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Dear Mr. Chairman and Mr. Riedel,

On behalf of Secretary Zmuda and myself, we appreciated the opportunity to appear before the Joint Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice Oversight, yesterday, and to provide updates on the work of the Kansas Department of Corrections specific to the Kansas juvenile justice system.

In our notes we identified the following items for follow up based upon the questions and discussion.

1. What are the ages of youth who have tested positive for COVID-19 at the Kansas Juvenile Correctional Complex (KJCC)?

Response: The youth who have tested positive as of this date were age 17 (one), 18 (two), 19 (two) and twenty (one) for a total of six youth.

2. How many of 144 at KJCC are concurrently enrolled in community college courses?

Response: At this time, only the certificate programs and welding program through Washburn Tech allow our students to earn college credit alongside their High School requirements. We do not currently offer concurrent credits under a Concurrent Enrollment Partnership (CEP) as described by



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the Kansas Board of Regents for the purpose of offering college-level learning to students who have been accepted for concurrent enrollment partnership taught by approved high school teachers during the normal school day.

3. How many youth at KJCC took the pre-ACT exam as Freshman?

Response: The pre-ACT is not provided at KJCC.

4. How many kids at KJCC to the ACT as Juniors?

Response: A total of twenty-one (21) youth registered for the ACT and fourteen (14) completed the exam last year.

5. How many kids at KJCC took the WorkKeys assessment?

Response: Lawrence Gardner High School (LGHS) at KJCC used to offer WorkKeys assessments but stopped several years ago. Our current understanding is that KJCC/LGHS do not qualify to provide this option for our youth. To address their needs and connect them to this resource, staff at KJCC currently refer youth to the local workforce centers.

6. Is there a list of approved items that can be donated for youth at KJCC?

Response: Each December KJCC accepts donations to the facility of items that the youth can enjoy. Board games, electronic games and movies are of particular interest to the youth and supported by the facility. Flyers that staff have created for this purpose are attached.

Thank you again for the opportunity to present to the Committee. If either of you need additional information on these or other subjects, please let me know.

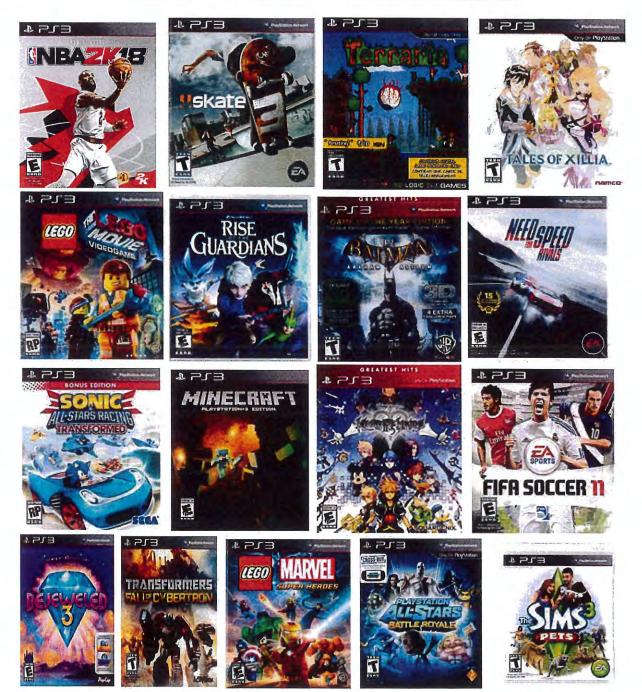
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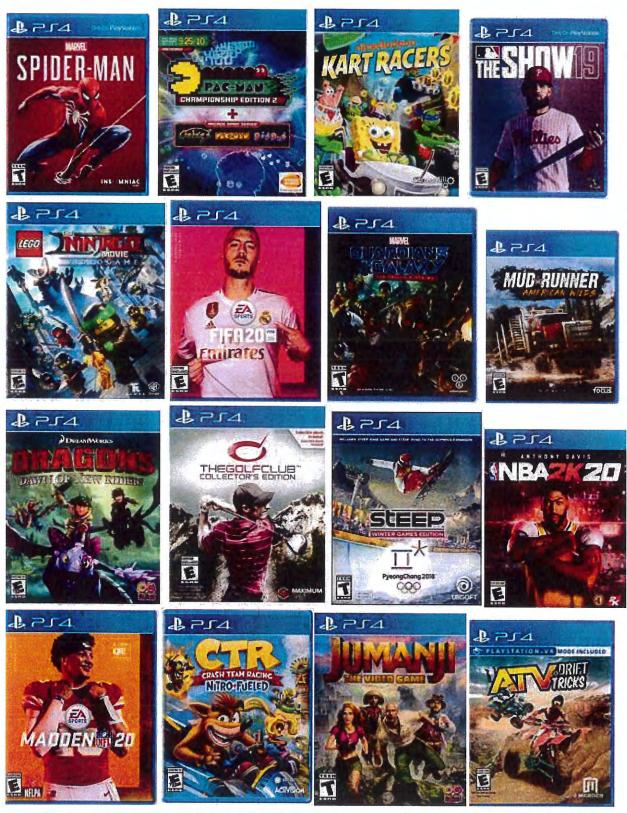
Play station 3 video games





Must be rated Teen or for Everyone and Must be approved

Play Station 4 video games



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Board Games



All board games must be new and NOT opened. Kid appropriate

Movies

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Must be rated PG-13 and Must be approved if not on this list, all DVD's MUST be sealed



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