***Center for Wellness and Medical Professions (CWMP) – Program Standards***

**PHILOSOPHY -** The Center for Wellness and Medical Professions (CWMP) will provide unique learning experiences and programs not generally available at other high schools. These experiences will assist students in discovering, developing, and utilizing individual interest and skills. The CWMP will prepare students to function effectively by offering a balanced academic and career-oriented education. The CWMP is committed to providing students with an exemplary preparation for post-secondary education. In addition, students will master basic skills needed to become economically self-sufficient and socially responsible through educational experiences in wellness and medical professions. Opportunities provided at the Center will enable students to develop and maintain a philosophy and lifestyle committed to personal wellness. These goals can only be realized through a cooperative relationship and a support system developed by home, school and professional communities.

**RATIONALE -** One of the major crises facing the United States today is providing quality, affordable health care for all citizens. The problem is compounded by rapid population growth, longer life spans, and environmental changes. All of these factors emphasize the need for a prepared and well-trained health care workforce. The Center for Wellness and Medical Professions will help provide you with a highly academic overview of the health and medical fields. The Center for Wellness and Medical Professions is designed to prepare students for their place in the ever-changing world that they will inherit. They will exit the program with a strong background in medical technology, pathophysiology, and numerous hands-on experiences that culminate in clinicals in their chosen field.

**PROGRAM EXPECTATION -** Students are expected to abide by all Pinellas County policies and procedures and the Pinellas County Code of Student Conduct. It is considered a privilege to attend a magnet program.

**ACADEMIC EXPECTATION/CONSEQUENCES - Seniors and Juniors:**  are expected to maintain a minimum 2.5 grade point average for each semester/term. **Sophomores** are expected to maintain a minimum 2.3 grade point average for each semester/term. **Freshmen** are expected to maintain a minimum 2.0 grade point average for each semester/term. A student who receives a semester/term report grade which is less than the minimum grade point average shall be placed on academic probation. The academic probation lasts until the end of the next semester/term. By the end of the academic probation the student must **obtain the minimum overall GPA for current semester.** A notification letter is sent to parents explaining the probation process. A student who does not conform to these academic standards after the probation period and all subsequent semesters will be presented to the exit committee for possible removal from the program.

**BEHAVIORAL EXPECTATIONS/CONSEQUENCES -** Students are expected to abide by the Code of Student Conduct. As in any magnet program, membership in CWMP is a privilege. In order to remain in the program, students are held to a higher disciplinary standard. A student may be placed on disciplinary probation for repeated or serious disciplinary infractions. Severe infractions result in immediate referral to administration and possible removal from the program. In the CWMP program, special attention is paid to the following infractions: poor attendance, repeated misconduct, serious misconduct (fighting, alcohol/drugs), and cheating.

**DRESS CODE STANDARDS -** Students shall be in accordance with the Pinellas County School Code of Student Conduct. CWMP field trips, shadowing experiences, internship, seminar days, and clinicals will require professional dress. Students shall maintain a clean, neat appearance and will not wear clothing, jewelry or hairstyles that are deemed distracting and unprofessional.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE -** Students must provide 200 hours of documented community service before graduation from the CWMP program. A minimum of 100 hours must be in a medically-related field and 100 hours should meet the requirements for the Bright Futures Scholarship Program.

**REMOVAL FROM THE PROGRAM -** Upon a decision to remove a student from the Center for Wellness program, the student should immediately call student assignment 727- 588-6210 for his/her new school assignment to avoid any lapse of instructional time. Should the student and his/her parent(s) wish to appeal the removal from the program, the following steps should be taken: The first level appeal is to the program assistant principal. The second level is to the program appeal committee. The decision of that committee is considered final.

**REASSIGNMENT TO A DISTRICT DISCIPLINE PROGRAM OF EXPULSION (Student Code of Conduct) -** Reassignment to a district discipline program or expulsion will result in immediate removal from the Center for Wellness and Medical Professions; no readmission under these circumstances will be considered.

**MINIMUM CLASSROOM STANDARDS -**  Show respect to all individuals in the class. Be in your seat ready to work when the bell rings. Always bring appropriate materials to class. Wait for teacher’s permission to touch any equipment. Observe and follow the Student Code of Conduct.