



## CHILDREN'S COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL

### SCIENCE CAMP POLICY

The purpose of this policy is to establish an ongoing standard for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade students of Children's Community Charter School who incur expenses in order to attend Shady Creek (or a substitute) Science Camp. This policy shall take effect March 1, 2015.

#### Background:

Each year our 6<sup>th</sup> grade students have the opportunity to attend a week long, off-campus science camp. This is an outstanding opportunity for our students to become immersed in science standards; however the cost can be prohibitive to families.

The current cost to attend is \$220 per student. CCCS currently asks for donations from families and does some fundraising to help offset a portion of the costs.

- This policy would allow the school to pay one half of the cost per student from its general fund budget. ~~up to a yearly maximum of \$3,300. (\$110 per student x 30 students).~~
- Families will still be asked to donate money to cover the remaining costs, however students will be offered "pledge sheets" to seek sponsorship from friends and family.
- In addition, the school's Fundraising group will work toward standardizing a fundraiser(s) to provide additional financial support.
- Due to the extensive time spent with students apart from a regular workday, the teacher accompanying the class to science camp will receive a stipend of \$300.

- Should the Sixth Grade's class adviser choose to attend Science Camp with the students to more firmly establish bonds between student and adviser, and to provide an additional layer of emotional and educational support to CCCS students while at camp, the class adviser shall also be entitled to a \$300 stipend (pro-rated when appropriate), to be recouped from the fund raising efforts of the Sixth Grade class before any parental portion of camp tuition is reduced by science camp-specific, school sponsored fundraisers. The remaining middle school teachers will cover the absent adviser's classes, so it will not be necessary for the school to cover the cost of an additional substitute teacher.