrument or device defined as a dangerous weapon in <a href="#">18 U.S.C. § 930(g)(2)</a>.</p> <p>B) Other weapons are prohibited. Other weapons are defined as a device readily capable of lethal use, or device designed to mimic a weapon. Other weapons include mace spray, any knife, regardless of blade length; and items customarily</p>

	<p>used, or which can be used, to inflict injury upon another person or property.</p> <p>C) Possession or use of ammunition, a component of ammunition or a weapon, weapon accessories, or tactical gear.</p>
Fireworks or Incendiary Devices	Possessing, displaying, or using fireworks, matches, lighters, or other devices to start fires or other unsanctioned actions. This does not include educational activities designed and supervised by District employees.
Gambling	Betting something of value upon the outcome of a contest, event, assignment, or game of chance.
Harassment, including Sexual Harassment	Conduct that annoys, threatens, intimidates another person based on gender, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, disability or any other characteristic protected by law. Harassment, including sexual harassment, is unwanted and unwelcomed conduct that causes another person extreme unease or fear. Examples include, but are not limited to, derogatory comments or slurs, lewd propositions, blocking movement, offensive touching, or offensive posters or graphics.
Hazing	The imposition of strenuous, humiliating, and/or dangerous tasks as part of an initiation, admission, or affiliation to a group, even when all parties willingly participate.
Nuisance Items	Displaying or using items that create distractions and could be lost, stolen, or broken such as toys, collectible items, or other possessions not approved for educational purposes.
Property Damage or Loss of School Property	Damage to or loss of school property such as, but not limited to, books, electronic devices, calculators, uniforms, equipment, or facilities, etc.
Public Display of Affection	Physical intimacy that is inappropriate for an educational setting, such as but not limited to, kissing, groping, fondling, cuddling.
Sexting and/or Possession of Sexually Explicit, Vulgar or Violent Material	Possessing, displaying, or generating sexually explicit, vulgar, or violent material, such as but not limited to, pornography, nudity, violence or explicit death or injury. Students will not be disciplined for speech in situations where it is permissible by law. This restriction does not apply to curricular material vetted and approved by District employees for educational purposes.
Sexual Activity	Consensual acts of sex or consensual simulations of sex including, but not limited to, intercourse or oral or manual stimulation.
Tardiness or Truancy	A student arriving after the class period has begun is marked tardy. Truancy is when a student is absent from school without permission from the parents/guardians or school official. Truancy includes, but is not limited to skipping classes, falsifying the reason for an absence, or absences that have not been pre-arranged and pre-approved as excused.
Technology Misconduct	Gaining or attempting to gain unauthorized access to or interfering with a technology system or information, using any type of electronic device without permission, or recording audio or visual information without express permission for educational purposes and as allowed by District rules, or using technology in a manner inconsistent with the terms of the Technology Usage Agreement. This includes cell phone misuse.
Theft	Taking or attempting to take the property of others without consent or knowingly taking possession of stolen property.
Threats or Verbal Assault	Verbal, written, graphics, or gestures in a convincing manner that causes another person to fear for the safety of themselves or property.

Unauthorized Entry	Entering a District facility, office, locker or other area that is locked or assisting someone to enter District property who is not authorized or through an unauthorized entrance.
Vandalism	Deliberate destruction of or damage to property belonging to the District, employees, or students.
Violation of Imposed Disciplinary Consequences	The failure to comply with the discipline consequences assigned. This includes appearing on District property or at a school-sponsored event while serving a suspension or expulsion.

(District will be adding an entry “inciting Violence” to this list

### Student Insurance S-140-S

The District recommends student accident insurance for the protection of a student and parents/guardians. It is the responsibility of the parents/guardians to arrange insurance coverage as the District does not assume financial responsibility for student injuries.

Students participating in interscholastic athletics are required to have insurance coverage. Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA), requires that a student be covered through insurance before being allowed to practice or compete for a school team. The student will not be allowed to participate in interscholastic practices or competitions until proof of insurance is provided.

The District also provides information about MO HealthNet for Kids (MHK), Missouri’s Medicaid program, to qualifying families who enroll students in the District. Parents who complete an application for free and reduced-priced meals (FRL), and who indicate on the application form a child does not have insurance, will be notified by the District that the MHK program is available. Forms for MHK may be accessed at: <https://dssmanuals.mo.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/IM-1SSL-Fillable-Secured-6-24-21.pdf>.

### Student Records S-125-S

#### *Access to and Release of Student Information*

All parents/guardians may inspect and review their student's education records, seek amendments, consent to disclosures except to the extent the law authorizes disclosure without consent, and file complaints regarding the records as allowed by law. Requests to inspect or review education records may be directed to the building secretary. Requests to amend education records may be directed to the building secretary to obtain the proper form. If the District decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the District will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

The parents’/guardians’ rights relating to the education records transfer to the student once the student becomes an eligible student; however, parents/guardians maintain some rights to inspect student records even after a student turns 18. The District allows access to records to either parent, regardless of divorce, custody or visitation rights, unless the District is provided with legal documents that the parent’s rights to inspect records have been modified.

#### *Directory Information*

Directory information is information about a student that generally is not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if disclosed without the consent of a parent or eligible student. The District will designate the types of information included in directory information and may release this information without obtaining consent from a parent or eligible student unless a parent or eligible student notifies the District in writing. Parents and eligible students will be notified annually of the information the District has designated as directory information and the process for notifying the District if they do not want the information released. Even if parents or eligible students notify the District in writing that they do not want directory information disclosed, the District may still disclose the information if required or allowed

by law. For example, the District may require students to disclose their names, District email addresses in classes in which they are enrolled, or students may be required to wear or display a student identification card that exhibits information designated as directory information. If you do not want the District to disclose any or all of the types of information designated below as directory information from your child's education records without your prior written consent (with exception of disclosures required by law), you must notify the District in writing by September 1<sup>st</sup> of each school year or within 10 days of receiving the Student Parent Handbook when enrolling after school starts.

The District designates the following items as directory information:

*General Directory Information:* The following personally identifiable information about a student may be disclosed by the District without first obtaining written consent from a parent or eligible student: Student's name; date and place of birth; parents' names; grade level; enrollment status (e.g., full-time or part-time); student identification number; user identification 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.

*Limited Directory Information:* In addition to general directory information, a student's address, telephone number and email address; and the parents' addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses may be disclosed to: school officials with a legitimate educational interest; parent groups or booster clubs that are recognized by the Board and are created solely to work with the District, its staff, students and parents and to raise funds for District activities; parents of other students enrolled in the same school as the student whose information is released; students enrolled in the same school as the student whose information is released; governmental entities including, but not limited to, law enforcement, the juvenile office and the Children's Division (CD) of the Department of Social Services.

#### *School Officials with a Legitimate Educational Interest*

One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests.

A school official includes a person employed by the District as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel) or a Board Member. A school official also may include a volunteer, contractor, or consultant who, while not employed by the school, performs an institutional service or function for which the school would otherwise use its own employees and who is under the direct control of the school with respect to the use and maintenance of PII from education records, such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist; a parent or student volunteering to serve on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee; or a parent, student, or other volunteer assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks.

A school official typically has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

#### *Release of Records to Other Agencies or Institutions*

The District forwards education records to officials of another school, school system, or institution of postsecondary education where the student seeks or intends to enroll, or where the student is already enrolled if the disclosure is for purposes related to the student's enrollment or transfer, subject to the requirements under the law.

### *Release*

Parents or guardians may designate additional adult(s) to have access to their student's records by requesting a Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) release form. This form is provided with the enrollment paperwork.

### *Notice*

Parents/Guardians and/or eligible students have the right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the District to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA are:

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

### Student Searches S-175-S

Desks, lockers, and other District property provided for student use are subject to periodic and random inspections without notice.

Student property may be searched based upon reasonable suspicion of a violation of school rules or law and an examination of facts, credible information, or reasonable inferences based upon the facts and circumstances. Searches will be conducted in the presence of an adult witness.

Students are allowed the privilege of parking on school premises. The District has the authority to monitor vehicles and the parking lots of its campuses. The interior of a student's vehicle may be searched if the administration has reasonable suspicion that the search will reveal evidence that the student has or is violating school rules and/or the law.

Law enforcement will be contacted if a search produces a controlled substance, drug paraphernalia, weapons, stolen goods, or evidence of a crime.

The District may use drug dogs on campus. Drug dogs will not come into direct contact with students.

### *Student Transfers S-120-S*

The District will enroll students in the school associated with the attendance area in which the student resides. The Superintendent or designee may consider exceptions to this policy under the following conditions:

1. Students who are homeless or in foster care may attend their school of origin if it is in the student's best interest. The District may assign District students with disabilities (served under the provisions of an Individual Education Plan (IEP) or Section 504 Plan (504)) to a school outside the student's attendance area as determined by the IEP or 504 team. In special circumstances, and at the mutual discretion of the participating school Districts, Districts may contract for necessary services for students with disabilities.
2. The District will consider students placed into programs by the Missouri Department of Mental Health (DMH), the Department of Social Services (DSS), or by a court order a resident of the District in which the program is housed. The District will allow a student to attend another school within the District if that student is enrolled in a persistently dangerous school or becomes a victim of a violent criminal offense on school property as mandated by state regulations.

### *Supply Lists*

Lists are available [here](#).

### *Surveying, Analyzing, and Evaluating Students S-150-S*

The District has developed District Policies regarding the rights of a parent/guardian to:

- Inspect all instructional materials.
- Inspect and provide prior written consent for a student to participate in certain student surveys.
- Be informed of and provide prior written consent for physical examinations or screenings that the school or agency may administer to a student.
- Be informed of the District's collection, disclosure, or use of personal information collected from students for the purpose of marketing or for selling that information (or otherwise providing that information to others for that purpose), including arrangements to protect student privacy that are provided by the agency in the event of such collection, disclosure, or use.

If a parent/guardian would like to request the review of any of the above materials, please contact the building principal.

All District policies can be located at: <https://egs.edcounsel.law/clinton-school-district-policies/>

### *Teaching About Human Sexuality I-120-S*

Students will be provided instruction regarding human sexuality that is appropriate for students' age and gender. Students in 6th grade through 12th grade will be provided training regarding sexual abuse that is trauma-informed and developmentally appropriate. District Policy provides information about the requirements related to content. Parents/guardians have the right to remove their student from any part of human sexuality instruction or sexual abuse training. All curriculum materials used in the District's human sexuality instruction and sexual abuse training are available for review prior to its use in instruction.

### Technology F-265-S

#### *Policy on Student Display or Use of Electronic Personal Communications Devices*

For purposes of this policy, an "electronic personal communications device" means a portable device used to initiate, receive, store, or view communication, information, images, or data electronically.

This includes, but is not limited to, mobile phones, personal tablets, smartwatches, personal laptops, handheld gaming devices, meta/AI glasses, and earbuds/headphones connected to these devices.

#### *Prohibited Display or Use*

Students are prohibited from displaying or using electronic personal communications devices from the beginning of the school day until the end of the school day.

#### *Disciplinary Procedures*

Violations of this policy shall result in disciplinary measures consistent with the District's student code of conduct. Disciplinary action may include:

- Verbal warning
- Confiscation of the device and parent/guardian must pick up the phone
- Parent/guardian notification
- Temporary loss of device privileges
- Detention or other consequences as determined appropriate

#### *Exceptions*

Display or use of an electronic personal communications device shall be permitted if required under:

- An Individualized Education Program (IEP)
- A Section 504 Plan
- An Individualized Emergency Health Care Plan or Individualized Health Care Plan (under §167.625 RSMo)
- The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), as amended
- The Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended
- The Civil Rights Act of 1964
- The Equal Educational Opportunities Act of 1974 for English language learners

Use of electronic devices are also allowed under the following conditions:

- In case of an emergency, a serious, unexpected, and dangerous situation that requires immediate action. This includes but not limited to the following: an active fire, active tornado or earthquake, active shooter, evacuation of school grounds, a medical emergency, or any other serious, unexpected, and dangerous situation that requires immediate action.
- For educational purposes, when explicitly authorized by a teacher or school official pursuant to this policy.

#### *Technology Devices and Acceptable Use Policy*

The District maintains an environment that promotes ethical and responsible conduct in all online network activities by employees and students. All authorized users are expected to acknowledge and comply with the rules and policies of technology usage and the District network.

Students are provided with opportunities to utilize district technology at the discretion of district personnel. Students are prohibited from using any type of electronic device without permission, or recording audio or visual information without express permission for educational purposes and as allowed by District rules, or using technology in a manner inconsistent with the terms of the Technology Usage Agreement.

#### *Cell Phones and Technology Devices*

Clinton Middle School does not allow students to use their cell phones, smart watches, air pods or other personal electronic devices during the school day unless approved by the building administration. ***This includes classrooms, hallways, cafeteria, restrooms, and field trips unless approved by building administrators.*** These items are not part of the learning process and are a distraction to the teaching and learning environment. Personal Devices are to be stored away from 7:45 am until dismissal at 3:00 pm. Parents needing to contact their student may contact the school office at 660-885-3353 to relay information to them. If a student chooses to take out their unapproved electronic devices, the student will be asked to take their device to the office where it can be picked up after 3pm or at the end of their school day. Each time a student takes out their personal electronic device, it will be logged at a discipline offense. Further discipline will be enforced for habitual abuse of the electronic device policy.

Contents of electronic devices may be reviewed and searched by school administration if there exists a reasonable suspicion that it may have been used in an activity prohibited by the Code of Conduct.

The student assumes all risks in bringing electronic devices onto school property or to school related functions. Clinton School District assumes no responsibility for theft, loss, or damage of an electronic device brought to school. Students bring these devices at their own risk. Students are encouraged to secure their devices at all times for safe keeping.

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- The Equal Educational Opportunities Act of 1974 for English language learners

Use of electronic devices are also allowed under the following conditions:

- In case of an emergency, a serious, unexpected, and dangerous situation that requires immediate action. This includes but not limited to the following: an active fire, active tornado or earthquake, active shooter, evacuation of school grounds, a medical emergency, or any other serious, unexpected, and dangerous situation that requires immediate action.
- For educational purposes, when explicitly authorized by a teacher or school official pursuant to this policy.

#### *Acceptable Use*

All use of District devices and Internet usage must support educational purposes consistent with the District mission. Network accounts must be accessed only by the authorized user of the assigned account without an expectation of privacy from the District. Employee and student subscriptions to mailing lists and bulletin boards require prior approval by the system administrator. All online activity will be respectful and align with the code of conduct, discipline, and other related policies of the District. All technology of students will be monitored in compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA).

#### *Unacceptable Use*

Any use of the network for commercial, for-profit, political purposes or advertisement is prohibited. Excessive use of the network for personal business may be cause for disciplinary action. No use of the network may be used to disrupt the use of the network by others or to destroy, modify, or abuse the system in any manner. District resources may not be used to download software or other files unrelated to its mission. Use of the network to access or process pornographic, dangerous, or inappropriate files as

determined by the administrator is prohibited. The network may not be used to download, duplicate, or distribute copyrighted materials. The network shall not be used for any unlawful purposes. Use of profanity, harassing, or other offensive or discriminatory language is prohibited.

#### *User Agreements*

Parents and, when age-appropriate, students are required to review and sign User Agreements in order to access District technology. (See User Agreement form in this handbook.)

#### *Safety and Cybersecurity*

The District monitors the online activities of students and operates a technology protection measure (“filtering/blocking device”) on the network and/or all computers with Internet access, as required by law. The filtering/blocking device will attempt to protect against access to visual depictions that are obscene or harmful to minors or are child pornography, as required by law. Filters/blocking devices 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 filtering/blocking device installed by the District is prohibited.

Clinton School District is committed to creating a safe and secure digital environment for all users. While the district uses filtering technology to restrict access to such material, it is not possible to absolutely prevent such access. It is the responsibility of the user to follow the rules for responsible use. Parents and students should contact the school with concerns when objectionable content has been discovered. Users do 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 have their electronic communications and all other use monitored by the district. 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. Appropriate district and school officials may monitor a technology device or access its contents at any time in accordance with this agreement and applicable law.

#### Title IX C-131-S

The District does not discriminate on the basis of sex in the education program or activity that it operates and is required by Title IX not to discriminate in such a manner. The requirement not to discriminate in the education program or activity extends to admissions and employment. Inquiries about the application of Title IX to the District may be referred to the Title IX Coordinator or Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights of the Department of Education, or both.

The District designates the following individual to serve as the District's Title IX Coordinator:

Name or Title: Assistant Superintendent  
Address: 701 S. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Clinton, Missouri 64735  
Email Address: [cmeier@clintoncardinals.org](mailto:cmeier@clintoncardinals.org)  
Phone #: 660-885-2237

Any person may report sex discrimination, including sexual harassment (whether or not the person reporting is the person alleged to be the victim of conduct that could constitute sex discrimination or sexual harassment), in person, by mail, by telephone, or by electronic mail, using the contact information listed for the Title IX Coordinator, or by any other means that results in the Title IX Coordinator receiving the person's verbal or written report. Such a report may be made at any time (including during non-

business hours) by using the telephone number or electronic mail address, or by mail to the office address listed for the Title IX Coordinator.

All employees, students, and visitors who have witnessed, heard about, or received a report about any incident or behavior that could constitute sexual harassment under this policy must immediately report such incident or behavior to the District's Title IX Coordinator for investigation. If the allegations are against the District's Title IX Coordinator, it must be immediately reported to the Superintendent, unless the Superintendent is also the Title IX Coordinator, then to the President of the Board of Education.

All complaints of violation of this policy will be promptly investigated by the District, and appropriate action will be taken.

#### *Tobacco-Free Policy C-150-S*

To promote the health of all individuals, the District prohibits all employees, students and patrons from smoking or using tobacco products, electronic cigarettes or imitation tobacco or cigarette products in all District facilities, on District transportation, on all District grounds at all times and at any District-sponsored event or activity while off campus.

#### Transportation Services F-260-S

School buses are operated for one purpose, transporting students to and from school. The driver is in charge of the students and the bus. Students must obey the driver promptly at all times. Concerns regarding bus transportation should be referred to First Student at 660-885-2644. Concerns regarding bus behaviors should be directed to CMS administration and First Student.

#### *Trauma-Informed Schools Initiative*

The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) has established the "Trauma-Informed Schools Initiative" and created a website with more information about this initiative. In accordance with Missouri law, the District is providing notice of the address for this website: <https://dese.mo.gov/college-career-readiness/school-counseling/traumainformed>.

#### *Use of Recording Devices or Drones C-165-S*

The District prohibits audio and visual recordings on District property, District transportation or at a District activity unless authorized by the Superintendent. Requests for such authorization must be made within a reasonable period of time prior to the recording. Unless otherwise specified by the Superintendent, exceptions in Policy C-165-P apply to this prohibition.

All unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), commonly known as drones, with the potential to capture or produce visual images of District property or District events must be operated in accordance with applicable Federal Aviation Administration regulations or safety guidelines and must receive authorization from the Superintendent to operate a UAS on or over District property or at a District event.

#### Visitor Procedures C-155-S

For safety purposes, all visitors MUST use the main entrance, report to the office, obtain a visitor's badge and sign in and out upon arrival and departure. No one will be allowed to enter the hallways or classrooms without permission from the office and without a visitor's pass. If you need to pick up your child before the end of the school day, come to the office and your child will be called to the office.

Since classroom observations and visits can be disruptive, the District does not permit parents/guardians or other family members to visit classrooms during instructional time.

#### Weapons in School S-200-S

The District strictly prohibits unauthorized possession or use of weapons on District property, at District-sponsored activities, either on- or off-campus, and District transportation. Weapons will be confiscated and reported to law enforcement authorities.

Examples of prohibited weapons may include, but are not limited to, blackjack, concealable firearm, explosive weapon, firearm, firearm silencer, gas gun, knife, machine gun, knuckles, projectile weapon, rifle, shotgun, spring gun, switchblade or any knife, mace spray, or any other items customarily used, or which can be used, to inflict injury upon another person or property.

By law, a student who brings a weapon prohibited by law on school property will be expelled or suspended from school for not less than one calendar year and referred to law enforcement. The expulsion or suspension may be modified on a case-by-case basis upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to the Board. Other provisions of the discipline code related to the offense may be applied in addition to the consequences required by law. Students with disabilities who violate this policy will be reviewed under the provisions of the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) and/or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.

Signature and Form Requirements

- *Email Consent/Permission Form*
- *Technology Usage Agreement Form*
- *Student/Parent Handbook Acknowledgement Form*

Email Consent/Permission Form

The faculty of the District strives to communicate and work together with the parents and guardians of our students. Email is one tool that promotes convenient, two-way communication between families and teachers. Though the District network is secure, we cannot guarantee that an email sent from the District server will remain secure once it leaves our system. When teachers or administrators receive email from outside sources, the identity of the person cannot always be easily discerned.

Therefore, permission must be granted by the parent/guardian to allow teachers or administrators to use email for communication. To remain compliant with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), email will not be used to send grading, attendance, discipline information of students, or other personally identifiable information without permission to do so. The District also encourages parents to access the District's parent portal, a secure measure, to check your child's school information and progress.

I, Parent/Guardian of (please print) \_\_\_\_\_, provide to my child's school and to the District permission to email academic, attendance, discipline, or other personally identifiable information to the email address(es) listed below. I understand that by giving this permission, there is no guarantee that the information will be fully secure and do not hold the District liable for any inappropriate release of student information that may violate the FERPA regulations as a result of any email communication. Should your email address change, please contact the District.

Name of Student (please print:) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address(es): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Students (for ages --- and above)*

I have read, understand, and agree to the Technology Acceptable Use Policy when using electronic devices owned, leased, or operated by the District *or* while accessing the District Wi-Fi/Internet, even if using a personal device. Should I violate the policy (F-265-P) or the Student Parent Handbook provision regarding technology usage (F-265-S), my access privileges may be revoked. I also understand that any violation of the policy or Student Parent Handbook is prohibited and may result in disciplinary or legal action.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Parent Technology Usage Agreement Permission Form*

As the parent/guardian, I have read, understand, and agree to the Technology Acceptable Use Policy (F-265-P) and the Student Parent Handbook provision regarding technology usage (F-265-S) when my student(s) or family are using electronic devices owned, leased, or operated by the District *or* while accessing the District Wi-Fi/Internet, even if using a personal device. Should my student(s) violate the policy or Student Parent Handbook, access privileges may be revoked. I also understand that any violation of the policy or handbook is prohibited and may result in disciplinary or legal consequences. I further understand that the District has taken steps to control access to the Internet, but cannot guarantee that all controversial information will be inaccessible to student users. I agree not to hold the District responsible for materials acquired on the network and accept responsibility when my student(s) uses District technology outside the school setting. I give permission for my student(s) to use District technology and network resources, including the Internet.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Students 18 years of age or older may sign this release form for themselves.

I acknowledge that I have received and reviewed the 2025-2026 Student/Parent Handbook. I understand the policies and guidelines of the District and that violations of these policies and guidelines may result in disciplinary action.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Students 18 years of age or older may sign this release form for themselves.