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MEMORANDUM

TO: Christian County Board of Education Board Members

FROM: Melanie A. Barrett, Director of Pupil Personnel

DATE: August 20, 2020

RE: Alternative Education Forms-Alternative Placement Appeals Process

Please review the Alternative Education Forms 09.4341 AP .21 (pages 11-13) regarding the Alternative Placement Appeals Process. The Christian County Board of Education is requested to review and acknowledge receipt of the Alternative Education Forms Updates.

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Alternative Education Forms

ASSIGNMENT NOTIFICATION

STUDENT_	AGE_	BIRTHDATE_				
School	_Grade	GENDER	RACE			
Name of Parent/Guardian						
EMAIL ADDRESS/HOME	L ADDRESS/HOMEEMAIL ADDRESS/WORK					
MAILING ADDRESSF	HONE WORK	Ном	E			
Dear Parent/Guardian,						
This letter serves as notification that your son/daughter has been assigned to the following:						
☐ Christian County Alternative School ☐ Focus and Finish Program						
The status of this assignment to an alternative setting is □ Involuntary □ Voluntary						
Reason(s) for the assignment include:						
Your child's Individual Learning Plan Addendum (ILPA) team looks forward to meeting with you to discuss development or amendment of the ILPA for your child, and other matters related to provision of alternative education program services. The meeting will take place on (DATE) at (TIME) at (LOCATION). If you are unable to attend, we will mail you written notification to explain the results of the meeting. If you have questions, please contact me. Otherwise, please contact me to let me know if you will be attending this important meeting. Sincerely,						
Signature of School Person Contact's Telephone:		mail:	Date			

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE: Using the form above, a letter will be sent to the parent/guardian using the appropriate language for the program the student is entering, regarding their child's assignment to the Christian County Alternative School or their acceptance to attend Focus and Finish Program. Changes in educational placement for students identified under the IDEA or Section 504 shall be implemented consistent with applicable legal requirements.

Alternative Education Forms

REFERRAL TO ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Li Christian County Alterna	tive School	l Finish Program		
Student Name		Grade		
Home Address		City		
State		Zip Code		
Home/Cell Phone	DOB	Gender	Race	
Parent/Guardian Name				
Work Phone	Referring School _			
What is the reason for the re-	ferral to the Alternative School	ol? 🗆 Involuntary 🗀 Volunta	ry	
Description:				
Date Guidance Contacted	Date Attendance Contacted	Date Alternative Program Contacted	ILPA Meeting Date	
Please check the appropriate	boxes:			
	ry Placement	☐ Voluntary Placement		
	□Long Term	☐ Short Term ☐Long Term		
☐ Parent Conference		Parent Conference		
☐ Detention ☐ Saturday School		☐ Needs Social/Personal Support ☐ Truancy Issues		
☐ ISS/ISP		☐ Risk of Academic Failure/Dropping Out of School		
☐ Suspension		☐ Dropped Out of School/Requesting Return		
☐ Alternative to Expulsion		☐ Other		
Beginning Date		Ending Date		
(These dates are	subject to change depending	on emergency days/weather-	related days and/or due to	
exter	sion due to non-compliance	or ILPA team extension based	l on evidence.)	
have had the opportunity to referral. I am also aware my s and KRS 158.180, and other to comply with these, truanc	meet and discuss with Indivi student is required to abide by consequences under the Code y charges may be filed agains	noted Christian County Alte dual Learning Plan Addendu the Kentucky Compulsory Al e of Acceptable Behavior and the parent/guardian and/or s A will be entered into the str	m Team the reason(s) for the tendance Laws, KRS 150.01 Discipline. If my student faint student, and student discipline.	
Parent/Gua	urdian Signature		Date	
Student Sig	gnature		Date	
Principal/E	Pesignee Signature		Date	

VOLUNTARY/INVOLUNTARY ALTERNATIVE PLACEMENT PROCEDURES-FOCUS AND FINISH PROGRAM

The Focus and Finish Program is a voluntary/involuntary individualized learning environment with a mixture of on-line and textbook curriculum for students who need an alternative pathway for academic success. Enrollment in the Focus and Finish Program is voluntary/involuntary, and students enrolled in five (5) or more periods a day are required by law to have an Individual Learning Plan Addendum (ILPA). Students may be recommended by the guidance counselor and/or school administrator for consideration in the program.

ENROLLMENT CRITERIA

- Enrolled in or seeking enrollment in Christian County Public Schools (CCPS) and
- Behind significantly in credits based upon an expected four (4)-year high school cycle or
- Desires/Needs a smaller, personalized learning structure for academic success

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Students who are candidates for the Focus and Finish Program include the following:

- Seniors who are not on track to graduate during the fourth year of high school.
- Juniors in the second semester who are failing current courses and who are in jeopardy of not graduating on time.
- Students who have not met the number of credits required to progress to the next grade level.
- Students with extraordinary circumstances who have a desire or need to graduate early.
- Students who may need a smaller, individualized learning environment in order to demonstrate academic success.
- Students who have extraordinary circumstances or hardships; flexible scheduling may be considered on a case-by-case basis according to need.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

- Applications are available in each high school guidance office and on the District website
 on the Focus and Finish Program webpage under Academics Alternative Pathways. The
 student must complete the application including parent/guardian consent and return to
 the guidance counselor.
- 2. The student should return the completed application to the school guidance counselor. The counselor and school administrator will review the application and supporting documentation. If the consensus is Focus and Finish Program is a good placement for the student, then each sign the application and include any comments which will be helpful to the Focus and Finish Program staff.
- 3. Forward the completed application to the Focus and Finish Program staff.

VOLUNTARY/INVOLUNTARY ALTERNATIVE PLACEMENT PROCEDURES-FOCUS AND FINISH PROGRAM (CONTINUED)

APPLICATION PROCEDURES (CONTINUED)

4. If the student is applying for five (5) or more (not including advisory) periods of the school day, he/she will also need to complete an application for Hardship Graduation and Individual Learning Plan Addendum (ILPA). Forward the completed applications to the Focus and Finish Program staff who will forward to the Director of Alternative Programs.

REFERRAL PROCEDURES

Focus and Finish Program is voluntary/involuntary. A school administrative team may identify students for placement who meet the criteria above. In this instance, the following procedure should be followed:

- The administrator/designee should complete the referral form and collect required supporting documents.
- The administrator/designee should send the referral form to the grade appropriate guidance counselor at Focus and Finish Program.
- The Focus and Finish Program grade appropriate guidance counselor will review the materials.
- If the parent/guardian is unavailable to attend the conference, the conference will be held to inform the student of the opportunities available.
- The application will be provided to the student at the conference in the event that the student chooses to seek admission.

PROCEDURE FOR TRANSITION TO TRADITIONAL PROGRAM

- Seniors have completed requirements and are back on track to graduate during their fourth year of high school.
- Juniors in their second semester have raised grades and are passing current courses which
 were jeopardizing their graduating on time.
- Students who had not met the number of credits required to progress to the next grade level
 have earned the required number of credits.

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FOCUS AND FINISH PROGRAM VOLUNTARY/INVOLUNTARY APPLICATION

Application Date	C.t. at	
Student Name:	School:	
DOB: Age:	Grade:	
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	11:	
Parent/Guardían Email Address:		
Has student ever been retained or repeated a grade? If y	***************************************	
Student Signature	Parent Signature	
A student applying to attend the Focus and Finish Program must wri she wants to attend the Focus and Finish Program. Return the application.		
For School Use O	nly:	
Principal/Counselor should write comments on the back of the appli	ication.	
Referring (Home) School Counselor Signature:	Date:	
Referring (Home) School Principal Signature:		
If the application ids for more than five (5) periods, the School County Programs. Transcript Current Grade Report Application for Hardship Graduation For Director of Alternative Programs' Use Only Discipline Recognition Date	cordCurrent Schedule ordStudent Essay	
Outcome of Conference:	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	
Next Steps		
Director of Alternative Programs Signature:		
Parent/Guardian/Student Notification of Admission Status:	Date:	
Attendance Clause: If the student application requires a performance-based course, the ap of Pupil Personnel.	oplication requires additional approval by the Director	
Performance-Based Option Approved: ☐ Yes ☐ No		
Director of Pupil Personnel Signature:	Date:	

INVOLUNTARY ALTERNATIVE PLACEMENT PROCEDURES CHRISTIAN COUNTY ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL

The Christian County Alternative School has been developed to provide an educational opportunity for students who, for variety of reasons, have not been successful in their home school. The alternative school staff will work with the student and parent/guardian to modify and correct the behaviors and decision-making skills that brought about placement in the alternative setting. Through the process of group and individual counseling as well as interaction with the staff at the alternative school, it is our goal to transition the student successfully back to their home school.

DUE PROCESS

District Policy 09.431 shall be followed when students are being referred to the Alternative School. In cases which involve students with disabilities, the procedures mandated by federal and state law shall be followed.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Christian County Alternative School program will be operated under the following regulations:

- Students enrolled in the Christian County Alternative School Program are expected to attend regularly and to comply strictly with the Code of Acceptable Behavior & Discipline.
- There will be additional rules and regulations that may be necessary for the proper management of an alternative classroom.
- Students are expected to demonstrate a level of academic performance in accordance with the state standards.
- Students are expected to demonstrate respect for and cooperation with alternative school teachers and staff.
- A student in the alternative school may not leave the school campus for other school functions unless approved by the alternative school Principal/designee.
- A student may be required to provide his/her own transportation to and from the alternative school if the student's behavioral offense was transportation related. If student requests to provide his/her own transportation to the Alternative School, it shall be approved by the Principal/designee.
- Length of stay at the alternative school shall be determined by the Code of Acceptable Behavior and Discipline.
- Students shall schedule a conference with the Principal/designee of the school the student will be attending prior to re-enrollment.

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ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL PLACEMENTS

The decision to place a CCPS student at the alternative school will be at the discretion of the student's A1 school Principal/designee.

- A parent/guardian of the student will be contacted and required to meet with the A1 school Principal.
- Principal will notify the Alternative School Point of Contact (POC) of the Alternative School Referral.
- Alternative School POC will give the A1 Principal a tentative date (within one to two [1-2] school days) for the parent/guardian to enroll the student at the alternative school and participate in the Individual Learning Plan Addendum (ILPA) meeting.
- CCPS Alternative school and office referral paperwork will be completed and signed by required parties.
 - Parent will be notified of their rights to appeal due process.
- The student will be suspended and/or assigned to ISS pending the enrollment at the alternative school and released to their parent.

STUDENT PLACEMENT IN ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL

Alternative Education is defined by school Board Policy 09.4341 as a program that exists to meet the needs of students that cannot be addressed in a traditional classroom setting but through the assignment of students to alternative classroom, centers or campuses that are designed to remediate academic performance, improve behavior, or provide an enhanced learning experience. Alternative education programs do not include career or technical centers or departments.

Administrators will make efforts to address behavior needs of students who have committed offenses under the Code of Acceptable Behavior and Discipline including pre-alternative conferences so as to try to avoid later referral to the Alternative School.

PRE-ALTERNATIVE CONFERENCE AS DEFINED BY THE CODE OF ACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR AND DISCIPLINE

- Parent/Guardian is contacted by the home school administrator or designee and an
 appointment is set to review the infractions.
- Prior interventions (PBIS) are reviewed with the parent/guardian and the student and is
 documented on the behavior referral form.
- Parent and student are informed of next steps if the same infractions continue.
- Step 7 of the Code of Acceptable Behavior and Discipline will be implemented following the conference with student and parent.

INVOLUNTARY ALTERNATIVE PLACEMENT PROCEDURES CHRISTIAN COUNTY ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL

DETERMINATION OF PLACEMENT IN ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM (ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL)

- Decision for placing a student in the alternative setting will be made by the student's home school administration by following the Code of Acceptable Behavior and Discipline matrix.
- · Code of Acceptable Behavior and Discipline Step 8 infractions
 - For students under the age of 18, parent/guardian is contacted by home school administration and a meeting is set to inform regarding the alternative school placement.
 - For students over the age of 18, a meeting is set with the student to inform regarding the alternative school placement.
 - Parents and students are informed of their right to appeal the administration of due process during this meeting
 - Student will be suspended pending the enrollment to the alternative school and released to the custody of their parent (under age 18) or released under their own recognizance (over age 18).

PROCEDURAL PLACEMENT IN ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM (ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL)

- School administration notifies the Alternative School Point of Contact (POC).
- All necessary documentation shall be completed by the sending school and submitted to the Alternative Program following the Determination of Placement meeting.

PROCEDURAL PLACEMENT IN ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM (ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL) (CONTINUED)

- The Alternative School POC determines enrollment date of student which should occur within 48 hours of receiving the appropriate documentation.
- During that 48-hour period, the Alternative POC will schedule an ILPA meeting with home school administrator/designee, student, and/or parent/Guardian.
- The meeting will address the following program completion requirements:
 - o Academic Plan
 - Students must have a passing average
 - Must have demonstrated appropriate academic growth
 - Behavior expectations
 - Completion of therapy or other intervention program related to disciplinary infraction
 - Attendance
 - Students must complete number of days assigned to Alternative School before returning to the A1 school.
 - Completion of the alternative program assignment

INVOLUNTARY ALTERNATIVE PLACEMENT PROCEDURES CHRISTIAN COUNTY ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL

PROCEDURAL PLACEMENT IN ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM (ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL) (CONTINUED)

- o Anticipated return date
- o Hardship Graduation Application for Seniors
- Students assigned for Alternative Programs due to behavioral infractions are prohibited from participating in or attending of any school system functions.
- o Participation in career pathway options
- Students who fail to meet the program completion requirements may have their length of stay continued until program requirements have been completed.
- Length of Placement
 - o The length of student placements will be determined by:
 - Board of Education recommendation
 - · As indicated by the Code of Acceptable Behavior and Discipline
 - Length of placements may be determined by the Code of Acceptable Behavior and Discipline
 - Student transitions from the Alternative School will occur during the transition window.

ILPA REVIEW FOR TRANSITIONING PROGRAMS

When a student is ready to transition from an alternative placement, a review of ILPA goals and objectives will be completed.

- The review will be completed with student, parent/guardian, home school administrator,
 Alternative POC, and any other mental health or judicial official as needed.
- A transition support plan will be developed to support the student as they transition back to a regular school setting.
- If it is determined that the student is struggling with the transition back to the home school, the support plan will be revised.
- In the event that a student is transferred between alternative programs, it will be necessary
 for the student to complete the remaining days of the alternative program assignment.

INVOLUNTARY ALTERNATIVE PLACEMENT PROCEDURES CHRISTIAN COUNTY ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL (CONTINUED)

HARDSHIP GRADUATION

- Students who complete graduation requirements during the alternative placement will be excused from the remainder of days left in the placement.
 - o A school committee will determine participation in the following:
 - Graduation Activities (Commencement, Baccalaureate, Project Graduation, etc.)
 - Athletics
 - Prom, Homecoming, etc.
 - o Hardship graduates will have the same rights to attend events as the general public.

PLACEMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS

- In the event that a special education student commits a Step 8 infraction or reaches Step 8 with repeat offenses, the Principal will:
 - o Contact and consult the District SPED Director
 - Schedule an ARC meeting
 - For qualifying offenses, Principals must collaborate with the Director of Special Education to use an Interim Alternative Education Setting (IAES) placement.
 - If an ARC determines the behavior not be a manifestation, the Principal will
 proceed with the same process detailed in the procedural placement section.

EXCEPTION TO POLICY PLACEMENT

Circumstances requiring an Exception to Policy Placement may include:

- An Exception to Policy placement may be indicated if behavior referrals involving a student have not reached a Step 8 in the Code of Acceptable Behavior and Discipline matrix, but the severity or circumstances around the incident warrant an exception and placement.
- Any Exception to Policy placement must be documented and provide justification for placement on the behavior referral form and sent to the Department of Pupil Personnel for regions.

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ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL APPEAL PROCEDURES FOR INVOLUNTARY PLACEMENT

- A parent/guardian (or adult student) may appeal in writing (preferably using the
 Alternative Education Form in 09.4341 AP.21) a referral to an alternative placement for
 disciplinary reasons to the District Discipline Committee ("DDC") by delivering the
 written appeal to the Director of Pupil Personnel ('DPP") and/or the Director of
 Alternative Programs ("DAP") setting forth grounds for the appeal. There shall be no
 appeal rights for a referral made by the Superintendent or designee of the Superintendent
 or by the Board.
- The parent/guardian/adult student shall have one (1) school day from the date of the referral to file a written appeal (preferably using the Alternative Education Form in 09.4341 AP.21) with the DPP and/or the DAP (via email or hand-delivery) at the Central Office (200 Glass Avenue, Hopkinsville, Kentucky).
- 3. The written appeal shall identify the referral being appealed, the date of the referral, and the basis of the appeal with any documentation or other items the parent/guardian/adult believes is relevant to the appeal.
- 4. When the written appeal is received by the DAP and/or DPP, a copy of the written appeal will be delivered within one (1) school day to the referring administrator, to the Director of Special Education (if the student has an IEP or a Section 504 Plan), and to the Superintendent.
- 5. Within one (1)school day of receiving a copy of the written appeal from DPP or DAP, the referring administrator may, but is not required to, provide an explanation and supporting materials to the DPP and/or DAP. The written appeal and the explanation and supporting materials from the referring administrator shall constitute the record on appeal.
- 6. The DPP and/or DAP shall promptly submit the record on appeal to the DDC.
- 7. Within three (3) school days of receiving the record on appeal, the DDC shall convene to consider the appeal by reviewing the record on appeal and such other records the DDC considers relevant to the appeal.
- 8. If the DDC determines the appeal should be denied, the DDC will issue a written statement (preferably using the Alternative Education Form in 09.4341 AP.21) denying the appeal. The DDC will transmit the written determination denying the appeal to parent/guardian or adult student and the referring administrator by regular mail, certified mail, email, or hand-delivery.

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ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL APPEAL PROCEDURES FOR INVOLUNTARY PLACEMENT (CONTINUED)

10. If the DDC determines the appeal should be granted, the DDC will issue a written determination (preferably using the Alternative Education Form in 09.4341 AP.21) granting the appeal and briefly summarizing the reasons for granting the appeal. If the DDC grants the appeal, the DDC may (1) reverse the referral and return the student to the school building from which he was referred; or (2) remand the referral back to the referring administrator for further action consistent with the decision of the DDC. The DDC will transmit the written determination granting the appeal to parent/guardian or adult student and the referring administrator by regular mail, certified mail, email, or hand-delivery.

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11. The decision of the DDC shall be final and may not be appealed.

The Alternative Appeals Committee may include, but not limited to, the following:

- Superintendent/Designee
- Assistant Superintendent
- Director of Pupil Personnel
- Director of Alternative Programs
- Director of Special Education/Designee
- Principal
- Assistant Principal
- Guidance Counselor
- Teacher
- Mental Health Professional

The Alternative School Appeals Committee must include a minimum of three (3) members.

STEP ONE

Appeal of involuntary placement to the Alternative-School may be made to the school administrator who recommended the Alternative-School placement. Deliver or mail the appeal letter to the school within three (3) school days after the first (1st) day of the referral.

STEP TWO

If the appeal is denied by the Principal, appeal may be made in writing to the Superintendent/designee. The appeal must be mailed or delivered within three (3) school-days of the day the response is received from the building Principal. Step Two is the final-step in the Alternative School Placement appeal process:

A student may be placed in ISS prior to being sent to the Alternative School. The days in ISS-DO-NOT count towards his/her assigned days at the Alternative School. If a student appeals the referral to the Alternative School to the building Principal, he/she may stay in ISS until the building Principal he smale a decision. A student who is sent to the Christian County-Alternative School for possession of drugs may be required to attend drug-counseling sessions-paid-for-by-the-school District. A student earnot return to his/her regular school until counseling has been completed and proof has been shown to the Christian County-Alternative School Site Facilitator.

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Alternative Education Forms Involuntary Placement Appeal

Student Name	Date	rek.
Home Address	Phone	
School		
DISTRICT DISCIPLINE COMMITTEESTEP ONE - APPEA		
Identify the reason you are appealing involuntary Altesheet if necessary.)	ernative School placement (Use additional	
Student's Signature		
Parent/Guardian's Signature		
DISTRICT DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE RESPONSE (USE AD	DITIONAL SHEET IF NECESSART.)	
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