

# Selah High School

## STUDENT HANDBOOK

2023-2024



## The Viking Way, Creating a Culture of Learning

Culture is composed of the shared assumptions, beliefs, values, traditions and norms that define a group of people. Culture can be thought of as the “personality” of the organization. The Selah School District is focusing on strengthening our culture by having an intentional focus on The Viking Way.

The Viking Way represents the behaviors and actions that are aligned with the Selah School District foundations listed below.

### **Our Core Purpose - Why We Exist:**

To ensure high levels of learning for all students

### **Our Mission - What We Do:**

SSD, in partnership with students, parents, and community cultivates a culture of lifelong learning for all.

### **Our Vision - What We Want:**

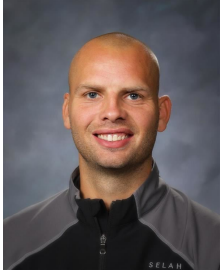
Portrait of a Graduate - Every student is future ready by being able to collaborate, innovate, communicate, show empathy and resilience.

### **Our Beliefs - What We Value:**

Strong **character** is at the heart of preparing our students for lifelong success. Every student is worthy and **capable** of making meaningful contributions to his or her communities (classroom, team, home, etc.). In a culture of excellence, every student graduates on time, prepared for **college and career** opportunities.

### **Our Pledge - What We Will Accomplish:**

The goal of **The Viking Promise** is to meet the needs of the whole child by creating an equity centered, engaging and personalized learning experience in an emotionally and physically safe environment for each child in Selah.



# Welcome Students!

Vikings,

Welcome to the 2023-24 school year! I hope you all were able to take some time to rest and rejuvenate over the summer months.

Our goal here at SHS is to create an incredible environment by learning with, leading with, leaning on, and celebrating the amazing staff, students, and families that are at the heart of what it means to be an SHS Viking!

As a school we are committed to teaching and reinforcing skills that will help ensure that our students are successful here at Selah School and beyond. The values that we believe will best prepare our students for success are: Purpose/Passion, Power of We, and Be the Best You.

In closing we want all students to feel valued and welcomed at SHS. We encourage all students to get involved and to have a voice. I'm looking forward to an incredible year!

DOMINATE THE DAY

Colton Monti

Principal

## SCHOOL WEBSITE

<http://www.selahschools.org/SHS>

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(509) 698-8510

### Counseling

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### Library

(509) 698-8581

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(509) 698-8520

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## Nondiscrimination Statements

Selah School District complies with all federal and state rules and regulations and does not discriminate on the basis of any protected class as defined by law. This holds true for all district employment and opportunities. The Selah School District specifically does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age (40 or older), marital status, honorably discharged veteran or military status, gender expression or identity, genetic information, non-job related sensory, mental or physical disability, the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability, or any other legally protected status, condition or characteristic, except where a bona fide qualification disqualifies an individual. This holds true for all students who are interested in participating in educational programs and/or extracurricular school activities, and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. Inquiries regarding compliance and/or grievance procedures may be directed to the district's Title IX Compliance Officer and Section 504/ADA Coordinator.

**Section 504/ADA Coordinator:** Betty Lopez, Special Education Director (509) 698-8016 [BettyLopez@selahschools.org](mailto:BettyLopez@selahschools.org) **Civil Rights, Title IX HIB and Gender Inclusive Schools:** Chad Quigley, Executive Director of Human Resources (509) 698-8004 [ChadQuigley@selahschools.org](mailto:ChadQuigley@selahschools.org)

The Selah School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its program or activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The School District offers classes in many career and technical education program areas (engineering, computer science, bio med) under its open admissions policy. For more information about CTE course offerings and admissions criteria, contact **Jeff Cochran**, 801 N. First St., 509.698.8511. Lack of English language proficiency will not be a barrier to admission and participation in career and technical education programs. The following people have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies: **Chad Quigley**, 316 W. Naches Ave 509.698.8000 [ChadQuigley@selahschools.org](mailto:ChadQuigley@selahschools.org)

## GENERAL FEES

**ASB Card** \$30.00

**Yearbook** \$60.00

\*If you qualify for free or reduced meals and are in need of help paying your course fees, please come to the Counseling Office.

## ASB (Associated Student Body) ACTIVITIES AND CLUBS

**2023-2024 ASB Advisor** Valerie Barnett

**2023-2024 ASB President** Madi Huri

### Student Senate

Each advisory, club, and sport will have the opportunity to elect one senator to represent their segment of the student body at weekly Senate meetings. All groups wishing to be active clubs at Selah High School must participate in the student senate. All new student groups, clubs, and revisions to the ASB bylaw and/or constitution will be voted on by this governing body. School decisions, ideally, are created by three groups:

1. Student Senate
2. Site Council (Elected Teacher Leaders)
3. Administration

### Academic Eligibility

Students must be academically eligible to participate in athletic contests, activities, and school sponsored events such as field trips. If a student is not eligible, they are not permitted to participate. Eligibility for school sponsored events is based on a current grade check. Eligibility is defined as a 2.5 GPA with 1 F, or a 2.0 GPA with no F's. Teachers must also ensure that they have received any requisite medical training with the school nurse prior to the day of the field trip. Should this not occur, students with medical needs may be unable to travel with the group.

### ASB Card

You will need to pay for an ASB card before you may participate in SHS athletics or activities (clubs). They can be purchased during the year at the ASB/Athletics window with Mrs. Gordy or in the fall at Registration. ASB Cards are \$30.

### Creating a New Club

The ASB Advisor is in charge of keeping track of our active clubs. Students who wish to form a new club should first visit with the ASB Advisor to receive an application. Completed applications are entered into the back of a queue and, should a club lose their active status, the proposed club at the front of the queue will be made active, provided their membership and staff advisor remain interested and operate for at least one school year, and only after subsequent approval from the Student Senate. They will be added in the Spring during the budget process for the following year.

### 2023-2024 ASB Clubs

#### Meet with an advisor to get involved!

ASB Mrs. Barnett

Art Club Mrs. Eckert

ASL Mr. Gallegos

Band & Choir Mr. Madson

Cheer Mrs. Burkett

Club Med Ms. Peart & Mrs. Gamache

DECA Mr. Benjamin

Drama Club Mrs. Jochen

Dance & Drill Team Mrs. Treat

FFA Mr. Watkins, Ms. Parks, & Mr. Burger

FCCLA Mrs. Brink & Ms. Uceny  
 Knowledge Bowl Mr. Dwyer  
 Link Crew Mr. Soto, Mr. Erickson, Mr. Madson, and Mrs. Gamache  
 MECHA Mr. Gudino Ms. Mendoza  
 National Honor Society Ms. Peart & Mrs. Gamache  
 Senior Council Mrs. Brink  
 SkillsUSA Mr. Rockenbach  
 Sound Tech Mr. Harris  
 TSA Mr. Anderson & Mr. Alvarez  
 Variety Gaming Club Mrs. Brink  
 WeACT Mr. Gallegos  
 Yearbook Mr. Alvarez

## ACADEMIC INFORMATION

### Trimester Schedule for 2023-2024

	Trimester 1	Trimester 2	Trimester 3
Start Date	August 28th	November 27th	March 4th
End Date	November 22nd	March 1st	June 7th

### Class of 2024 and Beyond: 27 Credits

Subject	Credits
Career & Technical Education	2.0
Electives	5.5
Grad Launch	.05
Fine/Performing Arts	2.0
Health	0.5
Language Arts	4.0
Mathematics	3.0
Science	3.0 (2.0 Lab)
Social Studies	3.0
Physical Education	1.5
World Language (or Personalized Pathway Requirement)	2.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>27 Credits</b>

## Viking Academy

Selah High School offers credit retrieval for students in need of additional credits in order to graduate. Please visit your school counselor to discuss these options.

## Graduation Requirements

Graduation from high school in Washington State means that a student meets the following criteria:

1. Successful completion of credits.
  - a. See the above table for specific information about specific criteria.
2. Successful completion of the Washington State History requirement.
3. Successful completion of the High School & Beyond requirement (Senior Presentation).
  - a. HS&B Plan includes 15 hours of Community Service
4. Successful completion of one of the required state [graduation pathways](#)

Please note that commencement and graduation are different. Commencement ceremonies are a district event, and therefore students are not required to participate. The criteria listed above will be completed and documented prior to graduation rehearsal in order for a student to be eligible for commencement exercises.

National Honors Society students will be recognized with a gold cord for graduation.

## College & Career Readiness

SHS is proud to offer college and career preparation services for our students. When it comes time for applying for your post-secondary education, be it college, the military, the trades, or an internship, your first stop should be with your counselor. They can also help students/families learn about scholarship opportunities and financial aid.

# Selah High School

## Standards Based Grading Philosophy and Practices

Selah School District Sound Grading and Reporting Practices (SSD [Procedure 2420](#))

The purpose of sound assessment and reporting practices is to reflect a student's academic achievement of the K-12 standards. These practices will:

- Communicate student achievement and progress to students, parents, administrators, staff and the community.
- Promote student involvement in their own learning to create assessment capable learners.
- Be used to guide instruction.
- Provide directions for differentiation to foster success for all students.
- Align grading and reporting practices within and across all grade levels and courses.
- Link grading and reporting practices with instructional and assessment philosophies and practices.

## Philosophy of Standards Based Grading

- Our grading system is based around three philosophies:
- Learning improves when teachers give students meaningful evaluation during the learning process.
- Grades should only reflect what a student knows and is able to do at any given point in time.
- Learning is a continuum, and reassessment is an important part of that process.

## Proficiency Scale

Teachers use assignment-specific and assessment-specific grading rubrics to determine a student's level, from 0-4, on the proficiency scale. Teachers may use a 1.5, 2.5, 3.5 scoring mark at their discretion.

Proficiency Level	0 No Evidence	1 Minimal	2 Approaching	3 Proficient	4 Mastery
Characteristics	-No attempt  OR  -Too little of evidence	-Limited evidence -Major mistakes -Significant gaps in understanding of the standard	-Inconsistent evidence -Success in multiple areas -Some gaps in emergent understanding of the standard -Partial demonstration of learning	-Consistent evidence -Success in each major area, minor mistakes in others -Can understand and apply standard consistently -Communicates meaningful understanding	-Exemplary evidence -Success in each area, minimal mistakes -Can analyze or create -Effectively communicates and can flexibly apply concepts to be consistent
Description	Little or no work submitted to show evidence of learning.	Demonstrates significant gaps in understanding the standard(s).	Emergent understanding of the standard(s) with several gaps.	Meaningful understanding of the assessed standard (s) with minor errors	Complete understanding of the standard (s) with the ability to apply the standard with consistency in a variety of contexts.

## Reassessment

Students will have the opportunity to reassess on all learning that is categorized in the assessment category (90 % of the grade). Reassessment opportunities on learning that is categorized in the employability section will be at teacher's discretion.

Prior to retaking any assessment students will fill out a [reflection form](#) indicating the efforts they've made to improve their understanding of the standards/skills, then they will be allowed to reassess on those standards (be it a quiz, test, paper, lab, etc.) and improve their grade. The reassessment does not necessarily need to take the same form as the original assessment and should focus on areas of needed growth.

Students interested in improving their grade should communicate with their teacher to schedule a time to retake an assessment. Deadlines for retaking assessments will be established by the school's grading calendar (mid-tri and end of tri deadline). We encourage all students to take advantage of reassessment in order to improve their learning.

## Reporting Practices

- Common summative assessments will be reported in the 90 percent category of a student's grade and employability skills will be reported in the 10 percent category of a student's grade.
- When any assessment is recorded in Skyward, the assessment will be titled in student/family friendly language. Within the assessment description, the standard(s) will be clearly listed.
- When an assessment is missed, the teacher will initially try to schedule for the student to complete the assessment within two school days from the student's return to class.
- Assessments will be tied to priority standard(s).
- Students who have not completed a summative assessment, no matter the circumstance, will receive a "0" so as to immediately reflect their final grade if they don't complete the assessment.

**Online Grades** Student schedules and grades can be actively monitored using [Skyward Family Access](#), our student information management system. You can find Skyward by visiting the SHS homepage and clicking on the word “Skyward” on the top banner right beside the peach icon.

## SHS Reporting Commitments

- All summative assessments **that are entered into the gradebook** will be common amongst common courses and tied to a priority standard.
- Gradebooks will be updated weekly.
- Grade checks for academic support and extracurricular activities will be pulled Thursday @ 3:00 p.m.

## End of the Term Grading Determination

When determining the final grade in a class at the end of a grading term teachers will consider:

- What does the most recent assessment evidence tell you?
- Does the grade accurately reflect student skill and ability as listed in the common rubric?
- Did students have multiple opportunities to demonstrate their learning?
- Are there any extreme outliers that could be adversely affecting their “Average” grade?

Once these considerations are considered the teacher will assign the appropriate final grade.

## SHS Grading Scale

A 3.7-4.0	B 3.0-3.29	C 2.20-2.59
A- 3.5-3.69	B- 2.8-2.99	C- 1.9-2.19
B+ 3.3-3.49	C+ 2.6-2.79	F 0-1.89

## District Required Practices

1. Skills and behaviors that support learning such as effort, attendance, participation, behavior, improvement, ability to meet deadlines and attitude will be reported separately from the achievement grade.
2. Students will have multiple opportunities to achieve standards. This includes retaking portions of assessments. Each school will develop consistent procedures that require additional learning opportunities for students prior to the retake.
3. Students will not be academically penalized for turning in work late.
4. Homework/Classwork (Formative Work) is an essential component of our teaching and learning process. Students are expected to complete assigned work and receive timely feedback from teachers. All formative work is considered practice of content and skills and is not calculated in a student's achievement grade.
5. Course grades will be earned from individually completed summative assessments. Group assignments/projects/assessments will not be included in the grade unless there is an individual component.
6. Extra credit will not be included in course grades.
7. Most recent assessment evidence will have a greater impact on the final grade.

## ATHLETICS

Fall	Winter	Spring
Cross Country (Boys, Girls) Football Soccer (Girls) Dance/Drill Swim/Dive (Girls) Volleyball (Girls) Cheer	Basketball (Boys, Girls) Bowling (Girls) Dance/Drill Swim/Dive (Boys) Wrestling (Boys, Girls) Cheer	Baseball (Boys) Golf (Boys, Girls) Softball (Girls) Soccer (Boys) Tennis (Boys, Girls) Track & Field (Boys, Girls)

### Athletic Code

Selah Athletics follows [Board Policy 2151P](#) which details extra-curricular eligibility and includes both RCWs and WIAA Policy. Students and parents are required to agree to this eligibility code as part of their clearance process. For more athletics information, please review our [Athletics/Activities Co-curricular Code](#).

### CWAC

For schedules and additional information about our league for athletics, visit: [www.cwacathletics.com](http://www.cwacathletics.com) and select Selah.

### User Fees

Student-athletes are required to purchase an ASB card for \$30. The SHS Athletics Department uses this money for many things, including paying for things like officials, transportation, uniforms, and facilities upgrades. For further information about fees, please contact the ASB office.

\*If you qualify for free or reduced meals and are in need of help paying your athletic fees, please come to the Counseling Office.

## ATTENDANCE

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We know that there are a wide variety of reasons that students are absent from school, from health concerns to transportation challenges. There are many people in our buildings prepared to help you if you or your student face challenges in getting to school regularly or on time. These people include **counselors, nurses, intervention specialists, and administration**. We promise to track attendance daily, to notice when your student is missing from class, communicate with you to understand why they were absent, and to identify barriers and supports available to overcome challenges you may face in helping your student attend school.

## Attendance Categories for the School Year:

**Satisfactory:** Students with an attendance rate ranging from **96% to 100%** (0-7 days in a school year) are considered to have satisfactory attendance. This category reflects excellent commitment and regular participation in classes.

**At Risk:** Students with an attendance rate ranging from **91% to 95%** (8-17 days in a school year) fall into the "At Risk" category. While their attendance is still fairly consistent, this group may benefit from additional support to maintain consistent attendance.

**Moderate Chronic:** Students in this category have attendance rates between **81% and 90%** (17-35 days in a school year) . They experience a noticeable pattern of absences or tardiness, which may affect their academic progress. The school will provide appropriate interventions and support to help improve their attendance.

**Severe Chronic:** Students in this category have attendance rates **below 80%** (36+ in a school year). They face significant challenges in maintaining consistent attendance, which can greatly impact their academic performance. The school will implement comprehensive measures to address the underlying reasons for their chronic absenteeism and work closely with students and their families to find solutions.

Attendance is a crucial aspect of a student's educational journey, we aim to identify students who may require additional assistance and support in order to improve their attendance and ultimately enhance their educational experience. Our school is committed to working closely with students, parents, and staff to address attendance concerns and promote regular participation in all aspects of their learning journey.

### What You Can Do

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Prepare for school the night before, finishing homework and getting a good night's sleep.
- Don't let your student stay home unless they are truly sick. Keep in mind complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home.
- Avoid appointments and extended trips when school is in session.
- Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.
- Keep track of your student's attendance.
- Talk to your student about the importance of attendance.
- Talk to your students' teachers or counselor if you notice sudden changes in behavior. These could be tied to something going on at school.
- Encourage meaningful after school activities, including sports and clubs.

### Tardies

At our school, we understand the significance of being on time to class and the role it plays in a student's overall academic success and future endeavors. We prioritize teaching and instilling habits that encourage students to arrive on time for each class and intervene when they do not. **We monitor both student attendance and tardiness on a period-by-period basis** and address tardiness in a comprehensive manner that involves the collaboration of staff, student guardians, and the school community as a whole. By being present and engaged, students can maximize their learning opportunities and develop valuable habits that will serve them beyond their time at our school.

### Attendance Works Resources to Support Your Student at Home

English: [https://attendanceworks.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/AW\\_HS-flyer-1-pager.pdf](https://attendanceworks.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/AW_HS-flyer-1-pager.pdf)

Spanish: [https://attendanceworks.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/AW\\_HS-flyer\\_Spanish.pdf](https://attendanceworks.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/AW_HS-flyer_Spanish.pdf)

Additional Parent Resources: <https://www.attendanceworks.org/resources/handouts-for-families/>

For a more detailed description of attendance policies and procedures, refer to The District Attendance Policy located in the following link: <http://www.selahschools.org/domain/40> Board Policy 3122.

## MEAL PROGRAM

Forms for the National School Lunch Program/School Breakfast Program are available on the [district web page](#). Students can also get a hardcopy from the district office, nutrition office, or main office in their school. This form tells parents how students can receive free or reduced price meals, and other reduced fees.

The lunchroom does not give change, leftover money will be added to the student's lunch account. Meals may be purchased in advance by paying in the cafeteria before school or during lunch. Additionally, deposits may be made to lunch accounts at the following website <https://www.myschoolbucks.com/login.asp>

Payments for more than the amount needed for a single meal can be taken before school or in the lunch line. Make checks payable to the students' school.

### Selah Nutrition Unpaid Meal Policy

Students are notified of a low account balance starting at two remaining lunches at the cashier line. An automated phone message is activated at that time on all school days informing families of the low balance amount. Students in grades PK-12 who carry a negative balance will continue to receive a regular meal while parents work to pay the balance in full. Extra entrees and snacks are not allowed for purchase unless the account has money available to cover the cost.

In addition to school reminders and automated phone calls, personal calls will be made from the Nutrition Services office once the negative balance is above \$3.00. A letter will be sent to households who reach a \$20 negative balance along with a free/reduced meal application. Accounts that reach a \$40 negative balance and are not paid in full will be turned over to collections.

## Viking Culture Blueprint

Values	Behavior	Outcome
<b>Power of We</b> <i>We're better together</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acknowledge, encourage, and celebrate everyone's voice.</li> <li>Invest the time to care, listen, and communicate with an open mind.</li> <li>Be involved in activities beyond the classroom.</li> </ul>	We find fulfillment and joy being part of Selah High School.  We can count on each other.
<b>Purpose and Passion</b> <i>Strive for excellence</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Make choices aligned to your goals.</li> <li>Be open to exploring and intentional in pursuing different avenues to identify or reinforce your purpose.</li> </ul>	We have a clear "why".  We know where we are going.
<b>Be the Best You</b> <i>Leave things better than you found them</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be willing to get outside your comfort zone and take risks.</li> <li>Embrace self-reflection and feedback from others to be better.</li> <li>Do the right thing, especially when it is hard.</li> </ul>	We can do hard things.  We are everyday learners.  We have a strong and valued sense of self.

Student Common Expectations	Staff Common Expectations
<p>These behaviors are the behaviors that are expected from all students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No cell phones in class unless tied to educational purpose directed by the instructor.</li> <li>• Bring your Chromebook charged daily.</li> <li>• Be where you are scheduled to be or follow procedures to be elsewhere.</li> <li>• No disrespectful, defiant or disruptive behavior.</li> <li>• Not following reasonable requests</li> <li>• No Offensive/foul language</li> </ul>	<p>These staff behaviors are essential to ensure consistently across our building:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keep students in in class until the bell rings</li> <li>• If students need to leave class they must have a colored lanyard and sign out via Minga</li> <li>• Don't let kids out of class: first 10 minutes of the period and last ten minutes of the period, be mindful of third period, emergency bathroom only.</li> <li>• Send students that don't belong back to class, even on prep.</li> <li>• Get permission before sending students to another space. (If a student needs to leave class).</li> </ul>

## Common Student and Staff Expectations SCOPE OF DISTRICT'S AUTHORITY

Students, who involve themselves in acts that have a detrimental effect on the maintenance and operation of the school or the school district, to include criminal acts, and/or violations of school rules and regulation may be subject to disciplinary action by the school and prosecution under the law. The rules will be enforced by school officials:

- On school grounds, which includes SHS bus stops, during, and immediately before or immediately after school hours
- On school grounds at any other time when school is being used by a school-affiliated group(s), or for a school activity;
- Off school grounds at a school activity, function, or event;
- Off school grounds if the actions of the student materially or substantially affects or interferes with the educational process; or,
- In school-provided transportation, or any other place while under the authority of school personnel.

In addition to individual rights established by law and district policies, students have the substantive constitutional rights listed in WAC 392-400-215, subject to reasonable limitations upon time, place, and manner of exercising such rights consistent with the maintenance of an orderly and efficient educational process within limitations set by law. See [Board Policy](#) and [Procedure 3240](#) for additional details.

## Searches

A student is subject to search by district staff if reasonable grounds exist to suspect that evidence of a violation of the law or school rules will be uncovered as stated in [RCW 28A.600.230](#). School staff will report a student's suspicious activity to the principal prior to initiating a search, except in emergency situations. A search is required when there are reasonable grounds to suspect a student has a firearm on school grounds, transportation or at school events. [District Policy 3230](#)

Selah School District [Board Policy 3230](#) establishes an expectation where all students shall be free from unreasonable searches of their persons, clothing and other personal property. However, a student is subject to search by school officials if reasonable grounds exist to suspect that the search will yield evidence of a student's violation of the law or school rules governing student conduct.

The school is public domain and desks, cubbies, backpacks, and student possessions may be searched if reasonable suspicion is evident that the student possesses a dangerous weapon, illegal drugs, drug paraphernalia, possible stolen property or improper materials such as pornography, etc.

# STUDENT CONDUCT

## Cell Phones

Cell phones can be brought to school but must remain off or on silent and completely out of view during all class periods and assemblies. Any phone that is out, in use, or in view during these time will be confiscated, logged, and securely held in the resotarive room until the end of the school day, at which point it can be collected by the student upon completion of their "Phone Ticket". Repeat offenders will receive additional behavior supports.

In some instances, teachers will have an activity that requires the use of cell phone technology. If students choose to use their cell phone for any purpose outside of the classroom activity, the phone will be confiscated, logged, and securely held in the office until the end of the school day, at which point it can be collected by the student upon completion of their "Phone Ticket".

### Procedures:

If a student chooses to not follow the SHS Cell Phone Policy, the following steps will occur:

**Step 1:** Teacher provides the student with a non-verbal cue card that lists next steps.

**Step 2:** Student turns in phone to the ISS and gets a Phone Ticket.

- a. To complete the Phone Ticket, the student must revisit the teacher between classes or at the end of the day to complete the following item. If completed, the teacher will then sign the ticket.
- b. Students will use this completed ticket to retrieve their phone from the office at the end of the day.. School Safety Monitor enters Phone Tickets into Skyward as Electronics Referral.
- d. If a student receives repeated Phone Tickets, school administration may require a written phone contract, meeting with parent or guardian, or other behavioral interventions as necessary.

During the first two weeks of the school year, students will receive an initial verbal warning. After that, no initial warning will occur.

## Language

Students are encouraged to verbally express their personal opinions in such a manner and at such times as the language does not disrupt or interfere with the educational process or with the freedom of others to express themselves. The use of obscenities, lewdness, vulgarity, profanity or personal attacks is prohibited. Racial, ethnic or religious slurs, and/or vulgar or lewd language is not allowed. Vulgarity and/or profanity are prohibited on school campus and at school events or activities off campus.

### Procedures:

In the event of a violation, the staff will discreetly meet with the student to provide them with an opportunity to make necessary adjustments. If the student does not comply with the required adjustments or if the violation is so severe, the engagement team and/or administration will be notified to intervene. Additionally, the guardians of the student will be contacted to inform them of the situation and discuss the resulting consequences.

## Closed Campus

All Selah Schools are closed campuses according to [Board Policy 3242](#). Students will remain in the school building from time of arrival until close of school unless officially excused. A student who has left school grounds or go to their car without permission will be considered truant and be assigned disciplinary consequences for this behavior. To help protect students and school property, and to prevent disruptive activity, school officials must know if any persons who are not members of the school staff or student body are in the school building or on the school grounds.

## Dress Code

Selah High School acknowledges the importance of personal appearance. We embrace the values of "Power of We, Purpose and Passion, Be the Best You." We believe that students, in collaboration with their parent(s) or guardian(s), bear primary responsibility for their attire. Our school is dedicated to ensuring that students' clothing choices uphold the well-being and safety of all individuals and foster a positive and inclusive atmosphere. Preserving a beneficial learning environment and prioritizing student safety and well-being are key priorities for the Selah High School. The following guidelines outline our specific expectations for dress during school hours, subject to adjustments based on evolving concerns:

**Dress Code Guidelines:** Certain body parts must be covered at all times. All clothing worn to school, activities, or sponsored events must meet this basic guideline.

In the event of a violation, the staff will discreetly meet with the student to provide them with an opportunity to make necessary adjustments. If the student fails to make the required adjustments, they will be asked to meet with the engagement team, and their parents will be contacted.

Required Wear	May Wear	Dress Code Violations
<p><b>Footwear</b> specific courses may have requirements (Science/PE/CTE for example) - Ask staff for specific class guidelines.</p> <p><b>Pants/Bottoms/Shorts*</b> jeans, pants, skirts, leggings, a dress, shorts, sweats</p> <p><b>Shirt*</b> with fabric in the front, back and the sides under the arms.</p> <p>*Reasonableness will be applied by the administration. Student guardians will be called if student refuses to an adjustment.</p>	<p><b>Shorts/Skirts are OK</b> but underwear, private parts and buttocks cannot be exposed.</p> <p><b>Ripped Jeans are OK</b> but underwear private parts and buttocks cannot be exposed.</p> <p><b>Religious headwear</b></p> <p><b>Hats and Sweatshirts w/hood are OK</b> on face must be visible and staff can ask for this to be removed based on specific scenarios and class requirements (Science/PE/CTE for example)</p> <p><b>Strapless Top OK</b> but must be covered by other clothing such as a sweater, jacket, or flannel. That is worn at all times.</p>	<p><b>No Transparent/See-Through Clothing</b></p> <p><b>No Sagging/Loose Pants/Bottoms/Shorts that expose underwear, or private parts or buttocks.</b></p> <p><b>No clothing or accessories that can be construed as producing any type of physical harm</b> such as spikes, sharp objects, chains, knives, guns, etc...</p> <p><b>No Hate speech, profanity, or pornography.</b></p> <p><b>No Clothing with images or language:</b> drugs, alcohol, illegal substances, sex, or violence, or clothing that creates a hostile or intimidating environment racism or profanity (Confederate flags, swastikas, ect)</p> <p><b>No Gang Related</b> Clothes/Items include (but not limited to): bandanas, gang related numbers, symbols, designs, drawings, letterings, Stacked colors (multiple items of the same color).</p> <p><b>Students that choose to wear any of these items will be required to call home and change immediately.</b></p>

At Selah High School (SHS), our dress code is designed to achieve multiple goals:

- Maintain a safe and secure learning environment in all classrooms and spaces at SHS.
- Allow students the freedom to wear clothing that reflects their personal choice and comfort.
- Ensure that students can express their religious or gender identity through attire without fear of discrimination.
- Prohibit clothing that compromises the safety and security of individuals within SHS.
- Prevent clothing choices that disrupt the normal functioning of the school, hinder the educational process, or infringe upon the rights of others.
- Promote equal treatment and fairness for all students, irrespective of race, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, ethnicity, religion, cultural observance, household income, or body type/size.

By adhering to this dress code, we strive to create an inclusive and respectful environment that fosters learning and mutual respect among all members of the SHS community.

## SAFETY

### Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB)

Selah School District is committed to a safe and civil educational environment for all students, employees, volunteers and patrons, free from harassment, intimidation, or bullying. In accordance with [Board Policy 3207](#) and [Procedure 3207](#), all reports of bullying, harassment, and/or intimidation will be taken seriously and investigated.

If a student feels that they have been subjected to harassment, intimidation, or bullying, the student should report the incident immediately to a staff member. At any time, a student or their parent/guardian may submit a formal complaint regarding harassment, intimidation, or bullying using [Procedure 3207](#) (see page 9). Formal complaints are submitted to the building principal.

Harassment, intimidation or bullying can take many forms including, but not limited to, slurs, rumors, jokes, innuendoes, demeaning comments, drawings, cartoons, pranks, gestures, physical attacks, threats or other written, oral, physical or electronically transmitted messages or images.

[Board Policy 3207](#) is not intended to prohibit expression of religious, philosophical, or political views, provided that the expression does not substantially disrupt the educational environment. Many behaviors that do not rise to the level of harassment, intimidation or bullying may still be prohibited by other district policies or building, classroom or program rules.

The District's prohibition of harassment, intimidation, and bullying shall apply:

- On school District property at any time;
- Off school District property at any school activity, function, or event
- Off school District property if the actions of the student materially or substantially effect the education process and/or student attendance at school

Selah High School offers an anonymous referral service to all our students. Should a student feel compelled to share a safety concern of any kind, they should utilize our STOPit app.

### **SEE Something, Say Something**

We are safer when we all work together. Visit our STOPit website at <https://www.selahschools.org/Page/1946>

# STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

## Academic Integrity

Students shall not attempt to earn credit or receive a grade for coursework in a manner other than what has been deemed acceptable by each instructor. Actions constituting a violation of this academic integrity policy include, but are not limited to:

- *Academic Misconduct*: Tampering with grades, obtaining or distributing any part of a test;
- *Cheating*: Use, or attempted use, of unauthorized materials; deceit; misrepresentation of skills, copying;
- *Collusion*: Assisting another student in an act of academic dishonesty; payment; bribes;
- *Distribution of Class Assignments or Test Information*: Written or verbal; sharing the content of an exam;
- *Plagiarism*: The use of another's words ideas, data, or product without permission and/or citation; ●  
*Unauthorized Collaboration*: Working with others without the specific permission of the instructor; ●  
*Technology/Malpractice*: Any misuse of private or public technology to acquire an advantage.

*The consequences for these behaviors will be as follows:*

- **1<sup>st</sup> Offense** – Zero on the assignment with alternate assessment assigned. Parent contact and office referral submitted by teacher.
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Offense** – Zero on the assignment and no alternate assessment provided. Office referral submitted by teacher. Parent contact by administrator along with additional restorative practices assigned.
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Offense** – Student goes before a principal designated board to determine next steps and appropriate action.

## Fines and Fees

Fines and fees must be paid-in-full in order to participate in dances or other school activities, order transcripts, and receive your diploma.

## Hall Passes

For safety reasons, students are expected to sign out of class using the Minga APP and they are expected to have a lanyard on anytime they are outside of their classroom.

## Computer Use

All students are provided access to computer systems, email, and filtered internet for educational purposes. These resources also provide an opportunity to promote positive digital citizenship for students. Expectations for student's behavior online are no different than face-to-face interactions. Information Technology notifies SHS administrators and families if/when a student's online behavior is flagged.

## Library

Our library is open before and after school and during lunches for students to access technology, check out books, and have an academic space in which to work. All students present in the library during the school day must have teacher permission, arrive with a pass, and must check in at the front desk of the library before beginning their academic work.

## Dances

Students wishing to bring a guest to school sponsored dances must complete and submit the form for approval prior to the close of the school day the Wednesday prior to the dance. Guest passes will be allowed only for those dances expressly designated by the ASB as guest dances. All students and guests must be prepared to identify themselves as SHS students or approved "guests" by presenting photo identification or risk being denied entrance. Passes will only be granted to persons under the age of 21 and 9th grade and above. Students may be asked to submit to a breathalyzer test prior to entry and exit. Those unwilling to comply will be denied entry and may be referred to law enforcement. Students are expected to follow all school policies while at dances. Dancing should be appropriate. Students may be asked to leave on the first offense for inappropriate behavior and will not receive a ticket refund.

## Parking on Campus

The school assumes no responsibility for student vehicles. Both student parking lots (upper and lower) as SSD property and are subject to searches by school personnel, same as a student's bag or locker. Students should remember that parking at school is a privilege, and students with continuing and/or escalating discipline issues may lose their ability to park on campus.

## Use of Motor Vehicles on Campus

Students are expected to drive and operate motor vehicles in a safe and responsible manner at all times while on campus. The campus speed limit is 5 MPH. The safety of the driver and all persons in the area is of extreme importance. Students are expected to use good judgment in operating a motor vehicle and to avoid any situation that would endanger themselves or others. Reckless or unsafe motor vehicle operation will result in loss of driving/parking privileges on campus.

## Parking Lot/Cars During School Hours

Students are **NOT** to visit cars or be in the parking lot during the school day. Cars are not to be used as lockers for books and equipment storage during the school day. Once parked, cars are not to be re-entered until the student is ready to leave campus. Student must check out of the front office if they are to go to their cars during the school day. Students are not to loiter in the parking lots at any time. Students who have an approved reason to leave campus during the school day should enter their cars and leave the parking lot promptly. Parking violations are to be reported to campus security or SPD. The school reserves the right to have vehicles impounded for safety reasons.

## Possible Removal of Parking Privileges or Referral to Law Enforcement

- Speeding
- Reckless driving
- Vehicular endangerment
- Excessive violations
- Illegal possession of drugs or weapons