

2024-2025
MADISON HIGH SCHOOL HANDBOOK

“Students Are The Reason Madison School Exists”

Our Mission: Madison School in cooperation with our community will empower each student to develop his or her full potential to be successful in an ever-changing world.

Our Vision: Developing individual excellence through rigor, innovation, and personal attention.

FORWARD

This handbook has been prepared to acquaint the student body with expectations, regulations, activities, courses of study, and suggestions intended to aid every student in making the most of his/her school career. The material in this handbook is an outgrowth of the need for the school to operate in an efficient manner through the use of reasonable policies, and understandable rules of behavior. All students are expected to familiarize themselves with and abide by the provisions in this handbook. The District’s Board of Education has developed a comprehensive set of policies, available on the District’s website. Students and parents are also bound by Board Policies.

In order to utilize this guide in the best way, read the handbook, ask questions concerning it, make suggestions to your student council, teachers, counselors, and administrators, and keep it on hand for reference. By so doing, you will have a voice in shaping Madison School NOW, and in the future.

ANNUAL FERPA STATEMENT

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a federal law that affords parents the right to have access to their children’s education records, the right to seek to have the records amended, and the right to consent to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from education records, except as provided by law.

When a student turns 18 years old, or enters a postsecondary institution at any age, the rights under FERPA transfer from the parents to the student (“eligible student”).

WELCOME

We want to extend to you a cordial welcome to Madison High School. Education is one of the most important ingredients in your life. We feel confident that you will want to make the best possible use of your educational opportunities so that you will become a responsible, active citizen in our school community.

Our offices are open to each and every one of you, and we hope you will feel free to ask us, or any of the staff members, for help at any time. In so doing, we hope you will prosper and grow in knowledge.

Kristin E. Thomas
Principal

Kristin Girbach
Assistant Principal

STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

The Board of Education of the Madison Public Schools recognizes that proper student conduct is essential in all programs and activities of the school. Proper conduct is essential (1) to develop and maintain a healthy teaching/learning environment in the classroom, (2) to develop and maintain those conditions necessary for an orderly, safe, and efficient operation of the school and the school program, and (3) as a teaching tool, illustrating the fact that orderly conduct is a prerequisite to cooperative and productive participation in adult life.

In order to ensure each student's right to educational opportunities in the school system, various policies, rules, and regulations governing student conduct and discipline have been developed. It is the responsibility of the student to be aware of those specific regulations and interpretations.

Discipline is the joint responsibility of students, parents, and the school. When a student is apprehended for violation of a school regulation, the support and cooperation of both student and parent is essential to the school in disciplinary measures taken. The school is charged with the responsibility of administering a discipline that is educational, rehabilitative, reasonable, fair, and that takes into account individual student rights as an inherent tenet of democracy. The school shall keep a confidential written record of student misconduct and the disposition deemed appropriate.

It is not the purpose of this school district to provide educational services to students guilty of gross misconduct or persistent disobedience. Students unable or unwilling to conform to these policies, rules, and regulations may be suspended or expelled.

It is the purpose of this handbook to outline those general rules and regulations, which if violated, may lead to some form of disciplinary action, up to and including, expulsion from school.

Provisions of the handbook are in effect, unless the Principal approves specific exemptions, for any student who is on school premises, in a school-related vehicle, at a school sponsored activity, or whose conduct at any time or place directly interferes with the operations, discipline, or general welfare of the school.

SCHOOL ACCREDITATION

Madison High School is accredited by AdvacedED.

Madison High School has met Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) Requirements as established by the Every Student Succeeds Act in December of 2015

OPEN MESSAGE TO THE STUDENT BODY

We at Madison Schools learn to discipline ourselves and follow the Golden Rule: “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.” If we do this, there will be little need, if any, for disciplinary measures. Our goal is to excel at whatever we do. We must first respect ourselves and then others will respect us too.

Our teachers hold the key to our future and are here to prepare us today to meet the challenges in the world of tomorrow. When we fail to conform by listening, concentrating, observing, inquiring, responding, and cooperating, we become short changed and will fail to meet the requirements that society expects from us. When we fail to obey the rules and regulations, we must and will have to face the consequences.

We all make mistakes at times. However, there is a way in which to correct those mistakes by having an honest, apologetic attitude with your teachers and peers. This will make all the difference in the world as you learn to grow in today’s society and tomorrow’s world. What really counts is a desire to improve and show visible proof of that improvement as we strive toward excellence.

We all should be proud of our school. Madison is a pleasant place to learn and grow together. The group most responsible for this is the student body. As students of Madison High School, we must have high expectations of our peers and ourselves. No one will be allowed to threaten our pleasant learning environment unless we let him or her by standing idly by or by saying nothing when we know something is not right.

Together, let’s make this school year a success. Everyone can be successful if they attend class regularly, on time, and consistently do the best work they can each day. Choose to be successful.

ATTENDANCE

State law requires that children attend school from the age 6 until age 18 unless a specific legal exception applies. The District has imposed additional attendance requirements for its students in order to maintain academic standards for earning credit.

Student grades in all classes will include 10% attendance/participation. For purposes of determining the attendance/participation grade school related absences will not affect a student's score. In certain circumstances, such as when a student's disability or unique health needs prevent regular attendance, this requirement may be waived. Consecutive days missed that are from the "exempted category" will be blocked as one absence when calculating a student's attendance/participation grade.

1. An attempt will be made by the attendance office to call parents each day a student is absent.
2. If the absence problem continues, a conference (or home visit) will be called with the student, parent, and principal.
3. If the problem persists the Lenawee Intermediate School District Truancy Prevention Specialist will be contacted.

TYPES OF ABSENCES

1. **Countable Absence** (*count towards attendance policy*)
 - personal illness
 - leaving school without signing out
 - excusable parent request of absence including pre arranged absences

****Note:** Absences that are prearranged or excused by the parent still count towards the total number of days allowed by the attendance policy.

2. **Non-Countable Absences** (*do not count towards attendance policy*)
 - funeral
 - school related activity
 - doctor or dentist appointments
 - doctor ordered/Health Department ordered illness, injury, or hospitalization requiring absence from school
 - special orthodontic or medical situations that are ongoing and school time injury requiring hospital or doctor care Suspension (does not count toward attendance policy)
 - Suspensions (In-School and Out-of-School)

Students suspended out-of-school are responsible for obtaining their assignment(s) from a peer (study buddy) and turn the work in upon return.

****Note: Verification for medical, doctor ordered absence, orthodontic appointments, or other special reasons should be submitted to the office.**

****Tardy Policy:** Students arriving up to 10 minutes late to a class period will be marked tardy.

****Students that miss more than 10 minutes of a class period will be marked absent****

Three Tardies = 1 absence (countable towards attendance policy)

Reason for absence:	Countable Towards Attendance Policy	Not Countable Towards Attendance Policy
Parent request for absence	X	
Pre-arranged absence	X	
Funeral		X
Personal illness	X	
Doctor/dentist/counseling appointment		X
Required absence by doctor/Health Department		X
Hospitalization		X
Verified ongoing orthodontic		X
Verified Ongoing medical		X
Out-of-school suspension		X
School related absence		X
Truant/Unexcused Absence	X	

REGULATIONS CONCERNING ABSENCES

When students are absent from school a parent/guardian must do one of the following:

- a. Call the office at 263-0742 the day of the absence or the day that a student returns to school after an absence, by 7:45 a.m.
- b. Send a note with the student when the student returns to school.

**Absences not reported within the provisions outlined above will be unexcused and considered as truancy.

When a student returns to school after an absence, he/she must report to the office to receive admittance "blue slip."

Once a student has accumulated seven (7) or more absences for any non-school related reason (7 or more countable absences), he/she must:

1. Earn a passing grade for the Trimester (60% or higher)
2. Must pass the final trimester exam (60% or higher)

Both 1 and 2 must be achieved for the student to earn credit for the course.

Once a student accumulates ten (10) countable absences, the student will be required to achieve at least a C+ (78% or higher) on the final exam to earn credit (CR). Students who have 10 or more countable absences in a course, will not receive a passing letter grade on their transcript, but will retain credit if they achieve a 78% or higher on the trimester final.

After 5 countable absences in a class during a trimester, the student and parent will be notified via an attendance letter and alert. Only one letter alerting families of excessive absences will be sent per trimester. Once the letter has been received, it is the responsibility of the student and family to stay informed as to the number of absences they have accumulated.

After 7 countable absences in a class during a trimester, the student and parent will be notified via an alert. This notification will outline the requirements for obtaining credit in a student's course in which they have accumulated 7 or more countable absences.

After 12 Countable absences in a class during a trimester or after reaching 10 countable absences for a second time in a school year, a truancy meeting with administration and family will be held. The goal will be to address the root cause of the absences, offer academic or other supports, and develop an attendance agreement. A plan of action will be agreed upon and if the expectations are not met, a referral to the Lenawee County Truancy Specialist will be made.

**A student who misses ten or more minutes at any time during a class period will incur an absence.

SIGN OUT POLICY

Madison Schools maintains a Closed Campus Policy. The Closed Campus Policy is in effect from the moment a student arrives on campus and extends through the end of the school day. Students are expected to call home and get permission from their parent/guardian before the school will grant an excused sign out. Someone from the office must personally speak to the parent/guardian. If a parent cannot be reached, an adult listed on the student's emergency card may grant permission for the student to leave school. Students leaving school without a proper sign out will be considered to be leaving the building/campus without proper authorization and will receive the appropriate consequence. If questions arise as to the validity of a student's sign out request, the burden of proof will be on the student.

UNEXCUSED ABSENCE/LEAVING AN AREA OF ASSIGNMENT

Students unexcused from class(es) or leaving an area of assignment (leaving class, gym, dining room, etc.) without proper authorization will be assigned detention, leading up to suspension if necessary.

First Offense - Long Detention

Second Offense – 1 day Suspension.

Third Offense - 3 day Suspension

Upon arriving on school grounds no student should leave the school without properly signing out. A student that leaves the building/campus without properly signing out will be dealt with more severely.

Parking lots are off limits to students during the school day, unless a staff member has granted permission.

First Offense: 2 long detentions.

Second Offense: 1 day suspension/Parent must meet with the Principal before the child is permitted to return to class.

Third Offense: 2 day Suspension

STUDENTS COMING LATE TO SCHOOL

A student late to school must report directly to the office and obtain a pass. The student should have an excuse, either written or phoned in by a parent/guardian. Students late to school will not be allowed to interrupt classroom learning.

INCOMPLETE AND MAKE-UP WORK

Students have time equal to their excused absences to make up work. At a maximum, this time may not extend beyond five (5) school days following the end of that trimester. NO credit is earned if incomplete work is not made up in that time period. Any exception to this must be approved prior to the end of the trimester by the administration. If a student misses an announced or regularly scheduled test, the student must make it up on the day the student returns to school. Pre-assigned work is due on the pre-announced day, unless other arrangements have been made with the teacher. This would normally concern long term projects, notebooks, term papers, etc., that would be due in to the teacher five (5) school days or more after being assigned.

HALLWAY PASSES

Students are expected to utilize passing time efficiently and report to class in a timely manner. It is expected that students use their passing time to prepare for the next class period. When the two-minute warning music is played, students should be in their area of assignment or making their way to class. Loitering in the hallways is not acceptable.

1. Students requesting their tardy be excused must obtain a pass from a staff member. Ultimately, the only person that can excuse your presence from a class is the office or the teacher of the class you are expected to report to. (Area of Assignment)
2. All students are expected to carry a pass with them when out of the classroom. This is the responsibility of the classroom teacher.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Students who become ill or injured during the school day should report to the office. First aid supplies are available in the office, in the gym, and on each school bus.

****Information regarding the dispensing of student medication(s) is located in the HS office.**

Board Policies on the administration of medication, health care needs, and epinephrine auto-injectors are on the District's website

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Any student or groups of students involved in any after school activity shall have a chaperone or sponsor present at all times. Students not involved in after school activities shall leave the building when school is over (2:40 p.m.). For safety reasons, the school will be locked down at 5:00 p.m. or shortly after any nightly events. Students will not be permitted to loiter in the hallways after school hours. **All students in the building that are not participating in a supervised activity will be required to be outside of the building Students that do not comply will be subject to disciplinary action.**

SOME SUCCESSFUL STUDENT HINTS

Student “make up” work is the student’s responsibility!

If a student will be absent with “prior knowledge” (such as for vacations, medical appointments, sport related activities, college visits,...) you must make prior arrangements with the teacher for assignments, notes, and other class responsibilities.

If a student is absent without prior knowledge (such as sudden illness or death in the family...) the student must see the teacher for assignment(s) immediately upon return to school.

If a student is absent the day of a test the student must make up the test immediately upon return to class!

Students are strongly encouraged to exchange telephone numbers with 2 or 3 classmates so the student can contact them regarding assignments, notes, or HELP!

MERIT SYSTEM

Students that meet all of the following criteria will be rewarded at the end of the first, second, and third trimesters. To qualify for the reward, students must meet the following criteria:

- (a) No more than three countable absences in a class for the trimester.
- (b) A grade of a C- or better for all classes.
- (c) No more than four days of *assigned* CAP
- (d) No more than one MAJOR Behavior Tracking Ticket/bus referral for the trimester.
- (e) Earning no in-school or out-of-school suspensions.

The ultimate goal is to qualify for the end-of-year trip. To earn the year-end trip a student must have qualified for at least one merit reward during the 1st & 2nd trimester and meet the criteria listed above. Furthermore, he/she must have received a C- or better in all classes on the third trimester progress report.

***Students that have not qualified for the end-of-the-year trip, but choose to attend the event will be considered insubordinate.**

CODE OF CONDUCT

Students at Madison are expected to use reasonable behavior and to show respect to themselves and others so that teachers can teach and students can learn. Madison students are also expected to respect school property in order to maintain a pleasing and pleasant environment in which to learn. The following school rules and consequences have been established for the student body to ensure student conduct conducive to an orderly educational environment. The behaviors outlined below are not intended to be comprehensive but rather illustrative in nature. A violation of these regulations may be deemed a serious offense by the administration and justify an immediate referral for expulsion. Any offense beyond a third offense will be dealt with at the principal’s discretion.

Provisions of the handbook are in effect, unless the Principal approves specific exemptions, for any student who is on school premises, on a school-related vehicle, at a school-sponsored activity, or whose conduct at any time or place directly interferes with the operations, discipline, or general welfare of the school.

DUE PROCESS RIGHTS

The District recognizes the importance of safeguarding a student's constitutional rights, particularly when subject to the District's disciplinary procedures. To better ensure appropriate due-process is provided a student, the District's Board of Education has established the following guidelines:

Students subject to short-term suspension:

Except when emergency removal is warranted, a student must be given oral or written notice of the charges against him/her and the opportunity to respond prior to the implementation of a suspension. When emergency removal has been implemented, notice and opportunity to respond shall occur as soon as reasonably possible. The principal or other designated administrator shall provide the opportunity to be heard and shall be responsible for making the suspension decision. An appeal may be addressed to the Superintendent whose decision will be final.

Students subject to long-term suspension and expulsion:

A student and his/her parent or guardian must be given written notice of the intention to suspend or expel and the reasons therefore, and an opportunity to appear with a representative before the Board to answer the charges. The student and/or his/her guardian must also be provided a brief description of the student's rights and of the hearing procedure, a list of the witnesses who will provide testimony to the Board, and a summary of the facts to which the witnesses will testify. At the student's request, the hearing may be private, but the Board must act publicly.

SUSPENSION/EXPULSION

Before suspending or expelling a student from school, District administration will consider the following factors (referred to throughout this document as "the factors" or "the legally-required factors"):

- (a) The student's age.
- (b) The student's disciplinary history.
- (c) Whether the student is a student with a disability.
- (d) The seriousness of the violation or behavior committed by the student.
- (e) Whether the violation or behavior committed by the student threatened the safety of any student or staff member.
- (f) Whether restorative practices will be used to address the violation or behavior committed by the student.
- (g) Whether a lesser intervention would properly address the violation or behavior committed by the student.

The District retains sole discretion in determining how these factors will be considered with respect to student discipline.

ACADEMIC CONDUCT/ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

All students are expected to practice and uphold standards of academic integrity and honesty. Students must assume that individual work on exams, reports, and documentation of sources is expected unless the teacher specifically says that it is not necessary. Plagiarism or any act of academic dishonesty will result in the following consequences.

First Offense: No credit. 1 long detention

Second Offense: No credit. 2 long detentions

Third Offense: No credit. 1 day suspension

BULLYING AND OTHER AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOR TOWARD STUDENTS

It is the policy of the District to provide a safe and nurturing educational environment for all of its students. This policy protects all students from bullying/aggressive behavior regardless of the subject matter or motivation for such impermissible behavior.

Bullying or other aggressive behavior toward a student, whether by other students, staff, or third parties, including Board members, parents, guests, contractors, vendors, and volunteers, is strictly prohibited. This prohibition includes written, physical, verbal, and psychological abuse, including hazing, gestures, comments, threats, or actions to a student, which cause or threaten to cause bodily harm, reasonable fear for personal safety or personal degradation. School administration is in a position to take comments at face value. Such comments will not be dismissed as merely a “joke”.

Demonstration of appropriate behavior, treating others with civility and respect, and refusing to tolerate harassment or bullying is expected of administrators, faculty, staff, and volunteers to provide positive examples for student behavior.

This policy applies to all “at school” activities in the District, including activities on school property, in a school vehicle, and those occurring off school property if the student or employee is at any school-sponsored, school-approved, or school-related activity or function, such as field trips or athletic events where students are under the school’s control, or where an employee is engaged in school business. Misconduct occurring outside of school may also be disciplined if it interferes with the school environment.

NOTIFICATION

Parents or legal guardians of the alleged victim(s), as well as of the alleged aggressor(s), shall be promptly notified of any complaint or investigation as well as the results of the investigation to the extent consistent with student confidentiality requirements. A record of the time and form of notice or attempts at notice shall be kept in the investigation file.

To the extent appropriate and/or legally permitted, **confidentiality** will be maintained during the investigation process. However, a proper investigation will, in some circumstances, require the disclosure of names and allegation. Further, the appropriate authorities may be notified, depending on the nature of the complaint and/or the results of the investigation

PROCEDURE

Any student who believes s/he has been or is the victim of bullying, hazing, or other aggressive behavior should immediately report the situation to the Principal or Assistant Principal. The student may also report concerns to a teacher or counselor who will be responsible for notifying the appropriate administrator or Board official. Complaints against the building principal should be filed with the Superintendent. Complaints against the superintendent should be filed with the Board President. The student may submit the report in writing, by telephone, or in person. The reporting student should provide the name of the person(s) whom s/he believes to be responsible for the inappropriate behavior and the nature of that behavior.

Every student is encouraged to report any situation that they believe to be aggressive behavior directed toward a student. Formal disciplinary action may not be taken solely on the basis of an anonymous report.

All students are encouraged to reflect on the importance of being a good bystander and reference both Appendix A and Appendix B for tips on how to effectively deal with aggression.

The Principal shall promptly investigate and document all complaints about bullying, aggressive or other behavior that may violate this policy. The investigation must be completed as promptly as the circumstances permit after a report or complaint is made. If the investigation finds an instance of bullying or aggressive behavior has occurred, it will result in prompt and appropriate remedial action. This may include up to expulsion. Individuals may also be referred to law enforcement or other appropriate officials.

NON-RETALIATION/FALSE REPORTS

Retaliation or false allegations against any person who reports, is thought to have reported, files a complaint, participates in an investigation or inquiry concerning allegations of bullying or aggressive behavior (as a witness or otherwise), or is the target of the bullying or aggressive behavior being investigated, is prohibited and will not be tolerated. Such retaliation shall be considered a serious violation of Board policy, independent of whether a complaint of bullying is substantiated. Suspected retaliation should be reported in the same manner as bullying/aggressive behavior.

Making intentionally false reports about bullying/aggressive behavior for the purpose of getting someone in trouble is similarly prohibited and will not be tolerated. Retaliation and intentionally false reports may result in disciplinary action as indicated above.

DEFINITIONS

The following definitions are provided for guidance only. If a student or other individual believes there has been bullying, hazing, harassment or other aggressive behavior, regardless of whether it fits a particular definition, s/he should report it immediately and allow the administration to determine the appropriate course of action.

“Aggressive behavior” is defined as inappropriate conduct that is repeated enough, or serious enough to negatively impact a student’s educational, physical, or emotional well-being. Such behavior includes, for example, bullying, hazing, stalking, intimidation, menacing, coercion, name-calling, taunting, making threats, and hitting/pushing/shoving.

“At School” is defined as in a classroom, elsewhere on school premises, on a school bus or other school related vehicle, or at a school-sponsored activity or event whether or not it is held on school premises. It also includes conduct using a telecommunications access device or telecommunications service provider that occurs off school premises if either owned by or under the control of the District.

“Bullying” is defined as any gesture or written, verbal, graphic, or physical act (including electronically transmitted acts – i.e. internet, telephone, or cell phone, personal digital assistant (PDA), or wireless handheld device) that, without regard to its subject matter or motivating animus, is intended or that a reasonable person would know is likely to harm one (1) or more students either directly or indirectly by doing any of the following:

- A. Substantially interfering with educational opportunities, benefits, or programs of one (1) or more students;
- B. Adversely affecting the ability of a student to participate in or benefit from the school district’s educational programs or activities by placing the student in reasonable fear of physical harm or by causing substantial emotional distress;
- C. Having an actual and substantial detrimental effect on a student’s physical or mental health; and/or
- D. Causing substantial disruption in, or substantial interference with, the orderly operation of the school.

Bullying can be physical, verbal, psychological, or a combination of all three. Some examples of bullying are:

- A. Physical – hitting, kicking, spitting, pushing, pulling; taking and/or damaging personal belongings or extorting money, blocking or impeding student movement, unwelcome physical contact.
- B. Verbal – taunting, malicious teasing, insulting, name calling, making threats.
- C. Psychological – spreading rumors, manipulating social relationships, coercion, or engaging in social exclusion/shunning, extortion, or intimidation. This may occur in a number of different ways, including but not limited to notes, emails, social media postings, and graffiti.

“Cyberbullying” is defined as any electronic communication that is intended or that a reasonable person would know is likely to harm one or more pupils either directly or indirectly by doing any of the following:

- A. Substantially interfering with educational opportunities, benefits, or programs of one or more pupils.
- B. Adversely affecting the ability of a pupil to participate in or benefit from the school district’s or public school’s educational programs or activities by placing the pupil in reasonable fear of physical harm or by causing substantial emotional distress.
- C. Having an actual and substantial detrimental effect on a pupil’s physical or mental health.
- D. Causing substantial disruption in, or substantial interference with, the orderly operation of the school.

“Harassment” includes, but is not limited to, any act which subjects an individual or group to unwanted, abusive behavior of a nonverbal, verbal, written or physical nature, often on the basis of age, race, religion, color, national origin, marital status or disability, but may also include sexual orientation, physical characteristics (e.g., height, weight, complexion), cultural background, socioeconomic status, or geographic location (e.g., from rival school, different state, rural area, city, etc.).

“Intimidation/Menacing” includes, but is not limited to, any threat or act intended to: place a person in fear of physical injury or offensive physical contact; to substantially damage or interfere with person’s property; or to intentionally interfere with or block a person’s movement without good reason.

ANTI-HARASSMENT

Discriminatory harassment based on race, color, national origin, sex (including sexual orientation and transgender identity), disability, age (except as authorized by law), religion, height, weight, marital or family status, military status, ancestry, or genetic information (collectively, "Protected Classes") that are protected by Federal civil rights laws (hereinafter referred to as unlawful harassment), is prohibited. This prohibition will be vigorously enforced. The District encourages students who believe they have been harassed to seek assistance to rectify such problems. The District will investigate all allegations of unlawful harassment and in those cases where unlawful harassment is substantiated, the District will take immediate steps to end the harassment, prevent its recurrence, and remedy its effects. Individuals who are found to have engaged in unlawful harassment will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

If a student believes that he or she is the victim of harassment, the student should immediately report the harassment to: The Superintendent of Schools

CLASSROOM BEHAVIOR

Students are to respect their teachers/media director and comply with established classroom/library rules. In addition, substitute teachers should be treated with the same respect as the classroom teacher and students will continue to abide by the classroom/library expectations. Students that choose not to be respectful or to follow classroom/library rules will result in teachers/media director taking corrective measures. Such measures include, but are not limited to, imposing detention, revoking privileges, enlisting parental assistance, and referral of students to the administration.

Students will receive a copy of classroom guidelines and rules at the beginning of each course. **Teachers may require a copy of their classroom guidelines and rules to be signed by the parent/guardian and returned as acknowledgment to the receipt of said documents.**

CELL PHONES/WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICES

In order to maintain a learning environment that is safe and optimal for student performance, all wireless communication devices/cell phones are prohibited from student use during school hours. School telephones are available in every classroom, as well as, the office. In addition, messages can be left for students in the office throughout the school day.

The consequences for using a cell phone/wireless communication device during school hours are as follows:

First Offense: Cell Phone/ Wireless Communication device will be confiscated and locked in the HS Office until the student serves a long detention.

Once detention has been served, the device will be returned to the student.

Second Offense :Cell Phone/Wireless Communication device will be confiscated and locked in the HS Office until the student serves a long detention.

Once detention has been served, the device will be returned only to the student's parent/guardian.

Third Offense:1 day suspension

****Note: Refusing to turn over a cell phone when asked to by a staff member will be considered insubordinate and result in up to a 3-day suspension.**

CRIMINAL ACTS

A student's commission of, or participation in, any act prohibited by federal or state law or local ordinance also violates this Student Code of Conduct when such act affects the safe and orderly operation of the school, including but not limited to acts committed on school property, on school transportation, or otherwise related to any school program, function, or activity. School officials may take disciplinary action regardless of whether a criminal charge results.

DANGEROUS ITEMS

Students having dangerous items in their possession in school or on the school grounds, at school activities, or en route to or from school on a school bus will have the dangerous object taken away from them and the student will be sent to the principal. Dangerous items include chains, firecrackers, vials of chemicals (such as "stink bombs"), paint balls, CO2 cartridges, and any harmful materials or sharp objects.

Students violating this provision of the student code of conduct will be subject to discipline commensurate with the offense and the degree of harm caused, up to and including expulsion from school.

The District reserves the right to report to the local law enforcement agency when students have any of the above-mentioned dangerous items.

DINING ROOM BEHAVIOR

Students are expected to respect the kitchen workers and the dining room supervisors. Lack of respect will not be tolerated.

Students eating hot lunch should be quiet while going through the dining room line. Pushing, cutting in line, running, throwing food, general horseplay and being disrespectful will result in disciplinary action at the discretion of the principal ranging from:

- Cleaning the tables and floors
- Short/Long Detention
- Suspension for serious or repeat offenders

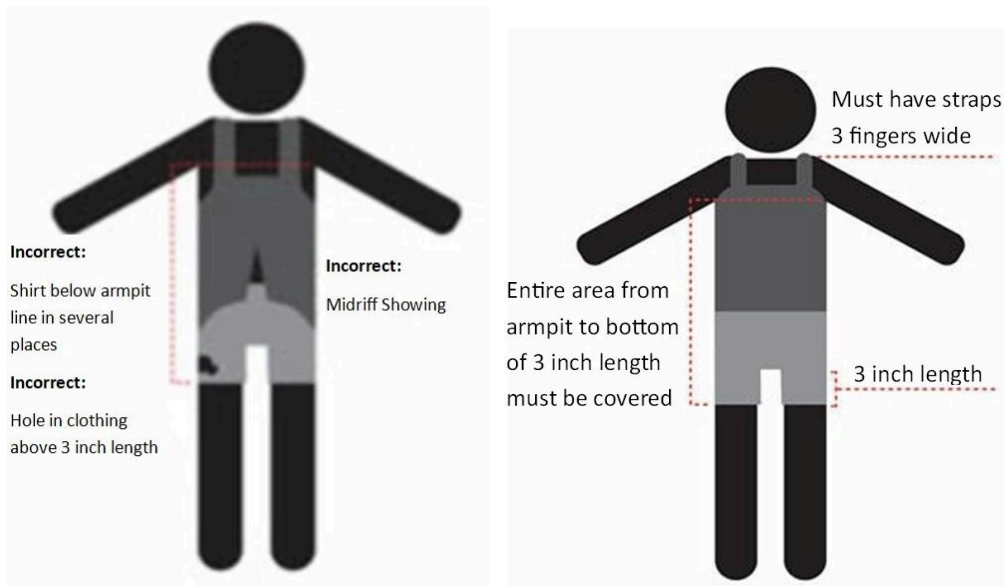
DISRUPTIVE CONDUCT

Conduct that substantially interferes with the educational process is prohibited and will subject the student to appropriate disciplinary consequences.

DRESS CODE

Students should dress for success. If students are to have an appropriate environment in which to learn and if parents and visitors are to have a favorable impression of our school, it is important that our students and staff dress in a manner that indicates their respect for one another and their appreciation that school is a place for work. The school Principal or Designee will be the final judge about whether a student's clothing is appropriate for school.

1. Students shall not wear distracting and/or inappropriate clothing, such as shirts with inappropriate wording, obscene or vulgar language or imagery; alcohol or tobacco logos; and pictures depicting alcohol, tobacco, or drug use, clothing that represents gang affiliation, or clothing that is a threat to a student's health and safety, etc. **Any items determined to be gang related will be confiscated and may be turned over to the police.**
2. Students shall not wear shoes without a hard sole (no slippers), hoods, bandannas, hats, gloves, and/or sunglasses at school. This is enforced both in class and in the hallways.
3. Clothing must cover areas from one armpit across to the other armpit, down to 3 inches in length on the upper thigh. Tops must have shoulder straps at least 3 fingers wide. Rips or tears in clothing should be lower than 3 inches in length.



4. **Pants must be worn at the waist (*top of the hip bone*).** Pants that do not stay at the waist are considered inappropriate school attire. All undergarments must be covered.
5. Undergarments /Sleepwear/Loungewear may not be visible and/or worn as outer garments.
6. Students shall not wear winter coats during the school day. In addition, students shall not bring blankets to class or wear gloves during class. (The classroom teacher when environmental conditions are extreme will exercise professional discretion.)
7. Students shall not carry backpacks/bags to and from class except for physical education courses. Computer cases and small pencil pouches are permitted.

Classroom teachers are required to send students not complying with this dress code directly to the office. Absences from class will be unexcused. If a student's clothing does not meet the above dress code, they will be given the opportunity to change without consequence. Students refusing to cooperate will receive disciplinary action. Repeat violators may be suspended at the discretion of administration.

DRUGS & ALCOHOL

The school has a “Drug Free” zone that extends 1000 feet beyond the school boundaries as well as to any school activity and transportation. This means that any activity, possession, sale, distribution, or use of drugs, alcohol, fake drugs, steroids, inhalants, or look-alike drugs is prohibited. Attempted sale or distribution is also prohibited. Sale also includes the possession or sale of over-the-counter medication to another student. Students in violation will be penalized as follows:

First Offense: Minimum 10 day Suspension

Second Offense: May bring a request from administration for expulsion

Students violating this provision of the student code of conduct will be subject to discipline commensurate with the offense and the degree of harm caused, up to and including expulsion from school.

Local law enforcement agencies will be contacted by the school administration.

Students apprehended under the school’s drug policies (drugs and/or drugs and alcohol), are requested to get a drug/alcohol evaluation at a school-approved agency before they can return to school. The expense for such evaluation will be borne by the student. Students may access information concerning Madison’s Student Assistance Program by contacting the Guidance Counselor.

DRUG PREVENTION PROGRAM

Pursuant to section 5145 of the Safe & Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act of 1986, the Madison School District wishes to state the following:

1. The Madison Board of Education categorically supports the rationale that the use, possession, and/or distribution of illicit drugs, “look-a-likes”, inhalants, and alcohol is wrong and harmful.
2. The Madison School District will provide age-appropriate and developmentally based drug and alcohol education programs from K-12th grades. The means of instruction will include, but not be limited to, the use of individual classroom instruction, the Michigan Health Model, the DARE program, the Student Assistance Program, and other outside agencies when appropriate.
3. The standards of conduct that apply to all students in the school district clearly prohibit the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by students on school premises or as any part of any of its activities. Student compliance with the following Drug/Alcohol policies of the Madison School District is mandatory.

FALSE EXCUSE OR LYING

Students are expected to be honest and forthright when asked a direct question by the staff or administration. Being dishonest or withholding information is not acceptable.

Students who are found to be lying or giving a false excuse will be assigned a long detention up to out-of-school suspension.

FALSE ALARMS, FALSE REPORTS, AND BOMB THREATS

A false emergency alarm, report or bomb threat endangers the safety forces that are responding, the citizens of the community, and persons in the building. What may seem like a prank is a dangerous stunt. Violations of this rule will result in suspension or expulsion in accordance with state law.

FIGHTING, VERBAL CONFRONTATION, & DANGEROUS CONDUCT

Fighting, physical aggression, instigating a fight, verbal confrontation, or conduct potentially dangerous to oneself or others is not acceptable behavior. Normally, all students involved in a fight will be sent home on suspension. **Students are permitted and encouraged to utilize the Principal's Office and/or the Guidance Office to peacefully resolve conflicts with other students. Handling problem situations in a manner that distracts from the learning environment will not be tolerated.**

First offense: Minimum 3-day suspension (Local law enforcement may be contacted)

Second offense: Minimum 5-day suspension (Local law enforcement agency will be contacted)

Third offense: Minimum 10-day suspension and/or Madison Board of Education discipline hearing (Local law enforcement agency will be contacted)

Students violating this provision of the student code of conduct will be subject to discipline commensurate with the offense and the degree of harm caused, up to and including expulsion from school.

FORGERY

Signing another person's name or initials to a document is considered forgery. **Forging or misusing the name of another person will result in the assignment of a long detention up to out-of-school suspension.**

FOOD DELIVERY

In an effort to maintain a school environment that provides our students and staff with a safe environment conducive to teaching and learning, food deliveries (Door Dash, GrubHub, Uber Eats, etc) will not be permitted during instructional time. Students may only receive food deliveries before school, after school and during their assigned lunch period. Food deliveries will not be accepted outside of these established times. Furthermore, Madison School District is NOT responsible for any lost or undelivered food.

HALLWAY BEHAVIOR

Students are expected to control themselves in an orderly fashion in the hallways. Running, yelling, and general horseplay and/or outright disrespect to staff and/or support personnel will not be tolerated.

Disciplinary action will range from:

- Verbal Warning
- Short/Long Detention
- Suspension (severe or repeat offenders)

ARSON AND CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT

In compliance with State law, the Board shall, if appropriate after considering all legally- required factors, permanently expel any student who commits either arson or criminal sexual conduct in a District building or on District property, including school buses and other school transportation. Students expelled pursuant to State law may apply for reinstatement in accordance with State law.

NUISANCE ITEMS

Under Section 1303 of the Revised School Code, school districts may prohibit students from carrying electronic communication devices or other personal communication devices in school. Items such as lasers, toy guns, noisemakers, electronic games, trading cards, or other objects that disrupt the educational process are not permitted in school. **The use of wireless communication devices to stream music are not permitted in the classroom without the permission of the classroom teacher. Students are NOT permitted to use wireless communication devices to listen to music in the hallways or lunchroom and will be asked to turn over headphones/earbuds that are being used.**

First offense: Object confiscated and student may pick up at the end of the school day.

Second Offense: Object confiscated and parent must pick up at the end of the school day.

Third Offense: Student receives one long detention. Object will be confiscated.

****Note: Refusing to turn over a nuisance item when asked to by a staff member will be considered insubordination and result in up to a 3-day suspension.**

PHYSICAL ASSAULT BY STUDENTS AGAINST SCHOOL PERSONNEL

State law requires the Board of Education to permanently expel a student that commits a physical assault against a district employee or against a person engaged as a volunteer or contractor for the district on school property, on a school bus or other school related vehicle, or at a school-sponsored activity or event. Physical assault is defined as intentionally causing or attempting to cause physical harm to another through force or violence if the expulsion is warranted after considering all legally-required factors.

THREAT TO HARM SCHOOL PERSONNEL

Any student that commits a verbal threat of harm on school property, on a school bus or other school related vehicle, or at a school-sponsored activity or event against a district employee or against a person engaged as a volunteer or contractor for the district will be subject to discipline, up to and including expulsion from school. Threat of harm means any willful act, written statement, or verbal threat to inflict injury upon another person, under such circumstances that create a reasonable fear of imminent injury, coupled with an apparent ability to inflict injury. Bomb threats and similar threats directed at a school building, school property, or a school-related event, are included in the definition of verbal assault/verbal threat of harm.

PHYSICAL ASSAULT AGAINST ANOTHER STUDENT

The Board will, if appropriate after considering all legally-required factors, suspend or expel a student who commits a physical assault against another student on school property, on a school bus or other school-related vehicle, or at a school-sponsored activity or event. Physical assault is defined as intentionally causing or attempting to cause physical harm to another through force or violence.

POSSESSION OF A WEAPON

A weapon includes, but is not limited to, firearms, guns of any type whatsoever including air and gas-powered guns (whether loaded or unloaded, knives, razors, clubs, electric weapons, metallic knuckles, martial arts weapons and explosives). It may also include any toy that is presented as a real weapon or reacted to as a real weapon. Criminal charges may be filed for this violation. Possession of a weapon may subject a student to permanent expulsion if the board determines expulsion is appropriate after considering all legally-required factors. The board will not consider the factors for a student who possesses a firearm at school.

State law may require that a student be permanently expelled from school, subject to a petition for possible reinstatement if s/he brings onto or has in his/her possession on school property or at a school-related activity any of the following:

1. Any explosive, incendiary, or poison gas including bombs, grenades, rockets, missiles, mines, or device that can be converted into such a destructive item;
2. Any cutting instrument consisting of a sharp blade over three (3) inches long fastened to a handle;
3. Any similar object that is intended to invoke bodily harm or fear of bodily harm (e.g. air gun, blow-gun, toy gun, etc.)

PUBLIC DISPLAY OF AFFECTION

Physical contact between students is limited to nothing more than handholding. Displays of intimacy are not appropriate in a school environment.

First Offense: Verbal warning/sent to office to call parents.

Second Offense: Sent to the principal's office and assigned detention.

Third Offense: 1 long detention. Parent must meet with the administrator.

SEARCH & SEIZURE

All lockers assigned to pupils are the property of the school district. At no time does the school relinquish its exclusive control of its lockers. The school principal or his/her designee shall have custody of all combinations to all lockers or locks. Pupils are prohibited from placing locks on any locker without the advance approval of the school principal or his/her designee. The school assigns lockers to its pupils for the pupils' convenience and temporary use. Pupils are to use lockers exclusively to store school-related materials and authorized personal items such as outer garments, footwear, grooming aids, or lunch. Pupils shall not use the lockers for any other purpose, unless specifically authorized by school board policy or the school principal or his/her designee, in advance of the pupils bringing the items to school. Pupils are solely responsible for the contents of their lockers and should not share their lockers with other pupils, nor divulge locker combinations to other pupils, unless authorized by the school principal or his/her designee.

Random searches of school lockers and their contents have a positive impact on deterring violations of school rules and regulations, ensure proper maintenance of school property, and provide safety and security for pupils and personnel. Accordingly, the board authorizes the school principal or his/her designee to search lockers and locker contents at any time, without notice, without reasonable suspicion, and without parental/guardianship or pupil consent.

In the course of the locker search, the public school principal or his/her designee shall respect the privacy rights of the pupil regarding any items discovered that are not illegal or against school policy and rules.

When conducting locker searches, the school principal or his/her designee may seize any illegal or unauthorized items, items in violation of board policy and rules, or any other items reasonably determined by the school principal or his/her designee to be a potential threat to the safety or security of others. Law enforcement officials shall be notified immediately upon seizure of such dangerous items, or seizure of items that schools are required to report to law enforcement agencies under the Statewide School Safety Information Policy. Any items seized by the school principal or his/her designee shall be removed from the locker and held by school officials for evidence in disciplinary proceedings and/or turned over to law enforcement officials. The parent/guardian of a minor pupil, or a pupil eighteen (18) years of age or older, shall be notified by the school principal or his/her designee of items removed from the locker.

A student's person and/or personal effects on them (e.g. purse, book bag, athletic bag) may be searched whenever a school official has reasonable suspicion to believe that the student is in possession of illegal or unauthorized materials and that the search of those personal effects will reveal the illegal or unauthorized materials. A student's failure to permit searches and seizures as provided by this policy will be considered grounds for disciplinary action.

In addition, vehicles parked on the property of the school are subject to random inspection and search, including canine searches. Madison school officials will periodically utilize contraband detection canine services on campus, both inside the building and on the grounds.

STEALING

Students apprehended or admitting to stealing will be suspended from school and must return, repair, or replace any and all items before they may return to classes. By law, a school incident law enforcement report must be filed.

First Offense: 3-5 day Suspension

Second Offense: 10 day Suspension

Third Offense: 10 day Suspension (possible expulsion)

STUDENT COOPERATION WITH AND RESPECT FOR SCHOOL EMPLOYEES

Students must show proper respect and actions toward all employees both in and out of school. Authority of employees must be recognized. School staff is acting “in loco parentis,” which means they are allowed, by law, to direct a student as a parent. If given a reasonable direction by a staff member, the student is expected to comply. Students that are incorrigible and defiant of these rules will be severely disciplined.

First Offense: up to 5 day suspension

Second Offense: up to 10 day suspension

Third Offense: 10 day suspension (possible expulsion)

TECHNOLOGY USE/INTERNET ACCESS

Computer use is a privilege. Furthermore, students should be aware that no expectation of privacy exists. Students are expected to use technology, which includes computers, software, media retrieval equipment, etc. for educational purposes only in an ethical and responsible manner. Misuse will result in disciplinary action that may include forfeiting the right to use any school technology.

The Madison Acceptable Use Policy places the following responsibilities on the user of school technology: (for a complete listing refer to Board Policy 4510)

Each user is responsible for all material sent and received under his/her account.

Users will accept the responsibility of keeping copyrighted software of any kind from entering the local area network via the Internet or modem. Consent by the technology administrator or building principal must be obtained before any software is installed.

Users may not use File Transfer Protocol to access any inappropriate files, or files dangerous to the integrity of the local network or the Internet.

It is the users responsibility to maintain the integrity of the private electronic mail system and for making sure all e-mail sent and received by him/her does not contain inappropriate material.

Students are not permitted to use/visit social networking sites on school computers without permission.

Such sites include, but are not limited to, Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, & Instagram.

Any violations of the use of school technology should be immediately reported to the teacher assigned to the user, technology facilitator, or administrator.

While in school, students shall not post comments/messages on any social networking or media site. Students are also prohibited from using wireless communication devices to capture, record or transmit the words (i.e. audio) and/or images (i.e., pictures/video) of any student, staff member or other person in the school or while attending a school-related activity, without express prior notice and explicit consent for the capture, recording or transmission of such words or images and is not permitted, unless authorized by the building principal.

First Offense: 1 day suspension

Second Offense: 1 day suspension and loss of all technology privileges.

Third Offense: 2 day suspension

TOBACCO USE

Smoking and other tobacco uses are a danger to a student's health and to the health of others. The school prohibits the sale, distribution, use, or possession of any form of tobacco, electronic cigarettes or similar devices, vaporizers, and other tobacco alternatives during school time or at any school activity. This prohibition also applies when going to and from school and at school bus stops. "Use of tobacco" shall mean all uses of tobacco, including cigars, cigarettes, or pipe tobacco, chewing tobacco, snuff, or any other matter or substance that contains tobacco, in addition to papers used to roll cigarettes. The display of unlighted cigars, cigarettes, pipes, other "smoking" paraphernalia or tobacco products on one's person is also prohibited by this policy.

First Offense: 3 day Suspension

Second Offense: 5 day Suspension

Third Offense: 10 day Suspension (possible expulsion)

USE OF AN OBJECT AS A WEAPON

Any object that is used to threaten or harm another may be considered a weapon. Intentional injury to another can be a felony and/or cause a civil action suit. This violation may subject a student to expulsion.

VANDALISM

Vandalism to the school buildings, grounds, staff equipment, or school equipment cannot be tolerated. Students apprehended will replace or repair vandalized areas and/or equipment, and will be suspended from school for a first offense, unless the principal feels another alternative would be more beneficial, such as a work program, etc. In certain cases, local law enforcement officials may be called in at the discretion of the administration.

MODES OF DISCIPLINE

Short/Long Detention

Students may be assigned detention for academic and/or disciplinary reasons.

Short Detention

After School

2:45 - 3:30 p.m.

Before School

7:00 - 7:45 a.m.

Long Detention

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 2:45 - 4:15 p.m.

*Students will be given one-day notice before being assigned detention. The student or his/her parents are responsible for transportation.

*A student missing detention (UNEXCUSED by the administration) will be given double the original detention amount for the first offense, and will be suspended up to three (3) school days for a second offense.

*A student that becomes a behavior problem while serving detention will be suspended for up to three (3) school days.

In-School Suspension

The following rules shall apply to in-school suspension:

1. Students are required to have class assignments with them.
2. Students are not to communicate with each other unless given special permission to do so.
3. Students are to remain in their designated seats at all times unless permission is granted to do otherwise.
4. Students shall not be allowed to put their heads down or sleep.
5. No radios, cards, magazines, or other recreational articles shall be allowed in the room.
6. No food or beverages shall be consumed unless permission is granted to do otherwise.
7. Students suspended in-school for a half-day or more by the administration will not be allowed to participate in, or attend, any extra-curricular activities or special school functions outside of the classroom experience.

Out-of-School Suspension

Students receiving an out-of-school suspension are responsible for making up any missed school work.

Students who are suspended must have a parent/principal conference before the student is admitted back into school.

Students suspended out-of-school will not be allowed to participate in, or attend, any school activities for the entire length (including weekends) of the suspension.

*If there is a school closure the day a student is assigned to an In-School or Out-of-School suspension, the day will be rescheduled.

CO-CURRICULAR AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The following activities are considered a part of this eligibility policy unless performance/participation is an extension of a class curriculum:

1. Student government and its related activities and organizations
2. Special interest clubs
3. Interscholastic and intramural athletics
4. Cheerleading
5. School plays

NOTE: The following regulations are a combination of the State High School Athletic Association rules and the rules of the Madison School District.

I. Prior Trimester Requirement

The passing of a minimum of at least five courses the trimester prior to participation in an extracurricular activity. Or, if a student was enrolled in less than six classes at the start of the trimester, the passing of every class in which enrolled. If a student does not fulfill this trimester requirement, he/she will be ineligible to participate for the following trimester. Summer school classes approved by the administration may be used to fulfill this requirement. (Students that transfer to Madison from a school that operates on a seven period day must have passed five courses under this requirement.)

II. Current Trimester Requirement

A student failing two or more classes will be ineligible for a minimum of one week and until passing work is done in at least five classes. If, because of special circumstances, a student is enrolled in less than five classes, that student must continually pass all of those classes.

In addition to all of the above, students must also meet the Michigan High School Athletic Association requirements.

EQUIVALENT EDUCATION OUTSIDE THE SCHOOLS

The following guideline has been developed to communicate eligibility to participate with District-sponsored extracurricular activities and athletics for students choosing to enroll in the JC/LISD Academy: *A Regional Middle College*.

- A. Any student who enrolled in the JC/LISD Academy: *A Regional Middle College* is not eligible to participate with District-sponsored extracurricular activities and athletics.
- B. Any student enrolled in the LISD PREP Academy is not eligible to participate with District-sponsored extracurricular activities and athletics.

LOCKER ASSIGNMENTS

All students will be assigned to a locker. Students have the option to share a locker with someone or to have a locker of their own. The school will not be responsible for the loss of valuables from students' lockers. Students are urged to keep combinations confidential and promptly report locker malfunctions to the office. At the end of the school year students are required to have a locker that is cleaned in a manner acceptable to the administration.

MADISON SCHOOL DISTRICT TECHNOLOGY/TEXTBOOK FEE

An annual Technology/Textbook Fee of \$25 will be assessed to all students grades 6-12 before they are assigned a device or textbook.

This fee will cover the following:

- Normal textbook/library book wear and tear
- Routine device maintenance (battery and hardware replacement, etc.)
- A maximum of two accidental device damage repairs (cracked screen, broken keys, etc.)

This fee will not cover the following:

- Lost or severely damaged textbook/library book (severely damaged books are no longer usable)
 - Student is responsible for the replacement cost
- Three or more instances of accidental device damage
 - Student is responsible for the cost of repair not to exceed \$90
- A device or power cord that has been lost or damaged due to misuse or abuse
 - Student is responsible for the full cost of the replacement or repair
- Theft not accompanied by a police report shall be considered a lost device
- If a student leaves the district, but does not return the device, a fine for the full replacement cost will apply. Student records and transcripts will be held until the device is returned.

The school administration has the final say in determining repair situations.

MADISON MEDIA CENTER PROCEDURES

Students may use the Media Center before school, during the day with a pass from their teacher, or when accompanied by their teacher for class time. Students should sign in and out when visiting the Media Center. Students should not be in the Media Center during lunch except when they have a pass from their teacher.

The Madison Media Center is open to students in grades K-12. Some library materials have been reviewed to be appropriate for older readers. These books are marked with a pink star and are available for high school students only. Parents who wish their middle school student to be able to sign out these books should send written permission to the Media Director.

Students are to demonstrate respect, trustworthiness, responsibility, and good citizenship at all times. Food and drinks are not permitted in the library or computer labs. Media Center computers are to be used for class project work only. All other school rules regarding technology use apply in the Media Center.

Students may have two books signed out at one time unless the Media Director has granted special permission. Books are checked out for two weeks at a time, but may be renewed if there is not a waiting list for the book. Library materials should be returned on time and in good condition. A fine of \$10 will be issued for each lost or damaged book. Students will not be allowed to check out books until books have been returned or fines have been resolved.

DRIVING PRIVILEGES

- 1.) It is a student privilege to drive a motor vehicle to school. Students driving to school must file for, and obtain a permit from the office. **A one-time permit fee of \$15** will be assessed to pay for the parking permits and maintain periodic safety checks in the parking lot. Permits will be issued at the principal's discretion. Student programs that require personal transportation must be pre-approved by the administration.
- 2.) All motor vehicles are to be driven to and from school in a safe, sensible manner which demonstrates the driver is able and willing to accept her/his social responsibility while driving. The speed limit on school grounds is a maximum of 10 miles per hour. Drivers considered in violation of this responsibility will be subject to loss of driving privileges up to 183 days.
- 3.) Driving to school is not an excuse to be late. Students who are consistently tardy will risk having their permits revoked.
- 4.) Parking lots are off limits to students during the school day, unless permission is obtained from a staff member. Students in the parking lot without permission will be considered not within their area of assignment
- 5.) Parking on campus without proper authorization or in lots designated for staff and visitors will result in strict discipline. The student parking lot will be the lot directly in front of the Student Activity Center. Vehicles without a visible permit or vehicles parked in an unauthorized area will be towed at the owner's expense.
- 6.) Students driving to school without a permit or while their driving privileges have been revoked will be suspended up to three days for insubordination. Repeat offenders may face additional discipline.
- 7.) Students must have advanced written permission from the administration in order to drive to and or from the Tech-Center, Co-op, work experience, college classes, or off campus in general. This permission includes specifically which day(s) of the week and approved passengers both to and from site of campus.

First offense: Long Detention; loss of driving privileges up to 10 school days

Second offense: Loss of driving privilege up to 90 school days

Third offense: Driving privileges revoked

**In an effort to maintain a safe environment, student vehicles on campus grounds may be subject to search by the local law enforcement agency canine unit.

BUS TRANSPORTATION

The Transportation Office will be open during normal school hours on days that school is in session. Messages left on the transportation phone line (265-1845 ext 133) will be returned during those hours. In the case of an emergency, please contact the High School office (263-0743 ext153).

In order to ensure that riding the bus is a safe experience for every student, it is necessary that the following rules and regulations be followed:

- Students are required to sit, not stand, while they are on the bus.
- Students must keep their hands, head, etc., inside the bus windows.
- Students must keep their hands to themselves.
- Yelling, fighting, swearing, and horseplay will not be tolerated.
- At all times, respect the bus drivers and do as you are told.

Please Note: Provisions of the handbook are in effect while a student is at the bus stop or on the bus. A student who fails to abide by these provisions will be held accountable according to the guidelines set in the handbook.

First Offense: The bus driver writes up the student. The parent must come in to talk with the transportation supervisor and bus driver. The parent must make an appointment within 24 hours or the student is suspended from the bus.

Second Offense: A parent must come to the school for a meeting with the Bus Driver and Bus Supervisor. Student is written up and will be suspended from the bus for 5 days.

Third Offense: Student is suspended from all Madison buses for 30 school days.

Fourth Offense: Student is suspended from all Madison buses for the remainder of the school year.

***Students fighting on the bus will be suspended from the bus for 5 days upon their return to school. Any profanity on the bus is up to a 5-day suspension from the bus.**

Incidents of misbehavior that involve inappropriate conduct deemed to have caused significant danger or harm to oneself or other students may result in a suspension from Madison buses for up to one year.

Due to the number of students on the buses, and for liability reasons, parents must provide written notes, faxed notes (265-5635), or e-mail (bill.obrien@madisonk12.us) if there are any transportation changes with a student. These notes must be sent to the transportation office by 9:00am so appropriate arrangements can be made. Phone calls will not be accepted

VISITORS

All visitors must report to the office upon entering the school building. Someone entering the building without permission from the office, other than a student currently enrolled, will be trespassing and subject to prosecution.

It is not our policy to allow visitors during the school day. Only special situations will be taken into consideration and each situation will be handled individually. You must talk with the principal before receiving a Guest Visitors Application from the office.

WITHDRAWING FROM SCHOOL

It is the student's responsibility to obtain a withdrawal form from the high school office before leaving Madison School. This form must be signed by the teachers, the librarian, and the class advisor to ensure that textbooks, Chromebook, library books, fund-raising money, etc. have been turned in. A student withdrawing must not disturb classes.

CULTURE OF ACHIEVEMENT (CAP) PROGRAM

Madison High School strongly believes that students who come to class consistently unprepared and/or without completed homework WILL NOT achieve to their fullest potential. In an effort to enable all students to be successful, Madison High School insists that students demonstrate initiative and take responsibility for their learning. Students who do not complete homework assignments or are failing a class will be referred to the Culture of Achievement Program (CAP). CAP is supervised by classroom teachers and runs from 2:45pm until 4:15pm, Monday through Friday. Students receiving a CAP referral are required to attend CAP until their homework assignment(s) is complete. Students completing assignments before 4:15pm may be signed out by a parent/guardian. Transportation for students living within Madison School District is provided.

**Parents whose child has received a CAP referral will receive notification via the Instant Alert System.*

**Students who have been assigned to CAP, but fail to attend will be assigned a long detention.*

TRIMESTER GRADING AND TEST POLICY

All students will take an end-of-course assessment at the end of each trimester.

- Test schedules will be announced prior to the testing periods on the days set by the school calendar.

Students failing to show up to take a trimester test for a class will fail the trimester for that class. If a student is going to be absent, a parent must call the school and talk to a principal on the test day before 8:00 a.m. to verify the student's absence for that day.

- The student's trimester final grade will be the average of the trimester **percentage** and the end-of-course assessment **percentage**. Grades will be computed by a percent average: A+=100%, A=93%, A- =90%, B+=87%, B=83%, B- =80%, C+=77%, C=73%, C- =70%, D+=67%, D=63%, and D- =60%. The end-of-course assessment will count 20% of the trimester grade. **Grade point averages are based on a 4.0 grading scale except grades earned in Advanced Placement courses will be weighted on a 5.0 scale.**

-For Michigan Merit Curriculum courses taught over 3 trimesters, a student must pass all 3 trimesters, or the overall percentage for all 3 trimesters must average to a 60%, to obtain full credit.

Student passes 2 out of 3 examples:

Tri 1 (70%) + Tri 2 (60%) + Tri 3 (45%) = overall average is a 58% [MMC credit not fulfilled...must retake at least 1 full trimester to earn credit]

Tri 1 (70%) + Tri 2 (60%) + Tri 3 (55%) = overall average is a 62% [MMC credit fulfilled]

TEST OUT POLICY FOR MADISON HIGH SCHOOL

Under Michigan legislation, high school students may request the opportunity to “test out” of any high school class they select. The intent of Section 1279b is to allow students to demonstrate knowledge and skills they already possess to enroll in higher level courses.

A student who successfully tests out of a course will receive credit toward graduation for the course. In order to earn credit via testing out, a student must score an 83% or higher on the course final exam or summative assessment. Students wishing to test-out of a course must make a formal request to the HS Counselor no later than two weeks prior to an academic trimester. Students who demonstrate mastery by scoring an 83% or higher will be awarded credit (CR) for the course. Some courses may require students to complete extended projects and/or research papers, in addition to passing the test out final exam. There are no study guides or review packets to prepare for these exams.

MICHIGAN MERIT CURRICULUM GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The *Michigan Merit Curriculum* High School graduation requirements must be met in order to earn a Michigan High School Diploma.

Academic Requirements

Students will be promoted sequentially from 9th - 12th grades unless they are unable to accumulate a minimal number of credits. Students that fall behind in academic credit will be reclassified as a Freshman, Sophomore, Junior or Senior based on the number of credits they have earned prior to the school year.

This status will remain constant throughout the entire year.

Grade Classification	Required Credits
Sophomore	6 credits
Junior	14 credits
Senior	22 credits

Seniors must complete all academic requirements before going through graduation exercises. Descriptions of all classes, and amount of credit given may be found in the “Course of Study Bulletin”.

In addition, seniors must pass a minimum of fifteen (15) trimester courses during their senior year to qualify to participate in graduation exercises. This policy would also apply to students involved in Tech-Center., Co-Op. programs and related instruction. The Principal and the Director of Guidance will rule on special situations.

CREDIT REQUIREMENTS

Mathematics 4-credits
Algebra I , Algebra II, Geometry, One math course in final year of high school
English Language Arts-5 Credits (4 credits)
English Language Arts 9, 10, 11, 12 *English 9, 10, 11 and 12 will consist of three full academic trimesters of English Language Arts for all incoming freshman
Science-3 Credits
Biology, Physics or Chemistry, One additional science credit
Social Studies-3 Credits
.5 credit Civics, .5 credit Economics, U.S. History and Geography, World History and Geography
Physical Education & Health- 2 Credits
.5 Health, 1.5 Physical Education
ONLINE Learning Experience - embedded throughout Michigan Merit Curriculum coursework
Visual, Performing and Applied Arts- 1 Credit
Sophomore Seminar - .5 Credit Senior Seminar - .5 Credit
Computer/Technology - 1 Credit
Foreign Language – 2 credits
Electives 4 credits
Total Credits: 31

(As established by the Michigan Merit Curriculum)

ONLINE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Enrollment

Students may enroll in an online class under the following circumstances:

Credit Recovery- A student must have previously been enrolled in the class and not earned credit.

Elective Courses not offered at Madison- A student may enroll in an elective course if there are no other courses offered that particular hour that they have not already taken.

*Any other situations not meeting the criteria listed above will require a written request submitted to the high school administration for approval.

Attendance

Regular attendance is required and students will be held to the established High School attendance policy.

Final Exam

A student must take the final exam at Madison and be supervised by a staff member. In addition, the final exam score must be 60% or higher to earn credit in the course.

Credit

If a student fails to complete a course during a trimester, the report card grade for that class will be “No Credit”. Students may be given the opportunity to finish a class after the trimester, but the grade earned will be reflected on the trimester report card it was completed in.

COURSE REVISION

Each student, with the aid of his/her parents and our staff is responsible for making up his/her own schedule. We expect each student to give considerable thought about his/her future goals prior to the selection of courses so that he/she will seek those courses which best suit his/her particular academic needs. We encourage any student, or parent, to contact the Counseling Department if they have any questions regarding scheduling. Occasionally a student's schedule might need to be revised, such as job related changes for seniors or teacher-initiated changes. A student requesting a schedule change should follow the course revision procedure. Please note that no course changes will be made for reasons other than academics after a class has met four or more times.

COURSE REVISION PROCEDURE:

1. Pick up a schedule change form from the Counselor's Office.
2. Fill out the form carefully, and specifically state the reasons for the request.
3. Have your parent sign the form, and turn it in to your counselor for review.
4. Your counselor will notify you if/when your request has been approved.
5. You are to follow your original schedule until you have been notified of a change.

DUAL ENROLLMENT

Dual Enrollment is an option open to our high school students.

Under the Dual Enrollment Policy, a student who has met all required qualifications may sign up for a college class in place of a class at Madison High School. Students are required to be enrolled in five (5) classes, but some of these could be at the college level. Classes that are taken at one of the local colleges should only be those that are not offered at Madison (*i.e. AP English is taught here, so students would not be permitted to take an English Course at the college*). Once a student has successfully completed and exhausted all course offerings within a content area, they may dual enroll in that area (*i.e. a student who has successfully completed Psychology at the high school level, may then enroll in a Psychology course at the college level.*)

The college class taken under the dual enrollment option will be paid for by Madison School, as long as the student has received high enough scores on the PLAN, ACT, MME, SAT or PSAT test. Eligible test scores can be found on the district webpage on the Counseling link. If a student has not received an eligible score on one of the tests listed, they are not eligible to dual enroll.

Students who are eligible to dual enroll and would like to take a class that is offered at Madison (*i.e. English, Calculus*), may do so at their **expense**.

Any student that is dual enrolled is responsible for their own transportation to and from the college class or classes, and must make sure that their college classes will not create an attendance or tardy concern for classes here at Madison. Arriving late to a Madison class because of a college class will not be accepted.

**Students interested in Dual Enrollment should contact the Counseling Office.

SPECIAL SERVICES AVAILABLE TO MADISON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

For Students who qualify, the following services are available:

- 504 Plan (Accommodations in General Education Setting)
- Teacher Consultant Services in General Education Setting
- Learning Disabled Programs
- Emotionally Impaired Supports
- Mildly Cognitively Impaired Programs
- School Social Work Support (Provided by LISD staff)
- Speech & Language Support (Provided by LISD staff)
- Occupational Therapy (Provided by LISD staff)
- Physical Therapy (Provided by LISD staff)
- Support for students with Visual Impairments
- Support for students with Hearing Impairments

**Parents/Students wishing to know more about the programs above should contact the high school office.*

NCAA STUDENT ATHLETIC REQUIREMENTS

NCAA Bylaw 5-1-0) affects all high school athletes eligible for NCAA Division I & II athletic scholarships and those who plan to participate in any Division I or II athletic program as a non-scholarship athlete (walk on).

All athletes in high school or younger come under this rule. Only core courses are used in calculating GPA's.

The basic requirements are as follows:

Division I (Division II)

16 (16) Core Classes

4 (3) English

3 (2) Math – Algebra I and higher

2 (2) Science

1 (3) Additional English, Math, Science

2 (2) Social Science (World History, American History, etc.)

4 (4) Additional courses from any above area or foreign language

Earn a 2.3(2.2 Division II) GPA in core courses

A sliding scale based on GPA and SAT/ACT sum score is used to determine eligibility. The higher the college entrance test sub score the lower the GPA can be.

This is a summary of the NCAA's requirements, and may be modified by the NCAA at any time. Madison has no control over the NCAA's eligibility determinations.

HONOR ROLL & V.I.P. HONOR ROLL

These are to honor students who have achieved academic success for the trimester.

- Criteria:**
- Maintain a "B" average, and
 - Can have 1 "C", if they have an "A",
 - Student cannot have a "D or F"

Students that earn all A's and B's will be honored on the V.I.P. Honor Roll.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

The National Honor Society (NHS) recognizes and promotes the fine qualities of scholarship, leadership, service, and character. To be eligible for membership in the Madison chapter, students must have a minimum 3.50 NHS-adjusted GPA (official cumulative high school GPA plus 0.02 for each trimester completed with a grade of C- or higher: Advanced English 10, Trig/Pre-Calculus, Physics) after at least five high school trimesters. In addition, candidates who meet this scholastic requirement must be confirmed by faculty committee. The following process will be used:

- Online application and renewal of NHS membership will be active after second trimester grade cards are available. Students must complete the required forms by the posted deadline for consideration of NHS membership / renewal. No late forms will be accepted. Failure to submit a renewal application will result in the resignation of membership.
- The faculty committee will review the status of current members and new applicants. The qualities of scholarship, leadership, service, and character will be assessed.
 - Those who earn at least a four-fifths vote from the faculty committee are eligible for continued membership in the NHS.
 - Those who do not earn the required four-fifths vote from the faculty committee will receive written notification of probation. Failure to receive a four-fifths vote on future evaluations will result in loss of NHS membership.
- The committee will vote on each candidate's worthiness of NHS membership based on the qualities of leadership, service, and character.
- Candidates do not become members until they are inducted at the annual ceremony.
 - Those candidates who meet all of the NHS requirements will receive an invitation for membership in the NHS.
 - Those candidates who do not meet all of the NHS requirements will receive written notice.
- Student membership will be reviewed by the faculty committee at the conclusion of each trimester.
- Students who commit a "flagrant violation of school rules or the law" are subject to removal without warning (Article X.2).
- "Members who fall below the standards... shall be warned in writing... and given a reasonable amount of time to correct the deficiency (Article X.2).
- Members who resign or are dismissed are never again eligible for membership or its benefits.
- Members are required to attend monthly meetings and participate in chapter service projects. Any member with more than two absences not pre-approved with chapter advisor(s) will be placed on probation.
- Membership dues will be collected via MySchoolBucks at the beginning of each school year.
- These procedures are based on the national NHS guidelines; more information may be found at www.nhs.us.

Graduation Honors

Highest Honors.....G.P.A. of 3.95 or higher
High Honors.....G.P.A. of 3.90 - 3.94
Honors.....G.P.A. of 3.85 - 3.89

Students graduating with academic honors will be recognized with honor cords to be worn during commencement exercises. Class Rankings will still be listed on a student's final transcript.

GRADUATION SPEECHES

All honor students can request to be considered to give a speech at graduation. This request must be in writing and submitted to the principal's office before April 1st of the graduation year. Each student must then submit a written speech by May 15 and a committee of students and teachers will select (2) to be given at commencement.

PARTICIPATION IN COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Seniors must satisfy all of the academic requirements established by the Madison Board of Education to earn a diploma and pass a minimum of fifteen (15) trimester courses during their senior year to qualify to participate in graduation exercises. This applies to students involved in the Tech Center, Co-Op. programs and related instruction. The Principal and the Director of Guidance will rule on special situations.

In addition, students participating in Commencement Exercises must also follow the dress code requirements listed below:

- Graduates are not permitted to wear tennis shoes or flip-flops.
- Graduates are not permitted to wear jeans or shorts.

Graduates who do not meet the requirements listed above, will not participate in Commencement Exercises.

2024-2025 SAT Test Dates & Registration Deadlines

SAT Test Date*	Registration Deadline	Deadline for Changes, Regular Cancellation, and Late Registration**
Aug 24, 2024	Aug 9, 2024 Register	Aug 13, 2024
Oct 5, 2024	Sept 20, 2024 Register	Sept 24, 2024
Nov 2, 2024	Oct 18, 2024 Register	Oct 22, 2024
Dec 7, 2024	Nov 22, 2024 Register	Nov 26, 2024
Mar 8, 2025	Feb 21, 2025 Register	Feb 25, 2025
May 3, 2025	Apr 18, 2025 Register	April 22, 2025
June 7, 2025	May 22, 2025 Register	May 27, 2025

2024-25 ACT Administration Dates and Deadlines

Test Date	Regular Registration Deadline Late Fee Applies After This Date	Late Registration Deadline
September 14, 2024	August 9	August 25
October 26, 2024	September 20	October 7
December 14, 2024	November 8	November 22
February 8, 2025	January 3	January 20

DAILY SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

Hour	Time	Contact Time
1 st	7:50 – 8:45	55 minutes
2 nd	8:50 – 9:44	54 minutes
3 rd	9:49 – 10:43	54 minutes
Seminar/PM Tech Lunch	10:47 -11:15	28 minutes
4 th	11:19 -12:14	55 minutes
Lunch	12:14 -12:42	28 minutes
5 th	12:47 – 1:41	54 minutes
6 th	1:46 – 2:40	54 minutes

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Visit the Madison High School webpage at <http://www.madisonk12.us/high-school/>

BE A GOOD BYSTANDER

If it is safe, use a shutdown in the moment. Encourage other bystanders to speak up too. There is strength and safety in numbers. **Fifty percent of the time, if just one bystander says “Stop it”, it will end the aggressive behavior within 10 seconds!** *When speaking up, you might use words like...*

~Knock it off	~That’s annoying	~That’s messed up	~Relax
~Cut it out	~That makes you look bad	~That’s weak	~Calm down
~Nobody likes that	~Give it a rest	~That’s harsh	~Lay off
~That’s mean	~That’s rude	~That’s getting old	~Chillax
~Back off	~That’s just wrong	~That’s getting boring	~Not cool

In the moment, try to distract the aggressive student (ask an unrelated question, change the subject, say or do something humorous to break the tension).

Make up an excuse to get the target away from the aggressive person. Interrupt the aggressive person.

“Hey Sara, come here a minute. I need to ask you something (show you something).”

“Hey Sam, Mrs. Smith (teacher/coach/adult) is looking for you. Come on.”

Be friendly to the target during free time outside of class.

Smile and talk to the target at different free times during the day, or even before or after school. Invite them to walk with you in the hallway or sit with you at lunch.

Tell friends who are acting mean to “chill” before they get reported. Do it in a nice way, in a friendly way:

“You could get in major trouble if you keep that up. Chill out before someone reports it. I don’t want you to get in trouble. What you are doing is not OK. It’s getting old.”

Privately support the target at a later time:

“I saw what happened. That was really mean and rude. Are you all right?”

“What they just did/said was really messed up. Are you ok?”

“I wanted you to know that most people don’t agree with them at all.”

For gossiping, backstabbing, and rumor spreading:

DON’T PASS IT ON LATER! KEEP IT TO YOURSELF! A rumor can’t keep spreading unless you help spread it. In the moment, you can also change the subject. You could disagree politely (*Gee, really? You think that? I don’t think that at all. That surprises me that you would say that. I really like_____.* ‘ You may also use your sense of humor to change the direction of the conversation.

Encourage friends who are being mistreated to report it. Offer to go with your friend.

“You shouldn’t have to put up with that all the time. I can go with you to report it. It’s the right thing to do. If you don’t report it, he/she will just keep doing it to you.”

Report it yourself (as a bystander) to an adult quietly and privately:

Email, write a note, leave a voicemail phone message, or tell an adult what is going on privately. [After reporting, DO NOT tell even one friend that you reported it. The word will most certainly get back to the aggressive person if you tell another student! Go back IMMEDIATELY to the same adult if it happens again.]

TO MAKE A REPORT PRIVATELY, YOU CAN FILL OUT A REPORTING FORM Reporting forms can be found in the office, library, or teacher’s classroom. Please include the five W’s.

1. Who did it?
2. What Happened?
3. When did it start? How long has it been going on?
4. Where did it happen (*hallway, locker room, cafeteria, etc.*)?
5. Witnesses in addition to you who saw/heard it.

Dealing with Aggression - APPENDIX B

If someone is putting you down or mocking you, smile and use your sense of humor:

~Excellent insult! I'll have to remember that one! ~ (*Smile*) Sweet! Thanks for sharing!

~Thanks! I appreciate that! ~Thanks! I didn't know you cared!

~ (*Laugh*) Good one! Did you come up with that all on your own?

If you're dealing with a hothead...respond with neutrality, a calm voice, and a poker face:

~Sorry you feel that way. ~You're welcome to your opinion

~It's good to know how you see it.

Use a comeback in the moment and walk away:

~Nice try, but I don't think so. ~That makes you look bad. ~Whatever

~Must feel cool to be mean. ~I would care why? ~Your point is?

~Oh that's original! ~Tell someone who cares ~Should I cry now?

~That says more about you than me. ~Were you up all night thinking of that one?

~Putting people down must be your thing. Sad, but hey, whatever works for you?!

If what they are saying is true, smile and agree with them:

~Thanks for noticing! ~No kidding! What a surprise! ~So, your point is?

~Man, you're observant! ~What? You just now figured that out?!

~Thank you Captain Obvious! ~Your powers of observation are soooo amazing!

Respond with a compliment or kindness. Take the high road:

~Why would someone so nice say something so mean?

~Despite what you just said, I always thought you were a pretty decent person.

Teaser says: *Loser!* You say: *Sorry you feel that way. I always thought you were pretty cool.*

Stand up for yourself if the behavior continues. Confront assertively in the moment (eye contact, poker face, calm voice) and then walk away:

~That's getting old. If you do it again, I'm reporting it.

~That's weak. Give it up. If you do/say it again, I'm reporting it.

~What you are doing is harassment. If you don't stop, I'll be forced to report it.

Confront the ringleader privately later if it's safe. Stay four feet away. Use a calm voice and maintain a neutral expression. Maintain eye contact the entire time you are speaking. Have a script in your head beforehand and stick to it: I need to talk to you. You have been doing ___ to me. I would never do that to you, and it's not okay that you're doing it to me. You need to stop. If you don't stop, I'm reporting it. It's harassment and I'm not going to put up with it. (Immediately walk away when you are done speaking. Don't look back. Keep moving. If the behavior continues, report it.)

Check with other students. If others are being bullied by the same person, do a group confrontation when the aggressive/mean person is alone. Never confront in front of the aggressive student's friends: We need to talk to you. You have been doing . (Each person one at a time states what the bully/harasser has done or said to him/her personally.) If you don't stop, we're all going to report it. (As a group, walk away immediately).

If you feel uncomfortable with a group confrontation or it is unsuccessful, the group should decide which adult they all could talk to about the bullying/harassment. Each student should go one at a time and tell their story to the same adult. Reporting by group members should all occur within a 24 hour period to make maximum impact. *To make a report, fill out a reporting form. These forms are available in the office, library, or a teacher's classroom.*

If direct confrontation is too difficult or dangerous, report to an adult privately. Use email, write a note, leave a voicemail, or talk to an adult before or after school, or during lunch. Don't tell any of your friends that you reported it. If you tell even one friend, the word will get out. Go back to the same adult if the behavior continues or worsens. Report it again. Adults often assume the behavior has stopped if the aggressor gets a consequence. If the aggressive student hasn't stopped, adults need to know about it right away. Adults are not mind readers and may not know if bullying or harassment continues or gets worse. Be persistent about getting help!

If someone is pushing, shoving, or threatening you:

Stay cool and say something like “A fight with you isn’t worth me getting suspended.”

Walk away calmly and confidently. If they follow you, don’t run or turn around. Walk to the nearest adult and ask for help.

An alternative to direct confrontation or reporting is to write (don’t email or text) a letter to the bully/harasser. Make a copy of the letter and keep it in a safe place.

This letter should be fairly short (a paragraph or two). The letter should describe the

inappropriate behavior(s), how this person/behavior is making you feel, how this person/behavior is affecting your life, and that it must stop immediately. Inform the harasser that you want the letter to stay between the two of you, and that no else knows about the letter. Let the person know that you are not going to share your letter unless 1.) He/She shows the letter to his/her friends as a way to mock you, or 2.) He/She does not stop their harassing/mean behavior. Emphasize that you hope to settle this matter privately, to prevent you from having to report it to an adult.

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Grammar Crime Hot Sheet - APPENDIX C

1. Failure to underline book titles

Titles that should be underlined or italicized (if you are using a computer) include: books, book-length

poems, plays, magazines, pamphlets, published speeches, long musical works, movies, television programs, works of visual art, ships, and foreign phrases.

Titles that should be in quotation marks are: short stories, songs, short poems, articles in magazines, essays, episodes of a television program, and chapter titles in a book.

Correct examples: book: *The Giver*; short story: "The Scarlet Ibis"; short poem: "Ozymandias"; long poem: *The Odyssey*; movie: *Men in Black*.

2. Speeding through contractions

Never, never, never write: *should of, could of, would of*.

The correct way: *should have, could have, would have*
The correct contraction: *should've, could've, would've*
Correct example: The boy should've been nicer to his sister.

By the way, try to avoid using contractions in formal writing, please!

3. Illicit use of the word *like*

Avoid the use of the word *like* at all costs when you are using it to cite examples.

Replace *like* with *such as, for example, for instance, etc.*

4. Use of R.I.P words

The following words are to be laid to rest in formal writing: *a lot, all right, stuff, really, very, gonna,*

wanna, kinda (of course, the last three words can be used in their correct format: *going to, want to, kind of*).

5. Improper matching of pronouns: *they to their, and he/she to his/her*

If the beginning of the sentence says: **The mother wanted to make the boy happy**, then the rest should say: **so she gave her favorite old toy to him**.

Make sure the descriptive words *their, his, her* refer to the correct subject.

If the subject is a single thing, then don't use *their*.

6. Illegal use of *because* and *until*

If you want to use *because* and *until*, then use the complete form of the word. Never use *cause* or *til*.

(Note: Sometimes you will see *till* used in poems and advertisements.) The correct contractions for these words are „*cause* and „*til*. Avoid using contractions in formal writing.

7. Mixing up *this*, *that*, and *who*

Never say: There was this boy and this tree . . . Correct example: There was a boy and a tree . . .

Only use *this* when the thing is right there in front of you.

Never say: The story is about a young boy that loves a tree. Use *who* when referring to people. The boy is a person, so the sentence should read: The story is about a young boy who loves a tree.

Use *that* for objects and things, not people.

8. Illegal use of *it's* and *its*

Correct examples: It's the right thing to do. (contraction for "it is")

The building cast its shadow. (The shadow belongs to the building, so its is a possessive, and does not use an apostrophe.)

Most other possessives use an apostrophe: John's book, Joe's shoe.)

9. Illegal use of *your* and *you're*

Everyone spells these alike because they sound alike. BEWARE!!!

Correct examples: You're almost ready to try it alone. (contraction for "you are")

Here is your paper. (*your* is a possessive, the paper belongs to you)

10. Illegal use of *their* and *there* and *they're*

Three more words that everyone spells the same because they sound the same. Correct examples:

There is another door over there. (shows location or existence) Their ice cream cones are melting all over their shoes. (possessive) They're not ready to go yet. (contraction for "they are")

Set an alarm in your brain that goes off every time you are about to use one of these words, and make sure to stop and check that you are using the correct form before you go on.

11. Illegal use of the apostrophe

An s is put at the end of a word for two reasons: to make it plural or to show possession.

Correct examples: Plurals: books, students; Possession: the book's pages, the student's desk.

When you add an *s* to make something plural, *do not use* an apostrophe. (Note: the only exception is shown in Grammar Crime No. 8 above).

12. Illegal use of *to*, *too*, and *two*

Use *too* when you are exaggerating. Example: It was too much.

Too can also mean *also*. Example: I want to go *too*. *Two* means the numeral 2.

Correct example: I want to go *too* so I can buy *two* pieces of candy.

13. Improper matching of verbs

If the subject of the sentence is singular, use a singular verb.

Examples: It walks, rides, was, is, says, tries, decides, spoke, can, will, does.

If the subject of the sentence is plural, then use a verb that goes with the plural. Example: They walk, ride, were, are, say, try, decide, spoke, can, will, do

14. Using double negatives

In other languages, such as Spanish, the more negatives you have in a sentence, the more negative the statement. But in English, you can have only one negative per sentence, so make sure you don't put more than one of these words in the same sentence: Negatives: *not, don't, can't, won't, shouldn't, couldn't, wouldn't, didn't, no, neither, nothing*

Here is an example of too many negatives from a student paper: Having no trees aren't nothing. (There are three negatives in that sentence.)

Madison High School Student Technology Compact

- I will take good care of my school-issued device
 - I will insert cords, cables and removable flash drives carefully
 - I will not shove or wedge my device into a locker or backpack
 - I will not expose my device to extreme temperatures or direct sunlight
 - I will keep food or beverages away from my device
 - I will close the lid when transporting the laptop, even between classes. (The laptop will not sleep or turn off.)
- I will never leave my device unattended in an unsecured or unsupervised location
- I will never loan my device to other individuals, including other family members.
- I will bring my device fully charged each day
- I will sync my school files to Office 365 to prevent loss of documents or class projects
- I will not, or allow anyone else to, attempt to disassemble or repair my device
- I will use my device in ways that are appropriate for education
- If I inadvertently access a website that contains obscene, pornographic, or otherwise offensive material, I will notify the school immediately so that such sites can be blocked from further access. This is not merely a request, it is my responsibility
- I will not go into any chat rooms other than those set up by my teacher or mandated in other virtual learning courses
- I will not use my device to capture, record, or transmit the words and or images of any student, staff member or other person in the school without express permission and explicit consent
- I will not use my device for gaming or entertainment during class time
- I will not place decoration (stickers, markers, etc.) on my device
- I will not remove any identification stickers that Madison School District has placed on the device
- I understand that the device I am issued is monitored and my web activity and email is recorded and is subject to inspection at any time without notice and remains the property of Madison School District
- I will follow the District Acceptable Technology Use Policy outlined in the student handbook and Board Policy while at school as well as outside the school day
- I agree to monitor my school email for important communications from school staff and IT department.
- I agree to return the device in good working condition at the end of the school year

Student Name: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____