

To:	Dr. Mobley & BOT
From:	AMSA Administration
Re:	Handbook Changes
Date:	July 20, 2023

Governance approved the following handbook changes at the July 19, 2023 meeting:

Old Language	Proposed Language/Action	Rationale
Student Directory–AMSA PTO publishes a directory of names, addresses, and phone numbers which may be purchased for a fee of five dollars through AMSA PTO	Eliminate section	AMSA PTO no longer publishes a directory.” Annually, an opt-out form is provided to families who do not want their child’s name in any publication.
Academic Dishonesty–does not contain language around the use of AI.	Add Category: Artificial Intelligence Add: The use of AI is a form of cheating when students do not have explicit permission to use AI to craft a product (essay, story etc.)	AI is a powerful tool that should only be used to complete assignments with explicit permission from the classroom teacher. This addition formally states that.
Loss of Senior Privileges 5 School tardies 1 Saturday detention Administrative detentions	Loss of Senior Privileges 8 School tardies 1 Saturday detention Multiple behavior related Administrative detentions	Provides time to “warn” students after 5 tardies before removing privilege. Better defines administrative detentions for seniors.
Uniform	Add Category: Costumes and Make-up Add: No excessive makeup that may make it difficult to identify and/or medically assess students. Costumes, costume makeup, and costume-related items are prohibited from being worn at school unless during a designated time/event.	We experienced a situation in which Make-up made it difficult to assess a student.
Attendance No student may exceed fifteen (15) unexcused absences for any class during the school year; on the sixteenth (16th) unexcused absence, the student will receive an automatic F for that class for the year.	Attendance No student may exceed fifteen (15) unexcused absences for any class during a school year. On the sixteenth (16th) unexcused absence, the student will not receive credit for that class for the year.	Per Attorney Joyce, students must be given the grade they earned, but AMSA may withhold credit for excessive unexcused absences.
No current language	Add category: Class Dues Students in all grades will participate	We will no longer seek a fee for students to “Dress Down.” The class



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	<p>in the class dues program. Class dues will be used to supplement funding for senior activities. Families with demonstrated financial need will be provided with assistance.</p>	<p>dues money will supplant the money raised from dress-down days, and all students will now be able to participate in all dress-down days.</p>
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