



DeLand High School

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STUDENT HANDBOOK

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Security is the Priority!

Students will be issued a school ID and lanyard free of charge at the start of the school year or upon registration. **IDs must be visible to enter and exit campus. IDs must be worn around the neck and visible while on campus.** Students must show ID upon entering classrooms, restrooms, cafeteria, media center or other office building on campus. Replacement IDs will cost \$10 and can be obtained through the Activities Office in building 4.

All doors must be locked and never propped open. Security gates are meant for exiting, not entering. All students must utilize single point of entry at building 4 during the school day. **DO NOT OPEN ANY GATE FOR ANYONE AT ANY TIME.** Visitors must always use the single point of entry at building 4 after checking in with front desk.

During the first and last 10 minutes of every class period, the security team will be clearing hallways. No students are to be out of class during the 10/10. Teachers will hold all students until the 10 minutes have passed then approve a hall pass for student, as appropriate. Any student seen in hallway without an ID or a hall pass will be escorted back to classroom.

No food delivery services will be permitted on campus.

If you see something, say something! Report any suspicious or bullying activity directly to the Office of Student Support & Security in building 9. In the case of emergency, report to any adult or use the Fortify Florida phone application.



The Bulldog Way

1. Cellphone put away. Laptop out.
2. Show up on time, every time.
3. Dude, be nice!
4. Know where to be.
5. Keep it clean.
6. Be better today than yesterday.

This is the Way...Electronic Devices

Cellphones

The possession of wireless communication devices on campus is a privilege. Expectations include:

- Students are permitted to use wireless devices before school, between classes, during lunch and at the end of the day.
- Students must ensure that the telephone capabilities of their devices are turned off during the instructional day (ringer off, silent mode, etc.)
- Students shall avoid classroom disruptions by not displaying, using, or activating the data access portion of their wireless device during the instructional day unless instructed to do so by the teacher and/or authorized school personnel. This includes during class, in the Media Center, restrooms, P.E. and any other instructional/structured activities (unless authorized by the teacher).
- Use of cell phones that disrupts or interferes with the safety of our students being transported by bus is a violation of the Code of Student Conduct.
- Use of cell phones to commit a crime is against the Code of Student Conduct and appropriate consequences will be handled accordingly.
- The school/district is not responsible if a student's wireless communication or any electronic device is lost or stolen.

- Any student using a cell phone or any electronic device for malicious intent or to video acts violating the Code of Conduct will receive disciplinary action.

Laptops

Each student is assigned one laptop computer to use during the school year. Students will utilize the devices and return them prior to transferring to a new school site or at the end of the year, or if they withdraw from the school site. Laptop computers are the student's responsibility for instructional use only. Therefore, any instance of misuse, loss, theft, or negligence will be reviewed on an individual basis to determine the amount of financial responsibility (if any) and restitution that the parent or guardian may be required to pay. In the event of such negligence, the parent or guardian will be contacted by a school official. *Opt-out option for grades 6-12 is available by request.

Parents and students are encouraged to read the Volusia County School's 1:1 Technology Handbook, as well as the VCS Conditions of Acceptable Use. Students are expected to follow the guidelines established by the school. If a student transfers to another school for any reason during the school year the device must be checked in. Students who withdraw, are expelled, or terminate their enrollment for any other reason must check-in the device upon withdrawal. Any computer not returned will be considered stolen property and a school investigation will ensue and/or law enforcement agencies may be notified. Depending on the results of the investigation, the student may not receive an additional device until restitution is received. Laptop computers are considered property of the VCS District and should be treated as such. Laptops will be examined periodically for damage and fees may be issued if damage is found beyond normal wear and tear. At the end of the school year, all students must return their device to the school they attended to keep all school's inventory accurate and up to date. Date and time of return will be at the school's discretion. Any devices that are not returned, will result in fines.

DEVICE USE, CARE & MAINTENANCE The student is responsible for the safety and security of the device and any activity associated with the device. It is the responsibility of the student to know where his/her issued device is, always. Any devices left behind or unattended will be taken to the administrative office. Students who misplace devices will be required to pick up the device and talk to a staff member regarding the importance of accountability of their device.

User Expectations for Handling the Device

- Device and cases must remain free of any writing, drawing, stickers, or labels that are not applied by the VCS District.
- Use the device on a flat, stable surface.
- Do not place books or pressure on the device.
- Do not store the device with the screen in the open position.
- Do not place items between the keyboard and screen.
- Do not place the device near magnets or anything with high electric current.
- Do not have food or drinks around the device.
- Do not pick up the device by the lid or screen. • Do not attempt to clean the device without using a dry microfiber cloth.
- Do not use tools on screens.
- Do not leave the device exposed to direct sunlight.
- Do not transport the device (lift, carry, etc.) while it is open.
- When moving between classes, the device must be closed and secured.
- Do not leave the device unattended in an unlocked or unsecured location (i.e. gym, bathroom, cafeteria, media center, bus, etc.).

It is the responsibility of each student to use their issued device in an acceptable manner. Students may at no time download material that violates the terms outlined in the VCS Conditions of Acceptable Use. Continuous, unannounced monitoring of appropriate usage of devices will be conducted

regularly and all inappropriate searches will be reported to the appropriate personnel. In compliance with Children’s Internet Protection Act, VCS shall use technology monitoring and protection measures that monitor, block and/or filter Internet access to prevent access to internet sites that fall under any of the definitions contained in Section 1 of Technology Handbook. The network and Internet user shall be held responsible for his/her actions and activities. Responsibilities include efficient, ethical, and legal utilization of all network resources. Subject to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Acts (FERPA) 20 U.S. Code§ 1232. As a matter of public law, any document pertaining to the public business on a publicly funded system is a public record, and this law applies to all records, messages and other information stored on district computers, file servers, and email and other data storage systems.

This is the Way...Show Up

Showing up is more than half the battle. Regular attendance to every class and being on time to class builds good rapport with your teachers and your classmates. Graduation is closer than you think and what you do today matters tomorrow. You CAN do this!

Bell Schedule

<http://www.delandhs.org/bell-schedule>

10/10 RULE: No passes are to be written during the first or last 10 minutes of each class period. The only exception would be in the case of medical emergency. Do not ask any teacher if you can “run quickly” to the restroom if you will be late to class. Wait for 10 minutes into class then request a pass.

Tardy Policy

Students entering the classroom after the final bell are considered late to class or tardy.

Students will be given a grace period of 3 tardies to any one class period. The fourth tardy will result in a discipline referral.

Teachers are not permitted to keep students after the bell has rung. Students should not be sent to his/her next class with a late pass from a teacher or coach.

Frequent tardies to class may result in on or more of the following:

- ✓ Assigned to lunch detention
- ✓ Assigned to Academic Intervention Lab
- ✓ Assigned to PASS/in-school suspension
- ✓ Revoke lunch pass
- ✓ Revoke parking pass
- ✓ Other, as necessary

Tardies will reboot each quarter.

Attendance Policy

Daily attendance is CRITICAL to student success and graduation. School attendance is required under

Handle with Care!



- Bring your laptop fully charged to school every day.
- Keep track of the charging cord. There are no spare cords.
- Use two hands when carrying the laptop.
- Be gentle opening and closing the screen.
- Power down in between classes.
- Close lid between class activities.
- Keep food and drinks away from laptop.
- Use a microfiber cloth or alcohol wipes to clean the laptop.
- No decals or stickers on the laptop.
- Report if anything is wrong with the laptop ASAP.

Use Digital Etiquette:

- Keep sound in OFF position or use earbuds.
- Language spoken/typed during chats, messaging or other must be school appropriate and never harmful to others.
- All browsing history is monitored.
- Stay on the website of assigned activity.
- Never share your login credentials.
- Keep digital footprint clean!



Florida's compulsory school attendance law, where each parent is responsible for their child's school attendance. The parent has the responsibility to report any non-attendance and explain the cause of any school absence of a child. Absence without notification of school officials by the parent/guardian is considered an unexcused absence.

Any medical, legal, or official notes for an excused absence must be submitted to the main office upon return to school.

Any approved field trips, school events or athletic contests will be entered as excused.

In the case of an early dismissal, a parent/guardian must contact the office to notify of the reason for dismissal. Parents must walk into main office to show proper identification to remove the student from school. No dismissals will be processed after 3:15PM.

After 5 days of unexcused absences, a student will be referred to the school's attendance problem solving team.

After 15 days of unexcused absences, a student is considered "habitually truant." Habitual truancy is defined as 15 unexcused absences from all class periods within a 90-calendar day window and will be referred to VCS social worker and could result in referral to Social Services.

[This is the Way...Dude, be nice!](#)

We are proud of the fact that DeLand High School tends to have the highest student enrollment and is the largest campus in Volusia. We celebrate our student diversity because we are one, Bulldog family. Our hallways and parking lots experience a lot of traffic during class change and lunch. We all must be patient with one another and follow all school procedures for a safe and orderly campus. Treat others the way you would like to be treated. If we remain united and take care of one another, we all do better and succeed. This campus belongs to all of us. Show your Bulldog pride and Dude, be nice!



Weekly, students and staff can nominate a person who has gone out of their way to make others feel appreciated and included on this big campus. Simply scan any of the Dude, be nice QR codes around campus to submit your vote.

[This is the Way...Know where to be](#)

[Parking Lots](#)

Every vehicle must have a valid parking sticker which must be purchased through the Activities Office. Parking applications are available online.

Decals must be visible, and all doors locked while parked on campus.

All vehicles are subject to search while on property.

Students must park in the student parking spaces. Do not park in staffulty or visitor parking areas.

Students may not remain in cars upon arriving at school, during class time or lunch. Students are to go immediately from the parking lot to the main campus.

No gathering in the parking lot at any time.

Any student transporting others without permission, reckless driving or other campus disturbance will forfeit their parking privilege.

Only SENIORS that have purchased a personalized parking spot and have customized it according to the rules and guidelines have a reserved spot during the school day. These spots are not reserved for night and weekend events.

Administration reserves the right to revoke personalized parking spot privileges for any student that

does not follow the guidelines set forth in the parking spot contract.

Rest Rooms

Students will have access to restrooms in building 10 on first floor during class time but NOT during the 10/10 rule. During lunch, students will use the restrooms located in the cafeteria to allow for cleaning and restocking.

Students will not gather in a restroom for any reason. Any student caught smoking, vaping, committing vandalism, or other inappropriate behavior will be fully prosecuted and pay appropriate fines associated with breaking the law.

Lunch Locations

During the designated lunch period, students will either exit campus with appropriate lunch sticker visible on their ID or they will remain on campus. No student who is in the 9th grade will be permitted to leave campus for lunch.

No student may order food to be delivered to campus at any time. This is a security risk for delivery drivers to enter our campus. Any deliveries will be turned around at the front gate.

Students who remain on campus during lunch must remain in the cafeteria, the dog bowl, or in the old gym area by the clinic. Students may not be on the back road, in hallways or on stairs during lunch.

Only students with an official pass from a teacher may proceed to a teacher's classroom during lunch.

Trips to the Clinic/Nurse

If you need a nurse, ask your teacher for a clinic pass. You will need one to enter. The clinic is in building 3 behind the main office.

Appointment with School Counselor

All counselors are in Student Services, building 12. Sometimes your counselor may send a pass for you or sometimes you may need to request an appointment.

This can be done electronically by visiting the Student Services link on our school's website. Of course, your well-being is most important. If you are having a personal emergency, let someone know and an available counselor will be there for you!

This is the Way...Keep it clean

Let's keep Bulldog Country beautiful. It is simple. If you have trash, throw it in one of the many trash cans around campus. Never leave your trash on the wall or ground. Clean up after yourself!

Keep it clean...the language, that is!

We all must learn to adjust to our surroundings and use school appropriate language while on campus. Show some respect!

School Activity Posters

All club signs, campaign posters, etc. on the school campus must be approved by Activities Director with official school stamp. All signage must be removed after the event.

This is the Way...Be better

All of us will struggle from time to time. The importance of that struggle is what we learn from it to be better. In Bulldog Country, we strive to do better today than yesterday.

- Get involved...join a club or sport
- Go to every class, every day, on time
- Monitor your grades
- Ask for Help...Become a Tutor
- Check in with your counselor quarterly



Graduate on Time!

Promotion

- To be assigned to grade 10, a student must have earned 5 credits.
- To be assigned to grade 11, a student must have earned 11 credits.
- To be assigned to grade 12, a student must have earned 17 credits.

Credits & Grading Scale

A	100-90	4 quality points
B	89-80	3 quality points
C	79-70	2 quality points
D	69-60	1 quality point
F	59 and below	0 quality points

One extra quality point is awarded in International Baccalaureate and Advanced Placement classes. One-half point is awarded for pre-IB, honors, and selected classes.

Graduating with Honors

All honors are based on weighted grade point averages for all classes attempted.

Summa Cum Laude: 3.9 Cumulative G.P.A. for grades 9-12.

Magna Cum Laude: 3.7 Cumulative G.P.A. for grades 9-12.

Cum Laude: 3.5 Cumulative G.P.A. for grades 9-12.

Who Is Who?

Administration

Principal, Dr. Carr

Asst. Principals

- Mr. DeGirolmo
- Mrs. Fuller
- Mr. Lucero
- Mr. Troutman
- Ms. Vega

Teacher Leaders you will find out and about on campus who can help you:

- Mr. Brown
- Mr. Davenport
- Mr. Bismore
- Mrs. Nehrig

Counselors

All located in building 12, Student Services

9th grade

- Ms. White (last names A-P)
- Mrs. Carter (last names Q-Z)

10th grade: Mr. Michaels

11th grade: Mrs. Green

12th grade: Ms. Nunez & Ms. Fingerroth

IB students: Mrs. Carter & Mrs. Nehrig

College & Career Help: Mrs. Nehrig

Students can make an appointment here

<http://www.delandhs.org/school-counselors>

School Activities/Clubs

Mrs. Schrier, Activities Director is in building 4, Main Office and window on side of building. Keep up with school activities using our online calendar here

<http://www.delandhs.org/events>

Athletics

Mr. Jenkins, Athletic Director is in building 4, Main Office.

School Bus

Mr. Dunn can assist. He is in building 12.

<https://www.vcsedu.org/student-transportation/bus-route-information>

Parking Decal

<http://www.delandhs.org/campus-parking>

All valid drivers must submit application and fee to receive a parking decal. Must be done within one week of driving any car on campus property. Submit all forms & fees to Activities Office, bldg. 4

Lunch Pass

<http://www.delandhs.org/lunch-pass>

Only students in grades 10-12 who meet academic and behavior criteria must submit parent permission form and pay fee to receive lunch sticker on school ID. Submit all forms & fees to Activities Office, bldg. 4

Laptop Checkout

Building 9, Student Support & Security is the hub for checking out devices and reporting damages. More information is here <http://www.delandhs.org/student-laptops>

Health Clinic

There is a nurse on campus during the school day. The clinic is in building 3, directly behind the main office building. Students will need a clinic pass to enter.

Reporting Security Issues

Any concerns regarding student safety should be reported immediately to the office of Student Support & Security, building 9.

General Information or other topics not listed www.delandhs.org or Activities Office window (side of administration building #4)