

WASILLA HIGH SCHOOL

2025-2026 STUDENT HANDBOOK



Jason Marvel

PRINCIPAL

Karen Bloxson

Mike Shea

Stacia Rustad

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

701 E. Bogard Road

Wasilla, Alaska

99654

907-352-8200

**Handbook is subject to change according to School Board Policy

WELCOME TO WASILLA HIGH SCHOOL
Home of the Warriors

CONTACT INFORMATION

Main Office	(907) 352-8200	Fax (907) 352-8280
Jason Marvel, Principal	(907) 352-8213	jason.marvel@matsuk12.us
Heather McVeigh, Admin Sec	(907) 352-8213	heather.mcveigh@matsuk12.us
Karen Bloxsom, Asst. Principal	(907) 352-8218	karen.bloxsom@matsuk12.us
Mike Shea, Asst. Principal	(907) 352-8215	mike.shea@matsuk12.us
Stacia Rustad, Activities Principal	(907) 352-8249	stacia.rustad@matsuk12.us
Christie Wilbur, Front Office Sec.	(907) 352-8200	christie.wilbur@matsuk12.us
Heather Moore, Registrar	(907) 352-8291	heather.moore@matsuk12.us
Kristen Harris, Activities Sec.	(907) 352-8217	kristen.harris@matsuk12.us
(Kennith) KB Holbrook	(907) 352-8237	kennith.holbrook@matsuk12.us (Alpha P-Z)
Courtney Bayle, Counselor	(907) 352-8246	courtney.bayle@matsuk12.us (Alpha A-G)
Sarah Tilbury, Counselor	(907) 352-8241	sarah.tilbury@matsuk12.us (Alpha H-N)
Ronda Lackey, School Nurse	(907) 352-8216	rhonda.lackey@matsuk12.us
Wanda Abell, Counseling Secretary	(907) 352-8243	wanda.abell@matsuk12.us
Scott Strobel, Safety Coordinator	(907) 352-8211	scott.strobel@matsuk12.us

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday, August 14	First Day of School – Welcome Back!!!
Monday, September 1	No School – Labor Day Holiday
Friday, October 17	Quarter 1 Ends
Monday, November 3	No School - Parent Conferences – Report Cards
Monday, November 10	Professional Learning Day
Tuesday, November 11	No School – Veterans Day
November 27-28	No School – Thanksgiving Break
December 18	Quarter 2 Ends
December 19	No School-Teacher Workday
December 22 - January 4	No School – Winter Vacation
Monday, January 5	Second Semester Begins
Monday, January 19	No School – Martin Luther King Holiday
Monday, February 16	No School- Parent Conferences
Thursday, March 5	Quarter 3 Ends
Friday, March 6	No School-Teacher Workday
March 9 – March 13	Spring Break
April 13 -- April 24	State Wide Testing
May 2026	Advanced Placement Testing
TBA	Senior Final Exams
TBA	Senior Awards Night – 7 pm
TBA	Graduation – Menard Sports Complex
Wednesday, May 20	Last Day for Students
Thursday, May 21	Teacher Work Day

MISSION

To Improve Lives

VISION

*We are a Comprehensive High School where
Relationships, Critical Thinking, and*

Hard Work Matter
SPORTS OFFERED AT WHS

Athletic teams	Start date	Head coach
Football	July 30	Matt Jaronik
Football Cheer	July 30	Mandi Bekker
Flag Football	July 30	Mat Bredberg
Cross Country Running	July 30	Leslie Varys
Tennis	July 30	Jennifer Anderson
Swim	Aug 6	Atali Hanley
Dive	Aug 6	Wendy Digerlando
Volleyball	Aug. 6	Katie Oxspring
Wrestling	Oct 1	Ryan Moat
Hockey	Oct. 15	Jake Dargis
Girls Basketball	Dec 3	Jeannie Hebert-Truax
Boys Basketball	Dec 3	Steve Henderson
Cheer	Dec 3	Jennifer Arnone
Track and Field	March 4	Leslie Varys
Girls Soccer	March 4	JB Schwartz
Boys Soccer	March 4	Allen Bair
Baseball	March 4	Ken Ottinger
Softball	March 4	Karli Rauchenstein
NYO	January 6	Adia Miles

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

Incoming freshman will have a “clean slate” for academic eligibility during the first quarter. For all other students we will be checking second semester of 2025 for eligibility. Freshman through Juniors must pass 5 classes and have a 2.0 GPA. Seniors must pass 4 classes and have a 2.0 GPA. Grades are checked at the end of the first and third quarter and first and second semester.

MSBSD APP



Download the **Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District App** from the App Store or the Droid Store. This app is a simple one-stop-shop for parents and students that combines all district school links, news, calendars and directories into one place.

The MSBSD APP features STOPit that allows app users to submit a tip about good news, a bullying report, or even a school violence threat with the ability to include an image.

ACADEMICS

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Class of 2026: 25.5

Class of 2027: 25.5

Class of 2028: 25.5

Class of 2029: 25.5

Matanuska Susitna Borough School District Graduation guidelines are listed in BP 6146.1

The graduation requirements are minimal standards for graduation yet may not be sufficient to fulfill requirements for some college admission or special training programs. Off campus privileges are available to juniors and seniors who are on track to graduate, and have parental permission. A half credit is earned for completing a semester course. Credit is not awarded for courses where a passing grade is not earned or a student is withdrawn.

For more details you can access the MSBSD Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook at www.matsuk12.us

SCHEDULE CHANGES

Schedule changes can only occur within the semester's **first ten days** when an academic need or an error has occurred. A schedule change request does not remove a student's obligation to attend class. All students are to attend classes until the counseling office processes the Schedule Change Request Form. A student's attendance follows him/her to their new class. After four weeks, a dropped course will result in an NC (No Credit), NCP (No Credit Pass), or WD (Withdrawal) for courses dropped.

GRADING, GPA, CLASS RANK

Grading

Letter grades are used as follows:

Advanced Placement (AP Classes)

Grade Grade Points Weighted Grade Points

A Superior achievement 4 5

B Above average achievement 3 4

C Average achievement 2 3

D Below average achievement 1 2

F Failing (no credit earned) 0 0

NC No credit 00

P No letter grade (credit earned)

INC Incomplete, changes to an "F" after two weeks.

It is the student's responsibility to discuss opportunities to complete an INC/F/NCP

GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA) / CLASS RANK

GPA is calculated by adding weighted grade points and dividing by the number of classes taken. Weighted grade point averages are computed at the end of each year. Class rank is based on the highest weighted grade point average ranking as number 1, the second

highest as number 2, etc.

ACADEMIC LETTER

Students earn a WHS academic letter by achieving a 3.5 GPA with a schedule that includes at least four core academic courses (i.e. math, science, social studies, language arts) for both semesters of a school year. Letters will be awarded the following school year as second semester grades are not calculated until students have left for the summer.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSE FEES

Students who register for an Advanced Placement course must take the College Board subject exam which will be paid by the Matanuska Susitna School District.

HALLWAY PROCEDURES & EXPECTATIONS

Goal: Students will demonstrate responsibility as they move safely and efficiently from one setting to another following the arrows on the floor, while interacting with dignity.

Warrior Way Applied to Hallways:

- Walk up on north stairs, down on south stairs
- **Walk and talk**, students must remain in motion during passing time unless at locker
- Talk quietly and make little noise since other classes are in session
- Keep hands, feet, books, etc. to yourself
- It is your responsibility to say something when you see another student being put down or picked on, or bullied ●
Treating others with dignity in the halls means being courteous, helpful, and kind even if the person is not your friend.

ACTIVITIES

ATTENDANCE RULE

When a student has an excused absence, they have the number of days they were absent plus one to make up the work. This can also be extended at the teacher's discretion.

To be eligible for an activity or contest, a student must satisfy the below requirements regarding practice and competitions.

Games/Competitions/Representations:

- A student must be in full attendance on the day of an activity.
- If an event is held on a weekend, the student must be in full attendance the day prior to the contest.

School attendance for all Region and State events is at the discretion of the building administration.

ORGANIZATIONS AND CLUBS

We encourage all students to become involved in as many activities as possible. The following are some of the clubs and organizations at WHS:

* Air Force Jr. ROTC * Battle of the Books * Band/Choir/Drum Line * Boys Volleyball * Chess * E-Sports/D & D
* GSA * National Honor Society * NYO
* World Quest * Peer Helpers * Pep Band * Robotics * Road Warriors Car Club * Science Olympiad * Special Olympics Partners Club * SKILLS USA * Student Government * World Language Declamation * Shooting Team (Alaska Scholastic Clay Trap Program)

ATHLETIC LETTER

Students may earn an athletic letter by meeting the requirements of the individual sport. Lettering can occur in the following athletic programs: flag football, football, football cheer, tennis, swimming/diving, volleyball, and cross-country running, wrestling, ice hockey, bowling, basketball, basketball cheer, track & field, boys' and girls' soccer, baseball, softball Native Youth Olympics, and Special Olympics. and clay target shooting team. For more information, see Ms. Rustad, activities principal.

STUDENT CONDUCT

All expectations and rules also apply to school sanctioned events and transportation

BY STATE LAW WASILLA HIGH SCHOOL IS DECLARED A DRUG-FREE ZONE

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

Using another student's work and working with another student is prohibited unless a teacher has given specific permission for students to work together. Using other published work without citation is also prohibited. Academic dishonesty violations are cumulative and follow a student throughout their high school career. Removal from school may be the consequence for egregious acts such as altering a teacher's grade book or violating computer security.

ATTENDANCE

Under Alaska Statute 14.30.010, every child between seven and 16 years of age shall attend school. A.S. 14.30.020 states that if a person disregards the Compulsory Education Law, and his/her child accumulates five days of illegal absences, then he/she is guilty of a violation. The burden of a child being excused from school is placed on the parent or guardian of the child. Unlawful excuses for being absent may include:

- Staying home to care for younger children
- Oversleeping/Being tired
- Missing the bus
- Being needed at home to do work

Absences are recorded *each* class period by the teacher using **Synergy**. **ConnectEd** automatically calls the primary residence of each student who is absent. **Parent Vue** also generates an e-mail to parents who have an active account and have selected this option under preferences. **If a student is absent 10 consecutive school days and no contact can be made with the parents/guardians, the student will be dropped.** If a student has been gone for 10 consecutive days and contact has been made with parents, a letter must be secured from the parents/guardian stating that the child will be returning to that school within a reasonable period of time.

BULLYING/CYBERBULLYING

All forms of bullying and cyberbullying by school district students are strictly prohibited. Anyone who engages in bullying or cyberbullying in violation of this policy shall be subject to appropriate discipline and other corrective action, including but not limited to, behavior contract, educational counseling, parental conference, detention, suspension, expulsion, loss of school privileges, computer use and media device restrictions, and/or exclusion from school-sponsored activities and events.

Students are encouraged to report bullying or cyberbullying to school district employees and to their parents/guardians. Parents/guardians are encouraged to report suspected bullying, including cyberbullying, to the building principal or via **STOPit** on the MSBSD app or district website.

BUS PASSES

Bus passes must be delivered to the front office **by noon** to ride an alternate bus.

Bus Passes must include:

student's name

Parent and/or guardian name

Parent and/or guardian contact phone number) in case of bus emergency

Approved bus stop location that the student will be dropped off

CELL PHONES / ELECTRONIC DEVICES

With the passing of Board Policy 5131.02, cell phones, wireless ear buds and smart watches will not be allowed to be used on campus during school hours. This includes during the passing period and lunchtime. Per policy, exceptions will be made for the following: significant emergencies (i.e. earthquake), translation purposes(i.e. English Language Learners using google translate) and approved medical purposes. In all other instances, if parents need to reach their student during the school day, they may do so by contacting our front office. As far as disciplinary consequences for non-compliant students, following is the matrix that WHS

administration will follow:

- First offense: parent must pick up the device. We will place the device in a manilla envelope with a reminder of Board Policy 5131.02.
- Second offense: parent must pick up the device. Student must either complete three SERVES or one Saturday School.
- Third offense: Out of school suspension and/or principal conference.
- Additional offenses: Out of school suspension at principal discretion

CHECKING OUT OF SCHOOL DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

Students leaving during the school day must have prior written approval from parents and Administrative permission. Students must sign out, and sign in upon return, at the main office. **Students must only use the main exit/entrance of the school building. Using other exits in the building will result in SERVE.**

CLOSED CAMPUS

Like all district schools, Wasilla High is a closed campus for most students. Only an administrator can authorize a student's departure from campus during school hours. A student must have written parent permission to leave campus. Leaving campus without permission will result in a **T**ruancy violation. Pool lobby or parking area is considered off campus.

(OPEN) CAMPUS LUNCH

Criteria to be eligible for Open Campus Privilege

1. Junior or Senior in high school
2. 3.0 GPA for the quarter prior to application for privilege
3. No tobacco, alcohol, or drug infractions the previous school year
4. No in or out of school suspensions in the previous semester
5. Parent permission provided in the presence of school staff

Students who qualify for open campus privilege, and who complete the appropriate application will get an Open Campus badge to add to a key chain. **You must enter and return through the main entrance doors and show your Open Campus badge when leaving campus for lunch. Allowing other students without open-campus lunch to accompany you off campus or continuous tardies returning to school will result in loss of privileges.**

DANCE POLICY

Once a student leaves a dance he/she will not be readmitted. School dances are for enrolled Wasilla High School students and their guests only. (Concurrent students from other schools need a guest pass) Guests must be less than 20 years of age, and a guest pass must be approved by the administrator a week prior to the event. Junior high, elementary students, and *freshman from other schools* will not be admitted to any high school dance. Parents are encouraged to attend school dances and need to pick up their students within 15 minutes of the end of the activity. Students are required to follow dress expectations for semi-formal and formal dances and to show an ID at the door. *Students involved in a physical altercation will not be allowed to attend any future dances during that school year; or to be deferred to the next school year.*

DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR/WILLFUL DISOBEDIENCE

Disruptive behavior is student conduct which materially interferes with the educational process. Disruptive behavior can take the form of extreme behavior in speech or action, or continued failure to comply with school rules and directives. Such behavior can jeopardize the welfare and safety of students and staff and can result in a student's immediate removal from school.

DRUGS, DRUG PARAPHERNALIA, AND INTOXICANTS POLICY

Alcohol, drugs, drug paraphernalia, intoxicants, or substances purported to be such things are prohibited at all times on school property. Violators of this policy will be detained until parents and law enforcement have been notified. It is a felony to be in possession of an illegal substance in a Drug Free Zone. To deliver, use, possess, sell, give, advertise or be under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol or to possess drug paraphernalia can result in suspension, expulsion, legal action, or all three. Students in the company of such individuals may also face similar consequences. Consequences for any of these infractions may start with SERVE/Saturday School up to a 30 day suspension/and a vape educate class.

TAD POLICY FOR STUDENT-ATHLETES

Wasilla High School adheres to ASAA's tobacco, alcohol, and controlled substances (TAD) policies and minimum penalties for violations. In addition to ASAA's minimum penalties, Wasilla High School will not allow any student(s) involved with WHS activities to return to practices for the duration of their suspended time, regardless of successful completion of the ASAA educational component course(s). The student will have no activity participation for 10 days (first offense), 45 days (second offense), 6 months (third offense), and 1 year (forth and subsequent offenses).

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT/ASAA EVENTS

*All 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students must be passing 5 classes at quarter and semester. **Student athletes must take a minimum of 5 classes to be eligible to participate in ASAA-sanctioned activities, SENIORS must take a minimum of 4 classes to participate in ASAA-sanctioned activities.** All students' GPA must be a 2.0 or higher at quarter and semester.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR WHS EVENTS

Follow above guidelines for ASAA eligibility. *

If students are not eligible, they are unable to participate in the activity that involves missing school. Teachers/sponsors can/will have the authority to not allow a student to go based on their current eligibility. Examples of WHS events: Skills USA BPA Conference, Construction day, fan bus, Theater productions, day-time music performances

EMERGENCY CONDUCT REQUIREMENTS

During any emergency drill or procedure, students are expected to be completely compliant to staff requests in order to maintain safety and control. Any competition to a staff member's directive will result in removal from school.

EXPLOSIVES

Possessing an explosive device is strictly prohibited anywhere on school property. Ammunition and firecrackers are considered explosive devices. Possession or use of explosive devices on school grounds is a federal offense and will result in consequences applicable with FEDERAL LAW.

FAILURE TO IDENTIFY SELF

Students must identify themselves upon request of an adult. Failure to comply will result in disciplinary action.

FIGHTING/ASSAULT

Physical assault, conspiring to cause harm, or filming of a fight is strictly prohibited. **The only way to ensure that your conduct will not be considered mutual assault is if it can be clearly corroborated that you made every reasonable effort to remove yourself physically from the situation.** Arguing that someone hit you first does not give you reason to retaliate. Unless it is evident that your behavior was consistent with self-defense after trying to remove yourself, both parties in a fight are suspended. Fighting or assault will result in a minimum 3-day out-of-school suspension, and you will not be admitted to the next future dance.

FIRE ALARMS

Activating a fire alarm is against state law and can result in expulsion from school.

HALL PASSES

You must have a hall pass at all times to be in the hallway during class time. No passes will be given during 4C's.

HARASSMENT

Non-Harassment, Non-Discrimination Regulations (taken from BP 5145)

It is the intent of the District to provide an environment for students which is free of harassment, bullying, cyber bullying and discrimination whether based on sex, age, marital status, race, religion, color, national origin, sexual orientation, ethnicity, handicap, pregnancy, or parenthood. Harassment; whether ethnic, racial or sexual in nature, which is sufficiently severe or pervasive to create a hostile, offensive or abusive educational environment is illegal and is prohibited.

Students who engage in such harassment, bullying, cyber bullying, or discrimination will be subject to disciplinary sanctions as appropriate. Non-employees who engage in these activities may be subject to other sanctions as appropriate.

Offensive language, jokes, names, gestures, notes, innuendos, pictures, and other means of a derogatory or embarrassing nature in spoken, written, or technology form are strictly prohibited in school, at all school functions, **and through technology** at school or at home. Students are to report harassment, bullying, cyber bullying and discrimination. We will investigate and stop these incidents as soon as we are put on notice. Offending students will comply with the school's corrective measures to stop harassment or they will be removed from school.

HAZING RESTRICTION

Physical or verbal hazing and initiations that include physical or verbal hazing, is prohibited by school board policy.

HEADGEAR IS NOT ALLOWED

Headgear is defined as anything worn on the head including all kinds of hats and caps, hoods, bandanas, and sunglasses. Headgear is not allowed between the hours of 7:00 am and 2:15 pm.

INTERNET USE

Wasilla High School adheres to the district's internet use policy. Any student wishing to use the internet at WHS must complete the Internet Use Agreement. Additional forms are located in the main office. Students violating this agreement will lose internet access.

LYING TO A SCHOOL OFFICIAL

When questioned by a school official, students are to reply respectfully and honestly. Lying to a school official is a suspendable offense. A falsified student pass is considered lying to a school official.

NURSE'S OFFICE

There is a full-time nurse available from 7:15 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Except in an emergency, students need a teacher's pass to see the nurse and should not visit the nurse prior to checking with their assigned teacher.

OFFENSIVE LANGUAGE

The use of, or advertising of any profane or obscene language is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Violation of this offensive language policy may result in an office referral, suspension from school, and possible loss of credit. Swearing directed at a staff member will result in suspension of not less than 3 days and may go up to and include loss of credit and removal from school.

OFF-LIMIT AREAS

The parking lot, side exits, *and any space other than the immediate front or back of the school are off-limit areas.* Included are the athletic areas: Turf field, baseball field, softball fields, softball practice fields, and JROTC Obstacle Course. Students should not be in these areas without specific permission from an administrator. Presence in these areas can trigger serious security issues. Consequences will occur to students who enter these unsupervised, security-sensitive areas. Students must only use the front door to enter and exit the building, and must have principal permission to leave the building during school hours.

PERSONAL ENTERPRISE

Students may not sell any type of items to other students unless it is a school-sponsored activity approved by the administration.

PUBLIC DISPLAY OF AFFECTION

Displays of affection should be limited to **hand holding and hugging**

REPORTING ABSENCES

After an absence, your parents should send a note that explains your absence, or they may excuse the absence using Synergy.

RESPONSIBLE USE OF TECHNOLOGY

WHS provides its students with access to a variety of digital technologies and services to support the mission of our school. As a WHS student, every time you use these resources you agree to use them responsibly and in accordance with the school's policy. Responsible use of technology includes, but is not limited to:

1. Taking steps to protect your personal property (putting your name on your computer and decorating your case)
2. Respecting and taking care of the technology that students have access to
3. Using technology ethically.
4. Using technology for educational purposes.

Using your google account to include inappropriate language, pictures, or harassment and bullying will result in a GAGGLE ALERT to your Principals, an investigation, a phone call home, and disciplinary consequences. Continued irresponsible use of technology may result in a loss of internet and computer privileges at school. *Parents may also request a limited use of technology through GoGuardian*

RIGHT TO APPEAL

In any disciplinary action, you have the right for administrative review of the sanction or the facts involved in the proceedings. Procedures for an appeal are explained in the Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook provided on the School District website. The preliminary steps are:

1. Appeal to the Principal
2. Appeal to the Superintendent
3. Appeal to the School Board

SCHOOL LOCKERS

Do not provide your combination to other students. Wasilla High School and employees are not responsible for lost possessions with your locker.

SERVE

When a student receives a disciplinary action, it may result in SERVE, or “giving back to the school”. This year SERVE will be performed after school (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday) from 2:30-3:30PM and once a month Saturdays from 9AM - 12AM.

SEXTING

Sexting is the act of sending sexually explicit messages or photos electronically, primarily between cell phones and other mobile devices. Sexting may be seen as an act of **Sexual Misconduct and may be investigated by local police authorities.**

SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

Sexual acts of any type, at school, off campus events, during sponsored activities, or on a school bus are prohibited. These acts could lead to a semester suspension or possible expulsion with loss of credit.

Consensual sexual relationships should never exist among a student and staff member and will be vigorously pursued.

Any behavior will be reported to law enforcement and the Professional Teaching Practices Commission (PTPC).

SKATEBOARDS / SCOOTERS

Skateboarding on campus is limited to behind the building outside the lower commons. Skateboards will be stored in the front office during the school day.

START On-Time Policy

Students are expected to be on time to all classes. When the bell rings for class to begin, classroom doors will close and teachers will begin teaching. Students who are not in class will be required to go to the designated area to log-in as being tardy and get a pass to enter class. The parent/guardian will receive an automated email notifying him/her of the tardy. After the 5th tardy, students will receive a warning. Continued tardies will result in Saturday School/SERVE.

STUDENT DRESS

During the spring of 2024, the School Board updated its dress code policy (BP 5144.01).

Freedom of Expression

Students are entitled to express verbally their personal opinions in a manner that does not interfere with the educational process, that does not interfere with the freedom of others to express themselves, and that does not interfere with the ability of others to enjoy their rights, including rights of privacy and of preservation of reputation.

A student's style of dress and grooming will not be regulated by the School District, except to the extent reasonably necessary to promote the educational environment.

Students may wear or display buttons, armbands, flags, decals and other items of symbolic expression, unless the manner of expression is obscene, vulgar, defamatory, promotes or advertises alcohol or drugs, or substantially interferes with the educational process or with the rights of others.

Student dress and general appearance is a shared responsibility among students, parents/guardians, and the school. The Board of Education believes that appropriate dress and grooming contribute to a productive and safe learning environment. The Board expects students to give proper attention to personal cleanliness and to wear clothes that are suitable for the school activities, including industry requirements at the work site, in which they participate. Students have the right to make individual choices from a wide range of clothing and grooming styles, but they must not present a health, safety hazard, or a distraction which would interfere with the educational process. Students wearing prohibited attire will be asked to cover it, change it, or go home until proper attire is worn.

District and/or School Administration may address student dress and appearance trends as necessary through administrative regulation and/or school-based expectations. The following minimum standards will be enforced:

- a. Clothing and accessories must be appropriate for school and may not present a substantial disruption in classrooms or common areas.
- b. Clothing and accessories, to include but not limited to: Notebooks, patches, tattoos, and jewelry must not display racial or ethnic slurs or symbols, gang affiliations, vulgar, subversive, sexually suggestive, or otherwise

inappropriate language or images.

c. Promotion of products that students may not legally buy such as alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs, or the promotion of establishments that are illegal for students; or anything that promotes harm to another or to oneself is prohibited.

d. Attire, accessories, etc. bearing expression or insignia which is obscene, libelous, or which advocates racial, religious, or other prejudice is prohibited.

e. Clothing that is overly revealing is not allowed. This includes shirts/dresses that are low cut, sleeveless shirts that do not cover undergarments, or that are not long enough to cover the waistband. The midriff/stomach cannot be visible.

f. Pants/shorts/skirts/dresses must cover the legs to mid-thigh. Holes in pants must be below mid-thigh. All undergarments must remain covered. No clothing may be see-through or transparent.

g. Attire that resembles non-human characteristics is prohibited.

h. Students are required to wear shoes at all times.

i. For safety reasons, nothing should obstruct or cover the head or face that would block identification. Items that may conceal a student's head or face are not allowed during the instructional day without administrative approval.

Reasonable accommodation for a student's religious beliefs will be made unless the accommodation creates an undue hardship.

Any individual who needs accommodation is encouraged to request it from the administration.

At the discretion of the building administrator, in special circumstances such as spirit days or field trips, exceptions may be made to student dress and appearance standards.

The following minimum standards will be enforced at Wasilla High School:

a. Clothing and accessories, e.g., notebooks, patches, tattoos, and jewelry must not display racial or ethnic slurs or symbols, gang affiliations, vulgar, subversive, sexually suggestive, or otherwise inappropriate language or images; promotion of products that students may not legally buy such as alcohol, tobacco, and illegal drugs; or anything that promotes harm to another or to one's self.

b. Prohibited items include studded jewelry or chains, sunglasses unless medically required, sleepwear or clothing resembling sleepwear.

STUDENTS DRIVING TO SCHOOL

- Students must obtain a parking pass in the front office. Or through the WHS website under the Site Shortcuts
- Students must park in designated rows, between yellow lines. No sideways parking.
- Students must observe the 10-mph speed limit in parking areas.
- The parking lot is an off-limits area and cannot be returned to until a student leaves school.
- Students are not to park in visitor parking or pool parking.
- Student vehicles are subject to search at any time.

Failure to follow these driving and parking rules can result in your vehicle being towed at student expense and possible loss of driving privileges.

THEFT

Theft or possession of stolen property will result in school sanctions and police referral. Unauthorized attempts to enter a locker to which one is not assigned will result in school sanctions. **School officials WILL NOT investigate the loss of earbuds. Please mark earbuds appropriately and keep on your person at all times.**

TOBACCO/E-CIGARETTES/VAPES IN SCHOOL

Possession or use of nicotine products and/or paraphernalia is prohibited on campus. Violations will result in a \$500 fine through law enforcement.

TRUANCY

Truancy is any time you are not in your assigned area. Missing a class for any reason without every affected teacher's permission is strictly prohibited. Going to the library to work in one class while you are supposed to be in another class is truancy. Truancy will result in Saturday school and/or out-of-school suspension, and loss of credit for that class day. Progressive Discipline will be used

to deter repeated offenses

VACATE BUILDING

Students are expected to leave the building after their last class unless they are with a coach, club sponsor, or teacher.

VISITORS

Student visitors are not allowed at Wasilla High. Adult visitors must check in at the office.

WEAPONS

Possessing a weapon or look-a-like weapon such as a gun, stun gun, or a knife is prohibited. Weapons and look-a-like weapons will be confiscated and suspension or expulsion will follow.

****** INCLUSIVENESS NOTE ******

This document cannot possibly cover every situation. It is set up as a guide for students to follow. The Wasilla High School administration reserves the right to implement, modify, and enforce policies to maintain a safe learning environment. Students are expected to act responsibly and follow the directives of the staff in situations not covered by this handbook.