

**WOODFORD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
AGENDA ITEM**

**ITEM #:** 1XD **DATE:** February 28, 2019

**TOPIC/TITLE:** Code of Conduct Revisions GW

**PRESENTER:** Garet Wells

**ORIGIN:**

- ☐ TOPIC PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION ONLY (No board action required.)
- ☐ ACTION REQUESTED AT THIS MEETING
- ☒ ITEM IS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR APPROVAL
- ☐ ACTION REQUESTED AT FUTURE MEETING: (DATE)
- ☐ BOARD REVIEW REQUIRED BY

- ☐ STATE OR FEDERAL LAW OR REGULATION
- ☐ BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY
- ☐ OTHER:

**PREVIOUS REVIEW, DISCUSSION OR ACTION:**

- ☐ NO PREVIOUS BOARD REVIEW, DISCUSSION OR ACTION
- ☐ PREVIOUS REVIEW OR ACTION

- ☐ DATE:
- ☐ ACTION:

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Board policy 09.438 states in part "In accordance with KRS 158.148 and 704 KAR 007:050, the Board shall develop a student discipline code"

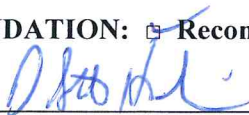
**SUMMARY OF MAJOR ELEMENTS:**

Attached are recommendations as required from the Code of Conduct committee.

**IMPACT ON RESOURCES:**

**TIMETABLE FOR FURTHER REVIEW OR ACTION:**

**SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:** ☒ Recommended ☐ Not Recommended



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# 2019-2020 Code of Conduct

## Suggested Revisions

1. Update Table of Contents and School Year to reflect 2019-2020.

2. Pg. 9 Update Non-Discrimination Policy Statement as follows:

The Woodford County School System offers the following vocational education program for students in Grades 9-12: agriculture, business and marketing, engineering and technology, family and consumer science, health science, and education. The following vocational classes are available to students in Grade 11-12 through local vocational schools: ~~food science and processing systems,~~ ~~environmental science,~~ carpentry, welding, digital ~~design-game & game~~ development, cinematography & video production, ~~aeronautics and aerospace technology,~~ fire science, homeland security, law enforcement services, automotive maintenance & repair technology, ~~electronics technology,~~ collision repair technology, diesel technology, ~~pre-veterinary,~~ high voltage electricity, low voltage electricity, ~~electricity technology,~~ vet assisting and equine ~~studies-science.~~ Adult Education classes are also offered to individuals pursuing a High School Equivalency diploma. Any person having inquiries concerning the Woodford County Schools' vocational education program or if needing this information in a language other than English or Spanish should contact Lindsay Raterman, CTE Department Chair at 180 Frankfort Street, Versailles, Kentucky 40383 or at (859) 879-4630 extension 3113.

3. Pg. 10 ~~Criminal~~ Background Checks

4. Pg. 13 Add to "Charge Policy" as follows:

Adult meals/a la carte items may not be charged.

5. Pg. 13 Meal Prices (~~Adjust if necessary~~)

6. Pg. 14 Add

**Homeless Children and Youth**

The District shall provide educational and related services to homeless children and youth, including preschool-aged homeless children, and homeless children or youth not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian (unaccompanied youth) in a manner that does not segregate or stigmatize students on the basis of their homeless status. For questions regarding homeless services, contact the WCPS Homeless Liaison, Jill Hargis, at 859-879-4600.

7. Pg. 14 Add

**Crowd Control**

The Principal shall have authority to promote the orderly conduct and safety of the students and other spectators attending events on school property. Crowd control procedures shall include the following:

1. Assignment of authorized school personnel to provide adequate supervision.
2. The Principal may request law enforcement personnel to be present if s/he anticipates the crowd may pose a conduct or safety problem.

Law enforcement personnel shall be provided for athletic events, as approved by the Superintendent.

The Principal shall utilize his or her judgment regarding the number of officers needed and advise as to their placement.

3. The admission gate or entrance shall be controlled and admission limited to eligible students, chaperones, guests, spectators, and other authorized persons.
4. Persons under the influence of alcohol or drugs are subject to exclusion from the event.

If a disturbance occurs, school authorities shall determine if the event needs to be concluded and may close the event, as appropriate, and send those in attendance off the school grounds.

8. Pg. 57 Remove User Contract

9. Include Random Drug Testing policy



## 10. Pg 25 Add

### **GANG ACTIVITY** Level 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5

Students shall not engage in gang related activity as described per KRS chapter 506. Gang Activity is any activity intended by the student or is recognized by students or sworn Law Enforcement to designate a gang symbol or to signify affiliation with, participation in or approval of a gang. Gang related activity may include, but not be limited to, any article of clothing, badge, sign, lettering, jewelry, emblem, symbol or other personal display or adornment.

## 11. Pg 25 Update Harassing Communications policy as follows:

### **HARASSING COMMUNICATIONS** Level 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5

Harassing Communication involves the intent to intimidate, harass, annoy, or alarm another person.

This intent is accompanied by one or more of the following behaviors:

1. communicating with a person, anonymously or otherwise, by ~~telephone, telegraph, mail or any other~~ form of **electronic or** written communication in a manner which causes annoyance or alarm and serves no purpose of legitimate communication;
2. making an **unwanted** telephone call, whether or not conversation ensues, with no purpose of legitimate communication; or
3. communicating with or about another school student, anonymously or otherwise, by ~~telephone, the Internet, telegraph, mail, or any other~~ form of electronic or written communication in a manner which **it would be a reasonable to believe person under the circumstances should know it** would cause the other student to suffer fear of physical harm, intimidation, humiliation, or embarrassment and which serves no purpose of legitimate communication.

## 12. Pg 27-28 Possession of Personal Telecommunication Device Policy

No student shall use a telecommunication device in a manner that would violate the privacy rights of any individual while on school property or while attending a school-related activity. **Examples of such a violation would be, but not be limited to, recording other Code of Conduct violations such as a student altercation, harassment, tobacco use, or any other inappropriate behavior.**

Failure to comply with the consequences associated with violating the telecommunication device policy, **or a telecommunications device policy infraction that necessitates holding a device for evidentiary purposes,** may result in the device being kept at school instead of allowing for a check in and check out process. Use of any telecommunication device, including but not limited to smart watches, smart phones, fitness trackers and other devices, which results in the infraction of any other discipline policy, is subject to an appropriate consequence for that violation in addition to the consequence for violating the personal telecommunication device policy. Students may also be asked to remove any wearable telecommunication device (i.e. smart watches, fitness trackers, etc.) during assessments and tests. The consequences associated with a violation of this policy will be the same whether or not the phone is being used inappropriately by the owner or another individual.

### 13. Alternative Placements of Students

Safe Harbor Academy is the off-site alternative placement serving the Woodford County Public Schools. **Woodford Alternative Virtual Education (WAVE) and Night School are computer based settings for an alternative delivery of educational services offered through Safe Harbor Academy.** In addition, both Woodford County Middle School and Woodford County High School have a School Within A School (SWS) alternative placement on site at their respective locations. Students are placed in alternative settings for various reasons to meet their unique academic, behavior, social and emotional needs. While agreement of a placement in an alternative setting is desired, it is not required. A student educated in an alternative setting in another district is not guaranteed placement in an alternative setting in Woodford County. After a review of records along with input from previous schools and agencies, a determination will be made and the parent/legal guardian will be notified where to enroll their child.

Placement at Safe Harbor, **including WAVE and Night School**, may be considered for one of the following reasons:

1. A committee has reviewed data over time and determined Safe Harbor, **including WAVE and Night School**, is the best place to meet the student's unique needs. Length of placement to be determined by student's progress ~~on goals~~.
- ~~2. A student has committed a Level IV offense and been recommended to the Superintendent/designee for placement. Length of placement to be determined by Superintendent/designee based on severity of infraction. Typical placement would be for, 30 or 45 days.~~
- ~~3. A student has been suspended multiple times and been recommended to the Superintendent/designee for placement. Length of placement to be determined by Superintendent/designee based on severity of infraction. Typical placement would be for 15, 30, or 45 days.~~
4. A student is enrolling in the Woodford County Public Schools from an alternative program in another school district. Length of placement to be determined by student's progress on goals.
5. An approved student application for Safe Harbor, WAVE or Night School

Placement in the School Within A School programs may be considered for one of the following reasons:

1. Credit Recovery (WCHS only)
2. Inappropriate behavior incidents
3. Transition