

Fairfield Public Schools Walter Fitzgerald Campus
2015-2016
Student and Parent Addendum

The mission of the Fairfield Public Schools is to inspire students to acquire the knowledge and skills needed to be life-long learners, responsible citizens, and successful participants in an ever-changing global society by providing, in partnership with families and community, a comprehensive, rigorous educational program.

Fairfield High Schools Walter Fitzgerald Campus (WFC) is an alternative program of Fairfield Public Schools. Students attending Walter Fitzgerald Campus are recognized as members of their home high school and, as such, are eligible for all extracurricular activities at their home high school. This addendum, in conjunction with the FHS handbook, encompasses the policy and procedures for Walter Fitzgerald Campus.

Our School expectations:

The WFC Way

1. Communicate with positive intent (honest and sensitive).
2. Participate in learning with positive and appropriate words and actions.
3. Seek ways to make a positive difference in the world.
4. Show kindness to others in the school community.
5. Keep the school safe (no bullying, no drugs, no weapons and alcohol free).
6. Be accountable for responsibilities and commitments.
7. Attend class prepared and punctually with a good attitude.
8. Communicate with positive and respectful language.
9. Work to demonstrate effort to succeed.
10. Dream big and work to achieve those dreams.

IR²: We believe in positive behavior supports as a way to motivate learning and a sense of community for all students. Our daily point system is designed to help students monitor their progress while achieving the WFC values of IR² (Respect, Responsibility and Integrity).

Behavioral support for success in school: We strongly encourage students to be positive members of our WFC community. The **Refocus Center** is designed to help the WFC students be successful in class and in the overall community. The guidelines for out of school suspension may be found in the high school handbook provided. At times, due to the following issues, students may earn an in-school suspension:

- Ongoing and/or highly disruptive behavior
- Leaving school grounds without parent/administrative permission
- Insubordination, disrespect or disregard for school-wide expectations despite interventions and conferences

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Process of referral for **ISS**:

- Teachers or administration may refer student due to above issues
- In-school suspension can range from 1 period to the full day (at the discretion of the teacher in charge of student refocus and/or principal)
- Expectations include appropriate behavior in ISS, completion of academic work, referring teacher conference and possible parent conference
- Multiple ISS's may result in parent conferences and a referral to Credit Recovery
- Parent conference is required immediately following any incident of leaving school early or for student with ongoing discipline issues

IR² Positive Behavior Supports: Students are rewarded/ recognized weekly/monthly for academic achievement, community service, effort, and behavior.

Graduation requirements:

At the WFC the academic and achievement standards are the same as Fairfield High School. Please refer to the attached FWHS or FLHS student handbook. All grades and credits will be awarded on a quarterly basis which provides students with greater opportunities for credit attainment.

Attendance requirements:

Attendance is expected in every class, every day.

More than 8 absences in a marking period will result in loss of credit.

Five Tardies = 1 absence. (Note: Tardy = 2-10 minutes late to class. More than 10 minutes late = absent)

Appeals:

For loss of course credit due to the above attendance issues, an Appeals Process is provided. Appeals Packets are reviewed quarterly and students must fully complete an Appeals Request Packet to be scheduled for Appeals.

Repeat offenses will require parent conferences and possible loss of class credit.

Smoking Policy:

Students are not allowed to smoke cigarettes (including E-cigarettes) anywhere on school grounds or at any school activity, as per the Board of Education policy. This is further explained in the student and parent handbook.

All **cellular phones** may only be used during passing time and in the classroom at the discretion of the teacher.

Final Note:

Students will treat peers, teachers and our building fairly and with respect and communicate in an appropriate manner. Students will not be disruptive in class or during school activities.

Students will be honest and accept responsibility for their actions. Students are expected to work with staff to assist in resolving conflicts with peers and teachers.