

## ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY

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### Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS)

For the safety of all stakeholders and to comply with local, state, and federal laws and regulations, CMCSS prohibits the operation of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) (i.e. Drones) by students, employees, and visitors on school and district property without prior written approval from the Director of Schools or designee.

Any employee, student, or visitor who is granted permission to operate UAS on school or district property must comply with all state and federal aviation laws and regulations, which includes holding any certifications, licenses, or authorizations that may be required from the Federal Aviation Administration.

Students operating UAS on school or district property or as a school-sponsored activity must be supervised by authorized CMCSS personnel at all times.

Only commercially licensed operators may operate UAS over sporting events or assemblies with written approval by the Director of Schools or designee. In their written request, commercially licensed operators must provide their FAA license number, UAS flight insurance information, and the make, model, and registration information for their UAS.

### Appropriate Use

Only persons with prior written approval from the Director of Schools or designee may operate UAS on school or district property. The following guidelines must be adhered to by anyone flying UAS on school or district property:

1. All UAS operating on or over school or district property must weigh no more than 55 lbs.
2. Operators must not operate UAS within five (5) miles of any airport without prior notification and confirmation from airport authorities. Additionally, many school and district properties are within Class D and E airspace, so operators must obtain the required authorizations and FAA licenses to operate UAS within that airspace.

3. Operators must not operate UAS above an altitude of 400 feet above ground level (AGL).
4. Operators must maintain a safe operating distance away from crowds, not directly over crowds, and ensure UAS operations do not interfere with manned aircraft operations. Only commercial licensed operators may operate UAS over sporting events or assemblies, and only after written approval is given by the Director of Schools or designee.
5. Operators must operate UAS in a fashion to remain clear of surrounding obstacles.
6. Operators must maintain safe control and line of sight with UAS during all stages of operation. All flights must take place in weather conditions exceeding those prescribed for Visual Flight Rules by the FAA.
7. Data collected by UAS can only be used for educational purposes and may not be sold for profit.
8. Operators assume all risk of damage to property and bodily injuries that may occur due to unsafe operation of privately-owned, commercially-owned, or district-owned UAS.

### **Inappropriate Use**

Inappropriate use of UAS includes, but is not limited to, the following:

1. Violating any local, state, or federal statutes or regulations or the appropriate use guidelines above;
2. Taking pictures of property or persons without consent per T.C.A. § 39-13-903(a)(3);
3. Violating safe operating protocols as defined in the UAS' user manual and any local, state, or federal guidelines;
4. Failing to follow district policy or failing to follow any other policies or guidelines established by district or school administrators or their designees; and
5. Harassing, as defined as persistently annoying another, interfering with another's work, insulting, or attacking others.



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## Violations

CMCSS employees shall monitor for inappropriate use of UAS on school or district property. Students and employees who violate policy may be subject to disciplinary action. Visitors who violate policy may be ejected or banned from school or district property. All persons may be subject to state or federal criminal consequences for violating the law.

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