

KODIAK ISLAND BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Middle School Student Handbook 2019-2020

**Kodiak Island Borough School District
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Kodiak Island Borough School District Mission Statement

The Kodiak Island Borough School District, in close cooperation with our diverse island community, exists to provide an educational program of the highest standard that empowers all students to achieve personal and academic excellence while developing their full potential as responsible, productive citizens.

2019-2020 SCHOOL CALENDAR

1st Semester

September 3..... First Day of School
October 14-15.....In-Service – No School
October 23 - 24...KMS Parent Teacher Conferences
(Evening Conferences Only)
November 11.....In-Service – No School
November 28 - 29Thanksgiving Break
December 23 – January 3.....Winter Break
January 6..... Classes Resume
January 17.....End Semester 1

2nd Semester

January 20Classes Resume / First Day Semester 2
January 20.....In-Service – No School
February 17.....In-Service – No School
March 16 - 20.....Spring Break
March 25 - 26.....KMS Parent Teacher Conferences
(Evening Conferences Only)
May 29.....End Sem 2 / Last Day of School

*For additional events and activities, please check the district and
school webpages.*

Kodiak Middle School - Student Information

This handbook attempts to cover the basic expectations, rules, and policies governing the way students, staff, and others relate within the Kodiak Middle School (KMS). Our hope is to provide for the general welfare of all involved, while respecting the rights and aspirations of the individual.

The Kodiak Island Borough School District (KIBSD) has a focus on student academic achievement and lifelong success. If you have specific questions about opportunities available, please contact your school office, counselor, or district level student services.

School Administration may at times change or modify the information within this book, without notice, in the best interest of the students or school.

Academic Honesty: Academic dishonesty includes but is not limited to sharing test answers and questions, borrowing or lending work to copy, or using unauthorized materials on a test or project and is strictly prohibited. It also will include the plagiarizing of other work as your own.

First offense should be handled within the classroom, with a teacher phone call to a parent/guardian. Additional and/or a pattern of offenses may be referred to administration. (*Pursuant to School Board Policy 5131.9*)

Activity Fees: Living on an island has a dramatic impact on the costs of running our extra-curricular programs and activities. Students participating in KMS extra-curricular activities are required to pay an activities fee to help with the costs associated with that sport or activity. The activity fee has been set by the Board at \$100 per student, per activity. There is a family limit of \$500 per year when children participate in one or more activities. Should a family need to request a waiver of the activity fee due to economic hardship, please contact the Activities Director.

Activity fees are collected by the coach or sponsor and turned in to the KMS office prior to the start of each season. *The coach may establish a fee for specific costs such as uniforms or other necessary items that will be used throughout the season, upon approval of the principal.*

Activity Practice and Attendance: Practice may be started on the day listed by the Alaska School Activities Association as the season's starting date. There will be no official practice sessions during the school year after the preceding State Tournament.

The following guidelines also apply to practices and attendance:

- An individual may not practice until the school has all required forms on file.
- Participants will be present at all practice sessions. If an individual must miss a practice he/she should personally contact the coach in advance. Any individual who misses practice without notifying the coach in advance may be suspended from the team.
- A student must be present at school for the length of the normal attendance day on the day of a scheduled home event. A student must be present at school for the length of the normal day prior to the day of scheduled travel to an event. If the event is scheduled for a weekend day, the student must be present the last attendance day of the preceding week. Participants who do not attend school may not participate in the event without prior administrative approval.
- A student must be present for the length of the normal attendance day on the day after an event or practice. Administration may make adjustments based on factors involving travel and/or activity.

Aggressive/Violent Conduct (See also Fighting): Students and staff have the right to feel safe and secure in their classrooms, while on school property or at school events. There are certain behaviors that, if tolerated, would quickly destroy the safe learning environment to which the students and staff are entitled. These behaviors, categorized as violent and aggressive, will not be tolerated and will result in immediate corrective action. Violent and aggressive acts include, but are not limited to, possession, threat with or use of a weapon; physical assault; verbal abuse; intimidation; extortion; bullying; gang

participation; harassment; stalking; defiance; and racial slurs. Consequences for these actions may include counseling, ISS, OSS, possible recommendation for expulsion; depending on the severity and level of behavior. A student may be recommended for expulsion for aggressive/violent conduct. *(Pursuant to School Board Policy 5131.41)*

Appeal Procedure for Disciplinary Action: A student shall be given an opportunity to contest any alleged facts leading to disciplinary action, the appropriateness of the sanction imposed by a disciplinary authority, or alleged prejudice or unfairness on the part of the school district official responsible for the disciplinary action. Further, a student may file a grievance concerning harassment or discrimination by a school district employee on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, age, disability, religion, marital status, pregnancy, parenthood, veteran's status, veteran's disability, or political affiliation.

The grievance/appeal procedure is as follows:

- **Level One:** A student with a grievance shall present a written grievance/complaint to the Principal within five (5) school days of when the student knew of the basis for the grievance. The Principal shall make a decision known to the student in writing within five (5) school days of receipt of the written grievance. If the grievance is not resolved at Level One, the grievance may proceed to Level Two.
- **Level Two:** Within five (5) school days of receipt of the principal's written decision, the student may appeal the grievance to the Superintendent. The Superintendent shall meet with the student within five (5) school days of receipt of the written grievance. The Superintendent shall render a written decision regarding the grievance within five (5) school days of meeting with the student. If the grievance is not resolved at Level Two, the grievance may proceed.
- **Level Three:** Within five (5) school days of receipt of the superintendent's written decision, the student may appeal the grievance to the School Board. The School Board or a subcommittee of the School Board shall meet with interested parties within five (5) school days. The School Board or subcommittee of the School Board shall render a written decision regarding the grievance within five (5) school days.

The purpose of this grievance procedure is to provide students with a means of securing equitable solutions to problems resulting from disciplinary or other actions or apparent misunderstandings. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as limiting the right of any student having a grievance to discuss the matter informally with appropriate staff members and administration.

Arson, Fire Alarms and Firecrackers: Arson is defined as malicious mischief or purposeful intent to destroy property by causing, or attempting to cause, a fire/explosion. Activating a false fire alarm is against Alaska State Statute 11.56.800. The possession or use of explosives or any other incendiary devices on school property is strictly prohibited and WILL result in appropriate disciplinary action. Any intentional and false fire alarm pulls will result in an automatic 10-day suspension from school and may result in expulsion and/or criminal referral.

Ash Fallout: The Superintendent's Office or Emergency Services Coordinator will provide official notification of an ash fall alert to administrators and schools. The district will rely on information provided by the National Weather Service, the Kodiak Emergency Services Director, the Kodiak Police Department, and/or other State/Federal offices prior to calling an ash fall alert. Specific instructions will be announced.

Assemblies: KMS schedules a variety of assemblies during the school year. Such assemblies are part of the regular school day and student attendance is required. Student behavior should be appropriate to the setting and all KMS student expectations apply.

Building Hours: The school day begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends: Monday-Thursday at 3:30 p.m.; and Fridays at 2:30 p.m. Students remaining in the building after the end of the school day must be supervised by a member of the faculty, staff, or sponsor. *The building will close to all unsupervised students at 3:50 pm.*

Building Surveillance: Surveillance cameras are located throughout the school building. Anyone on school property may

be videotaped.

Bus Privileges: Riding of School buses is a privilege, not a right. Courtesy and safety must be exhibited at all times when riding buses. Bus drivers have the authority to submit written discipline referrals to the school administration. Safety of all students is the priority, and any behavior which endangers the well-being of others will not be permitted. Students may be suspended from the bus if there is a significant infraction. If you have any questions concerning busing, please call First Student 486-3600 or the school. (*Pursuant to School Board Policy 5131.1*)

Cell Phones: The school is not responsible for lost, stolen, or broken cell phones. Students who bring such items to school do so at their own risk. Cell phones are not to be used during the school day and should remain powered off and out of sight until after the last instructional period of the day.

- **1st offense:** Student will pick up phone at the end of the day from the office.
- **2nd offense:** Parent/guardian will pick up the phone from the office.
- **3rd offense:** Student will not be allowed to have a cell phone at school for the remainder of the quarter.
- **4th offense:** If a student violates the 3rd offense, this will be considered **willful disobedience**, and consequences will be determined by the KMS administration.

Failure to hand over a cell phone when requested by an adult may result in an in-school suspension up to two days.

Cheating: (See Academic Honesty)

Computers and Mobile Devices: Students will be assigned a mobile device for usage throughout the school day as defined by teaching staff. These devices may be checked out in the evening to complete school work including projects and homework. Students must abide by the Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) which parents sign at registration and complete a digital citizenship course within the first two weeks of school. If there is improper use or care of school-owned devices, the school's discipline policy will be followed.

Compulsory Attendance: Class attendance is essential to the learning process. Absenteeism disrupts and hinders that process, not only for the absent student, but for his/her classmates. It is the district's belief that students need to be in school. Much of the learning that occurs in the classroom cannot be made up. The school has an obligation to promote good attendance and to deter absenteeism, truancy and tardiness. The main responsibility for regular attendance lies with the student and the parent/guardian. *(Pursuant to School Board Policy 5112)*

Conduct: It is the aim of KIBSD to establish an appropriate learning environment in which each student shall be personally responsible for conduct conducive to good learning. To this end, parents shall be recognized as partners in the education of their children and, therefore, responsible for assisting the school in securing appropriate behavior and an appropriate educational atmosphere.

The School Board believes that students have the right to a public education in a positive environment free from disruptions which interfere with teaching and learning activities. In order to promote an atmosphere conducive to learning, it is imperative that the School Board, parents/guardians, students, teachers and the administration be cognizant of their responsibilities related to student conduct.

- **School Board:** The School Board is responsible for prescribing the rules for the government and discipline of the schools under its jurisdiction. Consequences for misconduct will be fair and developmentally appropriate in light of the circumstances. The School Board holds the certificated personnel responsible for the proper conduct and control of student under their charge within the behavioral guidelines established by the School Board in conjunction with the administration. The School Board shall provide all reasonable support to certificated personnel with respect to student expectations.
- **Superintendent:** The Superintendent or designee shall establish the necessary procedures to implement and enforce the School Board's discipline policy. He/she

shall notify the parents/guardians of all students of the availability of the School District's policy and procedures related to conduct and discipline.

- **School Principal:** The school principal shall initiate and enforce a set of school rules, in keeping with School District policy and regulation, which will facilitate effective learning and promote attitudes and habits of good citizenship. The Principal or designee shall provide instruction to students regarding their rights and responsibilities. The Principal shall support the classroom teacher in his/her efforts to promote improved and acceptable behavior in students.
- **Teachers:** Appropriate classroom behavior allows teachers to communicate more effectively with students. Teachers shall conduct a well-planned effective classroom program and initiate and enforce a set of classroom regulations that facilitate effective learning. Teachers shall cooperate with administrators and other classroom teachers in enforcing general school rules and appropriate campus behavior.
- **Parents/Guardians:** Parents/guardians are expected to comply with the laws governing the conduct and education of their children. They shall also be expected to cooperate with school authorities regarding the behavior of their children. Parents/guardians may be held liable for misconduct of their children to the extent provided by law.
- **Students:** Students shall be properly instructed in the rules and regulations pertaining to acceptable conduct as set by the School Board. All students shall comply with the regulations of the School District, comply with the course of study and submit to the authority of the teachers and administration of the schools.

Students should have their freedom and be encouraged to express their individuality in any way as long as their conduct does not infringe upon the freedom of other students or interfere with the instructional program.

Students who violate the law or the rules and regulations of the School District may be subject to the transfer to alternative programs, discipline, suspension, or expulsion. (*Pursuant to*

School Board Policy 5131)

Consequences and Behavior Modifications: Consequences and/or Behavior Modifications may be assigned by administration and/or teachers. The Consequence and/or Behavior Modifications may be based on the severity of the behavior and as well as past behaviors.

For possible infractions, the following may take place:

- The student shall receive written or verbal notice of the possible infraction.
- An informal meeting will be held with the appropriate school authority.
- An explanation or presentation of the evidence the school authorities have will be provided to the student.
- The student will be provided an opportunity to present their version of the incident in question.

In addition to the four procedures identified above **other actions** may include any one or combination of the following:

- Counseling
- Detention
- Parent/guardian contact
- Suspension or expulsion from school (*Pursuant to School Board Policy 5144.1*)
- Referral to community-based services and/or other academic programs (i.e. alternatives to out-of-school suspension)
- Community service (with parent approval)
- Parent/guardian/student conference with the school principal and/or designees
- Involvement of law enforcement

*Consequences and Behavior Modification procedures for students receiving special education services must be in accordance with the student's IEP, and with applicable special education statutes and regulations.

Correspondence Courses: Students interested in taking correspondence courses must contact their counselor for a referral. Correspondence classes are managed by AKTEACH and fees for such courses are typically the responsibility of the student.

Deliveries to School: Deliveries of items to the school such as; flowers, balloons, and other large items are highly discouraged. These items will not be allowed in the classroom during the day and will have to remain in the office. The office may deny or not accept deliveries of these items to the school for students.

Detention: Detentions must be served when assigned to avoid further discipline. Failure to serve a detention may result in In-School-Suspension. Athletics or activities do not excuse a student from serving a disciplinary consequence and may prevent a student from participation in an activity. Teachers and Administration may assign detentions.

Dress Code: The School Board believes that appropriate dress and grooming contribute to a productive learning environment. The Board expects students to give proper attention to personal cleanliness and to wear clothes that are suitable for the school activities in which they participate. Students have the right to make individual choices from a wide range of clothing and grooming styles, but they must not present a health or safety hazard or a distraction which would interfere with the educational process.

Students and parents/guardians shall be informed about the school dress code at the beginning of the year and when revised. A student who violates the dress code shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

Rules:

- Shirts/tops with an opaque front, back, and sides (under the arms) must be worn.
- Pants, skirts, dresses, leggings, or shorts must be worn.
- Hoods are not allowed to be worn in school in the building. A hood may be on the item of clothing, but cannot be on the student's head while the student is inside the building.
- Hats, caps, and winter head wear may not be worn in the school building.
- Safe footwear must be worn (this excludes slippers, socks, and bare feet).
- No pajamas (with the exception of spirit days).

- Buttocks, genitals, and chests must be covered by an opaque outer layer of clothing.
- Clothing must cover undergarments.
- Clothing may not pose potential harm to other students (including spikes, sharp edges, bulky rings and chains).
- Students may be required to wear special clothing for certain classes such as; labs, gym and health classes, and CTE classes due to unique hazards.
- No hate speech or bigoted language and/or symbols on clothing and/or body.
- No nudity, pornographic images, or sexual acts on clothing and/or body.
- Clothing cannot depict or advertise alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drug use. No images of plants or other sources from which illegal drugs are developed or engineered or created.
- No images or words that promote acts of violence toward an individual or group of individuals.
- Clothing that is considered disruptive to the learning environment may be addressed by administration.
- A phone call to a parent/guardian with an explanation of why the clothing is/was disruptive.
- Students may be required to change prior to returning to class.

Addressing Violations:

Citations of students for dress code will be reviewed semi-annually and should the citations of any infraction, incidents, individual(s), be disproportionately cited, a committee will review for possible solutions.

Teachers will receive guidance how to administer these policies in an equitable manner.

No student will be identified in class or in front of their peers for dress code issues.

- **1st offense:** Student will change, modify, and/or correct.
- **2nd offense:** Student will change, modify, and/or correct. Administration will call a parent/guardian.

- **3rd offense:** Student will change, modify, and/or correct. Administration will call home. Student will receive lunch detention.
- **Additional offenses will require a parent/guardian meeting.**

Nothing in this dress code shall be construed to restrict or ban a student's wearing of religious clothing. Parents having religion based concerns regarding a school's dress policy are encouraged to discuss them with the principal.

There may be exceptions or days that parts of the dress code may be waived such as; spirit days, school specific activities, activities and athletic clothing. (*Pursuant to School Board Policy 5132*)

Drug and Alcohol Policy: If school administration has reasonable suspicion that a student may be under the influence of alcohol or drugs, a student may be suspended from school for up to 10 days.

The School Board prohibits the actual or attempted sale, distribution, use or possession by a student of alcohol, prohibited drugs or inhalants, drug paraphernalia, substances that are designed to look or act like prohibited drugs or alcohol, or substances purported to be prohibited drugs or alcohol.

Prohibited drugs are defined as:

- Drugs that are illegal under any local, state, or federal law; or any drug that can be legally obtained but which has been obtained through illegal means.
- Alternatives to illegal drugs such as designer or synthetic drugs, whether or not prohibited by law, which are purported to, designed to, or which do impair, restrict, or alter normal cognitive function when absorbed, ingested, injected, or inhaled.
- Prescription drugs that are not legally obtained or prescribed, are not being used for the prescription purpose, are being used in excess of the prescribed amount, are being used by other than the person to whom they were prescribed, or are being sold, traded, or distributed.

Students appearing under the influence, possessing, or using alcohol or other drugs or related paraphernalia shall be subject to disciplinary procedures which may result in suspension or expulsion.

Disciplinary Actions:

- Contact with parent/guardian.
- Possible suspension from school for 5-10 days. A student may return five days early from a ten-day suspension if they complete the Guidance Intervention Plan (GIP).
- Restriction from school grounds and activities during suspension.
- Required parent/guardian/student conference with the school principal and/or designees prior to re-admittance.
- Law enforcement will be contacted for any student in possession of drugs and/or alcohol, and or related paraphernalia while on school grounds or during a school sponsored activity.
- Students may also be dropped with loss of credit from any class where safety is jeopardized (welding, auto shop, wood shop, culinary, chemistry, etc.)
- A student apprehended for selling, or attempting to sell; intoxicating liquor, illegal drugs, substances designed to look like illegal drugs, or related paraphernalia, or substances purported to be illegal drugs will result in a recommendation for expulsion and law enforcement will be contacted.

(Pursuant to School Board Policy 5131.6)

Earthquake Procedures: If an earthquake occurs during school hours, the teacher shall direct students to assume a safe position under a desk or table. In the event that a student has no available cover, the student should assume a protective position along a permanent interior wall.

Electronic Devices (Personal): Personal electronic devices include but are not limited to watches, tablets, laptops, headphones, iPods, cameras, etc. KIBSD is not responsible for lost/stolen electronic devices. Students who bring such devices to school do so at their own risk. Electronic devices follow the same procedure as cell phones which are noted previously in this

handbook.

Excused Absences: Absence from class can be excused by the student's legal guardian at the discretion of the administrators. Absences must be excused by the student's legal guardian within 48 hours of the occurrence or the absence will remain unexcused. Students with excused absences will be permitted to make up classroom work within a reasonable amount of time. Make-up work for unexcused absences will be up to the discretion of individual classroom teachers. Both excused and unexcused absences count toward the fifteen-day absence rule.

The following are criteria for excused absences:

- Illness
- Unavoidable emergencies in the home
- Death in the family
- Doctor or dental appointments
- Prearranged situations in which the educational interest may be equally well served by the student's absence from school
- Religious instruction, participation in religious exercises, or religious holiday
- Subsistence gathering up to 5 days per school year

A student's parent or guardian shall be required to provide an excuse for each instance a student is absent from school. Excuses may be written or phoned into the school's Attendance Office. (*Pursuant to School Board Policy 5113*)

Failure to Follow Classroom Rules: Classroom teachers may have classroom-specific rules in addition to this handbook. Students are expected to follow these rules while in the classroom under the direction of the teacher. The Consequence and/or Behavior Modifications may be based on the severity of the behavior and as well as past behaviors.

Failure to Identify Self: Upon request, all persons must identify themselves to district personnel or their designees. The student shall provide his/her full legal name and any other reasonable information upon request. The Consequence and/or Behavior Modifications may be based on the severity of the behavior and as well as past behaviors.

Failure to Serve Disciplinary Consequences: Failure to serve a detention or other disciplinary consequences assigned will result in additional consequences.

Fighting (See also Aggressive/Violent Conduct): Fighting is defined as a physical altercation involving mutual anger/hostility, where striking, kicking, and/or any other physical violence is used against another. Students who instigate, provoke, and/or escalates may also be subject to consequences.

Any students involved in the physical altercation of a fight may be suspended up to ten days. Fighting may also include contact with law enforcement. The Consequence and/or Behavior Modifications may be based on the severity of the behavior and as well as past behaviors. (*Pursuant to School Board Policy 5131.41*)

Fire / Emergency Drills: KMS will hold fire/ emergency drills. Teachers will direct students from the school building through the proper exit. Students must remain with their class during the drill, stand clear of the path of fire department vehicles, and may reenter the building only when directed to do so by an administrator or designee. Students who fail to exit the building promptly shall be subject to disciplinary action.

Food and Drink: The management of food and drinks in the classroom is at the discretion of the individual teacher. Students are expected to deposit all litter in the wastebaskets, leaving the tables, benches, and floors clean. Energy drinks are not allowed in the school.

Food Service: Students may either bring their lunch or they may purchase breakfast, lunch or salad in the KMS commons. KMS participates in the Free and Reduced Price Meals Program.

Freedom of Speech and Expression: Free inquiry and exchange of ideas are essential parts of a democratic education. The School Board respects students' rights to express ideas and opinions, take stands, and support causes, whether controversial or not, through their speech, their writing, and the printed materials they choose to post or distribute.

Student liberties of expression shall be limited only as allowed by law in order to maintain an orderly school environment and to protect the rights, health and safety of members of the school community.

Student free speech extends to religious expression. It is the policy of the Board not to prevent, or otherwise deny participation in, constitutionally protected prayer in District schools, consistent with guidance issued by the U.S. Department of Education and applicable judicial decisions interpreting the religion clauses of the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. This policy supersedes any other Board policy that is inconsistent with it.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop due process procedures for resolving disputes regarding student freedom of expression. (*Pursuant to School Board Policy 5145.2*)

Gang Activity: Gang activity, gang presence, and indications of gang presence or activity (including gang clothing) interfere with and are disruptive to a positive school environment and are prohibited. This policy applies to all people on or about school property, at any school activity, on a school bus, or at a school bus stop. Violators of this policy are subject to disciplinary action, up to possible expulsion. (*Pursuant to School Board Policy 5136*)

Grading: Purpose Statement: The use of a 100-point grading scale will work to provide a clearly understandable measure of a students' progress toward academic mastery.

- To provide the teacher, student, and parent as accurate a picture as possible of the student's learning and to encourage a dialogue about how the student can master the material for the class.
- To support the development of positive and consistent work habits and behaviors for all students.
- To ensure students are graded on what they know and can demonstrate they can do.

Additional information regarding grading and grading policies can be found in the counseling office or in the Main Office.

Semester grades are the only grades posted to a student's transcript. Progress reports and semester grades will reflect the following plus (+) and minus (-) grading scale.

GRADE	PERCENTAGE	GPA Scale
A+	97-100	4.0
A	93-96	4.0
A-	90-92	4.0
B+	87-89	3.0
B	83-86	3.0
B-	80-82	3.0
C+	77-79	2.0
C	73-76	2.0
C-	70-72	2.0
D+	67-69	1.0
D	63-66	1.0
D-	60-62	1.0
F	0-59	0.0

Hall Passes: All students must use a hall pass while in the halls and other non-instructional areas during class time.

Immunizations: All students enrolled at KMS must be fully immunized according to Alaska State Regulations. If a student is covered by a medical or religious exemption, a certified exemption document is required on or before the first day of each new school year. Please contact the school nurse if you have questions. *(Pursuant to School Board Policy 5141.31)*

In-School Suspension (ISS): Certain infractions may result in ISS. Students will be given the opportunity to make up their work. Assignments may not always be identical to those done in the class period. It is the student's responsibility to check in with the teacher upon returning to class.

Failure to serve ISS or removal from the ISS program for disciplinary reasons shall result in Out-of-School Suspension (OSS). *(Pursuant to School Board Policy 5144.1)*

Insurance: A student medical insurance policy is available for purchase. Students participating in athletic activities are encouraged to purchase insurance. Please contact the Main Office for further details.

KIBSD Student Learner Expectations:

- **Possess a Broad Knowledge Base**
 - Know and be able to discuss the critical body of knowledge in science, mathematics, literature, language arts, history, geography, and health.
 - Apply that knowledge to everyday life situations.
 - Use what is already known to acquire new knowledge, develop new skills, and expand understanding.
- **Communicate Effectively**
 - Express ideas clearly, both verbally and in writing.
 - Be a good listener and be able to follow verbal directions.
 - Read, understand, and respond to written information.
 - Integrate the use of a variety of communication forms and use a wide range of communication skills.
- **Use Technological Skills**
 - Use computers and other technologies to manage data and to facilitate communication.
 - Use a calculator in appropriate situations.
 - Become familiar with technology at an appropriate level as it is used in an individual's everyday life.
- **Think Logically and Critically**
 - Solve problems using different methods of questioning, reasoning, and analysis.
 - Be able to process, use, and evaluate information.
 - Evaluate ideas through discussion with others.
 - Understand and apply the decision-making process in a variety of settings.
- **Explore Creative Talents**
 - Generate new and creative ideas by taking risks in a variety of contexts.
- **Accept Responsibility for Personal and Economic Well-Being**
 - Demonstrate skills and work habits necessary for

- o employment.
- o Possess consumer skills necessary for making informed choices.
- o Know how to set and achieve personal goals.
- o Develop skills and knowledge which can be used in the pursuit of lifelong personal fitness.
- o Manage and evaluate behavior as a group member.
- **Be a Responsible Citizen**
 - o Understand and participate in the democratic process.
 - o Demonstrate respect for cultures and people.
 - o Be aware of the environment and evaluate the use of resources.
 - o Take responsibility for personal actions and act ethically.
 - o Demonstrate an understanding of, and responsibility for, global and environmental issues.
- **Be an Enthusiastic Learner**
 - o Make a commitment to create quality work and strive for excellence.
 - o Use a variety of learning strategies, personal skills, and time management skills to enhance learning.
 - o Reflect on and evaluate learning for the purpose of improvement.

Library: The library is an academic area designed for quiet student study, collaboration, and accessing resources. Computers are available for student checkout at the end of the day. Students are expected to remain in their classes until the final dismissal before reporting to the library for computers. With the exception of plain water, food and drinks are not permitted in the library.

Lockers: Lockers are provided to students for the storage and safe-keeping of student possessions. Students are responsible for their lockers. Lockers should be locked at all times, except when attended to by the student.

Because lockers are under the joint control of the student and the District, school officials have the right to open and inspect any school locker without student permission. Examples of reasons the District may open and inspect a locker include: a reasonable suspicion that the search will disclose evidence of illegal

possessions or activity or when odors, smoke, fire and/or other threats to student health, welfare, or safety emanate from the locker.

For health and safety reasons, a general inspection of school properties such as lockers and desks may be conducted. Any items contained in a locker shall be considered the property of the student whom the locker was assigned. Notice of this policy shall be given to all students when lockers are assigned. Notice will also be posted in prominent locations throughout the school.

All lockers are the property of the Kodiak Island Borough School District and subject to search. (*Pursuant to School Board Policy 5145.12*)

Lost and Found: Students who find lost articles are asked to take them to the Main Office. Students may file a "lost item" report in the Main Office. Lost and found items left in the Main Office may be donated if not picked up by the end of the current semester.

McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act: If your family lives in any of the following situations, then your preschool-aged and school-aged children have certain rights or protections, including: educational support, assistance with school supplies, free breakfast/lunch, and transportation assistance.

- Sharing the house of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason (also referred to as “doubled-up” or “couch-surfing”)
- Living in substandard housing such as motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to lack of alternative adequate accommodations
- Living in emergency or transitional shelters
- Abandoned in hospitals or
- Awaiting stable foster care placement

For further information, contact District Homeless Liaison, Todd Burton, or the National Center for Homeless Education at 800-308-2145.

Medication Procedures: KMS recognizes that sometimes students may need to take prescribed medication during the

school day. In such cases;

- A completed Medication Administration Authorization must be on file with the school nurse.
- Medication must be secured in the nurse's office.
- Prescription medications must be in the original container labeled by the pharmacy or health care provider. Over-the-counter medications must be in the original container.
- Medications will be given before classes begin, between classes, and at lunch.

Over-the-counter medications such as Tylenol and aspirin may be administered if the student has parent permission on file.
(Pursuant to School Board Policy 5141.21)

Notice of Non-Discrimination, Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying: The School Board is committed to equal opportunity for all individuals in education. School District programs and activities shall be free from discrimination based on age, gender, race, color, religion, national origin, ethnic group, marital or parental status, physical or mental disability or any other unlawful consideration. The School Board shall promote programs which ensure that discriminatory practices are eliminated in all District activities. School District programs and facilities, viewed in their entirety, shall be readily accessible to individuals with disabilities. The Superintendent shall ensure that interested persons, including individuals with disabilities, can obtain information about the programs, facilities and activities available to them. The Superintendent shall annually notify students and parents of the School District's policy on nondiscrimination and related complaint procedures.

District programs and activities shall be free from discrimination with respect to sex, race, color, religion, national origin, ethnic group, marital or parental status, and physical or mental. In addition, the KMS Handbook Committee wishes to include the following protected categories of gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation to the above list. The School Board shall ensure equal opportunities for all students in admission and access to academic courses, guidance and counseling programs, athletic programs, testing procedures, vocational education and other activities. Separate arrangements

may be made for students according to sex during sex education programs and physical education activities involving bodily contact. (AS 14.18.050) School staff and volunteers must be especially careful to guard against inadvertent sex discrimination and stereotyping in instruction, guidance and supervision.

The School Board is dedicated to providing a safe and civil learning environment. Harassment, intimidation and bullying disrupt a student's ability to learn and a school's ability to educate. Students and staff are expected to demonstrate positive character traits and values. Conduct and speech must be civil and respectful in order to promote harmonious and courteous relations in the school environment.

Students, staff and volunteers are prohibited from engaging in any form of harassment, intimidation, or bullying while on school property, on school buses, at the bus stop, or at school-sponsored activities or functions. Students who engage in such acts are subject to appropriate disciplinary action, up to and including suspension or expulsion. Staff who engage in acts of harassment, intimidation or bullying are also subject to appropriate disciplinary action up to and including suspension and termination. Volunteers who engage in such acts will be denied the opportunity to volunteer in the future.

To promote an environment free of harassment, intimidation, or bullying, the principal or designee shall take appropriate actions such as removing vulgar or offending graffiti, establishing site rules, and providing staff inservice or student instruction and counseling. Teachers shall discuss this policy with their students in age-appropriate ways and assure students that they need not endure any form of harassment, intimidation, or bullying.

Harassment, intimidation, or bullying means an intentional written, oral, or physical act; when the act is undertaken with the intent of threatening, intimidating, harassing, or frightening the student; and

- Physically harms the student or damages the student's property;
- Has the effect of substantially interfering with the student's education;
- Is so severe, persistent, or pervasive that it creates an

- intimidating or threatening educational environment; or
- Has the effect of substantially disrupting the orderly operation of the school.

All forms of harassment, intimidation or bullying via electronic means, commonly referred to as cyberbullying, are prohibited. Cyberbullying also includes, but is not limited to, other misuses of technology to threaten, harass, intimidate, or bully; including sending or posting inappropriate email messages, instant messages, text messages, digital pictures or images, or website postings, including blogs. An individual who redistributes a cyberbullying communication can be found in violation of this policy, even if the individual did not author or create the original communication or image.

The School District's computer network, including access to the Internet via that network; whether accessed on campus or off campus, during or after school hours, may not be used for the purpose of harassment, intimidation, or bullying. Users are responsible for the appropriateness of the material they transmit over the system.

In situations in which the cyberbullying originates from a private (non-school) computer, but is brought to the attention of school officials, disciplinary measures may be imposed when the communication:

- Is of a criminal nature, including but not limited to threats of violence or harm against staff members, students, or their property;
- Suggests or advocates physical harm to staff members or students;
- Causes a student or staff member to experience a substantially detrimental effect on his or her physical or mental health;
- Causes a student or staff member to experience substantial interference with academic or work performance, or with his or her ability to participate in or benefit from school district services or activities;
- Threatens vandalism to school property; or
- Creates a significant disruption to the school's educational mission, purpose, and objectives

Disciplinary action may include, but is not limited to, the loss of computer privileges, detention, suspension, or expulsion for those committing acts of cyberbullying. In addition, any kind of threat or hate crime will be reported to law enforcement officials. Students and staff who believe they have been the victims of cyberbullying, as described in this policy, should not erase the offending material from the system. A copy of the material should be printed and a report made under this policy.

Students or staff who have witnessed or have reliable information that a student has been subjected to harassment, intimidation, or bullying should report the incident immediately to the principal or his/her designee, who shall promptly initiate an investigation. The investigation shall include an assessment of what actions should be taken, as appropriate, to protect the student who has been found to be the victim of harassment, intimidation, or bullying. Such actions may include the provision of support services necessary to permit the student to feel safe and secure in attending school. The Superintendent shall develop procedures to implement this policy.

The School Board recognizes that sexual harassment can cause embarrassment, feelings of powerlessness, loss of self-confidence, reduced ability to perform schoolwork, and increased absenteeism or tardiness. To promote an environment free of sexual harassment, the principal or designee shall take appropriate actions such as removing vulgar or offending graffiti, establishing site rules, and providing staff in service or student instruction and counseling. Teachers shall discuss this policy with their students in age-appropriate ways and shall assure them that they need not endure any form of sexual harassment. The Board shall not tolerate the sexual harassment of any student by any other student or any District employee. Any student or employee who is found guilty of sexual harassment shall be subject to disciplinary action. Students or staff should immediately report incidences of sexual harassment to the principal or designee. The Superintendent or designee shall promptly investigate each complaint of sexual harassment in a way that ensures the privacy of all parties concerned. In no case shall the student be required to resolve the complaint

directly with the offending person. Notice of this policy will be

circulated to all District schools and departments and incorporated in teacher and student handbooks.

By federal law, KIBSD does not discriminate on the basis of age, gender, race, color, religion, national origin, ethnic group, marital or parental status, physical or mental disability, or any other unlawful consideration in its programs and activities and provides equal access to designated youth groups. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Dr. Larry LeDoux, Superintendent, Kodiak Island Borough School District, 722 Mill Bay Road, Kodiak, AK 99615 (907.486.7550)

The School Board recognizes that the District has primary responsibility for ensuring that it complies with state and federal laws and regulations governing educational programs. The Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures to investigate and seek to resolve complaints alleging unlawful discrimination related to educational programs and activities. The Board acknowledges and respects student and employee rights to privacy. Complaints shall be investigated in a manner that protects these rights. The Board prohibits retaliation in any form for the filing of a complaint, the reporting of instances of discrimination, or for participation in complaint procedures. *(Pursuant to School Board Policies 5145.3, 5145.7, 5131.43 and 1312.3)*

Nurse: If a student feels ill, he/she is to report to the Nurse's Office. If the student is unable to return to class after one class period, a parent/guardian will be notified to pick up his/her student.

Obscenity and Profanity: Profane or obscene language/gestures will not be tolerated. Obscenities include spoken or written profanities, obscene or sexual messages (implicit or explicit), swearing, racial slurs, or messages supporting drug/alcohol use or derogatory and demeaning language intended to offend or intimidate. Offending students will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action. The Consequence and/or Behavior Modifications may be based on the severity of the behavior and as well as past behaviors.

Off-Campus Events: Students attending school-sponsored events which take place off-campus shall be governed by school district rules and regulations and shall be under the authority of school district personnel.

Out-of-School Suspension (OSS): Certain infractions may result in OSS. Students will be given the opportunity to make up their work. Assignments may not always be identical to those done in the classes missed. It is the student's responsibility to check in with each teacher upon returning to class. (*Pursuant to School Board Policy 5144.1*)

Personal Property: KIBSD is not responsible for damage, theft or loss of personal property on school grounds. Individuals are cautioned not to bring large sums of money or other valuables including electronics onto school grounds. All vehicles on or within 500 feet of school property are subject to search. Federal Safe and Drug Free Schools and Gun Free Schools legislation requires administration do due diligence to ensure compliance. When school administration has reasonable suspicion regarding drugs, alcohol, or weapons, administration has the right to search vehicles.

Plagiarism (See Academic Honesty): Plagiarism occurs when the student submitting the paper for a course does one or more of the following:

- Does not properly attribute words or ideas to a source.
- Quotes from another author's writing without citing that author's work. This, of course, includes failing to cite material you take from the World Wide Web, as well as copying material from library books or your peers' papers.
- Cites, with quotation marks, portions of another author's work, but uses more of that work without quotation marks and without attribution.
- Takes a paper, in whole or in part, from a site on the Web or a "library" of already-written papers.
- Steals, borrows, buys, or copies a paper from another student and then submits that paper as the student's own work. The student who supplies the paper has also committed plagiarism.

- Submits the same paper twice for two different assignments and/or in two different classes, unless both teachers have given written permission.
- Takes the results of another's research and attempts to pass those results off as his/her own work.

If the student is caught plagiarizing, KMS's usual procedure is as follows:

- The teacher will work with the student on an appropriate outcome for the plagiarized assignment.
- The student's parents/guardians will be contacted by the teacher and informed of his/her plagiarism.
- A written disciplinary referral will be placed in the student's KMS student file.

Two occurrences in the same class will result in additional consequences, as determined by the administrator and teacher.
(Pursuant to School Board Policy 5131.9)

Posters: Approval is needed by KMS administration prior to mounting posters, artwork, and hallway displays. If interested in displaying community posters at KMS, please contact the Main Office for approval.

Pre-Arranged Absences: If an absence is planned for three or more days, the parent or legal guardian must request a prearranged absence form from the Attendance Office one week prior to leaving. The form needs to be signed by the student's teachers, and returned to the Attendance Office prior to leaving.
(Pursuant to School Board Policy 5113)

Public Display of Affection: Inappropriate displays of affection as determined by a reasonable standard are prohibited. Students will be asked to separate and discontinue behavior by safe member. If behavior continues or students do not comply, a referral to administrator may be required.

Referrals to Administrator: If an infraction occurs in which the behavior is too severe to be dealt with in the classroom, the teacher notifies the administrator, which may result in disciplinary action. (Pursuant to School Board Policy 5144)

Restricted Areas: Students are not to be in restricted areas, including but not limited to the middle school locker rooms, auditorium foyer area, construction areas or any private property near the school.

Safety Drill: Drills will be conducted throughout the school year. Students will follow directions given during the drills. Specific details will not be published to preserve safety.

School Closure: Kodiak winter weather conditions can sometimes cause our primary or secondary roads to become dangerous for travel. Announcements regarding the operations of schools will be made on KMXT and KVOK, the District's website and social media and via the District's automated calling system. Parents are encouraged to use full discretion when considering whether to send their child to school during severe weather. Should your child stay home during such weather conditions, please notify the Attendance Office to provide an excused absence.

Skateboards and Bikes: Skateboards, scooters, roller blades, hover boards and bikes may not be ridden inside the school building complex at any time. Any student bringing such items to school should keep them locked and secured during the school day. Students should wear reflective clothing, walk bikes/skateboards while on campus, wear a safety helmet, and use crosswalks.

Skipping Class: Is defined as not attending class(es), without a parent/guardian giving an excuse for not attending. Attendance in each class is an important part of the learning experience. Skipping class causes a student to miss valuable teaching and may cause the student to fall behind on their academics. It is the student's responsibility to attend classes and parents of the student should encourage their student to attend. A meeting with a parent/guardian may be requested at any time a student has excessive skipped classes.

- **1st Offense:** After three skipped classes student will receive one full day of ISS and a phone call will be made to parent/guardian.
- **2nd Offense:** After six skipped classes, student will receive two full days of ISS and a phone call will be

made to parent/guardian.

- **3rd Offense:** After eight skipped classes, student will receive three full days of ISS and a phone will be made to parent/guardian
- Each skipped class after nine may result in three days ISS.

Sportsmanship: The School Board expects athletes, coaches and spectators to demonstrate good sportsmanship during all athletic competitions. District staff, parents/guardians, and the community have a duty to promote an environment of good sportsmanship by serving as models of fair play and proper conduct.

Students and employees are responsible for maintaining sportsmanlike behavior at all times and may be subject to disciplinary action for improper conduct.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide for the proper supervision and safety of students at athletic events. The District retains the right to maintain order at all student functions.

(Pursuant to School Board Policy 6145.21)

Student Dances: All KMS dances must be approved by the administration. The following dance rules apply for the safety of students:

- School rules and regulations will apply at dances.
- All students are required to sign in and are not allowed to leave the school premises until the dance has ended.
- All music and dancing must remain appropriate and respectful.
- For the safety of all, there will be no moshing, rough housing, twerking, grinding, or overtly provocative or sexually explicit dancing or behavior allowed.
- All guests of KMS students must be of middle school age and are required to complete a parental release/contact form within 24 hours prior to the dance. These forms can be requested in the KMS office and must be approved by administration. Guests must be in good standing with KMS and accompanied by their sponsors at all times. Privileges may be denied or revoked by school administration at any time. Elementary and high school students are prohibited.

- Attendance rules apply for admittance into any dance. (Students must be in attendance in all classes, all day or the day prior if the event falls on a weekend or holiday).
- Dress code rules apply for school dances.
- School staff may restrict any student from attending school dances due to safety concerns.

Student Planners: Students are expected to know the contents of their planner. Planner contents can be accessed on the KMS website.

Student Rights and Responsibilities: The students of KIBSD enjoy many rights and privileges, each with their respective responsibilities.

Students should have a right to:

- Attend school and receive a free public school education from kindergarten to age 20 or the receipt of a high school diploma, whichever comes first, as provided by law; students who have been determined to be English Language Learners are entitled to bilingual education or English as a second language program as provided by law; students with disabilities who have been determined to be in need of special education are entitled to a free appropriate public education from age 3 until age 21 as provided by law.
- Be in a safe and supportive learning environment, free from discrimination, harassment, bullying, and bigotry, and to file a complaint if they feel they are subject to this behavior.
- Receive courtesy and respect from others regardless of actual or perceived sex, race, color, religion, national origin, ethnic group, marital or parental status, and physical or mental disability.
- Receive a written copy of the school's policies and procedures, including the Discipline Code and Student Rights.
- Know what appropriate behavior is expected and what behaviors may result in disciplinary actions.
- Know possible dispositions and outcomes for specific offenses.
- Receive written notice of the reasons for disciplinary

action taken against them in a timely fashion.

- Due process of law in instances of disciplinary action for alleged violations of school regulations for which they may be suspended or removed from class by their teachers. Students with disabilities, 504 plans, Individual Education Plans, or who are “presumed to have a disability” have the right to procedural safeguards under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.
- Be accompanied by a parent and/or representative at formal disciplinary conferences and hearings.
- Be informed about required health, cognitive and language screening examinations.
- Be informed about courses and programs that are available in the school and have the opportunity to have input in the selection of elective courses.
- Receive professional instruction.
- Know the grading criteria for each subject area and/or course offered by the school and to receive grades for schoolwork completed based on established criteria.
- Be informed of educational progress and receive periodic evaluations both informally and through formal progress reports.
- Be notified in a timely manner of the possibility of failing a course.
- Be notified of the right of appeal regarding holdover or failing grades.
- Confidentiality in the handling of Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act-protected student records maintained by the school system.
- Request or by parental request to have their contact information withheld from institutions of higher learning and/or military recruiters as allowed by law.
- Receive guidance, counseling, and advice for personal, social, educational, career, and vocational development.
- Request parents/legal guardian be present or to have their consent when being questioned by administration or law enforcement for disciplinary or investigative reasons. Rules governing OCS and other circumstances may limit this item.

Student Schedules and Changes: Student schedules are

developed during the spring. Changes in schedules must be initiated during the first 10 days for the first semester and within 5 days for the start of the second semester.

Tardies: A student will be considered tardy if he/she is not in the classroom when the tardy bell rings. It is the student's responsibility to make it to his/her class by the tardy bell. If a student is going to be late, it is highly recommended that a parent call/come into the office and excuse their student. Being late to class may cause the student to miss valuable teaching and may cause the student to fall behind on their academics. A meeting with a parent/guardian may be requested at any time a student has excessive tardies.

Technology Use: KMS students using computers will sign a KIBSD Student Acceptable Use Policy Agreement and iPad Agreement Form. These forms must be on file in order to use school technology. Failure to abide by these standards may result in a loss of computer privileges and other consequences as deemed appropriate.

Telephones Use: Students may request to use the "student phone" in the Main Office.

Textbooks: Charges will be made for textbook damage or wear beyond reasonable amount. Textbooks which have been lost, damaged or not returned at the end of the year will be billed to the student.

Theft: Theft, possession, or use of stolen property are prohibited and will result in disciplinary action and notification to the Kodiak Police Department. The Consequence and/or Behavior Modifications may be based on the severity of the behavior and as well as past behaviors. Theft is a serious offense and will possibly result in Out-of-School Suspension on the first offense as well as possible referral to law enforcement.

Threats and Intimidation: Students who attempt to threaten or intimidate another person through verbal or non-verbal actions will be subject to disciplinary action. The consequences and/or behavior modifications may be based on the severity of the behavior, as well as past behaviors. Threats and intimidations are

serious offenses and will possibly result in out-of-school suspension (OSS) on the first offense, as well as possible referral to law enforcement.

Threats of Violence: Students should be educated in an environment which is free from harm and threats of harm. Threats of violence are prohibited. Students shall not make any threats, suggestions, or predictions of violence against any person or group or to the school building, whether made orally, in writing, or via electronic communication. No threat of violence will be considered a joke. Any bomb threats or threats of violence, whether or not made during school hours or on school grounds, shall result in immediate disciplinary action, up to and including suspension and/or expulsion.

All students shall report any and all threats of violence, including jokes and threats of suicide, by reporting the threat to a teacher or school principal.

The School District reserves the right to hold the student responsible for any costs and/or damages incurred by the School District because of a threat. Any threats of violence may be reported to law enforcement.

After an investigation is conducted by school officials, the level of consequence will be based upon the results of that investigation. A minimum of ten days of Out-of-School (OSS) may result from the lowest of consequences up to a 365-day expulsion and not allowed on school premises during the time of expulsion. (*Pursuant to School Board Policy 5131.42*)

Tobacco: Tobacco use presents a health hazard with serious consequences both for tobacco users and non-users alike. Students shall not be allowed to smoke, chew or possess tobacco or nicotine products, or electronic smoking products, including vaporizer juice, on school property or during school hours, at school-sponsored events, or under the supervision of district employees.

For the purposes of this policy, “tobacco” is defined to include tobacco in any form and/or any nicotine delivering devices. This does not include FDA-approved nicotine replacement therapy products used for the purpose of cessation.

Clothing, bags, hats and other personal items used by students to display, promote or advertise tobacco products are prohibited on school district grounds, at school-sponsored activities or in school district vehicles. Tobacco advertising is prohibited in all school-sponsored publications, in all school buildings, and at all school-sponsored events.

Student violation of this policy may lead to disciplinary action up to and including suspension. The School District may provide positive alternatives to suspension, such as in-school suspension, educational programs, school and community service, and promotion of cessation resources. Students may also be subject to removal from any or all extracurricular activities and/or denial or forfeiture of school honors or privileges (e.g., valedictorian, salutatorian, student body, class or club office positions, field trips, senior trip, prom, etc.). A referral to law enforcement may be made. Parents shall be notified of all violations involving their student and action taken by the school.

Any student who possesses or uses tobacco, including vaporizer pens and vaporizer juice, while under the jurisdiction of the school may result in the following action:

- Contact with parent or guardian.
- Possibility of two to ten days of OSS.
- Possible contact of law enforcement.

(Pursuant to School Board Policy 5131.62)

Trespass: A person is considered to be trespassing if he/she enters or remains on school property in a restricted or unauthorized area without permission or refuses to leave the school property upon request. The Consequence and/or Behavior Modifications may be based on the severity of the behavior and as well as past behaviors.

Tsunami: In the event of a Tsunami, the school may become a shelter or you may be required to evacuate. Please review your local procedures and follow instructions of building personnel.

Unexcused Tardies: A student will be considered tardy if he/she is not in the classroom when the tardy bell rings. It is the student's responsibility to make it to their class by the tardy bell. If a student is going to be late, it is highly recommended that a parent call/come into the office and excuse their student. Being

late to class may cause the student to miss valuable teaching and may cause the student to fall behind on their academics. A meeting with a parent/guardian may be requested at any time a student has excessive tardies.

- **1st Offense:** After five tardies to the same class a student will receive one full day of ISS and a phone call will be made to parent/guardian.
- **2nd Offense:** After seven tardies to the same class, a student will receive two full days of ISS and a phone call will be made to parent/guardian.
- **3rd Offense:** After nine tardies to the same class, student will receive three full days of ISS and a phone call will be made to parent/guardian.

Unsafe Behavior: Students behaving in an unsafe and/or inappropriate manner in classes, including but not limited to labs, shop, or physical education may be removed from that class. If this occurs, the student may receive a failing grade and, therefore, would receive no credit in that particular class. Unsafe behavior will not be tolerated, and a student may be immediately removed from the class. The Consequence and/or Behavior Modifications may be based on the severity of the behavior and as well as past behaviors.

Vandalism, Theft, and Graffiti: Destroying, defacing, or damaging objects/materials belonging to the school, school personnel, or other person is strictly prohibited. The Consequence and/or Behavior Modifications may be based on the severity of the behavior and as well as past behaviors.
(Pursuant to School Board Policy 5131.5)

Visitor's Pass: Visitors that are not employees at the middle school must check-in at the office. Parents are always welcome and encouraged to visit KMS; however, they must report to the Main Office, receive a visitor's pass, and sign in the day of the visit.

Weapons and Dangerous Instruments: Students shall not bring, possess, or use deadly weapons, firearms, dangerous instruments, or their replicas in school buildings, on school grounds, or District-provided transportation, or at any school-related or school-sponsored activity away from school, unless

written permission has been previously obtained from the Superintendent or designee specifically authorizing that possession or use. Students who violate this policy are subject to disciplinary action in accordance with District policy and procedures. *(Pursuant to School Board Policy 5131.7)*

Willful Disobedience: Students who fail to comply with instructions of school authorities are considered willfully disobedient. The Consequence and/or Behavior Modifications may be based on the severity of the behavior and as well as past behaviors.

Withdrawal/Attendance Failure (WF): A student withdrawn for non-attendance will have a "WF" (Withdrawal Failure) recorded on his/her transcript. **A withdrawal fail (WF) will be calculated as an "F" in the student's GPA.**

Withdrawal from Class: A KMS administrator and counselor must agree that a withdrawal will be in the best interest of the student. Students and parents will be informed prior to the withdrawal. Any dropped class will be recorded on the student's transcript as a WP (withdrawal pass) or WF (withdrawal fail) depending on the student's progress at the time of the drop. **A WF will be calculated as an "F" in the student's GPA.**

Withdrawal from School: Students who are withdrawing from school should inform the Attendance Office and his/ her school counselor. A withdrawal form will be issued to the student from the Attendance Office. All of the student's teachers will sign the form indicating that all obligations (books, fees, etc.) have been satisfied. The student must have parent/guardian signature and return the completed form to the Attendance Office.

Yearbooks: KMS students produce and publish the school yearbook under the supervision of a KMS staff member. Pre-sales are encouraged and taken in the fall and winter, and prices increase prior to publishing. Books are delivered at the end of the school year.

10-Day Absence Rule: A student will be dropped from the attendance roll after ten consecutive days absent, when no

contact has been made with the school. If the student returns to school, the parent or legal guardian must re-enroll the student in school. This 10-day rule also applies to the beginning and ending of the school year. Upon re-enrollment, the absence rule will apply. *(Pursuant to School Board Policy 5113)*

15-Day Absence Rule: Credit may be denied in any class in which a student is absent **(for any reason other than school-sponsored activities)** fifteen times or the equivalent in a block schedule in a semester. This includes both excused and unexcused absences. A student who has been denied credit under this section in two classes may be recommended for expulsion. *(Pursuant to School Board Policy 5113)*

If you are unsure of anything in this handbook, or need additional information, contact the school office.