

JOHNSON COUNTY CENTRAL ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM HANDBOOK

2018-2019



The contained information is intended to be a supplement to the existing Johnson County Central High School Handbook. All policies and procedures from the JCC Handbook are to be followed with the few exceptions laid out within this document that will apply to the Alternative Program.

MISSION STATEMENT: The Johnson County Central Alternative Education Program has been established in order to provide an alternative environment to students whose educational needs are not being met in the traditional school setting. Our mission is to empower all students with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes to successfully meet the challenges of our changing world.

QUALIFICATIONS: A student may qualify for participation in the Alternative Education Program if he/she meets the following criteria:

- The student is a resident of the district and in 9-12 grade.
- Lost credit due to attendance issues.
- Has failed two or more core subjects.
- Parent or student request
- Referred by the administrative team
- Student is in need of a flexible schedule.
- A student who has serious personal, emotional, or medical problems where he/she cannot succeed at the regular high school.
- Meets the criteria for a (*) disruptive student.

(*) A disruptive student is a student whose behavior:

- Poses a threat to the physical or emotional safety of the student, other students, or school personnel.
- Is persistently inappropriate in the regular school environment.
- Has a history of multiple suspensions and/or expulsions.
- Refusal to comply with school rules.

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM: The administrative team will evaluate and determine if it's in the best interest of the student to be placed in the alternative program. The placement team will consist of appropriate school personnel knowledgeable of the student's behavior and educational performance as well as alternative school personnel including:

- Administrators
- Counselor
- Alternative Education Program teacher

If the principal deems it necessary to place a student in the alternative education program without the use of the placement team – before placing the student the principal will set up a meeting with parent/guardian for discussion on the placement.

The administrative team will look at a student's behavior, academic progress, personal and social development, and other appropriate issues. If the administrative team determines the placement at the program is appropriate, such placement will occur at a time determined to be in the best interest of the student. A student may meet this criterion but it may not be in the student's best interest to attend the program which would be based on other professional determination.

Students that are placed in the Johnson County Central Alternative Education Program are required to have an individual plan developed for them by the administrative team. The individual plan will reflect

each student's abilities and needs. The goal of the alternative program is to help the student master the skills to be able to return to the regular classroom setting.

HOURS OF OPERATION: The Alternative Program operates same hours as the high school 8:15 a.m. to 3:43 p.m. Some students may start or leave before that time according to their individual plan. The Alternative program will take place at the high school room 303.

CURRICULUM DELIVERY SYSTEM: The Odysseyware online coursework will be used in conjunction with individual guided teacher assistance. Odysseyware contains numerous lessons, content pages of research and objective-based, problem-solving coursework delivered in a self-paced approach to learning – plus assessment, alignment and curriculum management tools. Odysseyware delivers core curriculum up to grade 12 and is aligned with the National and State Standards.

LUNCH: The school lunch is available or students may bring their lunch from home. All lunches will be eaten in the high school cafeteria unless other arrangements are made due to behavior/discipline issues.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Participation in extra-curricular activities for students that are enrolled in the alternative program will be determined in their individual plan.

CELL PHONES/IPADS: Cell phones and iPads are not allowed in the Alternative program. If students bring them the teacher will collect the items and secure them until school is out then returned the items to the individual.

SCHOOL POLICIES: All students that are in the alternative education program will follow the rules and policies from the Johnson County Central High School Student/Parent handbook.

I HAVE READ THE ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM HANDBOOK. I UNDERSTAND IT IS A SUPPLEMENT TO THE JOHNSON COUNTY CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL HANDBOOK.

SIGNATURE OF STUDENT_____ **DATE**_____

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN_____ **DATE**_____