

Clayton 101

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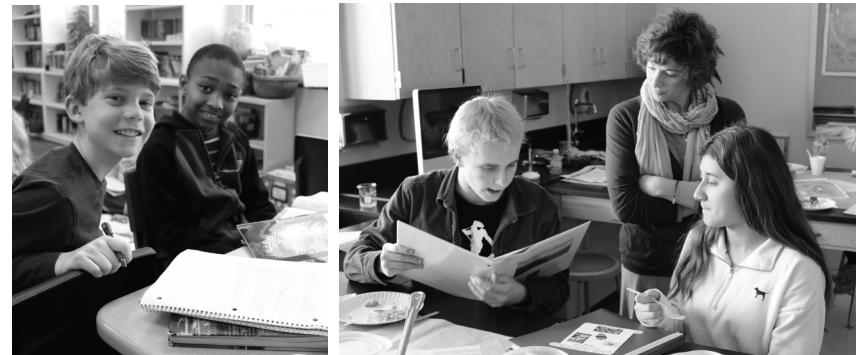
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2015-2016

Essential Information for Clayton
Students, Parents and Staff



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Mission Statement

We inspire each student to love learning and embrace challenge within a rich and rigorous academic culture.

Vision Statement

We develop leaders who shape the world through independence, creativity and critical thinking.

Core Values

We model and promote

- **excellence** by challenging our students and ourselves to meet the highest expectations of our community.
- **trust** by building relationships based on integrity, mutual respect and open communication.
- **inclusiveness** by valuing individual differences and the contributions of a diverse student body and staff.
- **innovation** by encouraging ideas and practices that foster adaptability.
- **accountability** by aligning our actions and resources with our stated objectives and taking responsibility for the outcomes.

Board of Education

The Board of Education meets one-to-two times per month at the School District of Clayton Administrative Center, #2 Mark Twain Circle. Prior to meetings, notices will be posted at the Administrative Center and other District facilities. To confirm meeting dates and locations, call 314-854-6000. Meetings are open to the public. School district residents and patrons are encouraged to attend. Highlights, audio recordings and official minutes of past meetings can be reviewed online. Materials for Board meetings which are not working drafts or are non-confidential under the Sunshine Law will be available online via the District's website on the Monday prior to each meeting. Audio files are archived in MP3 format and are filed with their associated agenda item on each past meeting's agenda. Persons wishing to contact the Board of Education may do so by calling the Superintendent's Office at 314-854-6017 or writing to #2 Mark Twain Circle, Clayton, MO 63105.

2015-2016 Board of Education

To email Board of Education members type:
 FirstLast@claytonschools.net or call:

Position	Name	Phone	Term Expires
President	Susan Buse	863-0112	2016
Vice President	Kristin Redington	726-2664	2017
Secretary	Lily Raymond	662-1468	2017
Treasurer	Brad Bernstein	862-5005	2016
Director	Jenaro Centeno	438-5639	2018
Director	Maripat Gatter	725-7979	2017
Director	Amy Rubin	706-5679	2018

Candidacy Eligibility

School board members serve a three-year term. Two directors will be elected in April of 2016. To be eligible for Board of Education directorship, a candidate must be at least 24 years of age, a citizen of the United States and a resident taxpayer of the School District of Clayton who has resided in this state for one year preceding the election.

Annual Elections

The annual school board election in 2016 will be on Tuesday, April 5. Filing will open at 8 a.m., Dec. 15, 2015, and close at 5 p.m., Jan. 19, 2016. Qualified applicants for the Board must file for office in person during business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) at the Board of Education Office, #2 Mark Twain Circle, Clayton, MO 63105, during the filing period. Qualified candidates must present one acceptable form of identification that meets the Missouri voter identification standards, including

- an ID issued by the Federal Government, State of Missouri or local election authority;
- an ID issued by a public or private Missouri institution of higher education;
- a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check or other government document containing the candidate's name and address; or
- a driver's license or state identification card issued by another state.

The names of qualified candidates shall be placed on the ballot in order of filing, except for candidates who file a declaration of candidacy prior to 5 p.m. on the first day of filing. Each candidate filing on the first day shall draw a number at random at the time of filing. The District shall record the number drawn with the candidate's declaration of candidacy. The names of candidates filing on the first day of filing shall be listed in ascending order of the numbers so drawn and ahead of the names of candidates filing on a later date. The Board of Education office is closed on official District holidays and any day that school is cancelled due to inclement weather.

Contact Information

The following list provides details on key areas within the District and how to contact the director or administrator responsible for each area.

Superintendent

The superintendent is the District's instructional leader and chief executive officer. She is responsible for the quality of the District's curriculum, educational programs and support systems, the management of the schools and the administration of all District policies and procedures.

It is the superintendent's responsibility to recommend policies to the Board of Education and, when adopted by the Board, implement, interpret and execute them. As the only employee hired and supervised by the Board, she provides leadership and counsel to the Board in the development of the District's mission and goals. Additionally, the superintendent provides professional support and advice on all matters considered at the Board table.

The superintendent is also responsible for the direct supervision of the following personnel:

- Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning
- Assistant Superintendent of Student Services
- Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources
- Chief Communications Officer
- Chief Financial Officer
- Chief Technology Officer
- Executive Assistant to the Superintendent & Secretary to the Board of Education

To reach the superintendent, please contact:

Dr. Sharmon B. Wilkinson
Superintendent
Administrative Center
#2 Mark Twain Circle
Clayton, MO 63105 • 314-854-6017
sharmonwilkinson@claytonschools.net

Teaching and Learning

To obtain information regarding curriculum and instruction or programs for the District, or to ask questions about District goals, Clayton's Comprehensive School Improvement Plan, program evaluation, assessment and professional development, please contact:

Dr. Milena Garganigo
Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning
Administrative Center
#2 Mark Twain Circle
Clayton, MO 63105 • 314-854-6022
milenagarganigo@claytonschools.net

Human Resources

The Human Resources Department oversees the recruitment, selection, orientation and retention of staff, as well as the evaluation process for all employees. They can answer questions regarding employment opportunities, including substitute teaching positions. Human Resources handles personnel policies and procedures, employee relations, student teaching and tuition support. For information on the Human Resources Department, contact:

Dr. Sean Doherty
Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources
Administrative Center
#2 Mark Twain Circle
Clayton, MO 63105 • 314-854-6032
seandoherty@claytonschools.net

Student Services

The Student Services Department serves as a liaison to the Special School District for special education services. The department is also responsible for 504 compliance, assessment, student records management, policy development, gifted program, homeless student program, school counseling program, health services program, library media program, the Personal Tuition Program, the Voluntary Student Transfer Program and all non-resident enrollment. For information on the Student Services Department, contact:

Dr. Greg Batenhorst
Assistant Superintendent of Student Services
Administrative Center
#2 Mark Twain Circle
Clayton, MO 63105 • 314-854-6023
gregorybatenhorst@claytonschools.net

Business and Finance

The Office of Business and Finance is responsible for managing the District's financial operations. These activities include the development of the District budget, accounting and financial reporting, payroll, employee benefits, facility operations and improvements, school lunch programs, workers' compensation, property and liability claims, and tuition/tax credit billing.

Mary Jo Gruber, CPA
 Chief Financial Officer
 Administrative Center
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 Clayton, MO 63105 • 314-854-6024
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Communications

The Office of Communications is responsible for community engagement, media relations, District publications, crisis communication, management of the District website, development of the District's master calendar and a number of special events throughout the year. The Office of Communications can provide information on District and community groups and their activities, such as the Clayton Alumni Association and Education Foundation, PTO Council, Clayton Connection, OASIS Tutoring Program, Metro Theater Company, etc. Any media personnel wishing to obtain information on the District should contact the Office of Communications.

Chris Tennill, APR
 Chief Communications Officer
 Administrative Center
 #2 Mark Twain Circle
 Clayton, MO 63105 • 314-854-6015
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Technology

Contact the Technology Office with inquiries regarding District technology systems, technology policies and general technology issues, core data reporting, data management systems, telephones, registration, residency and enrollment issues.

Jeff Puls
 Chief Technology Officer
 Administrative Center
 #2 Mark Twain Circle
 Clayton, MO 63105 • 314-854-6003
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Facility Services

Facility Services is responsible for facility safety and maintenance (including The Center of Clayton), construction/renovation of District facilities, grounds maintenance, warehouse, shipping and receiving and bus schedules. Facility Services can also provide information on the rental and use of District facilities.

Tim Wonish
Director of Facility Services
Facility Services
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Contacting District Staff

Use the following format to email teachers, building principals or District staff:

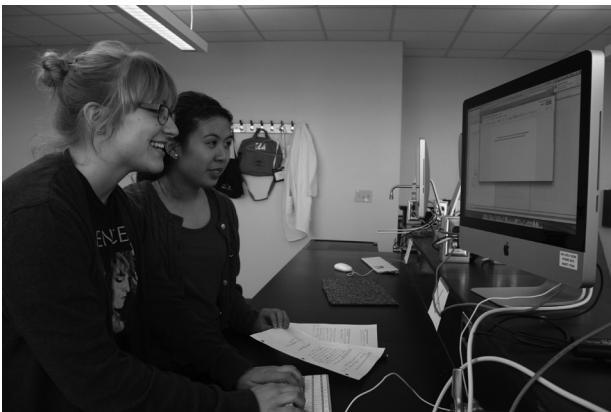
FirstLast@claytonschools.net

Example: John Smith
johnsmith@claytonschools.net

Please note, the person may be using his/her full name, a nickname or a shortened version of his/her name (e.g. Mike for Michael). Email addresses and voicemail information may also be found online at www.claytonschools.net through the online staff directory.

District Website

www.claytonschools.net



NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION, HOME/SCHOOL COMMUNICATION & SHARING YOUR CONCERNS

Notice of Non-Discrimination

It is the policy of the School District of Clayton not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, age or disability in its programs or employment practices as required by Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

Behavior that is not unlawful or does not rise to the level of illegal discrimination or harassment might be unacceptable for the workplace or the educational environment. Demeaning or otherwise harmful actions are prohibited, particularly if directed at personal characteristics. Accordingly, the District prohibits discrimination or harassment on the basis of sexual orientation, perceived sexual orientation or gender identity.

Inquiries related to the District's employment practices should be directed to Dr. Sean Doherty, assistant superintendent of human resources, School District of Clayton, #2 Mark Twain Circle, Clayton, MO 63105 or by phone at 314-854-6032. Inquiries related to the District's student programs should be directed to Assistant Superintendent of Student Services Dr. Greg Batenhorst, School District of Clayton, #2 Mark Twain Circle, Clayton, MO 63105 or by phone at 314-854-6023.

Inquiries or concerns regarding civil rights compliance by school districts should be directed to the local school district Title IX/non-discrimination coordinator. Inquiries and complaints may also be directed to the Kansas City Office, Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education, 8930 Ward Parkway, Suite 2037, Kansas City, MO 64114; 816-268-0550; TDD 877-521-2172.

Home/School Communication

An important priority of the School District of Clayton is to establish an atmosphere of open communication between a child's home and those professional staff members closest to the child. Parent-teacher conferences are encouraged as early as possible when a concern becomes apparent. Under no circumstances should parents feel that honest concerns, openly expressed, will result in unfair reprimand, recrimination or penalty to a student.

Sharing Your Concerns About Clayton Schools

The School District of Clayton believes that positive two-way communication with members of the Clayton school community is a vital component to achieving the District's goals. The District is committed to providing an open environment for individuals to voice their complaints and concerns

with the goal of providing parents and patrons with the opportunity to have their concerns addressed appropriately and in a timely manner. This page summarizes the steps that can be taken to ensure easy, consistent and effective communication for parents and staff whenever an issue arises in Clayton's schools. The District welcomes feedback regarding any Clayton staff member and any District or school activity, but asks individuals to respectfully follow the procedures outlined below when looking to resolve their concerns. Use the questions listed on this page as a way to help clarify your concern and guide you to the appropriate person with whom to share your thoughts.

What type of concern do I have? Identifying the earliest point at which your concern began will give you an idea of where to begin.

- Classroom or Learning Situation (start with a teacher or principal)
- District Policy or Procedure (start with a District administrator)
- Curriculum Related (start with a principal or curriculum coordinator)
- Activities/Athletics (start with a coach or supervisor)
- Programs/Services (KidZone, food service, etc.) (start with the program's director)

Who is the best person to contact? Identify the person who is closest to or most involved in your concern and start there. It is important that sharing a concern starts at the teacher/building/program level and progresses from that point. A typical progression, should you need to take your concern to each person's immediate supervisor, could look something like this:

- Teacher/Coach/Counselor
- Principal/Athletic Director
- District Administrator (Assistant Superintendent or Director)
- Superintendent
- Board of Education

What do I need to do when I raise a concern? Keep these steps in mind as you prepare to share a concern.

1. Contact the person closest to the problem or issue first.
2. Specifically state your concern or problem.
3. Provide suggestions or recommendations for resolution.
4. If you need to move on to someone else, keep track of whom you've previously approached, when you approached that person and his/her response.
5. Understand that if a concern is about a specific individual, the concern is nearly impossible to resolve without involving that person in the conversation.
6. Assume good will and be patient. Problems cannot always be solved as quickly as we would like. However, the District will work as expediently as it can to address any issue or concern.

What should you expect after you raise a concern?

- Your conversations will be treated with discretion.
- Your concern will be heard without fear of retribution.
- Your concern will be acknowledged within two to three working days.
- A formal response should take no longer than two weeks.
- If your issue cannot be resolved within a reasonable amount of time, the District will clearly outline a timeline for resolving your problem.

Health Information

Missouri state laws and regulations require that all students be in compliance with immunization regulations. Parents/Guardians must provide the school with the immunization record by the first day of school attendance. Any student who is not fully immunized or properly exempted will not be allowed to enter school.

Immunization Exemptions:

1. Students may be exempt from immunization for medical reasons by placing a Physician's Medical Exemption form on file with the child's school. This form must be signed by a licensed doctor of medicine or doctor of osteopathy certifying that either the immunization would seriously endanger the child's health or life OR the child has documentation of laboratory evidence of immunity to the disease(s).
2. Religious beliefs
3. Immunizations In Progress: Students who are incompletely immunized may continue to attend school as long as they have begun the series and satisfactory progress is accomplished in the prescribed manner as outlined in the Missouri Immunization Schedules. A Department of Health form must be on file. Failure to meet the next scheduled appointment constitutes noncompliance with the school immunization law.

Students' medical information is confidential. Information would only be shared with teachers or administrators for the educational benefit and/or safety of the student. Examples of possible information shared include an Emergency Care Plan and/or an Individualized Health Plan. A parent may request health information be shared on their child.

Student Physicals

Physicals are **requested** for students in kindergarten, grades three, six and nine, and students new to the District. Sports physicals of secondary students are required yearly before the start of practice. Physicals completed after Feb. 1, 2015, will remain valid through the current school year (through the end of June 2016).

Student Medication

With the exception of students in special education programs or those with Section 504 Accommodation Plans, the District is not obligated to supply or administer medication to students. However, the District recognizes that some students may require medication for chronic or short-term illness during the school day to enable them to remain in school and participate in their education.

The administration of medications, including over-the-counter medications, are nursing activities that are the responsibility of the school nurse or person delegated to do so by the nurse.

The administration of over-the-counter drugs does require a prescription. Administration of over-the-counter drugs must be in accordance with the directives provided by the authorized prescriber and the directions outlined on the manufacturer's label and pursuant to established District administrative procedures. For the administration of prescription medications, the prescription label may be considered an equivalent of the physician's or authorized prescriber's written order for medication administration. A written request by the parent/guardian will be required prior to administering medications. The District will not administer the initial dose of any new medication except in an emergency. The school nurse or designee must maintain thorough documentation of all medications administered.

With parent/guardian permission, Acetaminophen (e.g. Tylenol), Ibuprofen (e.g. Advil) and Benadryl may be administered per the standing orders of the District's consulting physician.

An authorized prescriber may recommend that an individual student with a chronic health condition, such as asthma or other potential life-threatening respiratory illnesses, assume responsibility for his or her own medication as part of learning self-care. These students may self-administer medications, such as through the use of a metered-dose inhaler, provided that the conditions set forth in state law have been met.

Student Illness Guidelines

Attendance is encouraged unless one of the following exists:

- Fever – Students with a temperature of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or above should not attend school. Students must be fever free for 24 hours without the aid of medication before they may return to school.
- Conjunctivitis/pinkeye – Students with red, watery eyes, with or without purulent drainage, must remain at home until three doses of antibiotic eye drops have been administered and eyes are clear of purulent discharge.

- Impetigo – This condition is highly contagious and requires treatment. Unless under the care of a health care provider, the student may not attend school.
- Head lice – The school must be informed if your child has head lice. Any live lice or nits within ¼” of the scalp must be treated. Treatment is required before returning to school. The student must be “checked in” by the school nurse before returning to class.
- Pinworms – This condition is easily transmitted and requires treatment before attending school.
- Vomiting/diarrhea – If a student has vomited or had diarrhea during the night or just before school, he/she should not attend. Students should remain at home until symptom free and able to tolerate regular food.
- Sore throat – A sore throat may require medical attention to determine if a strep infection is present and an antibiotic is needed. If a throat culture is done, students should remain at home until results are known. If the culture is positive, students may return to school after 24 hours of antibiotics, if no fever is present.
- Rash – A student with a rash may be excluded until the cause of the rash has been determined. A physician’s note may be required for re-admission to school.
- Ringworm of scalp and skin – Students will be excluded from school until effective treatment is started. This may require a physician’s note.
- Runny nose – If drainage is profuse and not clear, students should remain at home until symptoms improve.
- Cough – A cough following a cold is not necessarily contagious and may be prolonged. If the cough is croup or is productive with non-clear discharge, students should remain at home until symptoms improve.
- Chickenpox – Students are excluded until all lesions have been crusted and there are no new lesions, generally day six after onset of the rash.

District policy is that any student too ill to attend the morning session should remain at home for the entire day.

Please report any communicable disease such as strep throat, chickenpox, etc. to the school nurse for the protection of the entire building. If you have any questions about your child’s attendance at school, contact your school nurse.

For additional health information, forms and other resources, visit the District’s Health Services Web page at www.claytonschools.net/healthservices.

Food Allergy Management Policy

With the safety of all students in mind, Clayton's Food Allergy Management Policy is centered on restricting the presence of peanuts and tree nuts and products containing peanuts and tree nuts. Tree nuts include, but are not limited to:

Almonds	Coconut	Pecans
Brazil nuts	Filberts	Pine nuts
Bush nuts	Ginkgo nuts	Pistachios
Butternuts	Hazelnuts	Shea nuts
Cashews	Hickory nuts	Walnuts
Chestnuts	Macadamia nuts	

In grades K-12, the District is not restricting products that may have been produced in a facility where peanuts or tree nuts may have been processed or present.

Key elements of the District's Food Allergy Management policy include:

District-Wide (K-12)

- No peanuts or tree nuts or products containing peanuts or tree nuts may be brought into classrooms for any purpose. The restrictions apply, but are not limited, to:
 - Snacks, including snacks for events such as classroom parties, birthdays, etc.
 - Any other items brought into the school by students, parents, patrons, vendors or others.
- No peanuts or tree nuts or products containing peanuts or tree nuts will be served in the school cafeterias.

The policy also contains changes that are grade-level specific. Provisions listed on the following page are in addition to the District-wide (K-12) restrictions.

NOTE: The policy restricts peanuts and tree nuts and products containing peanuts and tree nuts. The restricted food items are referred to as "nuts" in this text.

Grades K-2

- Students may not have nuts in their lunches or classrooms.
- To provide an extra measure of protection, the cafeteria will have a designated nut-restricted table, which will be specially cleaned following each use. Students with known nut or tree nut allergies are required to sit at this table, unless the parents request otherwise.

Grades 3-5

- Students may have nuts in their lunches to be consumed only in the cafeteria during lunchtime.
- To provide an extra measure of protection, the cafeteria will have a designated nut-restricted table, which will be specially cleaned following each use. Students with known nut or tree nut allergies are required to sit at this table, unless the parents request otherwise.

Wydown Middle School

- Students may have nuts in their lunches to be consumed only in the cafeteria during lunchtime.
- To provide an extra measure of protection, the cafeteria will have a designated nut-restricted table, which will be specially cleaned following each use. Students with known nut or tree nut allergies are required to sit at this table, unless the parents request otherwise.

Clayton High School

- Students may have nuts in their lunches to be consumed only in the cafeteria.
- No nuts will be served in the cafeteria – with the exception of specific vending machines and à la carte items that meet the following requirements: À la carte and vending machine items that do contain nuts may be sold if they are individually packaged with the ingredients clearly marked and displayed with signage warning that some of the items contain potential food allergens and that cross contamination may occur.
- Students with known nut or tree nut allergies are not required to sit at a nut-restricted table unless the student's parents and physician request otherwise.

Additional accommodations may be implemented to meet the medical needs of an individual's student health plan. Download the full Food Allergy Management policy at www.claytonschools.net/foodallergies.

Residency Policy

Admission of Resident Students

Children who live with a parent or legal guardian who physically resides and whose domicile is within the boundaries of the School District of Clayton may enroll in the District's schools without charge. A family's domicile is defined as its primary, fixed and permanent residence for legal purposes. To enroll a child as a resident student, families must provide at least two documents to prove their domicile is within the District.

Proof of residency documents must include one of the following:

- Property deed in your name or recent mortgage statement
- Current lease/rental agreement (signed by landlord and tenant)

In addition, we will need one of the following:

- Real estate tax receipt
- Current utility bill (name and address must be included)
- Voter registration card
- Occupancy permit which lists all the occupants of the residence (when applicable)

Regardless of the documents that may be available, simply owning or renting property within District boundaries does not establish residency; the primary criterion is where the family actually lives. The District has the right to request additional proofs at any time or to employ other means to verify residency. Under Missouri law, misrepresenting residency is a misdemeanor. If a family's residency status changes or is found to be inaccurately represented, the District may act to recover the cost of services provided.

Additional ways to access the District's schools include the tuition tax credit program, placements for children of employees, the personal tuition program, voluntary student transfer program and statutory tuition program.

Exceptions

The residency provisions of this policy are not applicable to voluntary transfer and statutory tuition transfer students. In addition, the residency provisions do not apply to homeless students, students with only one parent living, wards of the state, students placed in a residential care facility due to mental illness or developmental disability, students placed in a residential facility by a juvenile court or students attending regional or cooperative alternative education programs providing that the student lives within the District and is unable to pay tuition. Non-resident children of full-time School District of Clayton employees may attend District schools without payment of tuition. These exemptions are expressly established by state law.

Students of Non-resident Teachers and Regular Employees

Non-resident students of full-time District teachers or full-time District employees may be permitted to attend school without payment of tuition. Such students will be considered to be "resident" students for purposes of state aid. MSHSAA regulations limit participation of non-resident high school students in extra-curricular activities.

Admission of Non-Resident Students

For the most up-to-date information about the enrollment of non-resident students in the School District of Clayton, including tuition tax credit students, employees' children, personal tuition students and statutory tuition students, visit www.claytonschools.net/enrollment.

Pupil Rights under FERPA for Elementary and Secondary Schools

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students over 18 years of age ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records. These rights are:

- (1) The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day the school receives a request for access. Parents or eligible students should submit to the school principal [or appropriate school official] a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The school official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.
- (2) The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate. Parents or eligible students may ask the school to amend a record they believe is inaccurate. They should write the school principal [or appropriate school official], clearly identify the part of the record they want changed and specify why it is inaccurate. If the school decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the school will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise them 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.
- (3) The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the school as an administrator, supervisor, instructor or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the School Board; a person or company with whom the school has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant or therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

(4) 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, D.C. 20202-4605.

Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA)

PPRA affords parents and students who are 18 or emancipated minors (“eligible students”) certain rights regarding the conducting of surveys, collection and use of information for marketing purposes and certain physical exams. These include the right to:

Consent before students are required to submit to a survey that concerns one or more of the following protected areas (“protected information survey”) if the survey in whole or in part is a program of the U.S. Department of Education (E.D.) –

1. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or student’s parent;
2. Mental or psychological problems of the student or student’s family;
3. Sex behavior or attitudes;
4. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating or demeaning behavior;
5. Critical appraisals of others with whom respondents have close family relationships;
6. Legally recognized privileged relationships, such as with lawyers, doctors or ministers;
7. Religious practices, affiliations or beliefs of the student or parents; or
8. Income, other than as required by law to determine program eligibility.

Receive notice and an opportunity to opt a student out of–

1. Any other protected information survey, regardless of funding;
2. Any non-emergency, invasive physical exam or screening required as a condition of attendance, administered by the school or its agent and not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of a student, except for hearing, vision or scoliosis screenings or any physical exam or screening permitted or required under State law; and
3. Activities involving collection, disclosure or use of personal information obtained from students for marketing or to sell or otherwise distribute the information to others.

Inspect, upon request and before administration or use –

1. Protected information surveys of students;
2. Instruments used to collect personal information from students for any of the above marketing, sales or other distribution purposes; and
3. Instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum.

PROTECTION OF PUPIL RIGHTS AMENDMENT CONT. & REVIEW OF STUDENT RECORDS

The School District of Clayton has developed policies, in consultation with parents, regarding these rights, as well as arrangements to protect student privacy in the administration of protected surveys and the collection, disclosure or use of personal information for marketing, sales or other distribution purposes. The School District of Clayton will directly notify parents and eligible students of these policies at least annually at the start of each school year and after any substantive changes. The District will also directly notify parents and eligible students, such as through U.S. Mail or email, at least annually at the start of each school year of the specific or approximate dates of the following activities and provide an opportunity to opt a student out of participating in:

- Collection, disclosure or use of personal information for marketing, sales or other distribution.
- Administration of any protected information survey not funded in whole or in part by E.D.
- Any non-emergency, invasive physical examination or screening as described above.

Parents/eligible students who believe their rights have been violated may file a complaint with the Family Policy Compliance Office, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20202-4605. Questions or requests may be addressed to Student Services at 314-854-6023, #2 Mark Twain Circle, Clayton, MO 63105.

Review of Student Records

The Family Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 provides parents the right to inspect and review their child's educational records. This right is also available to divorced or separated parents unless this right has been restricted by court order. Students who are 18 years of age or older and students attending post-secondary institutions have access to their records and may be responsible for consent. However, the consent rights of students with disabilities may be curtailed or denied depending on the type and severity of the disability.

The District has determined that the Voluntary Interdistrict Choice Corporation (VICC) and its officers, employees and agents are school officials with legitimate educational interests because they act for and on behalf of the District with respect to transfer students and the transfer program and because they seek to advance the interests of both. A transfer student's attendance records and other educational records relevant to the student's participation in the program or the program itself may accordingly be disclosed to VICC without obtaining written consent from the parent/guardian or eligible student.

Access to school records is generally only permitted when consent is given by the parents or by an eligible student (18 years of age or older). Exceptions to the consent requirements do exist. Educators with legitimate educational interests and certain other organizations, as outlined in the law, may have access to a child's record without obtaining consent.

Release of Directory Information

Student information which has been identified in the Board of Education policies as "Directory Information" may be released to: (1) federal, state and local government agencies; (2) representatives of the news media; (3) employers or prospective employers; and (4) non-profit youth organizations. Directory information includes: name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially-recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received and the most recent previous public or private school attended by the student. If parents do not wish such information to be released, they should notify the District in writing as soon as possible.

Parents have the right to challenge the content of any student record. Procedures for initiating correction or removal of information recorded in the written records are described in the Board of Education Policy JO - Student Records.

Parents interested in reviewing their child's records should make their requests directly to the building principal or his/her designee. For more information regarding policies and practices pertaining to student records, check the District's website at www.claytonschools.net.

Sexual Harassment of Students Policy

The School District of Clayton is committed to providing a working and learning environment free from intimidating, hostile or offensive behavior; thus, sexual harassment is strictly prohibited in the District. Sexual harassment is defined as unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors or other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature by anyone—employees, students or others. This definition includes, but is not limited to, both overt and subtle types of harassment such as uninvited letters, telephone calls, looks, gestures, touching, teasing, jokes, remarks and questions of a sexual nature. Further prohibited is any uninvited pressure for dates, explicit or implicit suggestion of sexual favors as a condition of employment or academic status or attempted or actual sexual assault. The Sexual Harassment of Students Policy is further detailed in Board Policy AC - Prohibition against Discrimination, Harassment and Retaliation.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT OF STUDENTS POLICY CONT. & SEXUAL HARASSMENT OF STAFF POLICY

Administrative personnel have the direct responsibility of setting the expectations that sexual harassment does not occur. Those who witness or who are the victims of sexual harassment shall immediately notify the proper authority. For students, that authority is the teacher of the class where it occurred or the principal. For employees and others, the authority is their immediate supervisor. If the offender is that person, the next level administrator is informed.

The teacher, supervisor or administrator receiving such a complaint shall discreetly investigate the allegation, including an interview with the accused person, and transmit a full, written report to the superintendent as soon as possible. Persons who are the accused in a complaint shall not supervise or conduct such an investigation. The superintendent shall conduct further investigation of the incident as necessary and, if substantiated, shall take disciplinary action up to and including dismissal/expulsion of the offender.

Those who report harassment shall be free of any retaliation. Employees or students who believe their complaint has not been satisfactorily resolved may utilize the grievance procedure outlined in Policy AC - Prohibition against Discrimination, Harassment and Retaliation.

Publications disseminated to employees or students will inform them of this policy.

Sexual Harassment of Staff Policy

Sexual harassment constitutes unlawful sex discrimination. It is the policy of the Board of Education to maintain a learning and working environment that is free from sexual harassment.

It shall be a violation for any employee of the School District to harass another staff member or student through conduct or communication of a sexual nature. It shall also be a violation of this policy for students to harass other students through conduct or comments of a sexual nature. Furthermore, it shall be a violation of this policy for any person who is not an employee or student of the District to harass a staff member or student of the District through conduct or comments of a sexual nature while such employee is engaged in the performance of duties for the District or while such student is under District supervision.

Students with Disabilities*Board of Education Representative to Special School District Governing Council*

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Board of Education Liaison

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Under The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the School District of Clayton is prohibited from discriminating against students on the basis of a disability. Clayton provides a free and appropriate public education to each student within its jurisdiction regardless of the nature or severity of the disability. The School District ensures that students who need or are believed to need special education or related services will be identified, evaluated and provided with appropriate educational services. Students whose disability qualifies them for special education under IDEA are eligible for services from the Special School District of St. Louis County (SSD). IDEA requirements are fulfilled by SSD with cooperation and assistance from the School District of Clayton.

Section 504 also stipulates that students with disabilities have the right to participate in school-sponsored extracurricular programs and activities to the maximum extent appropriate to their needs.

Under Section 504 and IDEA, students with disabilities have the right to be placed in the least restrictive educational environment. To the maximum extent appropriate for the needs of the student, the District will educate students with disabilities within their regular school program.

Students with disabilities and their parents have a number of rights and protections. Questions or requests for assistance or information about services for students with diagnosed or suspected disabilities should be directed to the student's school counselor or Assistant Superintendent of Student Services Dr. Greg Batenhorst, 314-854-6023, #2 Mark Twain Circle, Clayton, MO 63105.

Parent Advisory Council for Educational Diversity (PAC.ED)

Clayton's Parent Advisory Council for Educational Diversity is a cross categorical group for parents of children receiving services from Special School District (SSD). It is a volunteer organization comprised of parents, School District of Clayton staff and SSD staff, who are committed to identifying and building upon the strengths of all children in the District. It provides a forum for parents to meet other parents and share information concerning their children and to provide input to the District to help in decision making.

General membership is open to all interested parents, teachers and other individuals who wish to attend its programs or to participate in the organization. If you would like more information or would like to be actively involved, contact Assistant Superintendent of Student Services Dr. Greg Batenhorst at 314-854-6023.

Special Education Notice

All responsible public agencies are required to locate, evaluate and identify children with disabilities who are under the jurisdiction of the agency, regardless of the severity of the disability, including non-resident children attending private schools; highly mobile children, such as migrant and homeless children; 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 Special School District of St. Louis County (SSD), in partnership with the Component Districts, assures that a free, appropriate public education (FAPE) is provided to all eligible children with disabilities between the ages of 3 and 21 under their jurisdiction. Disabilities include autism, deaf/blindness, emotional disorders, hearing impairment and deafness, mental retardation, 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.

SSD, in partnership with the Component Districts, assures that it will provide information and referral services necessary to assist the State in the implementation of early intervention services for infants and toddlers eligible for the Missouri's First Steps Program.

SSD, in partnership with the Component Districts, assures that personally identifiable information collected, used or maintained by the districts 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).

SSD has developed a local Compliance Plan for implementation of State Regulations for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act - 2004 (IDEA-2004). This plan and Board policies contain the District's procedures regarding storage, disclosure to third parties, retention and destruction of personally identifiable information and the district's assurances that services are provided

in compliance with the General Education Provision Act (GEPA). This plan is available for public review in the Office of the Superintendent during regular school hours on days school is in session.

Disability Accommodation

The School District of Clayton will provide those who have a disability, as defined by Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act, with equal opportunity to access school/District activities. Please contact the Student Services Department at 314-854-6023 with any questions or to make arrangements for special needs.

No Child Left Behind Act

Notice to Parents and Guardians

The School District of Clayton is required to inform you of certain information that you, according to The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (Public Law 107-110), have the right to know. Upon your request, the District is required to provide to you, in a timely manner, the following information: (1) Whether a teacher has met state qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction. (2) Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which state qualification or licensing criteria have been waived. (3) Whether your child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications. (4) What baccalaureate degree major the teacher has and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher and the field of discipline of the certification.

In addition to the information that parents may request, the District must provide each individual parent with information on the achievement level of the parent's child in each of the state academic assessments as required under this part and timely notice that the parent's child has been assigned or has been taught for four or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who is not highly qualified.

No Child Left Behind Act

Notice to Parents of High School Students

Pursuant to United States Public Law 107-110 (The No Child Left Behind Act), school districts must provide high school students' names, addresses and telephone numbers to military recruiters or institutions of higher education upon request, unless a student or their parent chooses not to have this information released without consent. The law also provides that students and their parents must be notified prior to such release and give the student or parent the right to withhold consent to this release.

This notification is to inform parents of all School District of Clayton high school students that the names, addresses and telephone numbers of those students will be sent to military recruiters upon their request unless written objection to this release is received by the District. If you are a parent or guardian of a Clayton High School student who does not wish to have the above identifying information sent to military recruiters or if you are a student 18 years of age or older and do not wish to have this information released, you may choose to withhold consent for release by sending a written objection to the Clayton High School Registrar, #1 Mark Twain Circle, Clayton, MO 63105. Upon written request, you may receive a copy of the student information or may challenge the information prior to its release by mailing this request to the address noted above.

Student Discipline

Please contact Assistant Superintendent of Student Services Dr. Greg Batenhorst at 314-854-6023 with questions regarding the District's discipline policies. All policies may be reviewed on the District's website at www.claytonschools.net.

The School District of Clayton is committed to providing a safe learning environment for all of its students. In support of this commitment and in compliance with state and federal guidelines, the Board of Education has adopted policies that address safety, discipline, sexual harassment and the use of tobacco, alcohol and other drugs in the District's schools. These policies and associated procedures are observed in each of our schools. They serve as guidelines for the behavioral expectations of all students in the District and outline responses when expectations are not met.

Philosophy of Education and Discipline

The Board of Education believes that discipline is a learning process that enables students to make decisions and solve problems in a manner that is respectful of both students and adults. We believe that each student is unique and has the potential for making positive contributions to society. We believe that while learning the need for and the value of working in groups, individuals will also come to know and to appreciate their own worth and that of others. The School District of Clayton services many age groups whose rights and responsibilities differ according to their levels of maturity. We believe that by accepting and fulfilling appropriate responsibilities, individuals will come to value resultant privileges. Students must be given opportunities to accept responsibilities within the parameters set by those in authority.

Therefore, we commit ourselves in a cooperative effort with students, parents, community, law enforcement officials, family court and school personnel to provide an atmosphere that will allow students to:

- Be accountable for their actions and realize that privileges imply responsibilities.
- Acquire the values and attitudes necessary for responsible citizenship.
- Display a positive attitude toward learning and the school environment.
- Know and follow the rules of the school community and use appropriate channels to solve problems.
- Demonstrate appreciation for the dignity, uniqueness and integrity of all people.
- Develop a sense of responsibility to groups in which they participate.
- Accept the decisions of those in authority.

The District shall hold students accountable for conduct which impairs good order and discipline in the schools or which impairs the morale or good conduct of pupils. We believe that our schools must provide a safe and orderly environment in which students demonstrate respect for property and learning is not jeopardized by disruptions.

Principals, subject to appropriate due process procedures, may summarily suspend any student for up to ten (10) school days for violation of these policies, rules and procedures. Notice of suspension shall be given immediately to the parent or guardian and to the superintendent. The superintendent may suspend a student for up to 180 school days; however, expulsion of students is a function only of the Board of Education. (Refer to Policy JGD - Student Suspension and Expulsion.)

The Board authorizes the immediate removal of a student upon a finding by a principal, Superintendent or Board that the student poses a threat of harm to self or others, as evidenced by the prior conduct of such student. Any such removal will be subject to the appropriate due process procedures set forth for suspensions. (Refer to Policy JGD – Student Suspension and Expulsion.)

All employees of the District shall annually receive instruction related to the specific contents of the District's discipline policy and any interpretations necessary to implement the provisions of the policy in the course of their duties, including, but not limited to, approved methods of dealing with acts of school violence, disciplining students with disabilities and instruction in the necessity and requirements of confidentiality.

The comprehensive discipline policy of the District is composed of this policy and all subcoded policies. This includes, but is not limited to, the following policies and regulations:

- Policy JG and regulation JG-R – Student Discipline
- Policy JGD – Student Suspension and Expulsion
- Policy JGA – Corporal Punishment (Prohibited)
- Policy JGE – Discipline of Students with Disabilities
- Policy JGF – Discipline Reporting and Records

A copy of the District's comprehensive discipline policy will be provided to every student and parent or guardian of every student at the beginning of each school year. It will also be available in the Superintendent's office during normal business hours.

Student Code of Conduct

The Student Code of Conduct is designed to foster student responsibility, to promote respect for the rights of others and to ensure the orderly operation of District schools. Students who interfere with the rights of others or seriously impair their own academic and personal development, are subject to disciplinary action. For the purpose of this regulation, student misconduct is separated into three levels with Level III behavior being considered serious misconduct. Upon investigation and consideration of all relevant facts, including any extenuating circumstances, the principal shall determine at which level the misconduct in question shall be classified. No code can be expected to list each and every behavior which may result in the need for disciplinary action. Any conduct not included herein or any aggravated circumstance or combinations of any misconduct or actions may result in disciplinary consequences that extend beyond this code of conduct as determined by the principal, superintendent and/or Board of Education. In extraordinary circumstances where the minimum consequence is judged by the Superintendent or designee to be manifestly unfair or not in the interest of the District, the superintendent or designee may reduce the consequences listed in this regulation, as allowed by law. This regulation shall apply to all students in attendance in the District, instructional and support programs, as well as school-sponsored activities and events. This regulation shall not preclude any student being afforded his/her due process rights as outlined under the Constitution or Missouri statutes.

Level I Misconduct - Level I misconduct is classified as minor and irresponsible misbehavior on the part of the student which impedes orderly classroom procedures or interferes with the orderly operation of the school. Misbehaviors at this level can usually be handled by the teacher or the staff member who observed the misbehavior. Sometimes these misbehaviors shall require the intervention of other school support personnel.

Examples of Level I Misconduct:

- Irregular attendance patterns
- Tardiness
- Inappropriate language
- Classroom disturbance
- Not following directions
- Minor scuffling (not to a level of third degree assault)

Disciplinary Response Procedures:

- Immediate intervention by the staff member who is supervising the student or who observed the misbehavior.
- Parent/Teacher conference; conference with the counselor and/or administrator may be required for repeated misbehavior.
- Record of the misbehavior and disciplinary action shall be maintained by the staff member and the principal in compliance with Policy JGF - Discipline Reporting and Records.

Examples of Response Options:

- Verbal reprimand
- Counseling by school staff member
- Strictly supervised study
- Behavioral contract
- Parent contact
- Special Assignment
- Withdrawal of privileges
- Time-out

Level II Misconduct - Level II misbehavior is classified as misbehavior whose frequency or seriousness tends to disrupt the learning climate of the school including acts directed against persons or property and acts which indicate defiance. These behaviors may result from the continuation of Level I misbehaviors. Also included in this level are misbehaviors which may not represent a direct threat to the health and safety of others but which require corrective action because of serious educational consequences. Misbehaviors at this level are usually handled by the intervention of administrative personnel.

Examples:

- Continuation of unmodified Level I misbehavior
- Defiant language
- Truancy
- Smoking
- Fighting
- Stealing
- Defiant behavior
- Harassment

Disciplinary Response Procedures:

- Student is referred to the administrator.
- Administrator meets with the student and/or teacher and effects appropriate disciplinary action.
- Record of the misbehavior and the disciplinary action shall be maintained by the staff member, principal and administrator in accordance with Policy JGF - Discipline Reporting and Records.
- Notification of law enforcement when applicable or as required by law.
- Parental conference may be held.

Examples of Response Options:

- Teacher/Schedule change
- Behavior modification
- Referred to outside agency
- Withdrawal of privileges
- Temporary removal from class
- In-school suspension
- Out-of-school suspension up to 10 days
- Notification of law enforcement when applicable (e.g., illegal substance possession) or as required by law

Level III Misconduct - Level III misconduct is classified as acts which result in violence to another person or property or which pose a direct threat to the safety of others in the school. These acts are serious violations of the District's discipline policy and many are unlawful. With the exception of continuation of Level II misbehaviors, all shall always require administrative actions which shall result in the immediate removal of the student from school and notification of law enforcement authorities. Repeated Level II misbehavior may result in removal of the student from school and notification of law enforcement authorities. Action by the Board of Education shall be required in, but not limited to, the following instances: 1) on those disciplinary actions that result in a greater than 180-day suspension or expulsion from school; 2) those misconducts which take place off of school property, yet have resulted in a student being charged or convicted of a felony as an adult and for which the District would like to suspend the student; and 3) to hear appeals of long-term suspensions.

Examples:

- First or second degree murder under §§ 565.020, .021, RSMo;
- Voluntary or involuntary manslaughter under § 565.024, RSMo;
- Kidnapping under § 565.110, RSMo;
- First, second or third degree assault under §§ 565.050, .060, .070, RSMo;
- Sexual assault under §§ 566.040, .070, RSMo;
- Forcible rape or sodomy under §§ 566.030, .060, RSMo;
- Burglary in the first or second degree under §§ 569.160, .170, RSMo;
- Robbery in the first degree under § 569.020, RSMo;
- Possession of a weapon under chapter 571, RSMo;
- Distribution of drugs under §§ 195.211, .212, RSMo;
- Arson in the first degree under § 569.040, RSMo;
- Felonious restraint under § 565.120, RSMo;
- Property damage in the first degree under § 569.100, RSMo;
- Possession of controlled substances;
- Continuation of Level II misbehaviors.

Disciplinary Response Procedures:

- Administrator verifies the offense, confers with the staff involved and meets with student.
- Student is immediately removed from the school environment. Parents are notified.
- School officials contact law enforcement agency. Record of misbehavior and disciplinary action shall be maintained by staff member, principal and administrator in accordance with Policy JGF - Discipline Reporting and Records.
- A report of the misbehavior is submitted to the superintendent for Board action.
- Student shall be given a full due process hearing before the Board if required by law.
- Possession of a weapon shall be addressed in accordance with federal and state law. Any student who brings or possesses a firearm as defined in 18 U.S.C. 921 or any instrument or device as defined in 571.010, RSMo. or any instrument or device defined as a dangerous weapon in 18 U.S.C. 930, on school property or at any school activity, will be referred to the appropriate legal authorities. The suspension or expulsion may be modified on a case-by-case basis upon recommendation by the superintendent to the Board of Education. Students who use or possess other weapons defined in this policy will be subject to suspension and/or expulsion from school and may be referred to the appropriate legal authorities.

Examples of Response Options:

- Out-of-school suspension more than 10 days
- Expulsion

Discipline relating to a student or students possessing drugs or alcohol at school or at a school-sponsored event

First Offense: A student who is found to be in possession of, or under the influence of, alcohol or drugs at school or at a school-sponsored activity will receive a minimum of five (5) days suspension from school. This suspension may be an out-of-school suspension or a combination of out-of-school and in-school suspension. The number of days may be reduced, at the discretion of the building administrator, in the following manner:

The family would voluntarily agree to have the student go through a drug/alcohol assessment through the National Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (NCADA) or an agency mutually agreed upon by the family and the principal. This assessment could be used to reduce suspension days for the first time offense.

Second Offense: A student who is found to be in possession of or under the influence of either alcohol or drugs at school or at a school-sponsored activity will receive a minimum of ten (10) days of suspension. This suspension may be an out-of-school suspension or a combination of out-of-school and in-school suspension at the discretion of the principal. The family will be encouraged to have the student go through drug/alcohol assessment through the National Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (NCADA) or an agency mutually agreed upon by the family and the principal. At the discretion of the principal and following the drug/alcohol assessment, the ten (10) day suspension may be reduced; the number of days will be determined by the principal.

Prior to the student's re-entry into school, a meeting with the principal, student and his/her parents/guardians will be held. The principal will determine what representatives from the District will participate in this re-entry meeting.

Third Offense: A student who is found to be in possession of or under the influence of either alcohol or drugs at school or at a school-sponsored activity will receive ten (10) days of suspension and a recommendation for further action/consequences to be determined by the superintendent.

It should be noted that the police will be informed of all offenses (first, second and third).

Discipline related to students selling drugs/alcohol at school or a school-sponsored event

A student who is found to be selling either drugs or alcohol on school property during the school day or at a school-sponsored event will receive ten (10) days of suspension and a recommendation for further action/consequences to be determined by the superintendent. The police will be informed of the incident when it occurs.

Corporal Punishment

No person employed by or volunteering for the School District of Clayton shall administer or cause to be administered corporal punishment upon a student attending District schools.

A staff member may, however, use reasonable restraint against a student without advance notice to the principal if it is essential for self-defense, the preservation of order or for the protection of other persons or the property of the District.

Weapons in School

Weapons include, but are not limited to, guns, knives, explosive weapons or any other instrument or device used to inflict physical injury or harm to another person.

The District recognizes firearm and weapon possession as a potential threat to the health, safety and security of students, employees and other persons. The District will not tolerate the presence of firearms or weapons on the premises of our schools. This prohibition includes possession of firearms and weapons on school playgrounds, school parking lots, school buses and at school activities, whether on or off school property. The District complies with the provisions of the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and other applicable federal and state laws.

Nothing in this policy shall prohibit the District from permitting a Civil War re-enactor to bring a Civil War-era weapon to school for educational purposes so long as the weapon is not loaded.

Students who violate this policy will be suspended for no less than one (1) year and are subject to permanent expulsion. However, the Superintendent may recommend to the Board a modification of the suspension on a case-by-case basis.

This policy will be annually submitted to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education together with a report of disciplinary action taken for possession of a "firearm" or "weapon" as defined in Policy JFCJ - Weapons in School.

Bullying in School

The District is committed to maintaining a learning and working environment free of any form of bullying, as defined herein, by students toward District personnel or fellow students whether it occurs on school grounds, during school time, at a school-sponsored activity or in a school-related context including any such actions which adversely impact the education of District students. Policy JFCF - Hazing and Bullying outlines District expectations in regard to bullying.

Bullying occurs when a student(s):

- Communicates with another person with the intent to intimidate or to inflict physical, emotional or mental harm; such communication may be made by gesture, by telephone, in writing, via electronic communications or through intermediaries or
- Physically contacts another person with the intent to intimidate or to inflict physical, emotional or mental harm. Physical contact does not require actual person-to-person physical contact but may include physical contact with an object when the contact is initiated by the student.

Students who are found to have violated this policy will be subject to disciplinary action as set forth in the District Policy JG - Student Discipline and Regulation JG-R - Student Discipline. Initial acts of bullying shall generally be considered a Level II offense under Policy JG - Student Discipline and Regulation JG-R - Student Discipline and as such may result in suspension from school. Repeated offenses shall result in referral of the student to the superintendent. Based on findings the superintendent may suspend the student for up to 180 days or recommend expulsion from school.

Any District employee who has firsthand knowledge of bullying shall report this information to his/her supervisor. The District will provide employees with training regarding bullying behaviors and the requirements set forth in this policy.



Tobacco Use

See Board of Education Policy AH - Use of Tobacco Products and Imitation Tobacco Products and Policy IGAEA - Teaching about Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco: Tobacco Use Prevention Education.

The City of Clayton Municipal Ordinance strictly prohibits the possession and use of tobacco products:

- Possession of tobacco products of any kind by students on their person or in lockers, vehicles or any other place in school buildings, on school grounds or at school-sponsored activities is prohibited.
- Employees observing students using and/or possessing tobacco products of any kind on school property or at school-sponsored activities will report said person to the school principal or his/her designee.
- A student who violates the District's tobacco use policy and the City's ordinance will be dealt with on an individual basis by the principal. The principal is empowered to impose or recommend sanctions including, but not limited to:
 - calling the parent and police;
 - seizing the tobacco product;
 - removal of the student from extracurricular activities;
 - assignment to after-school detention or school service;
 - recommendation of enrollment in stop-smoking programs.

Referral for Therapy

The School District of Clayton seeks to be supportive of students who are using tobacco and wish to quit. Students who would like assistance are invited to see their counselor or the principal. Stop-smoking programs will be arranged for these students.

Assessment Policy

See Board of Education Policy IL - Assessment Program.

The District will use assessments as one indication of the success and quality of the district's education program. Further, the Board recognizes its obligation to provide for and administer assessments as required by law. The Board directs the superintendent or designee to create procedures governing assessments consistent with law and Board policy.

In cooperation with the administrative and instructional staff, the Board will regularly review student performance data and use this information to evaluate the effectiveness of the District's instructional programs, making adjustments as necessary.

The District will comply with all assessment requirements for students with disabilities mandated by federal and state law, including the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

In order to achieve the purposes of the student assessment program, the District requires all enrolled students to participate in all applicable aspects of the assessment program.

District Assessment Plan

The superintendent or designee shall ensure that the District has a written assessment plan that will test competency in the subject areas of English, reading, language arts, science, mathematics, social studies and civics, as required by law.

The purposes of the Districtwide assessment plan are to facilitate and provide information for the following:

1. *Student Achievement* - To produce information about relative student achievement so that parents/guardians, students and teachers can monitor academic progress.
2. *Student Guidance* - To serve as a tool for implementing the District's student guidance program.
3. *Instructional Change* - To provide data that will assist in the preparation of recommendations for instructional program changes to:
 - a. Help teachers with instructional decisions, plans and changes regarding classroom objectives and program implementation.
 - b. Help the professional staff formulate and recommend instructional policy.
 - c. Help the Board of Education adopt instructional policies.
4. *School and District Evaluation* - To provide indicators of the progress of the District and individual schools toward established goals.
5. *Accreditation* - To ensure the District maintains accreditation.

There shall be broad-based involvement of staff and others with appropriate expertise in the development of the assessment program and its implementation. Instructional staff will be given training and responsibilities in coordinating the program. Every effort will be made to ensure that testing contributes to the learning process rather than detracts from it and that cultural bias does not affect the accuracy of assessments.

Academic Integrity

The School District of Clayton values academic integrity and honesty. They are fundamental to the teaching and learning process. It is the expectation of teachers and administrators that all work be entirely the result of the student's own efforts. Plagiarism, cheating or other forms of academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. Collaboration and cooperation are not the same as cheating or plagiarism. Teachers will inform students when collaboration is an acceptable option. The determination that a student has engaged in academic dishonesty shall be based on specific evidence provided by the classroom teacher or other supervising individual. Students found to have engaged in academic dishonesty shall be subject to disciplinary action at either the classroom or building level.

An Introduction to Curriculum Development

Our plan for curriculum development supports a conviction that schools must create systems that support continual improvement. In the School District of Clayton, we accomplish this by articulating what we believe about teaching and learning, nurturing individual and collective study, setting high standards for ourselves and our students and focusing our resources and energies to reach those standards. The plan aims at ensuring our curriculum processes and products:

- grow from our beliefs about learning and teaching;
- are responsive to student needs;
- allow all students to reach their full potential;
- create a climate where reflective practice is expected and supported;
- are ongoing, providing for continual study, review and planning;
- allow for changes, improvement and implementation of new materials and technologies as needed;
- encompass pre-K through 12th grade and include representation from all buildings including pre-kindergarten representation when appropriate;
- include genuine parent and student input;
- balance teachers' classroom/building commitments and curriculum planning needs;
- facilitate connections among the disciplines;
- support classroom teachers in making the curriculum their own by providing ongoing professional development that encourages teachers to develop their own understandings; documents that support teacher decision-making; and curriculum which is flexible enough to meet different teaching and learning styles;
- allow opportunities for piloting various strategies and materials, recognizing that some of our ideas will fail;
- are reflective of the diversity of our community and District;

- are developed by Clayton teachers - commercially prepared materials should support, not drive, curriculum;
- include ongoing monitoring and assessment;
- are researched based;
- are adequately financed to include review, implementation and continued support to maintain a quality program;
- formalize curriculum information sharing among teachers, parents and students.

Curriculum Development and Approval Process

The Board of Education, Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, Coordinators Council, curriculum committees and school faculties work together to accomplish four major activities involving curriculum in the District:

- Developing shared understandings
- Planning for the future
- Managing curriculum change
- Assessing our programs and progress

Curriculum Committees

Curriculum study must be an ongoing process if the School District of Clayton is to develop and maintain quality programming which meets the challenges of our fast-paced and changing world. Therefore, curriculum committees, comprised of representative teachers, parents, administrators and community members, meet regularly during the year to study current research and practice in the field and work toward yearly and long-range goals.

Program Committees

Program committees are formed around specific subjects that are not necessarily curriculum-specific in nature but are seen as key components in supporting curriculum throughout the District. Examples of program committees include Gifted Education, English Language Learners services, Counseling services and Library services. These committees are also comprised of representative teachers, parents, administrators and community members and meet regularly during the year to study current research and practice in the field and work toward yearly and long-range goals.

Student Involvement

Students participate in exploring curriculum issues in the form of surveys, interviews, dialogues and advisory groups.

Parent/Community Involvement

Parents participate actively in the curriculum development process in three ways: by serving as parent representatives on the curriculum committees; by serving as ad-hoc members who provide specific expertise in meeting a curriculum goal; or by participating in activities (surveys, focus groups, advisory groups) designed to gather broad-based parent input.

2015-2016 Curriculum and Instructional Leaders

Assistant Supt. of Teaching and Learning	<i>Milena Garganigo</i>
Gifted Program	<i>Sharon Slodounik</i>
Technology and Career Education	<i>Steve Beauchamp</i>
Mathematics Coordinator	<i>Angela Caracciolo</i>
Literacy Coordinator	<i>Jennifer Sellenrieck</i>
Fine Arts Coordinator	<i>Paul Varley</i>
Early Childhood Education Coordinator	<i>Kristen Retter</i>
English Language Learners Coordinator	<i>Karen Hales-Meeham</i>
Counseling Coordinator	<i>Anthony Henderson</i>
Library Coordinator	<i>Victoria Jones</i>
Physical Education & Health Coordinator	<i>Julie Connor</i>
Science Coordinator	<i>Nathan Peck</i>
Social Studies Coordinator	<i>Paul Hoelscher</i>
World Languages & Cultures Coordinator	<i>Susan Christopher</i>

Safe Learning Environment and Emergency Procedures

The District strives to ensure a safe learning environment for all students and employees. As part of that effort, access to District facilities is restricted to main entrances during school hours. Persons visiting the buildings are asked to sign in at the main office and obtain a visitor identification badge. Your cooperation with this safety procedure is most appreciated.

The District, working in cooperation with local law enforcement and fire protection officials, has developed response procedures to address emergencies should they arise within the building or occur District-wide. Communication with parents is a key component of these procedures. In the event of a major building or District-wide emergency, first call the school to obtain information regarding your child(ren). If you are not able to reach school personnel, call the Office of Communications at 314-854-6038. If there is no response from this office, call the Clayton Police Department at 314-645-3000.

If you should have concerns regarding the safety of students, please contact the building principal or access one of the two Safe Schools Hotlines listed on Page 38.

Clayton Safe Schools Hotline**314-290-8411**

The District's School Resource Officers, working in conjunction with the Clayton Police Department and District officials, have established a hotline telephone number which connects callers to their confidential voice mailboxes. The system is designed to provide a way for parents, school staff or students to convey concerns regarding school safety, criminal activities or drug and alcohol issues that take place in or around the school environment to persons who can provide appropriate follow-up and interventions. Callers may remain anonymous, if they choose to do so. The Clayton Safe Schools Hotline number is 314-290-8411.

County S.A.F.E. Schools Hotline**314-889-SAFE (7233)**

The County S.A.F.E. Schools Hotline provides an opportunity for any child, parent or concerned neighbor to leave a private and confidential message about possible criminal activity or any other concerns that may affect the quality of education our children receive.

The hotline is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to anyone wishing to report any gang or drug activity, weapons, physical abuse, violence or any other type of potential problem that may affect our children while at school, home or play. The hotline provides an avenue for anyone with information about these types of activities to report them. This method is especially useful when the caller wishes to stay anonymous.

The information received from the hotline will be held strictly confidential and will only be shared with the appropriate school or police personnel.

The caller need only dial 314-889-SAFE (7233) from a touch-tone telephone. The recorded message invites the caller to leave private and confidential information on a secure St. Louis County Police voice mail system. Prior to leaving a message, several questions will be asked, such as:

- What is the problem or crime being committed?
- Where is it taking place?
- Who is involved?
- When does it happen?
- Is there a car description?

These questions are all very important. However, even if they all cannot be answered, any helpful information will assist us in keeping our schools safe.

Remember, at any time the caller can press "0" and talk live to a St. Louis County Police dispatcher who will take the information.

As always, if an emergency situation exists, the caller is directed to hang up and dial 911.

Inclement Weather, School Closings and Snow Schedule

The School District of Clayton posts school closings on the following radio and television stations:

Radio

KMOX (1120 AM)

Television

KTVI (Channel 2)

KMOV (Channel 4)

KSDK (Channel 5)

KPLR (Channel 11)

KDNL (Channel 30)

Information regarding school closings or schedule changes due to extreme weather will be posted on the front page of the District website as soon as a decision is made. Typically a decision to close school or open on a snow schedule is not made until 5 a.m. on the morning in question.

When a snow schedule is announced, starting times for all schools will be one hour later than normal. School will still be let out at the regular time. Voluntary transfer students and students riding the Meramec bus should report to their regular stop one hour later than their normally scheduled pick-up time. Please check the District's website or tune to local media for information on school closings.

School closing information may also be obtained by calling the District Administrative Center at 314-854-6000.

Broadcast Telephone Messaging System

Emergency information and school closing updates will be sent directly to your phone. The School District of Clayton uses a broadcast telephone messaging system that will send a recorded telephone message to parents and staff within a matter of minutes. This system is also used to notify District families and staff when school is closed due to inclement weather. A "test call" will be made on the second Saturday in November at 10 a.m. On snow days or snow schedule days, parents can expect a phone call as soon as the decision to close school has been made, typically by about 6 a.m.

BROADCAST MESSAGING SYSTEM CONT., ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION & MEAL PRICES

If you would prefer not to receive a call on the mornings that school is closed or opening on a delayed schedule due to inclement weather, or you would like to receive snow day calls at a number other than your home phone, please update your preferences using the Contact Manager Parent Portal. Learn more about setting up your account and managing your preferences at www.claytonschools.net/schoolmessenger. For additional questions, please contact the Office of Communications at 314-854-6038.



Interested in keeping up with what's going on with Clayton schools' students, parents and staff? Then make eNews your online, direct line to Clayton's schools.

eNews is published every other Friday while school is in session and on the first Friday of the month during July and August. Sign up to stay connected with all of the latest news and information from the School District of Clayton. Go to the District's website at www.claytonschools.net/enevs.

Breakfast and Lunch Prices

Breakfast

Elementary Schools	\$2.00
Wydown Middle School	\$2.00
Clayton High School	\$2.00
Adult	\$2.10
Reduced Price	\$0.30

A la carte breakfast items are available at Wydown Middle School and Clayton High School. Extra or a la carte milk is 60¢.

Lunch

Elementary Schools	\$3.00
Wydown Middle School	\$3.25
Clayton High School	\$3.25
Adult	\$3.50
Reduced Price	\$0.40

Wydown Middle School and Clayton High School cafeterias also offer separately-priced a la carte items.

Questions or comments regarding food services may be directed to Michele McGowan, director of food services, at 314-854-6640.

MySchoolBucks.com

Beginning with the 2015-2016 school year, the District has transitioned from using MyLunchMoney.com to using MySchoolBucks.com, a new, free service that allows parents to make online debit or credit card payments into their child's school breakfast and lunch account. With MySchoolBucks.com, parents can also view account balances and recent purchases and set up notifications for upcoming payments from the convenience of their home, office or on-the-go with the MySchoolBucks.com mobile app.

All accounts of families who previously used MyLunchMoney.com have been transferred to MySchoolBucks.com for the 2015-2016 school year. While the password for MyLunchMoney.com accounts will remain the same to log in to MySchoolBucks.com, the username for the account will now be the email address associated with the account. If you don't remember the email address associated with your account, visit MySchoolBucks.com and click the "Forgot your username or password?" button to retrieve your username. Any money left in a student's MyLunchMoney.com account was transferred to the student's account on MySchoolBucks.com. Learn more at www.claytonschools.net/myschoolbucks.

School Menus App

The School District of Clayton, in partnership with Chartwells K12, is now using Nutrislice to publish the school menus to a new interactive website and a free smartphone app! Now you can access your child's menus anytime, anywhere. The app also allows you to learn more about the meals being served, such as nutritional information and the ability to filter for common allergens such as wheat and dairy. Visit claytonschools.nutrislice.com to learn more, or download the School Lunch by Nutrislice app from the App Store or Google Play.



Free and Reduced Meal Program

School District of Clayton education officials have adopted the following family-size income criteria for determining eligibility for school children to participate in the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program:

Maximum Family Income Eligible for Free Meals

Family Size	Annually	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$15,301	\$1,276	\$295
2	\$20,709	\$1,726	\$399
3	\$26,117	\$2,177	\$503
4	\$31,525	\$2,628	\$607
5	\$36,933	\$3,078	\$711
6	\$42,341	\$3,529	\$815
7	\$47,749	\$3,980	\$919
8	\$53,157	\$4,430	\$1,023
Each Add'l. Family Member	+ \$5,408	+ \$451	+ \$104

**Maximum Family Income Eligible
for Reduced Price Meals**

Family Size	Annually	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$21,775	\$1,815	\$419
2	\$29,471	\$2,456	\$567
3	\$37,167	\$3,098	\$715
4	\$44,863	\$3,739	\$863
5	\$52,559	\$4,380	\$1,011
6	\$60,255	\$5,022	\$1,159
7	\$67,951	\$5,663	\$1,307
8	\$75,647	\$6,304	\$1,455
Each Add'l. Family Member	+ \$7,696	+ \$642	+ \$148

Children from families whose current income is at or below those shown are eligible for free or reduced price meals. Applications are available at the principal's office in each school. To apply, fill out a Free and Reduced Price School Meals Family Application and return it to the school. The information provided on the application is confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility. Applications may be submitted any time during the school year. A complete application is required as a condition of eligibility. A complete application includes: (1) household income from all sources or Food Stamp/Temporary Assistance case number, (2) names of all household members, and (3) the signature and last four digits of social security number or indication of no social security number of adult household

member signing the application. School officials may verify current income at any time during the school year.

Foster children whose care and placement is the responsibility of the State or who is placed by a court with a caretaker household is categorically eligible for free meals and may be certified without an application. Households with foster and non-foster children may chose to include the foster child as a household member, as well as any personal income earned by the foster child on the same household application that includes the non-foster children.

If a family member becomes unemployed or if family size changes, the family should contact the school to file a new application. Such changes may make the children of the family eligible for these benefits.

Under the provisions of the policy, the Chief Financial Officer will review the applications and determine eligibility. If a parent is dissatisfied with the ruling of the official, they may wish to discuss the decision with the hearing official on an informal basis or they may make a request either orally or in writing for a hearing to appeal the decision to the Assistant Superintendent of Student Services:

Dr. Greg Batenhorst
Assistant Superintendent of Student Services
School District of Clayton
#2 Mark Twain Circle
Clayton, MO 63105

Hearing procedures are outlined in the policy. A complete copy of the policy is on file in each school and in the central office where any interested party may review it.

In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, or call 800-795-3272 (voice) or 202-720-6382 (TTY). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

School Counseling Program

The goal of the school counseling program is to facilitate the student's educational achievement and development as a responsible and contributing member of a global society. Toward this end the school counselor shall enter into professional relationships with three segments of the school community: students, parents/guardians and school staff members.

The school counseling program shall be based on a comprehensive model of services which emphasizes:

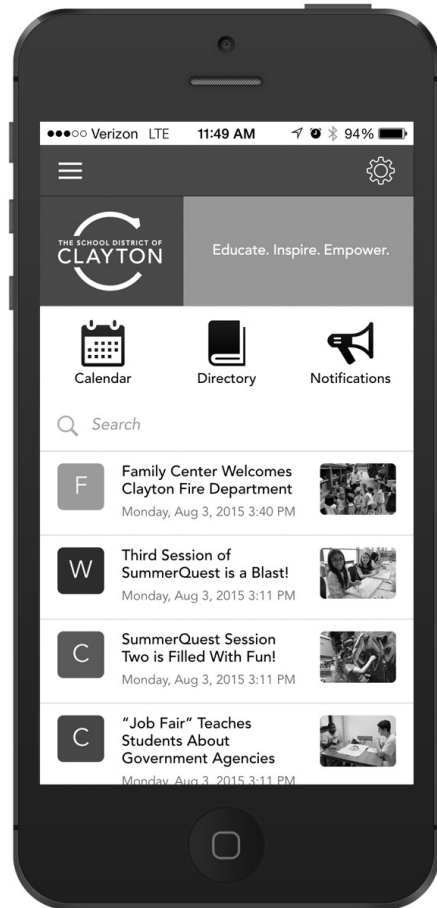
- Personal growth and development
- Responsible decision-making
- Educational, occupational and personal goal setting
- Building positive relationships

Specific curricular objectives shall be developed around these areas of emphasis with programs implemented in classrooms, small groups and individual student-counselor contexts. The school counseling program shall provide responsive services which may include personal counseling, crisis intervention, professional referrals and support groups for students, as well as consultation for parents, teachers and other professionals working on behalf of the student.

Consistent with the rights of the individual, the school counselor shall protect the confidentiality of information received in the counseling relationship as specified by law and ethical standards articulated by the American School Counselors Association. Counselors shall be responsible for explaining to students the meaning and limits of confidentiality. When a student's participation in a school counseling group requires parental permission, the permission form shall inform the parent/guardian of the purpose and composition of the group and the meaning and limits of confidentiality in a group context.

The guidance counselors and other professional staff members provide preliminary assessment of student problems and referrals to outside agencies, if necessary. The District will assist and cooperate with other agencies concerning the diagnosis and treatment of a referral student when applicable to his or her education program in the District. Except as otherwise required by law, costs for diagnostic and treatment services outside the District are the responsibility of parents or guardians.

Stay up-to-date with the District's mobile app!



Stay informed on the latest District news and events by downloading the School District of Clayton's mobile app!

The app allows you to customize the news and notifications you want to receive, add District and school events directly to the calendar on your mobile device and readily access school websites, staff directories, lunch menus and much more!

It is the policy of the School District of Clayton not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, age, or disability in its programs or employment practices as required by Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Behavior that is not unlawful or does not rise to the level of illegal discrimination or harassment might be unacceptable for the workplace or the educational environment. Demeaning or otherwise harmful actions are prohibited, particularly if directed at personal characteristics. Accordingly, the District prohibits discrimination or harassment on the basis of sexual orientation, perceived sexual orientation or gender identity. Inquires related to the District's employment practices should be directed to Dr. Sean Doherty, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, School District of Clayton, #2 Mark Twain Circle, Clayton, MO 63105 or by phone at 314-854-6032. Inquires related to the District's student programs should be directed to Dr. Greg Batenhorst, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services, School District of Clayton, #2 Mark Twain Circle, Clayton, MO 63105 or by phone at 314-854-6023. Inquires or concerns regarding civil rights compliance by school districts should be directed to the local school district Title IX/non-discrimination coordinator. Inquires and complaints may also be directed to the Kansas City Office, Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education, 8930 Ward Parkway, Suite 2037, Kansas City, MO 64114; 816-268-0550; TDD 877-521-2172.

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