



GUNTERSVILLE

HIGH SCHOOL

"The Model of Excellence in Academics, Athletics, and the Arts"

Student in Good Standing Policy

Purpose

To encourage a student who finds it difficult to follow rules, procedures, or timelines to change and or improve in all aspects of his or her life. To give a student an opportunity to define his or her purpose and reasons for pursuing an education, recommit his or her effort for learning, and make the connection between good habits and future success.

Philosophy

Guntersville High School recognizes that a student needs advice, counseling, and encouragement to set realistic educational goals and may also need incentives to change. GHS is committed to providing these opportunities to build the character, values, and self-confidence for every student who genuinely wants to improve his or her situation.

The student must realize that success ultimately occurs as a result of making the right choices and good decisions, developing cooperative and positive relationships with others, and focusing on obtaining purposeful and meaningful goals.

Loss of Good Standing Status

Every student begins with his or her Good Standing intact. The student's loss of Good Standing occurs when his or her actions or behaviors fall into three main categories:

1. Discipline

- a. Written up for continued failure to do work in class or zero period
(1st- Parents contacted / 2nd- Meeting with Administration / 3rd- Write Up)
- b. Assigned In-School Suspension (ISS)
- c. Suspended out of School
- d. Assigned to the Alternative School

2. Punctuality/Attendance

- a. Accumulates five (5) or more unexcused absences in a school year
- b. Accumulates five (5) or more unexcused tardies in a semester

Unexcused Tardy - Arriving to school anytime after 7:40

- c. Skipping of any kind
- 3. Outstanding Debt
 - a. Owes GHS money or anything of monetary value

Privileges Denied as a result of Loss of Good Standing Status

- Parking on Campus
- Checking out of school without a parent/guardian physically coming to the office to check the student out
- All athletic/extracurricular/Club participation and attendance to events including, but not limited to, Field Trips, Pep Rallies, Senior Activities, Prom, etc. (Note: Good Standing Status must be regained by February 28th in order to attend Prom)
- A Senior who accumulates seven (7) unexcused absences will not be allowed to walk in graduation ceremonies per the Board Approved Student Handbook
- School-wide elections and honors such as, but not limited to, class office, club or organization office, class favorite, team captain, homecoming court, student of the month, etc.
- The student may not be allowed to leave the classroom during the instructional period without an escort. This will be determined by the administrative committee
- Upon the accumulation of 10 consecutive or 15 Unexcused Absences, a letter WILL be sent to the Alabama Department of Motor Vehicles stating that you are not a student in good standing and they WILL revoke your driver's license

Procedure to Regain Good Standing

It is the student's responsibility to take the initiative to secure and fulfill the requirements of this opportunity. The student will meet with an administrative committee who will outline specific requirements, set the conditions and standards for success, and determine if the student has met the requirements in order for privileges to be reinstated. Requirements will be assigned on a case by case basis with considerations given to the category in which the negative actions or behavior falls and the severity of said actions and behaviors. A student with school debt and an otherwise outstanding history of behavior will not be treated the same as a student with a history of misbehavior. The minimum requirements for reinstatement in each category are:

- 1. Discipline / Punctuality / Attendance
 - a. Complete the Student in Good Standing Contract and acquire parent signature
 - b. Complete Student Self-Assessment and generate an Individual Mission Statement
 - i. A Plan of Action will be discussed to attain goals
 - ii. Specific Requirements / Time frame to regain Good Standing will be outlined

- iii. Progress will be monitored
- 2. Outstanding Debt
 - a. Before losing Good Standing, a deadline will be established to clear the debt
 - i. Parent signature is required
 - b. If the deadline passes without the clearance of debt, the student will lose Good Standing
 - c. Good Standing will be regained immediately upon the clearance of debt

*Should a student continue to make wrong choices and poor decisions and/or display contrary behavior, denial of privileges will be extended to at least double the original time to be determined by the Administrative Committee (This includes breaking the Good Standing Contract by participating in a denied activity).

*If a student loses Good Standing in May or fails to regain his or her Good Standing before school ends, he or she will begin the next school year without Good Standing for a minimum of three (3) weeks. The process to regain, as stated above, will start over.

I understand that I have lost Good Standing at Guntersville High School. I understand the process and the deadlines for regaining my Good Standing. Furthermore, I understand that future poor choices and decisions will result in more severe consequences. Not adhering to the policy above by trying to participate in privileges now denied will result in more severe consequences. I have received all the paperwork required to be signed and know the deadlines to return them.

Return this form by:_____ Return all other forms by:_____

Student Signature:_____

Parent Signature:_____

Admin Signature:_____ Today's Date:_____