

Christian County Public Schools

“Transforming Education by Raising the Bar”



21st Century Academy

College. Career. Life. Ready!

Student Handbook: 2016-2017

**Our mission is to provide a
smaller learning environment
and an individual plan for success
to ensure that every student graduates
college and career ready.**

Description

Twenty-first Century Academy is a voluntary program that provides an alternative to the traditional high school and provides opportunities toward academic completion of a diploma. 21st Century Academy serves students residing in the Christian County Public Schools District. Our goal is to work with students and families to and create individualized opportunities to succeed and be ready for college or a career.

Criteria for Enrollment

The 21st Century Academy is an individualized learning environment with a mixture of on-line and textbook curriculum for students who need an alternative pathway for academic success. Applications are available in guidance offices and on the district website. Once submitted, applications are reviewed by a district committee for approval.

Criteria for enrollment:

High School Students

- **First priority will be given to 5th year seniors and 4th year juniors, based on credits earned toward graduation.**
- **Seniors who are not on track to graduate during the fourth year of high school.**
- **Students who have not met the number of credits required to progress to the next grade level.**
- **Students with extraordinary circumstances who have a desire or need to graduate early.**
- **Students who have extraordinary circumstances or hardships; flexible scheduling may be considered on a case-by-case basis according to need.**

Middle School Students

- **Students who are identified on the Persistence to Graduation report with an at-risk rank of 4+ and are at least one grade level behind their age-level peers.**
- **Students who have extraordinary circumstances- considered on a case-by case basis according to need.**

Entrance Process

All students will have an ILPA meeting to create an individualized plan for success. This will include goals toward graduation and college and career readiness.

Graduation Requirements

State Requirements:

Language Arts (English 1, 2, 3, & 4)	4 Credits
Mathematics (Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra II and Math Elective)	4 Credits
Social Studies (Geography, US History and World History)	3 Credits
Science (Biology, Physical Science, and Earth/Space Science)	3 Credits
Health	½ Credit
Physical Education	½ Credit
Humanities	1 Credit
Computer and Tech Apps	1 Credit

Core credits: 17

Electives: 7

TOTAL: 24

Upon successful completion of all graduation requirements, 21st Century Academy graduates will be allowed to participate in commencement exercises with the graduating class at the student's home high school, Christian County High School or Hopkinsville High School. Students will receive their diplomas following the commencement exercise.

Students who opt to receive a diploma upon completion of requirements, but prior to the end of the school year, will not be allowed to participate in graduation exercises.

College and Career Ready

All 21st Century Academy students are expected to work toward being college and career ready upon graduation from high school. Students will be enrolled in classes designed to assist students meet these goals. Students must meet the benchmark scores on the ACT (English 18; Math 19; Reading 20) in order to be college ready. If a student has not met the benchmark score in each area, interventions will be provided to the

student, and the KYOTE placement assessment will be given at no cost to the student in attempt to help meet the college ready goal. Meeting the benchmark scores in each of the three areas will prevent students from taking remediation classes at college for no credit.

Grading Scale

- A = 90 – 100%**
- B = 80 – 89%**
- C = 70 – 79%**
- D = 60 – 69%**

Student Classification

Students will be ranked based on the number of credits that they have at any given point during the school year. The class ranks are as follows:

Sophomore	5 credits
Junior	11 credits
Senior	17 credits

Attendance

- **Regular attendance and academic progress are expected of all 21st Century Academy students.**
- **Students must adhere to all Christian County Public Schools attendance policies.**
- **Phone calls home and/or home visits may be made for absences.**
- **Amended attendance schedules may be considered based on individual student need.**
- **Students who accumulate 15 unexcused absences may NOT attend prom, graduation, or project graduation, even as a guest, by CCPS board policy.**
- **21st Century Academy students who are 18+ years of age will be on an attendance contract. Excessive unexcused absences may result in dismissal from the program, as outlined in the contract.**

Code of Acceptable Behavior

21st Century Academy students are expected to follow all rules of conduct in the Christian County Public School Code of Acceptable Behavior. Inappropriate behavior will be handled according to the Code of Acceptable Behavior consequence matrix.

Transportation and parking

Transportation services are available to all students under 21 years within the Christian County Public School District. Students will ride the bus to and from your home school and transfer to the bus provided for 21st Century Academy and Gateway Academy. Violations of bus rules may result in loss of the privilege to ride the school bus.

Students with a valid driver's license who drive to 21st Century Academy must be on time, park in the 21st Century Academy parking lot, exit the automobile immediately upon arrival, and come directly into the school. Students will not be allowed to return to their vehicles until dismissal time. All students are expected to drive safely on the parking lot. Any hazardous driving will result in the loss of driving privileges. Bus transportation will be provided.

Tobacco/Nicotine use

Tobacco/nicotine use is prohibited in and around all school buildings, including the parking lot.

Appropriate Dress

Students are encouraged to wear clothing demonstrating pride in one's personal appearance and school. Attire is a direct reflection on you as a person and how you want others to view you. Students may not wear clothing deemed to be disruptive to the educational process of the school and classroom. Inappropriate clothing will result in the student staying in the office until appropriate clothing for school is brought to school for the student to change.

Electronic devices

- **Students may use cell phones during breakfast and lunch. During class, phones and electronic devices are to be on silent or turned off and put out of sight. Teachers may ask students to place personal cell phones on the teacher's desk; the teacher may keep until the end of the class or school day. Phones may be turned into the office, where they will be kept until the end of the day. School staff are not responsible for lost or stolen electronic devices.**
- **Computers are for educational purposes only. Students using computers to complete online courses are not to be on other websites, such as music videos. Inappropriate use may result in loss of technology privileges.**
- **Any student caught cheating or copying will forfeit the grade on that submission. Repeat offenses will be subject to disciplinary action.**

School Visitors

Since the safety and education of all students are of primary importance, the school requests that all visitors abide by the following:

- 1) Have valid school business.**
 - 2) Obtain administrative consent**
 - 3) Present identification and sign in at the front desk**
 - 4) Obtain and wear a visitor's badge**
- **Parents are always welcome at 21st Century Academy, and we invite you to participate in your child's academic life.**
 - **Students may not bring visitors to school for any part of the school day.**

CCHS and HHS Campus

- **Students should only be on CCHS or HHS campuses to transfer to the 21st Century Academy bus. Students must follow bus transfer procedures in each building.**
- **21st Century students are not allowed to be on either high school grounds or in the building during the regular school day, unless the student has consent from an administrator. Even with consent, 21st Century students must sign in at the HHS or CCHS office as a visitor.**

Gateway Academy

- **Students taking classes at Gateway Academy will meet at the designated area at the designated time and walk as a group between Gateway and 21st Century Academy.**
- **Any inappropriate behavior at Gateway Academy may result in the loss of the Gateway class.**

BULLYING/ THREATS/ HARASSMENT

21st Century Academy will not tolerate acts of harassment, discrimination, or threats of harm or violence. It will not tolerate a climate of hostility created by the use of language, conduct, or symbols which are commonly understood to convey hatred, contempt or prejudice due to race, color, national origin, age, religion, marital status, sex or disability. This policy extends to any/all student language or behavior, including, but not limited to, the use of electronic or online methods. Bullying/harassment/discrimination is prohibited at all times on school property and off school grounds during school-sponsored activities. Students who believe they have been a victim of an act of bullying/harassment/discrimination or who have observed incidents involving other students that they believe to be an act of bullying/harassment/discrimination shall, as soon as reasonably practicable, report it to the building principal. Students will be provided with the proper reporting forms and applicable board policies/procedures upon reporting of the incident.

Anonymous reporting (oral or written) of incidents will be accepted from employees and students of the school district. Alleged offenders and their parents or guardians are warned against retaliation as further

consequences may be given as necessary and deemed appropriate by the school district. Employees who observe prohibited behaviors or with whom students share a complaint shall notify the building principal or their immediate supervisors, who shall immediately forward the information to the district superintendent/designee.

21st Century Academy will not tolerate acts of harassment or discrimination. It will not tolerate a climate of hostility created by use of language, conduct or symbols which are commonly understood to convey hatred, contempt or prejudice due to race, color, national origin, age, religion, marital status, sex, or disability. Incidents of intimidation or harassment should be reported to a teacher or administrator. Students involved in such activities are subject to disciplinary action.

Student Prescription Medication

- 1. Written documentation shall be required from the student's physician.**
- 2. The prescribed medication shall be retained during the school day and administered through the office.**
- 3. Unless approved by the administration and prescribed by a physician for a pressing medical need (asthma, etc.), students may not carry medications on their persons at anytime.**
- 4. Students shall not share any prescription or over the counter medication with another student.**

PBIS School-wide Behavior Expectations

Cafeteria Expectations

- **Voice level 2 (speaking quietly to others at your table)**
- **Sit at your assigned table.**
- **Pick up all trash and deposit into trashcan.**
- **Be responsible and respectful.**

Classroom Expectations

- **Classroom expectations are posted in each classroom.**
- **Be ready, responsible, and respectful.**

Hallway Expectations

- **Voice Level 1 during class transition times**
- **Voice Level 0 during class times**
- **Be responsible and respectful.**

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