

Student Rulebook

PROTECTING THE GENERAL WELFARE OF THE WCCHS SCHOOL COMMUNITY

010 Preamble

010.0 All Community members are responsible for the general welfare of the school, through actions that contribute to preserving the atmosphere of freedom, respect, fairness, trust, and order that is the essence of the school's existence and to establishing a creative and positive learning environment for all.

010.1 All Community members must abide by all Federal, State, and Local laws. All community members must abide by West Contra Costa Unified School District policies. All WCCHS community members and guests must abide by all WCCHS rules while in the WCCHS Charter School.

010.2 The judicial system and all judicial bodies shall not discriminate against anyone based upon gender, ethnicity, age, social status, sexual orientation, or job position, or difference of ability.

010.3 It is the responsibility of all Community members to help enforce WCCHS rules.

010.4 WCCHS rules shall apply to all Community members and visitors before, during, and after the normal school hours of 8:00 am to 5:15 pm, including all after-school, weekend, or summer hours.

010.5 WCCHS rules and WCCUSD district policies also apply at all school sponsored events and field trips.

100 Safety Regulations

100.0 Activities that present a real or potential danger to anyone's personal safety are prohibited.

100.1 Running, biking, and skateboarding is not permitted on campus. Rough-housing of any kind is not permitted at school in any location.

100.2 Students must obey the directions of yard-duty personnel before school, after school, during lunch and between classes.

100.3 All WCCHS students must participate seriously in all safety drills that are conducted.

100.4 For the safety of all participants, students must be within eyesight of a supervising teacher or yard-duty personnel at all times, including off-campus field trips. Those students in upper divisions (Choose and Act) may be granted some leniency with regard to this rule.

200 Personal Rights and Their Protection

200.0 Everyone has the right to exist peaceably at school. No one may verbally or physically harass or put down another individual. Nobody may hit, punch or threaten to fight another individual.

200.1 No one may display a symbol or a sign or use language that is known at school to represent hatred toward a particular race, religion, gender, appearance, age, sexual orientation, differences of ability, or job position regardless of intent.

200.2 No one may knowingly instigate or encourage another student to violate the WCCHS rules. (For example: Encouraging someone else to fight or to say something mean to someone else.)

200.3 Students are not permitted to display gang colors, gang symbols, broadcast gang-affiliated music, or participate in hate-speech towards or about gangs.

200.4 Students are not permitted to exhibit gang behavior (claiming gang membership, flashing gang colors, showing gang signs, gang-tagging, writing gang names or signs on notebooks, making gang threats, or repeatedly discussing gangs).

200.5 Students are not permitted to exhibit cliquish behavior (associating only with a single group of friends, shunning others, and dressing in the same colors).

200.6 Students are not permitted to disrespect community by pushing the limits of the dress code policy (regularly wearing red or blue or trying to get away with other dress code violations).

200.7 Cell phone use at WCCHS is forbidden. Using a cell phone on campus will result in having the phone taken away and returned to the student's parents or guardians.

200.8 iPod and other music players are not permitted during class unless explicitly instructed by the teacher. Use of iPods and other such music devices with the exception of cell phones, is acceptable during lunch while student is in the courtyard on Tuesday through Thursday. The Music device being used by student is to be a standard device that does not permit the student access to or the ability of texting,

sending messages or accessing the internet. Ipod Touch allows this and therefore is not a permitted device. Use of a music player prior to and after this given time and without teacher consent will result in the device being taken away and returned to the students parents.

200.9 Personal electronic gaming devices are not permitted on campus except with explicit permission by the supervising teacher.

200.10 Failure to surrender a phone, music player, electronic device or any other suspected contraband when asked, is a suspendible offense.

200.11 In order to keep the classrooms clean, gum-chewing is forbidden in the classrooms.

200.12 Students may not be in possession of drugs, alcohol, or tobacco on campus at anytime.

300 Protection of Private and Public Property

300.0 All members of the community (students, teachers, staff, volunteers) must help keep the school clean and will participate in school-wide cleanings, classroom cleanings, and other cleaning activities when asked by a teacher, parent, or student leader.

300.1 Students may only use school computers with permission and may not install software onto computers unless directed to do so by school leadership. Students in higher levels (choose and act) may have less restrictions with regards to computers.

300.2 Other than teachers taking phones, electronic devices and players as specified in 200.4, 200.5, and 200.6, and/or dangerous contraband no one may take, steal, or borrow without permission, another person's property.

400.0 Discipline Policies

400.0 Students committing any actions on the WCCHS list of suspendible behaviors may be suspended. Students who are suspended will be sent home that day and will begin their suspension the following day.

400.1 Students committing any actions on the WCCHS list of expellable behaviors (including receiving 3 suspensions within a school-year.) will have their case reviewed by an expulsion committee. If the committee decides to recommend expulsion a hearing will be convened as specified in the Charter.

400.2 Any student may report any student or any adult for rules violation to the Judicial Committee.

400.3 Failure to comply with the Judicial Committee verdicts and sentences may result in suspension and possible expulsion from the WCCHS.

400.4 No one may lie in any Judicial proceeding.

400.5 Jury members must report refusals to testify to the Judicial Committee who will investigate and take appropriate action, including, the possibly of, citation for contempt.

500 Academics

500.0 Students must obey all classroom rules as decided by the classroom teacher.

500.1 Copying any portion of another student's work, or copying from any resource, and turning it in as ones own constitutes plagiarism and is forbidden. Each student is responsible for cleaning up after him/herself.

500.2 If a teacher is 15 minutes late to a seminar without notice students must report to the Community Space to do other work without penalty in the class.

500.3 In designated work areas, students need to keep conversations and activities at a quiet level and be working on school related work.

500.4 As explained in the WCCHS discipline policy, being sent out of the classroom will result in an after school detention. Being sent out 5 times in the same year will result in suspension.

Rules Governing Use of the School's Facilities

1000 General Use of the School

1000.0 Anyone wishing to modify the physical appearance of the school must obtain written permission by the School Board.

1000.1 Graffiti, damaging school walls or property, marking on desks, books, or walls is forbidden.

1000.2 Each student is responsible for cleaning up after him/herself.

1000.3 If a room or area is badly littered, the Teachers, or a majority of the Judicial Chairs may close that room, or area, at any time and keep it closed for a specified period of time or until it has been cleaned.

1000.4 Everyone must participate in general cleanup when they are assigned to daily duty and as a member of the community at the monthly cleanups.

CONSEQUENCES

WORKING GUIDELINES for SENTENCING

GOALS: Fair – Gives value back to the community – Helps the Student modify their behavior

Problem Solving prior to referrals...

- ✓ Explain what you think the other Student is doing wrong. Be clear, polite, and honest. Make an “I” statement.
- ✓ Come right out and say something directly to the person breaking the rule. Point it out in the list of rules.
- ✓ Get another Student or Teacher to help you confront someone you’re intimidated by.
- ✓ Get a trained, peer counselor, if available.

WCCHS Judicial Consequences

- Community Service:
- Thoughtful and sincere apologies can be made in writing or in person, in school clean up, peer counseling, tutoring, assisting a teacher with (non confidential) paperwork, posting signs, educational projects, etc.

After School Consequences

- Failure to do the above community service in the described time period (this is NOT violation of rule 400.3) would automatically result in an after school consequence of 30-60 minutes, which may include any of the above community service. Parents will be notified of mandatory attendance. More serious offenses, repeat offenses for violating rules, and being sent out of the classroom on a purple slip could be immediately given an After School Consequence of 20 to 90 minutes, activity to be determined by supervising teacher. Parents would be notified of mandatory attendance. Students who were assigned the After School Consequence of 30 minutes for any reason who did not show and participate in the activity would automatically be reassigned to the next After School Consequences activity and their sentence would be doubled. (30 to 60 minutes, or 60 to 120 minutes) Additionally, there would be a mandatory parent/student/teacher/JC Clerk conference where parents and student would draw up a contract for appropriate consequences for the student’s failure to abide by judicial system consequences, including After School Consequences. The contract might include suspension from the WCCHS and will begin the discussion of transferring the student to another school if the student cannot begin to respect the judicial process of the WCCHS community.

Out Of School Consequences

- Serious violations of school rules where suspension is recommended to the Educational or Administrative Director by Judicial Committee. The Educational and Administrative Directors will review the case and give appropriate consequences.
- WCCUSD / State suspension violations reviewed and acted upon by the Educational and Administrative Directors.
- Suspension for repeated failure to serve JC sentences after parent/student/teacher/JC clerk contract is written.