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HIGH SCHOOL

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Strath Haven High School
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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

This handbook is designed to inform students, teachers, and parents of the policies, procedures and rules of Strath Haven High School.

The goal of the policies and procedures of Strath Haven High School is to promote an optimal learning climate and to provide a supportive community that is conducive to learning, growth and student engagement. Active and positive participation by students, parents, staff, and administrators is critical to the implementation of our policies and procedures. We encourage and expect that:

- Students will assume responsibility for their behavior
- Students and parents will become familiar with the handbook
- Parents will review the attendance and discipline sections with their children
- Strath Haven High School staff members will strive to administer the attendance and discipline policies consistently and fairly

MISSION STATEMENT

Strath Haven High School graduates will possess the ability to apply their knowledge and skills to:

- act as responsible citizens engaged in their community, nation, and the world around them,
- exhibit intellectual curiosity and aesthetic appreciation,
- demonstrate self-awareness and informed critical thinking,
- maintain personal integrity and healthy decision-making

in order to ensure success in post-secondary education, the workplace, and the home.

RESPECT STATEMENT

All members of the school community are expected to be respectful of each other. Negative comments about anyone's race, nationality, religion, physical appearance or ability, intellectual capability, gender identity, sexual

orientation, work ethic or character are unacceptable and will not be tolerated.

POLICY ON EQUAL RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITY

It is the policy of the Wallingford-Swarthmore School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, age, creed, religion, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, ancestry, national origin, or handicap/disability in its educational and vocational programs or employment as required by Title IX of Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA). Assurance is given that service, activities, and facilities are accessible to and usable by handicapped persons. Wallingford-Swarthmore School District's commitment to non-discrimination extends to students, employees, prospective employees, and the community. For information regarding civil rights and grievance procedure, please contact the Office of Human Resources at (160) 892-3470 ext. 1401.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

The Wallingford-Swarthmore School District believes that all students can and must have an opportunity to reach their full potential. To this end, the District will provide free, appropriate public education to children with disabilities who need special education and related services and will identify, locate and evaluate all students with suspected disabilities for such special services using all applicable laws. If at any time, parents or guardians think that their child may be eligible for special education and related services they may request that the District conduct a multi-disciplinary evaluation. Such a request should be made in writing to the Director of Special Education, Wallingford-Swarthmore School District, 200 South Providence Road, Wallingford, PA 19086. All such requests will be addressed within 10 days of receipt from the parent or legal guardian.

GRADE LEVEL TEAMS AND SCHOOL COUNSELING ASSIGNMENTS

School Counselors are the **first point of contact** for students to access the behavioral health team.

| GRADE 9 | GRADE 10 | | GRADE 11 | | GRADE 12 | |
|---|---|------------|--|------------|---|------------|
| Gavin Stewart | A-D | R. Smith | A-KEE | R. Smith | A-LOG | T. Edwards |
| | E-K | T. Edwards | KEL-REA | J. Salvage | LOT-RI | J. Salvage |
| | L-Q | J. Salvage | REE-Z | D. Lyons | RO-Z | D. Lyons |
| | R-Z | D. Lyons | | | | |
| Andy Benzing, Principal | Tabatha Duffy, Asst. Principal | | Tom McLaughlin, Asst. Prin. | | Andrea LaPira, Asst. Principal | |
| Marlena O’Kane, Beh. Health | Marlena O’Kane, Beh. Health | | Kate Sergeant, Beh. Health | | Kate Sergeant, Beh. Health | |
| Class Advisers: Alissa Harvey Gianna Harris | Class Advisers: Amanda Lawson Tim Styer | | Class Advisers: Andy Perella Valerie Perella | | Class Advisers: Beth Benzing Carly Reid | |

RESOURCES AND CONTACTS

MAIN OFFICE, 3RD FLOOR

| | | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Doris Ford | Front desk | Natalie Zigon | Administrative Assistant |
| Lynn Ramsey | Principal's Office | Andy Benzing | Principal |
| Tom McLaughlin | Assistant Principal | Andrea LaPira | Assistant Principal |
| Tabatha Duffy | Assistant Principal | Alissa Harvey | Student Support |

SCHOOL COUNSELING

| COUNSELING SUITE 2nd floor, next to library | | CAREER / COLLEGE READINESS 1st floor, outside cafeteria | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Deb Seifrit | Administrative Assistant, Counseling Suite | Kim Horetsky | Admin. Assistant, Career and College Counseling Office |
| Christopher Bennett | School Psychologist | Kristin Dunning | Career/College Counselor |
| Student transcripts, individual student programming, and academic planning | | Field Career, Coop Documentation; Technical school coordination; College Application Support | |

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| ATHLETIC OFFICE | Phone: x2181 Lynelle Mosley , Athletic Director Deb Sherman , Administrative Assistant |
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| ATTENDANCE OFFICE | Phone: x2108 Lynn Chadwick , Administrative Assistant |
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| NURSE'S OFFICE Student health and medication questions | Phone: x2141 Sarah Fleming , School Nurse Rachel Peters , Administrative Assistant |
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STANDARDIZED TESTING

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|------------------|------------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| Keystones | Tabatha Duffy | Advanced Placement | Kristin Dunning |
| SATs | TBD | ACTs | Michael DeAngelo |
| Pre-SAT | School counselor | Pre-ACT | School Counselor |
| NOCTI | Kim Horetsky | ASVAB | Kim Horetsky |





STRATH HAVEN HIGH SCHOOL REGULAR BELL SCHEDULE

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|---------|---------------|---------------------------|---|
| BLOCK 1 | 7:35 - 9:00 | a.m. announcements @ 8:55 |  (A) 10:30-11:10 |
| BLOCK 2 | 9:05 - 10:25 | | 11:15 - 12:35 |
| BLOCK 3 | 10:30 - 12:35 | | 10:30 - 11:10 |
| BLOCK 4 | 12:40 - 2:05 | p.m. announcements @ 2:00 |  (B) 11:10-11:55 |
| BLOCK 5 | 2:10 - 3:00 | | 11:55 - 12:35 |



STRATH HAVEN HIGH SCHOOL AM ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE

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|------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|---|
| BLOCK 1 | 7:35 - 8:40 | a.m. announcements @ 8:35 |  (A) 10:30-11:10 |
| BLOCK 2 | 8:45 - 10:25 | | 11:15 - 12:35 |
| ASSEMBLY A : 8:50-9:35 | | ASSEMBLY B : 9:45-10:25 | 10:30 - 11:10 |
| BLOCK 3 | 10:25 - 12:35 | |  (B) 11:10-11:55 |
| BLOCK 4 | 12:40 - 2:05 | p.m. announcements @ 2:00 | 11:55 - 12:35 |
| BLOCK 5 | 2:10 - 3:00 | | 10:30 - 11:55 |



STRATH HAVEN HIGH SCHOOL PM ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE

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|---------|--------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| BLOCK 1 | 7:35 - 8:40 | a.m. announcements @ 8:35 | 2nd FLOOR A 11:05 - 11:40 |
| BLOCK 2 | 8:45 - 9:50 | | 11:45 - 1:00 |
| BLOCK 3 | 9:55 - 11:00 | | 11:05 - 11:40 |
| BLOCK 4 | 11:05 - 2:05 | ASSEMBLY : 1:15-2:00 | 3rd FLOOR B 11:45 - 12:20 |
| BLOCK 5 | 2:10 - 3:00 | | 12:25 - 1:00 |
| | | | 11:05 - 12:15 |
| | | | 4th FLOOR C 12:20 - 12:55 |



STRATH HAVEN HIGH SCHOOL 2-HOUR DELAYED OPENING

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|---------|---------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| BLOCK 1 | 9:35 - 10:25 | a.m. announcements @ 10:20 | Fork A 11:15 - 11:55 |
| BLOCK 2 | 10:30 - 11:15 | | 11:55 - 1:10 |
| BLOCK 3 | 11:15 - 1:10 | | 10:30 - 11:10 |
| BLOCK 4 | 1:15 - 2:05 | p.m. announcements @ 2:00 | Fork B 11:55 - 12:35 |
| BLOCK 5 | 2:10 - 3:00 | | 12:35 - 1:10 |
| | | | 11:20 - 12:35 |
| | | | Fork C 12:35 - 1:10 |



STRATH HAVEN HIGH SCHOOL HALF DAY SCHEDULE

BLOCK **1** 7:35 - 8:15

BLOCK **2** 8:20 - 9:00

BLOCK **3** 9:05 - 9:45

BLOCK **4** 9:50 - 10:30



STRATH HAVEN HIGH SCHOOL FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

DAY ONE:

**1st BLOCK
ATTENDANCE 7:35 - 7:45**

**BLOCK 1
EXAM 7:45 - 9:15**

BREAK 9:15 - 9:30

**BLOCK 2
EXAM 9:30-11:00**

DISMISSAL @ 11:00

DAY TWO:

**3rd BLOCK
ATTENDANCE 7:35 - 7:45**

**BLOCK 3
EXAM 7:45 - 9:15**

BREAK 9:15 - 9:30

**BLOCK 4
EXAM 9:30-11:00**

DISMISSAL @ 11:00



SHHS PANTHER PRIDE TEAM: MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Strath Haven High School's PBIS Team is to implement behavioral systems and practices that support positive social, emotional, and academic outcomes for all staff and students. This will be achieved through clear and consistent expectations and data-driven accountability in pursuit of a safe, responsible, and respectful school environment.

| | BE SAFE | BE RESPONSIBLE | BE RESPECTFUL |
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| TECHNOLOGY IN ALL SPACES | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep personal information private. Access school-appropriate material only. Remember: your digital footprint is permanent. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete and submit your own original work. Charge chromebook before coming to school. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use technology only when explicitly permitted (phone, AirPods, etc.) Be kind, honest, and inclusive. |
| CLASSROOM | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respect the personal space and property of yourself and others. Use materials as intended. Keep shared spaces clean. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be present: listen, participate, and engage. Be prepared: be on time, and have materials ready. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use appropriate language, tone, and volume. Be kind, honest, and inclusive. |
| HALLWAY AND STAIRS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respect the personal space and property of yourself and others. Keep shared spaces clean. Be aware of your surroundings. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walk with purpose. Use passes as intended. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use appropriate language, tone, and volume. Follow directions from staff. Be kind, honest, and inclusive. |
| BATHROOMS & LOCKER ROOMS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respect the personal space and property of yourself and others. Respect others' privacy. Use facilities for intended purposes only. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow capacity rules: one person per stall. Return to class promptly. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use appropriate language, tone, and volume. Store electronic devices away. Be kind, honest, and inclusive. |
| LARGE GROUP SPACES | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respect the personal space and property of yourself and others. Use resources as intended. Keep shared spaces clean. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respect school property. Report to, and stay in, designated area. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use appropriate language, tone, and volume. Be courteous toward staff, peers, and guests. Be kind, honest, and inclusive. |

BE SAFE**BE RESPONSIBLE****BE RESPECTFUL**

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| BUS | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Respect the personal space and property of yourself and others.● Use equipment as intended.● Keep shared spaces clean. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Sit no more than two people per seat.● Remain seated during trip. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Use appropriate language, tone, and volume.● Follow directions from staff.● Be kind, honest, and inclusive. |
| ATHLETIC FACILITIES | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Respect the personal space and property of yourself and others.● Use equipment as intended.● Keep shared spaces clean. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Exhibit good sportsmanship.● Utilize the space for its intended purpose. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Use appropriate language, tone, and volume.● Follow directions from staff.● Be kind, honest, and inclusive. |
| CAFETERIA | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Respect the personal space and property of yourself and others.● Use items/supplies as intended.● Keep shared spaces clean. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Wait your turn in line.● Report to, and stay in, designated area. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Use appropriate language, tone, and volume.● Follow directions from staff.● Be kind, honest, and inclusive. |

PANTHERS *ARE...* **safe, responsible, and respectful**



MINOR AND MAJOR BEHAVIOR DEFINITIONS

| TEACHER MANAGED BEHAVIOR (MINOR) | ADMINISTRATOR MANAGED BEHAVIOR (MAJOR) |
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| <p>Defiance / Insubordination / Noncompliance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refusal to follow directions • Work refusal • Failure to report for teacher detention • Sleeping in class • Leaving assigned area without permission • Minor technology violation <p>Disrespect</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disrespectful speech or action e.g. name calling, eye rolling, foul language • Inappropriate attire • Minor vandalism <p>Disruption</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distracting behavior • Talking over others • Loud noises • Loitering / Hanging in hallway <p>Physical Contact / Physical Aggression</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Horseplay (no harm intended or inflicted) • Mutual play-fighting • Inappropriate displays of affection • Throwing objects (including snowballs) <p>Academic Infractions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class cutting (first offense) • Unexcused tardiness to class • Academic Integrity Violation (see policy for levels) | <p>*Repeated instances of teacher-managed behaviors may be treated as a major infraction.</p> <p>Academic Infractions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class cutting (repeated offenses) • Unexcused tardiness (repeated offenses) • Academic Integrity Violation (see policy for levels) <p>Property Infractions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theft • Vandalism (major) • Trespassing • Possession of explosive material <p>Infractions against others</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assault, battery, fighting • Harassment and bullying • Discriminatory language or hate speech <p>Health, Safety, and Welfare Infractions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alcohol, tobacco, vaping, or drug use/possession • Arson, use of matches/lighter, pulling false fire alarm • Tampering with extinguisher • Use of firecrackers, smoke bombs, stink bombs, etc. • Indecent exposure • Gambling/games with exchange of money • Violation of WSSD acceptable use policy (e.g. malicious or pornographic material) • Weapons possession • Removal or attempted removal of an article of clothing from another student • Threats to individuals, terroristic threats |

ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY

For the complete Wallingford-Swarthmore School District Policy on Electronic Devices, please reference SB Policy #237.

The use of electronic devices by students within all buildings owned by the District, on school grounds, in school vehicles and/or while participating in school-sponsored activities on or off school premises is subject to the conditions contained in this Administrative Regulation, the accompanying Board Policy, and any additional regulations imposed by the building principal that are not inconsistent with this Administrative Regulation or the accompanying Board Policy.

During instructional periods, electronic devices must be turned off and away and stored in designated storage areas (such as phone caddies).

Use of electronic devices during instructional periods is not permitted unless specifically allowed by the teacher for a legitimate educational purpose.

At the high school level, students are not permitted to use electronic devices unless prior permission has been granted by the building principal for legitimate educational purposes or other urgent/compelling reasons. If such an exception has been granted, then students may only use their electronic device for the limited purpose(s) for which the exception was granted. Each classroom will have a secure storage area (e.g., a lockable box or designated shelf) where students must place their cell phones at the beginning of each class.

Permitted Use of Cell Phones:

- Before the beginning of the school day and after the end of the school day.
- Lunch, in designated areas to eat lunch.
- Passing time between classes.

Progressive Discipline/Consequences:

First and Second Offense: Verbal warning and reminder of the Policy. Student will be asked to put the phone away in a designated place as determined by the teacher (i.e., phone

pouch, locker, shelf, etc.).

Third Offense: Student will be asked to put the phone away in a designated place as determined by the teacher (i.e., phone pouch, locker, shelf, etc.). A more formal meeting will be held with the student about the need to keep the electronic device off and away during instructional periods.

Fourth Offense: Contact with parent or guardian. A minor discipline incident will be recorded.

Fifth and Subsequent Offenses: A major discipline incident will be recorded. Referral to the administration to contact parents/guardians. Additional consequences may be considered based on the severity and frequency of the offenses, such as detention, in-school suspension, Saturday school detention, or out of school suspension. Frequent violators may be referred to a student assistance team to determine if a restorative practice recommendation is needed.

Teachers are not responsible for storing or confiscating phones. Enforcement will be administered by the school administration.

Smartwatches & Other Devices: Smartwatches must follow the same rules as phones (off & away during class). If a smartwatch is used to text, call, or access social media during class, it will be treated as a phone violation. Earbuds and headphones may not be worn during instruction unless permitted by the teacher.

Role of Parents/Guardians: Parents/Guardians should NOT text or call students during school hours. In an emergency, parents/guardians must contact the school office, which will relay messages to students. Parents/Guardians are expected to support enforcement of the policy. Parents/Guardians will be asked to verify a review of the policy with their child at the beginning of each year.

ATTENDANCE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

For the complete Wallingford-Swarthmore School District Policy on Attendance, please reference School Board Policy #204

Regular and timely attendance is essential for success in school. A student's first responsibility is to attend classes regularly and fulfill all requirements.

If a student is absent from school for any reason other than a school approved activity, the student may not be on school grounds for the duration of the school day. The student may not participate in athletic or activity practices or games. This includes any class activities, plays, athletics, etc. Each day the Attendance Office will generate an automated call alerting parents to a student's absence.

UNEXCUSED ABSENCE

All absences are considered unexcused until the District receives a written note or District approved electronic/digital notification for the absence. If written verification of the

reason for absence is not received within three (3) school days of the student's return to school, the absence will automatically be recorded as unexcused in the student's record. The mere fact that a parent/guardian has written an excuse note does not mean the absence is excused. Reasons for absence of a doubtful nature are subject to administrative review.

Absence will not be excused for oversleeping, missing the bus, car problems, or unapproved vacations or trips.

EXCUSED ABSENCE

A student absence is considered excused under the following circumstances:

- illness (absences of three or more consecutive days require a doctor's note); family emergency; quarantine;

- recovery from accident;
- death of a family member;
- medical and dental appointments;
- social/emotional wellness days (maximum of three per year);
- observance of a religious holiday;
- Educational tours or trips (maximum ten days per year);
- College or postsecondary institution visit (maximum three days per year).
- Mental Health Absence (maximum three days per year)

ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

Bus transportation is provided on the Brookhaven Road side of the building; parent drop off is available on the Providence Road side of the building. Vehicles are not permitted to drive in the bus circle on Brookhaven Road during arrival and dismissal times or during lunch.

5th BLOCK

Students who stay for 5th block are provided bus transportation at 3:05 p.m. from the Brookhaven Road lot. Students who remain in the building during 5th block must be in a supervised location (e.g. classroom, cafeteria, Library).

RETURN FROM ABSENCE / ABSENCE NOTES

Students are required to have a note submitted within 3 days of the student's return to school following an absence. Parents should submit a note via their PowerSchool Parent Portal account or, if that isn't possible, send a note with the student to the Attendance Office. Written absence notes should include:

- ☐ Student's full name
- ☐ Date(s) of absence
- ☐ Reason for absence
- ☐ Signature of parent/guardian

School aged students, even if they are 18 years of age or older, may not submit their own absence or lateness note. Parents or guardians must submit notes on behalf of their children.

MAKE UP WORK

Students are responsible for all work missed and must take the initiative to make up the work. Students may have one day to make up work for each one day of absence.

If a student is absent for three (3) or more consecutive days, students should access Schoology and communicate with teachers to develop a work completion plan. In cases of extended absence, parents should contact the student's School Counselor to arrange for an individualized plan.

EARLY DISMISSALS

Early dismissals may be requested by submitting a note to the Attendance Office or through PowerSchool.

Any note requesting an early dismissal must be presented to an Attendance Officer prior to first block. Dismissal requests for doctors' appointments must be verified with a note from the doctor upon return to school. The student must report to the Attendance or 3rd Floor Office at the time of dismissal to sign out.

A student who violates this rule will be assigned an unexcused absence for all periods missed and the

parent/guardian will be notified of disciplinary action. If the violation involves the use of a student vehicle, the driver and passengers may forfeit future driving privileges.

NURSE DISMISSAL

Any student who is dismissed by the Nurse will be considered excused. In order for a Nurse's dismissal, the student must first be examined by the Nurse. Students who make their own arrangements to leave for illness without first being examined by the Nurse will be marked as an unexcused early dismissal.

EXTENDED TRAVEL

Although the scheduling of family trips during the instructional year is not encouraged, we recognize that students may benefit educationally by accompanying their guardians on trips. The Principal, as empowered by the School Board, may excuse a student from school attendance to participate in an educational tour or trip for entertainment purposes not sponsored by the District if the following conditions are met:

1. The student must be in good academic, disciplinary, and attendance standing.
2. The parent/guardian must submit the Trip Pre Approval Request Form at least one week prior to the absence.
3. The student's participation must be approved by the Principal one week in advance of the scheduled trip.

TARDINESS

Lateness to school and classes violates school attendance regulations. First block teachers take attendance promptly after class begins (7:35 a.m.). Students not in their classroom will be marked absent.

Any student who is late to first block must report to an attendance desk to obtain a pass that will admit the student to class. Failure to do so or repeated unexcused lateness will result in disciplinary action.

When a student is late, the student must have a note submitted via Power School or bring a note from their parent or guardian giving a valid reason for the lateness. Oversleeping, missing the bus, or private transportation problems are not valid excuses. An accumulation of time missed from school due to unexcused tardiness can equate to full days of truancy and may be handled in the same manner as other unlawful absences.

In order to excuse tardiness, a note must be submitted in PowerSchool within 24 hours. A maximum of ten (10) tardy excuses for illness verified by parental notification will be permitted per year. Any additional tardiness due to illness will remain unexcused.

TRUANCY AND ABSENCE

Absence without sufficient reason as outlined previously for students 16 years of age or younger is considered illegal. Absence without sufficient reason as outlined previously for students 18 years of age and over is considered unexcused.

Penalties for truancy are as follows:

- After an accumulation of 3 illegal/unexcused days of absence from school, the student's parents will receive a First Notice and the student's Counselor will be notified.
- After an accumulation of 4 illegal/unexcused days of absence from school, the student's parents/guardians will

be contacted to set up an Attendance Improvement Plan with school officials.

- After accumulation of 6 illegal/unexcused days of absence from school, the student's parents/guardians will receive a Second Notice, student's Counselor will be notified, and the student will be considered habitually truant from school and may be referred to Truancy Court.
- Absence in Excess of Ten Days - When a student is absent for 10 days or more in a school year, the Principal will send a letter to the student's parents informing them that any further absence will be considered illegal or unexcused, unless a doctor's excuse covering the absence is furnished.
- Class Cutting - Absence from specific classes during the school day is also considered an unexcused absence and

the accumulation of time missed from class can equate to full days of truancy. Such situations will result in disciplinary action and may be prosecuted in the same manner as other unlawful absences.

Referral to truancy court and/or community agencies.

The School District may refer any student to truancy court who has accumulated six (6) or more unexcused absences from school. Students who engage in excessive tardiness, class cutting, and/or excessive unexcused/illegal absence put themselves in academic jeopardy. Students may fail courses or be retained at the end of the school year as a result of poor attendance.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY GUIDELINES

We believe that all members of our school community should strive to act in an honorable way at all times. We should be judged on the basis of our own work and are accountable for our actions. Collaboration, while encouraged, does not give us the right to plagiarize each other's work. Contributions from others must be properly credited. A standard of trust for the completion of individual work is expected. In our school community, we value effort, learning and the sharing of knowledge. We foster an environment of integrity, which prepares us for future academic work through holding ourselves accountable for our actions.

Strath Haven High School students are expected to maintain the highest standards of academic integrity. As part of the education process students will be required to complete the initial Badge program during their 1st year at Strath Haven High School. Students will be expected to complete the second level Badge program during their 2nd year at Strath Haven High School. Failure to complete the Badge program will result in the student having an obligation placed on their account.

Students who are found to have engaged in any violation of academic integrity will receive the following consequences:

1. Restorative practices, zero on assignment, reduction of course grade, or failure of the course as per board policy 218.
2. School Counselor will be notified.
3. Teacher will contact the parent/guardian to notify them of the offense.

The Level System will be a guideline used in order to track Academic Integrity violations over the high school tenure of a student. The point system will be cumulative.

LEVEL I (2 points) Any offense that impacts the offending student's grade as well as the person with whom the student collaborated. Offenses include, but are not limited to, copying homework or lab work, cheating on a quiz, giving or receiving answers on a homework assignment, sharing a lab or quiz with another student during an individual assessment, and collaboration on an independent assignment.

LEVEL II (3 points) Offenses that require forethought and/or planning as well as intent. Offenses include, but are not limited to, major test, major term paper, long term assignment or exam, any other assignments that are considered a major part of the class, using a cheat sheet, writing answers down on an object or sheet used during a test, and plagiarism.

LEVEL III (6 points) Any offense that impacts the student, as well as the learning of the student's peers, or is a disruption to the normal educational process of a class. Offenses include, but are not limited to, stealing a test or exam, distributing any stolen assessment, distributing answers or materials from one class to another, using any electronic device to copy and distribute materials, offenses that require intent. A Level Three offense will warrant notification and involvement of a School Administrator. A Level Three will also result in an Administrator notifying the student's School Counselor that the degree of violation warrants notification on all post-secondary applications.

THE 6-POINT RULE

All violations of academic integrity will result in notification of a student's Counselor and the grade level principal responsible for maintaining the comprehensive student record. The grade level principal will maintain a total on each student as needed. In the case of a student reaching six total points of academic integrity violations, the grade level principal will notify the students' school counselor that the degree of violations warrants notification on all post-secondary applications.

Throughout a student's high school career, there may be times when a violation occurs due to poor judgment. This system permits students to learn from those mistakes most frequently encountered at this developmental stage.

APPEAL PROCESS

If a student believes the student has been falsely accused of a violation, the student may appeal.

- Within three (3) class days of the violation, the student must provide, in writing, a justification as to why the student feels falsely accused.
- The appeal, along with the evidence of the Teacher, will be provided to a three-person Academic Integrity Board for review and consideration.
- There is no further right to appeal.
- The Academic Integrity Board will determine, based on the evidence, if a violation has occurred. If the determination agrees a violation has occurred, then the standard consequences will apply. If the Academic Integrity Board disagrees, the student's record for the specific violation will be expunged.

STUDENT MEDICATION

See also school board policy #210.

Before any medication may be administered to or by any student during school hours, the District will require:

- The written request of the parent/guardian giving permission for such administration and relieving the School District and its employees of all liability for administration of medication. For prescribed medications, the request will include the name of the licensed prescriber, name of the student, the name of the medication, and the timing and dosage of the medication.
- For prescribed medications, the written order from the licensed prescriber, which will include the name and purpose of the medication, dosage, time at which or special circumstances under which the medication will be administered, length of period for which medication is prescribed, possible side effects of medication, and limitations of student activity while taking the medication.
- All medications will be administered by the CSN, or in the absence of the CSN by other licensed school health staff (RN, LPN), except as otherwise noted in this Policy.

In the event of an emergency, a District employee may administer medication when the employee believes, in good faith, that a student needs emergency care.

CAMPUS DRIVING AND PARKING PRIVILEGES

Due to the limited availability of parking spaces and the high volume of requests, on-campus parking is typically reserved for our seniors. The parking application will be sent out to seniors via their school email accounts toward the end of the summer. Once the application period opens, seniors are encouraged to apply. Submissions will be reviewed before parking spots are assigned. Should any spaces remain after senior assignments are finalized, juniors may be given the opportunity to apply. Driving on school grounds is a privilege extended to students who demonstrate responsible behavior and regular school attendance. Failure to follow safety guidelines or maintain consistent attendance may result in the revocation of parking privileges.

Any violation of school or parking policies will result in a formal warning, and a parent or guardian will be notified. Following a warning, any subsequent violation will lead to the loss of parking privileges. By accepting a parking pass, students acknowledge and agree to comply with the expectations outlined below.

1. Preference will be given to students who have approved academic programming that requires them to drive.
2. All student drivers are required to follow all Pennsylvania safe driving rules.
3. Student understands and agrees that should any of the submitted information change during the school year, it is their responsibility to update this application, which will be kept on file in the office.
4. Student understands that the parking tag issued will not be shared with other students, and the tag may be displayed on other cars only if applications have been completed and are on file in the office for all drivers and cars.
5. Student agrees to hold harmless and indemnify the school district for any theft, bodily injury, or property damage as a result of the use of the school district parking facilities.
6. Student understands that students are NOT permitted to go to or be in vehicles during the school day (7:30 am to 2:05 pm) without the express permission of an administrator.
7. Student understands that should they use their vehicle to leave the school campus without the express permission of an administrator, the parking privilege shall be revoked. Violators may also be assigned detention(s) and/or suspended from school.
8. Violation(s) of parking expectations may result in the suspension of the parking privilege. Student understands and agrees that unexcused tardiness to school may be justification for suspension of the parking privilege, and habitual tardiness/truancy will also result in the revocation of parking privileges.
9. Violations of school rules in general may result in the loss of parking privileges.

ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND ATHLETICS

Quarterly Eligibility: A student will not be eligible to compete if the student collects 2 or more points at the end of a quarter. Two points are given for each “F,” and one point is given for each “D-,” “D,” “D+,” or Incomplete for a quarterly grade. The quarterly ineligibility report will be distributed once report cards are issued. Any student on the list is ineligible to compete for the three (3) weeks following the issuance of report cards.

- A student may participate in practice during student’s ineligibility period if:
 - o student attends a fifth block session with one of their teachers each day.
 - o student completes a “Permission to Practice Form” and presents it to the coach before each practice starts. Without this form filled out daily, a student-athlete may not practice.
- A student must complete a “Return to Eligibility Form” in order to compete after the three (3) weeks of ineligibility. This form must be returned to the Athletic Office. The Athletic Director will then inform the coaches of the student-athlete’s status.
 - o No student will regain eligibility without completing the necessary paperwork.
 - o If a student still has 2 (two) points after the three (3) weeks of ineligibility, student may complete a “Return

to Eligibility Form” each week until the student no longer has 2 (two) points.

- Students who are determined ineligible at the end of the school year will be permitted to participate in extracurricular activities during the summer months, but will serve their twenty-one days of non-representation during the first three (3) weeks of the next school year, after which time they may apply for consideration to regain eligibility.

Determination of Weekly Eligibility

Weekly Eligibility: A student-athlete will not be eligible to compete if they are failing two or more classes in a given week. The weekly ineligibility report will be distributed each Friday from the Athletic Office. Any student-athlete on the list will be ineligible to compete the following week. This is considered Sunday to Saturday.

A student-athlete may participate in practice during student’s ineligibility period if:

1. student attends a fifth block session with one of their teachers each day.
2. student completes a “Permission to Practice Form” and presents it to the coach before each practice starts. Without this form filled out daily, a student-athlete may not practice.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY QUALIFICATIONS

Membership in the National Honor Society (NHS) is based on a student’s fulfillment of **four requirements**. Members of the junior and senior class who meet all four requirements and who complete an application will be admitted to NHS. **The four requirements for membership are scholarship, leadership, service, and character.**

SCHOLARSHIP

Junior year induction requirement: Cumulative GPA of 3.75 during 9th and 10th grade years.

Senior year induction requirement: Cumulative GPA of 3.75 during 9th-11th grade years.

LEADERSHIP

According to the National Honor Society standards, the student who exercises leadership:

- is resourceful in proposing new problems, applying principles, and making suggestions • demonstrates initiative in promoting school activities
- exercises influence on peers in upholding school ideals
- contributes ideas that improve the civic life of the school
- is able to delegate responsibilities
- exemplifies positive attitudes
- inspires positive behavior in others
- demonstrates academic initiative
- successfully holds school offices or positions of responsibility; conducts business effectively and

efficiently; and demonstrates reliability and dependability

- is a leader at work and in school or community activities
- is thoroughly dependable in any responsibility accepted
- is willing to uphold scholarship and maintain a loyal school attitude.

Junior Year Induction: The SHHS chapter of the NHS requires that each student has held a leadership position in some activity since ninth grade. By SHHS standards, a leadership position requires that the student be responsible for overseeing a group of people.

Leadership in organizations outside of school may count towards this requirement. If a leadership position has not been held during the freshman or sophomore years, applicants may ask a teacher or adult supervisor to complete the Leadership Standards Ranking, measuring the above criteria on a scale of 1 to 5. Any junior in need of this must notify the NHS sponsor(s) who will distribute the ranking to the chosen adult supervisor or teacher confidentially.

Senior Year Induction: The SHHS chapter of the NHS requires that each student has held a leadership position in some activity since ninth grade. By SHHS standards, a leadership position requires that the student be responsible for overseeing a group of people. Leadership in organizations outside of school may count towards this requirement.

Leadership activities include: officer of an activity or organization, editor of a publication, team captain, crew chief or production manager in a dramatic or musical production, head manager of a team.

SERVICE

The National Honor Society standards honor the student who:

- volunteers and provides dependable and well organized assistance, is gladly available, and is willing to sacrifice to offer assistance
- works well with others and is willing to take on difficult or inconspicuous responsibilities
- cheerfully and enthusiastically renders any requested service to the school
- is willing to represent the class or school in inter-class and inter-scholastic competition • participates in some activity outside of school: Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, youth groups affiliated with religious institutions, volunteer services for the aged, poor, or disadvantaged
- mentors persons in the community or students at other schools
- shows courtesy by assisting visitors, teachers, and students

Senior Year Induction: The SHHS chapter of the NHS requires members to participate in a variety of SHHS activities, but also to reach outside of SHHS to serve the greater community. Eligible students need to earn at least ten activity points in SHHS activities, and demonstrate at least 60 hours of service in activities outside of school from grades 9-11.

Junior Year Induction: The SHHS chapter of the NHS requires members to participate in a variety of SHHS activities, but also to reach outside of SHHS to serve the greater community. Eligible students need to earn at least seven activity points in SHHS activities, and demonstrate at least 40 hours of service in activities outside of school from grades 9-10.

SHHS activity points are awarded to students according to the time spent participating in the various activities:

- **One point** for activities meeting for approximately 40 hours
- **Two points for 80 hours**
- **Three points** for 120 hours.

Activity points are awarded only for those activities that do not receive report card grades, and 80% participation in an activity is required in order to earn activity points.

SHHS Activity Points can be earned through activities such as:

- Athletic team member or manager (3 points per year)
- Member of cast or crew in musical or drama production (3 points per year)
- Club member (1 point per year)
- Academic team member (2 points per year)
- Staff member of publication (1 point per year)
- Editor of a publication (2 points per year)
- Other instrumental ensemble, with staff approval

Please note: Music ensembles that carry credit DO NOT earn activity points as there is a grade associated with these groups. Marching Band community activities (football games, parades, etc.) DO count towards 10 service hours of the required service hours for entry into NHS.

CHARACTER

Each eligible student will be evaluated by the faculty and administration according to the National Honor Society standards for good character which states: The student of character:

- takes criticism willingly and accepts recommendations graciously
- consistently exemplifies desirable qualities of behavior (cheerfulness, friendliness, poise, stability)
- upholds principles of morality and ethics
- cooperates by complying with school regulations concerning property, programs, office, halls, etc.
- demonstrates the highest standards of honesty and reliability
- shows courtesy, concern and respect for others; observes instructions and rules • has powers of concentration and sustained attention as shown by perseverance and application to studies exhibits concentration and sustained attention as shown by perseverance and application to studies
- manifests truthfulness in acknowledging obedience to rules, avoiding cheating in written work, and showing unwillingness to profit by the mistakes of others • actively helps rid the school of bad influences or environment

Character will automatically be questioned by events leading to suspension from school, consistent lateness, cheating, or other offenses brought forth by a member of the faculty or administration. If someone deems a student's character not sufficient, that opinion will be discussed with the student's current teachers, counselor, or administrator, and the relevant information will be forwarded to the Faculty Council for consideration. The Faculty Council will evaluate the requirements of scholarship, leadership, service, and character for each eligible candidate. Final selection of the National Honor Society is the responsibility of the Faculty Council.

All Honor Society members are expected to maintain membership requirements of the National Honor Society. The Faculty Council may dismiss any member failing to fulfill these obligations.

Leadership and Service requirements must be supported by a signed letter (for each position) confirming the applicant's involvement in and fulfillment of the specified

duties of the position. An adult supervisor must be the signatory of the letter so that the applicant's participation, and therefore satisfaction of the requirements listed above, is verifiable to the Faculty council.

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DRESS AND APPEARANCE

Following is an excerpt of School Board Policy #221, which may be found in its entirety on the School District website. All students must agree to and abide by all conditions of this Policy.

Students are expected to dress appropriately for weather conditions and in accordance with Board Policy, applicable Administrative Regulations, and the guidelines established in the applicable Student Handbook.

Student dress or appearance is not permitted to the extent that such dress or appearance:

- materially or substantially interferes with the educational process;
- threatens the school or community, depicts or encourages unlawful or otherwise prohibited activity;
- interferes with another student's rights;
- poses a potential safety hazard to the student or others; or
- is reasonably interpreted by school personnel to be inappropriate in either the message that is implied or the parts of the body or undergarments that are revealed.

As indicated in Board Policy, students may be required to wear certain types of clothing while participating in physical education classes, technical education classes, extracurricular activities, or other situations when special attire may be required to ensure the health or safety of the student.

Special dress codes may be prescribed for special events such as field trips, spirit days, dances, commencement, etc.

1. Clothing, including accessories such as buttons, pins, jewelry, or backpacks, bearing or depicting messages, images, or advertisements promoting or relating to **drugs, alcohol, or tobacco** is not permitted.
2. Clothing depicting/advocating violent or sexually explicit/suggestive messages, writing or images is prohibited.
3. Clothing bearing language which is **obscene, profane, racist, homophobic, sexist, ableist, transphobic, or anti-semitic** is also prohibited.

Building administrators will make efforts to ensure that students are not publicly shamed for dress code violations. Students whose attire does not conform to applicable standards will be asked to put on appropriate clothing. Students may be asked to change into appropriate clothing, if available at school, or the student's parent/guardian may be called and asked to bring appropriate clothing to school. Reasonable efforts will be made to ensure that students do not miss instructional time in order to change into appropriate clothing, although at times, this may not be possible in all circumstances.

Any questions about the dress code or the appropriateness of particular attire/appearance will be directed to the building principal/assistant principal.



DISCIPLINE AND STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Following is an excerpt of School Board Policy #218, which may be found in its entirety on the School District website. All students must agree to and abide by all conditions of this Policy.

Purpose

The purpose of this Policy is to communicate the District's rules, expectations, and procedures regarding student conduct and discipline. Recognizing that student conduct and academic outcomes are closely related, the Board strives to create a school environment where positive behavior is modeled and encouraged, academic engagement is maximized and rule violations and disruptive behavior are minimized.

Authority

The Board will require each student to adhere to Board Policies, Administrative Regulations, and school rules in effect at each school, and to submit to such disciplinary measures or other behavior modifying measures appropriately assigned for infractions of those rules.

Board Policies, related Administrative Regulations, and school rules will apply to the fullest extent permitted by law to student conduct in school, at school-sponsored activities, during the time spent in travel to and from school and school-sponsored activities, and as otherwise permitted by law. Additionally, the District may discipline students for conduct that occurs off campus and/or at non-school sponsored activities to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent or designee will promulgate Administrative Regulations implementing this Policy governing student conduct which will detail the behaviors students are expected to exhibit and the consequences students can expect to receive when their conduct falls short of such expectations.

The Administrative Regulations promulgated to implement this Policy will be in accordance with applicable law and the guidelines outlined below. The equitable administration of school-based discipline utilizing restorative practices rather than punitive measures, when appropriate, and the reduction of disproportionality in school-based discipline are key components of the District's equity efforts. The accompanying Administrative Regulations will contemplate, incorporate, and be consistent with this critical work.

Guidelines

The District's regulations governing student conduct will not be arbitrary, capricious, discriminatory, or outside its grant of authority.

The consequences or other requirements students can expect to receive when they make poor choices regarding their behavior will:

- Relate in kind and degree to the infraction. Discipline will generally be progressive in nature, and exclusionary discipline will generally be reserved for serious infractions or cases where other interventions or restorative practices have proven unsuccessful.
- Require the student to reflect upon and accept responsibility for their actions.
- Ameliorate any harm or disruption caused by the student's misconduct, if possible.
- Hold parents and guardians accountable, including financial liability, for the actions of their child, if applicable.

The severity of any consequence or other measure should be proportional to the severity of the infraction and take into account, among other considerations, the age of the student, the student's prior disciplinary record, special circumstances about the incident, as well as any applicable laws, regulations, or Board Policy.

Whenever appropriate, the District will utilize positive behavior interventions and supports (PBIS), including but not limited to positive psychology and mindfulness and restorative practices to address student behaviors that do not conform to the District's rules and expectations. The building principal or designee will have the authority to assign discipline or other requirements to students, subject to the regulations of the Superintendent or designee and to the student's due process right to notice, hearing, and appeal.

Teaching staff and other District employees responsible for students will have the authority to take such reasonable actions necessary to control the disorderly conduct of students in all situations and in all places where such students are within the jurisdiction of this Board and when such conduct interferes with the educational program or threatens the health, safety, or welfare of others,

GUIDELINES FOR THE CONSISTENT APPLICATION OF DISCIPLINE

In general, a school official will contact the parent/guardian of a student who has engaged in a disciplinary violation. Potential consequences for repeated infractions are In addition to those possible or first infraction

ACADEMIC INFRACTIONS

| Infraction | Examples of Expected Conduct | Examples of Behavior in Violation of School Rules | First Infraction | Repeated Infractions * |
|--|---|--|---|--|
| Academic Dishonesty | Academic honesty; Adherence to academic standards; Integrity in academic research / publishing. | Cheating; Plagiarism; Forgery of grades, times, addresses, signatures, or other data on school records. | Restorative practices; "0" on assignment; Redo assignment for limited credit; Parental contact by teacher and/or administrator. | Parent conference with teacher / administrator; Possible reduction of grade or failure of course. |
| Unauthorized Lateness to or Failure to Attend Class (Class Cut), Detention, or Suspension. | Coming to class (including detention or suspension) on time; Adhering to one's school/class schedule and being in designated areas at designated times. | Class cut or unauthorized absence from a scheduled detention or suspension; Leaving class, a detention or suspension without proper authorization. | Restorative practices; Warning; Parent contact; Detention; Loss of school-related privileges; Up to 3 days suspension. | Parent conference with teacher / administrator; Possible course grade reduction; Up to 10 days suspension. |

PROPERTY INFRACTIONS

| Infraction | Examples of Expected Conduct | Examples of Behavior in Violation of School Rules | First Infraction | Repeated Infractions * |
|--|--|---|--|------------------------|
| Arson; Unauthorized Burning; Possession of Explosive Materials | Maintaining a safe and orderly school environment; Respect for school property and the property of others. | Burning or attempting to burn any part of any building or school property without authorization; Possession of fireworks or other explosive devices (including smoke bombs, stink bombs, or similar instruments capable of bodily harm or damage to school property); Possession of devices capable of starting a fire. | Restorative practices; Parental contact; Up to 10 days suspension; Referral for possible expulsion. | → |
| Parking/Vehicle Violations | Following school rules and posted parking and vehicle signs and regulations. | Violating school parking lot rules, regulations, or posted signs; Failure to park in designated space; Violating any applicable provision of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code. Refer to Board Policy # 223 for additional information. | Restorative practices; Warning; Parental contact; Loss of privileges; Detention. | → |
| Theft; Vandalism; Littering; Property Offenses (Including Trespassing and Inappropriate Use) | Showing respect for school property and the property of others | Stealing, misappropriating or taking the property of another, including school property; littering; defacing, destroying, altering or tampering with the property of another without permission; trespass or misuse of school property (including books, supplies, equipment, technology devices, etc.) | Restorative practices; Parental contact; Detention, Loss of privileges; Restitution; Up to 10 days suspension; Referral for possible expulsion | → |

INFRACTIONS AGAINST OTHERS

| Infraction | Examples of Expected Conduct | Examples of Behavior in Violation of School Rules | First Infraction | Repeated Infractions |
|----------------------------|---|---|--|----------------------|
| Assault; Battery; Fighting | Respecting school staff, students, and visitors; Maintaining appropriate physical contact and conduct; Maintaining a safe and orderly school environment. | Physically or verbally attacking any person (includes behavior such as hitting, beating, striking, punching, biting, spitting, grabbing, tripping, etc.); Engaging in hostile bodily contact. (The principal may choose not to discipline a student for actions reasonably and appropriately taken demonstrably in self-defense) | Restorative practices; Parental contact; Up to 10 days suspension; Loss of school-related privileges; Referral for possible expulsion. | → |

| INFRACTIONS AGAINST OTHERS | | | | |
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| Harassment; Bullying; Hazing | Maintaining appropriate physical contact and conduct; Treating others with respect and courtesy. | Sexual harassment, bullying, hazing and other forms of prohibited harassment. Refer to School Board Policies # 247, 248, and 249 for additional information. | Restorative practices; Parental contact; Detention; Suspension; Referral for possible expulsion. | → |
| Sexual Contact (Consensual) | Maintaining appropriate physical contact and conduct. | Sexual intercourse; Inappropriate public display of affection; Groping; Inappropriate touching or bodily contact. | Restorative practices; Parental contact; Detention; Suspension; Referral for possible expulsion. | → |
| HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE INFRACTIONS | | | | |
| Infraction | Examples of Expected Conduct | Examples of Behavior in Violation of School Rules | First Infraction | Repeated Infractions |
| Inappropriate Use of Electronic Device / Acceptable Use of Technology Violations | Using technology and electronic devices in accordance with Board Policy and school rules; Maintaining a school environment, conducive to academic instruction. | Failing to utilize technology and/or electronic devices in accordance with Board Policy, applicable law or school rules; Using technology or electronic devices in a way that is disruptive to the educational or extracurricular activities of the District, including, but not limited to recording, taking photographs of, or transmitting fights or other disturbances to the school environment, except for the limited purpose of reporting such conduct to a school official. Refer to School Board Policy # 815 for additional information. | Restorative practices; Warning; Parental contact; Confiscation of device; Detention; Loss of school-related privileges; Up to 3 days suspension. | Up to 10 days suspension; Referral for possible expulsion. |
| Gambling; Selling / Distribution of Unauthorized Merchandise | Refraining from engaging in unauthorized activities. | The act of gambling for money or valuables; Selling or distribution of unauthorized merchandise without administrative approval. | Restorative practices; Warning; Detention; Parental contact; Confiscation of unauthorized merchandise. | Up to 10 days suspension. |
| Threatening or Intimidating Conduct; False Alarms; Terrorist Threats/Acts | Maintaining a safe and orderly school environment; Treating others with respect and courtesy; Maintaining a school environment conducive to academic instruction. | Engaging in conduct which undermines the safety, security or wellbeing of any person or of school property; Threats of violence or harm communicated verbally or in writing; Bomb threats; Knowingly reporting a false threat; Tampering with the fire alarm, fire extinguisher, sprinkler system or other apparatus installed for the prevention of fire or for the safety of the school community or property. Refer to School Board Policy # 218.2 for additional information. | Restorative practices; Parental contact; Up to 10 days suspension; Referral for possible expulsion. | → |
| Threat to Health, Morals, Safety or Welfare of Others | Maintaining a safe and orderly school environment, conducive to academic instruction; Respecting school staff, students, and visitors; Maintaining appropriate physical contact and conduct; Following school rules and directions of school officials. | Conduct that constitutes a threat to the health, morals, safety or welfare of others. | Restorative practices; Parental contact; Detention; Suspension; Referral for possible expulsion. | Up to 10 days suspension; Referral for possible expulsion. |
| Weapons & Other Dangerous Items Violation (Possession, Use, Transfer, Sale) | Maintaining a safe and orderly school environment, free from weapons or similar objects. | Possession or use of weapon or dangerous item. Refer to School Board Policy # 218.1 for additional information | Restorative practices; Parental contact; Referral for possible expulsion. | → |

HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE INFRACTIONS

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| Classroom / School Disturbance | Maintaining a safe and orderly school environment, conducive to academic instruction; Respecting school staff, students, and visitors; Following school rules and directions of school officials; Refraining from using profanity; Adhering to one's school/class schedule and being in designated areas at designated times. | Behavior which disrupts or has the potential to disrupt the educational process or regular school operations. Includes loitering, hall pass violations, instigating violence or other violation of Board Policy or school rules, failure to identify or properly identify oneself upon request of a school official, failure to obey instructions of a school official, insubordination, profanity or inappropriate language, gesture, or action, disrespectful behavior, sleeping in class, other violations of school rules not listed in this chart. | Restorative practices; Warning; Parental contact; Detention; Loss of school-related privileges; Up to 3 days suspension. | Up to 10 days suspension; Referral for possible expulsion. |
| Smoking / Tobacco / Nicotine Violation | Maintaining a safe free from tobacco and nicotine, including nicotine delivery products. | Possession or use of tobacco / nicotine products or nicotine delivery devices. Refer to School Board Policy # 222 for additional information. | Restorative practices; Parental contact; Up to 10 days suspension. | → |
| Drug and Alcohol Policy Violation (Use / Possession / Sale) | Maintaining an environment free from drugs, alcohol, and other controlled or prohibited substances. | Use, possession, sale, distribution, or being under the influence of any controlled substance. Refer to School Board Policy # 227 for additional information. | Refer to School Board Policy # 227; Restorative practices. | → |

INFRACTIONS RELATED TO NICOTINE AND SUBSTANCE USE

Following is an excerpt of School Board Policies which may be found in their entirety on the School District website. All students must agree to and abide by all conditions of this Policy.

Policy #222: Prohibition of Tobacco Use

For purposes of this Policy, tobacco will be defined as a lighted or unlighted cigarette, smokeless tobacco, cigar, and pipe, other lighted smoking product and tobacco in any form.

This Policy does not include "vaping" from any device or in any form. *Vaporizers, e-cigarettes, and other similar electronic substance-delivery systems are instead regulated by Policy #227.1.*

Policy #227: Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia

Vaping equipment – an electronic device equipped with an atomizer designed to transform a liquid substance into a vapor for purposes of inhalation, as well as peripheral or auxiliary equipment, parts, canisters or attachments for such devices. Such devices include but are not limited to e-cigarettes, vape pens, e-hookahs, and other devices that operate on the same principles as above.

Except as below, Pennsylvania law defines the above vaping equipment as "tobacco products" and outlaws their possession by students even where the equipment does not contain tobacco or nicotine and is not intended as a delivery method for tobacco or nicotine. Excluded from that definition are products approved for sale by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for tobacco cessation where such products are not intended to be inhaled, however students will not possess such tobacco cessation

products while subject to District jurisdiction unless permitted by the District's Medication policy. Also, although vaping equipment purchased from a licensed Medical Marijuana dispensary is also excluded from the definition of "tobacco products," such products are barred by this Policy and, where they contain marijuana, they are also barred by the District's Controlled Substances Policy (Policy #227).

Guidelines

Possession, use, purchase, or sale of vaping equipment by or to students while under the jurisdiction of the School District will be a violation of this Policy. An offense pursuant to this Policy need not involve the use of the offending vaping equipment, and the nature of the liquid substance possessed, if any, is not material to the violation. Penalties will be assigned as noted in the Wallingford-Swarthmore School District Guidelines for Consistent Assignment of Progressive Discipline appended to this Policy.

Where the Administration has a reasonable belief that a liquid substance possessed for use in a vaping device is a controlled substance, the Administration may choose to have the substance tested. If such a test demonstrates the presence of a controlled substance, the Administration may also proceed against the possessor pursuant to Policy #227.

GUIDELINES FOR SCHOOL-BASED CONSEQUENCES

The equitable administration of school-based discipline at all District schools based on a model of restorative practices rather than punitive measures, when appropriate, is critical to the District's equity efforts and goal of reducing disproportionality in discipline. When possible and appropriate under the circumstances, students will be afforded the opportunity to participate in restorative practices as an alternative to, or in addition to, more traditional forms of discipline.

Examples of restorative practices include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Conferences with counselors;
- Mindfulness exercises;
- Community building activities;
- Community service;
- Support from appropriate community organizations.

The following chart is a guide detailing the behaviors students are expected to exhibit and the consequences or other measures students can expect when they make poor choices regarding their behavior. It is not meant to be inclusive of all possible kinds of misbehavior; rather, it is a guideline that represents the more common and serious

types of misbehavior that may be experienced in a school environment. Students are reminded that school rules are in effect, and students are subject to discipline: (1) while at school; (2) at school-sponsored events, trips, or activities, whether on or away from school property; (3) while traveling to/from school, school-sponsored events, trips, or activities on a vehicle owned, leased, or under the control of the District; and (4) as otherwise permitted by law.

In cases where exclusionary discipline is required, the District will require that students returning to school from a suspension or expulsion meet with a designated school official to discuss academic and behavioral expectations upon return to school, individuals and resources available to support the student, the consequences of future noncompliance with Board Policy and/or school rules, and the number of hours, if any, of counseling required prior to the student's return to their regular class schedule. When a student has been issued an out-of-school suspension, the student's parent/guardian will be required to attend the re-entry conference with the appropriate school official(s).

DETENTIONS

Detentions are assigned for students who violate provisions of the Code of Student Conduct. Repetition of that behavior could lead to additional detentions and/or suspension or other interventions as determined by the school official.

Detention expectations

- Detention is held from 2:10-3:00pm.
- Unless organized in advance with the appropriate administrator, students may not meet with teachers or attend another activity in lieu of detention.
- The supervisor or proctor of detention may remove a student from detention for failure to behave appropriately.
- Students are not permitted to use their phone during detention.

IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSION

Students who have been assigned ISS for the next school day are responsible for collecting work from teachers and/or making up work due to their absence.

ISS Expectations

- Student must bring their Chromebook, necessary textbooks, paper, writing tools, etc. to complete their work during the school day.
- Student cell phone and/or earbuds must be turned in to the main office during in-school suspension.
- Assignments will be provided by teachers or communicated through Schoology whenever possible and appropriate.
- Student is not permitted to leave the ISS room unless escorted by a faculty/staff member.

- Student serving ISS will not be permitted to participate in and/or attend school-sponsored events or activities.
- Violation of any of these expectations may result in additional disciplinary action.

OUT OF SCHOOL SUSPENSION

A student may be suspended if student behavior results in a significant disruption to the school environment and operations and/or repeatedly disobeys school regulations. The Code of Student Conduct lists the types of misbehavior and disciplinary options that could result.

A student who is suspended from school is responsible for the assignments during the suspension period.

During suspension a student may not attend school functions, participate in school-sponsored activities, or be permitted on school premises. If this rule is violated, the suspension can be extended.

Parent contact is part of the suspension procedure. Suspensions of three (3) or more days will include a parent conference with the principal.

SATURDAY DETENTION

Students assigned to Saturday School will be expected to attend from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. and to bring classwork with them. Students attending Saturday School Detention will adhere to the same conduct guidelines as After School Detention.