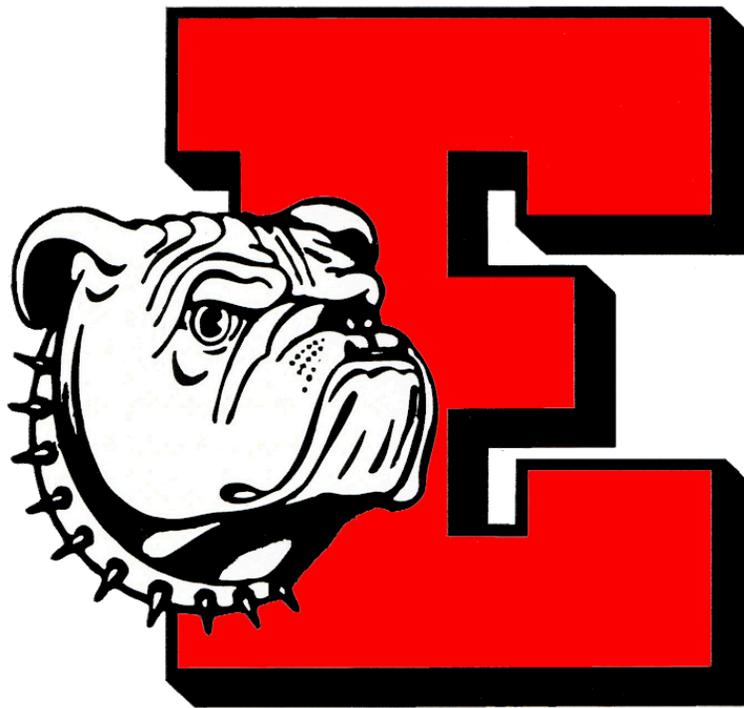


**EASTON AREA HIGH SCHOOL**



**STUDENT-PARENT  
HANDBOOK AND CODE OF CONDUCT**

**2025-2026**

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## **2025-2026 EASD CODE OF CONDUCT (TBD)**

## **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to Easton Area High School – “Home of the Red Rovers”!

On behalf of the staff at Easton Area High School, I welcome you and your family to the 2025-2026 school year. The administrative team is committed to doing all we can to make this school year a positive experience for every student. We strongly encourage a healthy partnership between home and school in order to maximize every child's academic and extracurricular success. Learning involves hard work by the teacher, the parent, the principal, but most importantly the student.

The mission of Easton Area High School is to challenge each student everyday to grow and progress in all aspects of their education. We strongly encourage all students to choose levels of courses that will challenge their thinking and enrich their educational experience. Additionally, we highly recommend our students to get involved in any number of our extracurricular activities. Easton Area High School offers a wide variety of programming in the following areas: athletics, music, art, drama, and literary and foreign language clubs; in addition to many others. Participation in one or more of these activities serves to enrich our students' academic and social experience.

This handbook serves to provide students and parents/guardians with important information about educational opportunities, school programs, and expectations of student conduct. Please read over the information contained in the student handbook, as it provides necessary information for navigating Easton Area High School's various policies and procedures. Should you have any questions regarding the information contained in this handbook, please contact the school at 610-250-2481.

The Easton community and its schools have a rich history overflowing with deep-rooted traditions. We believe it is vitally important that our students preserve our history while preparing for a fast advancing future. As stated in our mission, Easton Area High School strives to promote life-long learning, critical thinking, and responsible citizens. Regardless of a student's post-secondary plans, Easton Area High School will support and encourage each and every student to pursue excellence. With these goals in mind, we look forward to working with you in making this school year a rewarding and successful endeavor.

Sincerely,

Kyle Geiger  
Head Principal

Easton Area High School  
2601 William Penn Highway  
Easton, PA 18045  
610-250-2481

**ALMA MATER**

**All Hail, Alma Mater**

(Original)

The arch with its keystone our symbol of strength,  
The hills where the green forests grow,  
And the Delaware Forks bring a message of old,  
Where the great rivers murmuring flow.

Chorus

All Hail! Alma Mater, the pride of our hearts,  
Easton High School, our high school so dear,  
We pledge to your welfare the strength of our lives,  
Now and ever as year passes year.

**EASTON AREA HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION**

**Head Principal**

Mr. Kyle Geiger

**Principal (A-Dau)**

Mrs. Deidre Hakimi

**Principal (Dav-He)**

Mrs. Jessie Singh

**Principal (Hi-Mol)**

Mr. Andrew Menard

**Principal (Mon-Sce)**

Mrs. Kendra Durrah

**Principal (Sch-Z)**

Mr. Tyler Merrick

## ACADEMICS

### ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

The curriculum offerings at EAHS are very diverse. These offerings are designed to meet the requests of our students in a comprehensive high school setting, yet still satisfy the criteria established by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. These basic requirements are designed with the philosophy that EAHS exists to prepare the students for their future in society. In addition, enough freedom of choice is built into the curriculum to allow for individual interests.

Students in grades 9-11 must maintain 7 credits each year (3.5 each semester) on their schedule to meet requirements. Students in grade 12 must maintain 6 credits. Seniors must have 3 credits during semester 1 and 3 credits during semester 2. Full year courses count as a half credit each semester. Students enrolled in off-campus courses may ask to waive this policy if it conflicts with outside scheduling.

### AUDITING COURSES

Seniors can request to audit an elective, non-graduation required sixth major course. This is contingent upon approval of your principal and teacher involved. No grades or credit will be awarded.

### BELL SCHEDULE

The bell schedule will be as follows:

Block	Period	Start	End	Minutes
		7:10		
1	1-2	7:20	8:38	78
Homeroom		8:38	8:48	10
2	3-4	8:53	10:11	78
3	5	10:16	10:52	36
	6	10:58	11:34	36
4	7	11:39	12:15	36
	8	12:21	12:57	39
5	9-10	1:02	2:20	78
Dismissal		2:20		

Students will be admitted to the cafeteria or the gym lobby before 7:05 AM. Students are to remain there or outside until the 7:10 AM bell sounds at which time they may go to their locker and Block 1 class.

<b>TWO- HOUR LATE START</b>				
<b>Block</b>	<b>Period</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Minutes</b>
1	1-2	9:20	10:10	50
Homeroom		10:10	10:15	5
2	3-4	10:20	11:10	50
3	5	11:15	11:45	30
	6	11:45	12:15	30
4	7	12:20	12:50	30
	8	12:50	1:20	30
5	9-10	1:25	2:20	55
Dismissal		2:20		

**PM C.I.T. STUDENTS TO BE DISMISSED AT 10:25 a.m.**

<b>SPECIAL EARLY DISMISSAL - 11:20 AM</b>				
<b>Block</b>	<b>Period</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Minutes</b>
1	1-2	7:20	8:02	<b>42</b>
Homeroom		8:02	8:12	<b>10</b>
2	3-4	8:17	8:59	<b>42</b>
3	5	9:04	9:25	<b>21</b>
	6	9:25	9:46	<b>21</b>
4	7	9:51	10:12	<b>21</b>
	8	10:12	10:33	<b>21</b>
5	9-10	10:38	11:20 (DISMISSAL)	<b>42</b>

**CHEATING AND PLAGIARISM**

Cheating and/or plagiarism of any type will result in failure of the test and/or paper of the person cheating and possibly the person giving information voluntarily under test conditions. Inappropriate Internet use to access, copy, give and/or sell material to another party will result in a zero (**0**) for the grade. Students must be familiar with the copyright and Internet use policies of the Easton Area School District. Seniors may lose privileges. Teachers will contact parents for any incident.

**CLASS RANK**

Class rank is determined by computing a general average derived from grades at the end of each marking period. It is cumulative beginning with the first quarter of 9th grade and ending with the final grades in grade 12. Advanced Placement courses are weighted 9% of all grades 60 through 100; Honors courses are weighted 6% of all grades 60 through 100. Class rank is calculated each marking period and at the end of the year. All courses are included in rank and GPA calculation except for physical education, Junto, and Rechauffe.

### **CAREER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (C.I.T.)**

The Career Institute of Technology is an extension of Easton Area High School. Students may attend the Career Institute of Technology for a half day in grades 10, 11, and 12 and attend one of nineteen programs. Students in grade 10 that receive passing grades at C.I.T. earn a total of 3.5 credits (2.5 credits for shop, .5 credits for PE, and .5 credits for Health). Students in grades 11 and 12 that receive passing grades at C.I.T. earn a total of 3 credits (2.5 credits for shop and .5 credits for PE).

An AM CIT student who misses the bus to CIT, will remain in In School Suspension (ISS) until the late bus arrives.

All PM CIT students, regardless of whether they take the bus back or not, must report to their CIT homeroom at EAHS. This is critical, as it is tied to their attendance.

Attending C.I.T. is a privilege. This privilege can be revoked if a student does not maintain a satisfactory academic, attendance and disciplinary record. Students may also be removed from the C.I.T. program for disciplinary actions on the bus or due to driving violations.

[Click Here](#) to visit the Career Institute of Technology website.

### **DUAL ENROLLMENT**

Easton Area High School has dual enrollment agreements with several local colleges and universities. Dual enrollment allows high school juniors and seniors to enroll in college-level courses and receive both secondary and postsecondary credit for that coursework. Dual enrollment is open to students who have a GPA of 83% or higher and be a student in good standing. Students can enroll in a maximum of two dual enrollment courses per semester. Dual enrollment classes cannot interfere with high school classes without prior administrative approval. Courses taken through dual enrollment cannot be counted as core subject requirements. Transportation and tuition is the responsibility of the parent/guardian. Courses taken over the summer cannot be counted for credit or used for student advancement in course requirements.

### **DIVERSIFIED OCCUPATIONS (D.O.)**

The Diversified Occupations Program is a vocational cooperative education program created by the Department of Education to be offered at academic high schools. It combines classroom instruction with on-the-job training in a career area of the student's choice. This unique program of education is designed to integrate classroom study in employability and life skills with planned, supervised, practical work experience.

The Diversified Occupations Program is a partnership between local businesses and Easton Area High School. Career competency and the manipulative aspects of a skill are developed at the job-training site. Related classroom theory is offered through planned periods of instruction at the high school. Diversified Occupations serves heterogeneous groups of students whose career objectives cannot be met by attending any of the existing programs offered at the local career and technical education school. Maintaining employment and class attendance is essential to successful completion of the course requirements.

Diversified Occupation includes two courses. One is Diversified Occupations Seminar (SR) which meets alternate days for the entire year during either Block 1 or 2. This 1-credit elective must be taken for students who enroll in the work study portion of D.O., but can also be taken as a stand-alone course by anyone. The second course is Diversified Occupations Work (WK), which is the work study portion of DO and worth 2 credits. Students are evaluated every quarter by their employer, which forms the majority of the grade, their teacher, and work habits. Students enrolled in the Work (WK) portion of DO must follow all labor laws, school rules, employer rules, and submit required paperwork/documentation.

### GRADING

Students are evaluated in each class depending upon a number of factors. A student's grade is determined by the nature of the course, the curriculum, and course and department requirements. Grades will be posted as follows:

100 - 90	A
80 - 89	B
70 - 79	C
60 - 69	D
Below 60	F *No Credit Awarded
Passing	P

Final examinations/projects will be given in all subjects. Final exams are essential in assessing the student's knowledge and skills acquired throughout the semester. Each exam will be a comprehensive assessment of the course content, allowing students to apply what they know and learned during the semester.

In the case of semester courses, the exam will be given at the end of the semester.

1. The final grade for a semester course will consist of two marking periods. Each marking period will count as 45% of the final grade. The final exam will count as 10% of the final grade.
2. The final grade for a full year course will comprise four marking periods and a final exam. Each marking period will count as 22.5% and the final exam will count as 10% of the final grade.

### GRADUATION

The following are the minimum requirements for graduation:

- 4 units in English – one unit each year
- 4 units in Social Studies – one unit each year
- 3 units in Science – one unit each year (Biology required)
- 3 units in Mathematics – (3 math classes)
- 2 units in Physical Education
- 0.5 units in Health
- 8 units in Electives

*Shadow Day Experience and submission of the Shadow Day Paper must be completed by the end of Junior year. Students must complete the Shadow Day assignment before Senior Privileges are issued. A student who enrolls during their senior year will be exempt from the Shadow Day Paper Assignment.*

Each student must accumulate a minimum of 24.5 credits in order to earn a diploma. Any student who does not attend graduation practice will not be permitted to participate in the graduation ceremony. Any student not receiving a diploma will not be permitted to participate in commencement exercises.

## INDEPENDENT STUDY

Independent study runs outside of the regular schedule, is not guaranteed, and cannot be taken for core graduation requirements. Students are eligible to complete one elective class per year as an independent study. Any student interested in taking an elective class as an independent study must first discuss the option with the school counselor. It is the student's responsibility to find a teacher willing to provide an independent study. From there, the student will need to receive written permission from the teacher as to how they will work together to complete the class. Students must submit the plan in writing for principal approval. Once approved, the student will submit a plan to the counselor. Teachers are not required to do an independent study with students. If a teacher grants an independent study and administration approves, the class will be listed on the student's transcript, receive credit, and be counted in class rank and GPA.

## COUNSELING SERVICES

Upon entering Easton Area High School, students will be assigned to a counselor who will remain with them through the completion of their high school program. Counselors are assigned according to students' last names.

Students are encouraged to seek the guidance of their counselor as a primary source of assistance in helping them to arrive at solutions to problems. Counselors are prepared to assist a student with course selection, career planning, meeting and coping with personal problems, planning for post high school employment or education, etc.

Requests for appointments, aside from emergencies requiring immediate attention, will be honored during regularly scheduled study hall periods. Parents are encouraged to contact counselors any time they may have questions or concerns. Parent appointments may be arranged by contacting the Counseling Office at 610-250-2481, ext. 32011 or ext. 32018

### SCHOOL COUNSELOR BREAKDOWN/ GRADES 9-12

<b>Last Name</b>	<b>School Counselor</b>	<b>Email</b>	<b>Extension</b>
A – BRO	Mrs. Young	<a href="mailto:youngs@eastonsd.org">youngs@eastonsd.org</a>	x 32016
BRU - DAU	Mr. Gordon	<a href="mailto:gordons@eastonsd.org">gordons@eastonsd.org</a>	x 32019
DAV – FRE	Mrs. Jayant	<a href="mailto:jayantp@eastonsd.org">jayantp@eastonsd.org</a>	x 32205
FRI – HE	Mrs. Orlena	<a href="mailto:orlenal@eastonsd.org">orlenal@eastonsd.org</a>	x 32014
HI – LA	Mr. Okorji	<a href="mailto:okorjii@eastonsd.org">okorjii@eastonsd.org</a>	x 32044
LE – MOL	Ms. Hunsicker	<a href="mailto:hunsickerm@eastonsd.org">hunsickerm@eastonsd.org</a>	x 32017
MON – PIO	Mrs. Brown	<a href="mailto:brownm2@eastonsd.org">brownm2@eastonsd.org</a>	x 32046
PIP – SCE	Mrs. Calandra	<a href="mailto:calandrak@eastonsd.org">calandrak@eastonsd.org</a>	x 32208
SCH – THO	Mrs. Statile	<a href="mailto:statilej@eastonsd.org">statilej@eastonsd.org</a>	x 32013
THR – Z	Mr. Velasquez	<a href="mailto:velasquezc@eastonsd.org">velasquezc@eastonsd.org</a>	x 32066

### **TEMPORARY MEDICAL EXCUSALS**

The Easton Area School District Office of Pupil Services will review and consider approval of requests for temporary excusals from the compulsory attendance requirements for individual instruction to students confined to the home or the hospital for physical disability, illness, injury, or when such confinement is recommended for psychological or psychiatric reasons.

Please contact your child's school counselor for further information or refer to [Policy 204.1](#) online at [www.eastonsd.org](http://www.eastonsd.org).

### **HONOR ROLL**

93 - 100	High Honors
87 - 92	Honors
80 - 86	Commendation

### **NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY (NHS)**

A student is selected for membership in the Easton chapter of the National Honor Society based on the following four tenets: scholarship, leadership, character, and service. To acquire membership, a student must have a grade point average of 90% for six consecutive marking periods. Once the student becomes a member they must maintain their membership by completing service hours, participating in group service projects, paying dues, and attending NHS meetings. Failure to meet annual requirements will result in an appearance before the five-member Faculty Council for a decision of probation or dismissal.

### **PASS/FAIL OPTION**

Seniors only may opt to take a course on a pass/fail basis. Students and parents are reminded that only non-graduation credits may be taken on a pass/fail basis. Students can take only one course per year as a pass/fail course. The decision to take a course on a pass/fail basis must be made before the first *progress report* for a semester course and before the end of the first Marking Period for a full year course.

Courses with a lab component are considered full-year courses.

No numerical grade will appear on the student's report card. Students will receive a grade of P (PASS) or F (FAIL). A grade of 60 or above will warrant a P. A grade of 59 or below will result in the awarding of an F. Grades received will not be included in honor roll, class rank computations, or GPA. The full unit will be awarded at the end of the class. Students are expected to do all the work required of individuals taking the class for a numerical grade.

### **TO TAKE A CLASS PASS/FAIL:**

1. Students should have eligibility checked by their counselor.
2. If eligible, students must obtain a Pass/Fail permission form from their counselor.
3. Students must return a signed permission form to their counselor before the deadline.

### **HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASSES**

*All Health and Physical Education courses are mandatory for graduation.*

### **HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION COURSES:**

- *Freshman year* – PE9 is a semester course meeting on an A or B cycle.
- *Sophomore year* – PE10 (Fitness education) is a semester course meeting on an A or B cycle.

- Sophomore year – HEALTH 10 is a semester course meeting on an A or B cycle. A cyber option is also available for students.
- Junior & Senior year – Each year students must select a semester course meeting on an A or B cycle.

**Course Options:**

- Net Games (PeNet)
- Team Sports (PeSport)
- Life Fitness (PeLifeFit)
- Strength Training (PeStrength)

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORM:**

For reasons of safety, cleanliness, freedom of movement and modesty, the following attire is required for all physical education courses and should meet all school dress code guidelines:

- Standard PE Attire:
  - Sneakers and socks (No boots, crocs, flip-flops, sandals, dress shoes, or slip on shoes allowed)
  - Black or red shorts (mesh or athletic style shorts)
  - Black or red sweatpants (Students are not permitted to wear jeans underneath pants).
  - White t-shirt with or without writing (sweatshirt may be worn over shirt in cool weather)
- Aquatics Attire:
  - One-piece bathing suits are strongly recommended; bikinis are not permitted
  - ***A swim cap is required for all students to enter the pool and receive credit for the unit.***

Failure to meet these requirements may result in restricted participation and negatively impact a student's grade in the course.

**SAFETY:**

- Immediately report all injuries to the physical education teacher.
- No jewelry (i.e. earrings, rings, necklaces).

**GENERAL CLASS PROCEDURES:**

- Cell phones and headphones are not permitted to be out in class and should be kept in a locker.
- Report directly to the teacher assigned area for PE attendance and then to the locker room for class prior to the late bell.
- Students will be given 5 minutes to change before they will be dismissed from the locker room to report to their assigned class area. When they reach the assigned area, they are not to touch equipment; stretch/warm-up according to teacher's instructions, but do not engage in any activity prior to teacher's presence and direction.
- All students are to report to physical education class for attendance, including those with medical excuses and others not participating in physical education for the period.
- Those not participating shall leave all belongings in the locker room, including bookbags.
- At the conclusion of their activity, students will be given time to change clothes (and shower upon request).
- Students must remain in the designated locker room until the dismissal bell sounds.
- **The school and/or physical education teachers are not responsible for lost or stolen articles in the locker room area; students are DIRECTED to purchase a combination lock to secure items during class.**

**MISSED CLASSES:**

What happens when I miss a class?

- Failure to make up a class when the opportunity exists results in loss of preparation/participation points for that class. If/when a class is made up, student will receive credit for the missing class. It is the student's responsibility to speak to the PE teacher.

When am I eligible to make up a class?

- Excused Absences

Students must make arrangements to make up any assignments or assessments missed during class.

- Note from home excusing student from class (note is given to teacher prior to the class)
- Field trips; Early Dismissal for Athletics, band; Student Council Meetings; Excused Vacations

When am I NOT able to make up a class? (results in loss of preparation/participation points)

- Unprepared for class or inappropriate attire
- Unexcused absence
- Unsatisfactory participation (at teacher's discretion)

How do I make up a class?

- Should be done as soon as possible, either before or following the absence
- Students should complete and submit the "Virtual PE Makeup" Assignment located in their Schoology course. Virtually present students should make up and hand in work by the assigned due date in Schoology.

#### **DOCTOR'S MEDICAL EXCUSES FOR PE:**

- **May not be retroactive:** Students have one week to secure and present an excuse to the grade level nurse and teacher or lose credit for each class prior to this action.
- **Extended Medical Form:** must be obtained from the grade level nurse when a long-term medical is expected, (two weeks or longer); the doctor will specify which modified and adapted activities student must participate in (i.e., walking, swimming, weight training – upper/lower body, stationary bicycle) to earn PE credit.
- **No Participation Medical Notes:** releasing a student from all activity with no participation for more than one week will require the student to complete an alternate assignment as assigned by the teacher; this assignment will be graded and averaged into the marking period grade as part of the Cognitive domain. Students are still required to complete all other assignments/assessments for class and are responsible for any information taught in class. If the note excuses the student from participation for one week or less, the student will be required to make up missed classes.
- **Students held out of Physical Education due to a medical excuse are responsible for any information covered in class and must still complete in class assessments, midterm, and final exams; while completing the designated Medical Alternative Assignments.**

#### **PROMOTIONS**

The following credits are necessary to be promoted to the next grade. Grade level promotions will take place in January and June.

9<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> Grade – 5.50 credits  
 10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> Grade – 11.50 credits  
 11<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade – 17.50 credits  
 24.5 credits to graduate

#### **Credit Hour Requirement**

### **Students in 9th - 11th Grade:**

Students in 9th - 11th grade must have a minimum of 7 credits on their schedule (excluding advisory). In addition to this, school counselors should do their best to balance the credits (3.5 first semester, 3.5 second semester).

### **Students in 12th Grade:**

Students in 12th grade must have a minimum of 6 credits on their schedule. In addition to this, school counselors should do their best to balance the credits (3 first semester, 3 second semester).

### **COLLEGE TESTING DATES**

Please check the College Board and ACT website for testing dates and details. These dates are subject to change without notice based on the discretion of the College Board and ACT.

### **SCHEDULE CHANGES OR WITHDRAWALS**

Based on course requests, the administration builds a master schedule that reflects interests, needs, and teacher availability. This process takes several months with the objective of attempting to meet the highest percentage of students' course requests. Administrators in collaboration with School Counselors, create tentative schedules that meet the students' requests and needs. Requests made by **June 30th** will be processed at the request of the student and parent. Requests need to be made directly to the student's assigned School Counselor. Any errors, conflicts, omissions, or additions to a student's schedule will be resolved as soon as possible. The following guidelines exist for all other schedule changes requested after **June 30th**:

1. Student and Parent/Guardian need to complete a Schedule Change Form.
  - a. Student-initiated schedule changes must be supported by parent/guardian if made prior to the start of the School Year.
  - b. Student-initiated schedule changes must be supported by parent/guardian and current teacher if made after the start of the School Year.
2. Schedule changes will be considered for valid educational reasons only. Schedule changes will **not** be made to accommodate requests for the following:
  - a. Lateral moves within the same subject area
  - b. Preferred lunch Period
  - c. To accommodate Teacher Preference
  - d. Rearranging classes into different blocks
3. **Level Change Requests** refer to a student's request to move from one level to another (On level, College-Prep, Honors, Advanced Placement).
  - a. The deadline for level changes for **Semester** courses (first or second semester) will be due on or prior to Progress Reports in the first Marking Period of that course.
  - b. The deadline for level changes for **Full Year** course will be due on or prior to the end of the first Marking Period.
    - i. Full Year courses include courses that include a lab component.
  - c. Students moving from an Honors or Advanced Placement course to a CP-level course will not receive the weighted grade when the grades are transferred. School Counselors will need to correct the weighted grade.

*Note: Students **MUST** complete all courses in their entirety to receive course credit. If a student chooses to drop a full-year class, he or she will receive no credit at the end of semester 1. If credit has been awarded for semester one, but the student drops or fails the course in semester 2, the semester 1 credit will be removed from the student's transcript.*

The following requests for drop/add to/from a course will be honored (as long as the master schedule can facilitate):

- Computer or clerical error
- Block missing from the schedule
- The core subjects missing from the schedule (Math, Science, English, Social Studies, World Language)
- A course was made up during summer school
- Transfer to a more challenging course
- Change in a CTE program as approved by both the CTE and EAHS (this includes Diversified Occupations, Dual Enrollment, and the Career Institute of Technology).

### **SCHOOL RECORD REQUESTS**

Current students at Easton Area High School may request a copy of their unofficial high school transcript at any time through the Counseling Office at the high school. Requests may be in person or via email by either the student or parent/legal guardian. If a student needs an official transcript, requests must be in writing/email and specify the college, trade school or official agency to receive the document. Official transcripts will be placed in a sealed envelope and must remain sealed until delivered to the designated recipient. Graduating seniors must complete the senior survey and indicate where their official transcript should be sent post-graduation. Graduating seniors will be permitted to have one (1) official transcript sent, if indicated on the senior survey.

For alumni, all official transcripts or educational verifications are processed through the on-line site [www.parchment.com](http://www.parchment.com). Easton Area High School will forward an official copy of your high school transcript to colleges, trade schools, employers, employment agencies, military or official government agencies only. Individual alumni may not be the recipient of official transcripts. Processing time may be up to fourteen (14) days and a processing fee is assessed at request.

Additionally, parents/legal guardians may request to see their child's permanent school records. Such requests should be made to the child's school counselor. Please refer to Policy #216 online at [www.eastonsd.org](http://www.eastonsd.org)

### **SENIOR PRIVILEGES**

Privileges to students must be considered as such – a privilege and not a right. Privileges are earned and privileges may be withdrawn. Students without privileges are not allowed to go off campus and must attend assigned study hall(s).

All seniors will receive privileges at the start of the year as long as they have completed their Shadow Day paper in Xello and have completed the senior privilege google form. A student who enrolls during their senior year will be exempt from Shadow Day.

Privileges will be revoked for the following reasons:

1. Identified as failing one or more courses (below a 60) in core or elective courses.
2. Three or more illegal absences AND/OR five unexcused tardies to school.
3. Students maintain acceptable behavior. Any disciplinary infraction that results in suspension will be subject to administrative review as described in this handbook.
4. Not adhering to rules and regulations of parking and/or driving violations

***Assistant Principals will review grades during the end of each marking period.***

Senior privileges include off-campus lunch. Use of car for off-campus lunch with parental permission only. Food may not be brought back on campus. Students that choose to leave the campus for lunch must leave within the first five minutes of the block and will not gain reentry into the building until the beginning of the next block. Students must remain out of the building the entire block.

\*As part of privileges, Block 1 senior study hall students must report to Block 1 by 8:38 am for homeroom attendance.

Additionally, the privilege to participate in other senior activities is just that, a privilege. Seniors are permitted to participate in wood collecting and senior sleepout activities surrounding the Thanksgiving Day football game. Assistant Principals will confirm with the teachers of seniors. Students must meet the following requirements to participate:

- Identified as not failing one or more courses (below a 60) in core or elective courses.
- Not having three or more illegal absences AND/OR five unexcused tardies to school.
- Students maintain acceptable behavior. Any disciplinary infraction that results in suspension will be subject to administrative review as described in this handbook.

### **GIFTED EDUCATION**

Students are identified as gifted if they meet the criteria outlined in Chapter 16 of the Pennsylvania School Code. Students who require Specially Designed Instruction (SDI) need extensions and development of strengths areas, not ordinarily provided in the regular education curriculum.

Gifted services involve enrichment to develop higher cognitive skills that enhance the regular curriculum. Students will have the opportunity for self-exploration and extension to their identified focus areas of strength.

Students who require SDI will have an assigned case manager. Gifted case managers will meet with students assigned to their caseload once per marking period and update each student's progress as outlined in their goals and objectives.

GIEP documents are reviewed on an annual basis. As a result of the yearly review, it may be determined that the regular education curriculum meets the student's academic goals and that they no longer need SDI. Their identification is still the same as a gifted student; it would mean that they no longer need specially designed instruction.

### **SPECIAL EDUCATION**

Easton Area School District maintains an ongoing system to locate, identify, and evaluate students who are thought to be exceptional.

A parent may also request an evaluation as part of the child-find process. This request may be made in writing or verbally and should state the reason(s) why the parent feels the student may be in need of special education.

Information can be obtained from the school counselor in the student's school or the Special Education Office: Easton Area School District, Administration Office, 1801 Bushkill Drive, Easton, PA 18040. It is the intent of the district to ensure that students, who are disabled within the definition of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 or Chapter 14 are identified, evaluated and provided with appropriate educational services.

It is the policy of the Board of Education to provide a free and appropriate public education to each disabled student within its jurisdiction, regardless of the nature or severity of the disability.

### **SUMMER SCHOOL**

A remedial summer school program is held at Easton Area High School for make-up of core academic courses previously failed. The courses being offered, fees, dates of summer school, and other pertinent details will be published and made available to students after the school year ends. Any student choosing not to attend summer school should be aware that graduation may be delayed.

Summer school courses are delivered online with a teacher present in the classroom to provide support. Attendance in person at summer school is required. Credits and grades will be withheld from any student absent more than three (3) days per course. If there is tuition, it will not be refunded. All tardies will be accumulated and applied toward the three (3) days of absences. In summer school, students work independently for approximately 5-6 weeks, Monday through Thursday. Students must have attained a minimum grade of 40% in the failed class to be eligible to enroll in summer school courses.

### **TEXTBOOKS & iPADS**

The Easton Area School District provides students with textbooks, workbooks, paperbacks, and iPads. In the event books are lost, damaged, and/or defaced, students will be issued a second copy. The student must absorb the cost for the additional and/or damaged textbooks. Students that lose or damage their iPads and/or accessories are subject to the terms of the EASD iPad insurance plan. Students who decline insurance will be charged according to the fee schedule. A receipt must verify any monies paid.

Students must return the textbook(s) that they were issued at the start of the school year/semester in the same condition at the end of the school year/semester. Students in grades 9-11 keep their iPad during the summer months.

### **VALEDICTORIAN/SALUTATORIAN**

Determination of valedictorian and salutatorian are made at the conclusion of the third marking period of the senior year. The highest senior grade point average determines the identification of valedictorian. The second highest grade point average determines the identification of the salutatorian. Subsequent grades will be included for final rank but not for official determination of valedictorian or salutatorian.

### **WITHDRAWAL PROCEDURE**

The Assistant Principal's office must be notified if a student is transferring out of the school district. The parent will be required to email the office concerning their desire to withdraw from the Easton Area School District. The parent should include in the email the name and location of the school their child will be enrolled. The student must return all textbooks, iPad and accessories, and pay all financial

obligations prior to being withdrawn. This should be done on or before the student's last day of attendance.

The new school district must submit a records request to the EAHS guidance department by emailing [HUDGINSL@EASTONSD.ORG](mailto:HUDGINSL@EASTONSD.ORG) or faxing the request to Lori Hudgins at 610-250-2618.

### **WORKING PAPERS**

Current students between the ages of 14-18 must apply for a work permit in the State of Pennsylvania. All applications are processed electronically and families will be contacted by Mrs. Negron by email if more information is needed. The application can be found on the Easton Area High School website under "Students" or "Parents" titled, "Work Permit Application". Please email the completed application to: Mrs. Negron [NEGRON@EASTONSD.ORG](mailto:NEGRON@EASTONSD.ORG). Any questions or concerns, please email or call Mrs. Negron at 610-250-2460 ext. 32006. You will receive an email when your application is completed and ready for pick up. \*Mrs. Negron's office is located within the front desk security.

In order to obtain working papers, please be advised of the following:

1. A parent or legal guardian or the student must be present with ID to obtain the completed work permit.
2. Legal proof of age (birth certificate, driver's license or permit, passport, etc.) must be presented at the time of application.
3. Children 14 years and older must sign a Work Permit. A work permit is a blue card, transferable from one employer to another. You must show the blue card to your employer for their records. Do not allow the employer to keep the blue card. You need this card for each job you work until the age of 18.
4. Children may not begin work until the application and the above work permit are completed.

\*\*Questions regarding Pennsylvania Child Labor Laws may be referred to: (800) 932-0665 or [www.education.pa.gov](http://www.education.pa.gov). and search Child Labor Law.

## **ABSENCES AND ATTENDANCE**

### **ABSENCES**

School attendance is important and is vital to student achievement. It is expected that every student will strive to be present each day. The responsibility for regular attendance rests with the student; however, the school and home share the responsibility to encourage students to attend school. The Commonwealth of PA (Ref: Pennsylvania School Code, Article XII, Section 1326) requires students to attend school regularly until they are eighteen. For those who are eighteen or older, regular attendance is also necessary to complete Easton Area High School requirements for graduation.

The Board requires that school-aged students enrolled in district schools attend school regularly, in accordance with state laws. The educational program offered by this district is predicated upon the presence of the student and requires continuity of instruction and classroom participation in order for students to achieve academic standards and consistent educational progress. Notice shall be provided to those parents/guardians who fail to comply with the statutory requirements of compulsory attendance that such infractions will be prosecuted according to law.

The Department of Education has ruled that the following are the only legal excuses for absences and tardiness:

1. Personal illness or illness in the immediate family
2. Death in the immediate family
3. Impassable roads (determined by school)
4. Especially urgent reasons; “urgent” to be strictly constructed and interpreted by the school
5. Family/voluntary trips in accordance with [Board Policy](#).

## ATTENDANCE

**Parents should be using the SafeArrival app or toll-free number to report their student’s attendance. SafeArrival reports for the day of or any future attendance. If parents need to report a past absence, they have 72 hours to report by phone, email or written note or it will become an illegal absence. If the student has a dr. appt, they must provide a dr. note in order for it to be excused.**

The Assistant Principal’s office must receive parental notification (phone call, written note, or email) regarding the reason for the absence no later than 72 hours following the student’s return to school, or it will be recorded as an illegal absence. The Assistant Principal’s administrative professional reserves the right to confirm any appointments and excuses. All absences will be validated through an automated phone call generated by the school the day of the absence. This is a routine procedure to ensure maximum attendance. In the event of an absence of three (3) consecutive days, a doctor’s note is required upon returning to school. Failure to comply with this procedure will result in the student receiving an illegal absence.

The Board will recognize other justifiable absences for part of the school day. These shall include medical or dental appointments, court appearance, and family emergency. Furthermore, in some cases, scheduled educational opportunities that the school cannot duplicate may provide students with valuable exposure and experiences. In all such cases, please see the Educational Travel section below to obtain information and the Educational Travel Request Form.

***Students will be marked as absent if they arrive after 10:58am.*** If a student arrives after 10:58 a.m., they will be permitted to attend the remaining classes to attempt classwork, however, the illegal absence for the day will remain. Students who are enrolled in EASD’s Cyber Academy will be enrolled in a cyber homeroom and attendance will be taken in accordance with the program’s guidelines. Additionally, teachers are provided with a Daily Absentee List to indicate whether or not students were physically present and will issue consequences appropriately.

A maximum of ten (10) days of cumulative lawful absences verified by parental notification may be permitted during a school year. Absences beyond the ten (10) cumulative days may require an excuse from a physician. ***At 15 days, students will be placed on a doctor’s note as per district policy.*** All doctor’s notes are subject to review and verification by the Assistant Principal. When an absence is legal, the frequency of absences is still a concern. Therefore, when a student accumulates excessive absences, additional administrative contact may be made with the parent/guardian and/or medical professional verification may be required. Please see [Policy 204](#).

## HOMELESS STUDENTS

The Easton Area School District has an ongoing obligation to remove barriers to the enrollment and retention of homeless children and youth. The McKinney Vento Homeless Assistance Act states that homeless children and youth must be enrolled in school immediately, even if the child or youth has missed application or enrollment deadlines during any period of homelessness.

The McKinney Vento Homeless Assistance Act includes a focus and emphasis on:

- Increased identification, enrollment, stability and school success
- Preschool-aged children
- Collaboration and coordination with other service providers
- Removing enrollment barriers
- Privacy of student records
- Dispute resolution process (See [Policy 251](#))

### **CLASS ATTENDANCE**

All students are expected to be in their assigned areas on time. Anyone in the hallways after the bell for the start of class must have signed out via securlypass. Illegal absence from school or class may result in the student not being able to make up missed work. Continued absences from class and/or school could impact student achievement and overall connectedness to school. The school must make meaningful attempts to engage the parent/guardian and student in a Student Attendance Improvement Plan (SAIP) to address individual student needs and partner with the family for student success. It should be understood that students who have an illegal absence may receive no credit for that day's work, which may include a missed assessment or project.

### **ABSENCE DURING FINAL AND AP EXAMS**

If, due to illness, a student is unable to come to school during an assigned final and/or AP exam period, it is necessary that the Office of the Assistant Principal be contacted prior to the start of the examination the day of the exam; and followed up with a doctor's excuse or parental note verifying the illness. All unexcused absences will result in no credit for the exam grade. Any other reasons for not attending an examination must be cleared, in advance, with the head or assistant principal. Failure to comply with this procedure will result in the absence being designated as unexcused and the student will not be allowed to make up the examination.

### **COLLEGE VISITS**

Seniors are allowed five (5) days for college visits. Juniors are allowed three (3) days. The school acknowledges college visits as excused days of absenteeism, upon verification of the visit from the college. A request for a college visit must be given to the Assistant Principal three (3) school days in advance of the visit. Upon return, the student must present proof of visit on college letterhead from the Admissions Office.

### **EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL**

A student may miss no more than five (5) total "travel days" other than those in which the student is representing the high school in a competition. In order for a student to be excused for educational travel, parents/guardians must submit the Educational Travel Request form to the Assistant Principal prior to the absence. The [Educational Travel Request Form](#) can be obtained from the Assistant Principal's office. A request for family travel must be given to the assistant principal fourteen (14) school days in advance of traveling. If prior approval is not granted for a trip, all days missed will be unexcused. No work will be permitted to be made up.

The following criteria will be considered when approving a family educational travel:

1. Recognized at the discretion of the assistant principal.
2. Student must be in good standing, regarding attendance, discipline and academics (must have at least a 60% in each course).
3. Student must consult with teachers before leaving regarding assignments.

4. Any make-up work requiring teacher assistance must be arranged by the student with the individual teacher(s) upon return from educational travel.
5. Family educational travel will only be authorized during final exams if it is approved prior to leaving for educational travel trips and the exam is completed prior.

*No educational travel requests will be approved during scheduled state testing.*

### **REQUEST FOR EXCUSAL**

If a parent or guardian wishes to request excusal for their child for reasons not provided for in the school code (special emergencies, etc.) a written request should be given to the Assistant Principal's administrative professional prior to the child leaving school. Students will only be released to individuals listed in PowerSchool and have a valid form of identification - driver's license or valid PA photo ID.

#### **Assistant Principal Office Contact Information**

610-250-2481

A-DAU: Ms. McCutcheon ext. 32026

DAV-HE :Mrs. Curto ext. 32039

HI-MOL: Mrs. Garcia ext. 32037

MON-SCE: Mrs. Smith ext.32007

SCH-Z: Mrs. Frank ext. 32032

### **RETURNING TO SCHOOL AFTER ABSENCE**

It is the student's responsibility to schedule make-up work with individual teachers when returning from an excused absence. Any attempt to avoid procedural rules of attendance or unexcused absences will result in disciplinary action. A student has 72 hours from the time of absence to have any unexcused absence changed to an excused absence with valid verification.

### **LATE FOR SCHOOL/CLASS**

In order to ensure student success, students need to arrive at school and class on time. If a student is not present at the scheduled time, they will be marked tardy. If a student is late to school, they must bring in a note to the Assistant Principal's office indicating the reason for tardiness. Upon administrative discretion, attendance will be reflected accordingly. Students should be in class and seated by 7:20am.

Students arriving after 7:20 AM, without an excuse, will be escorted to class by school personnel. All students that scan in tardy to school will receive a ScholarChip pass. This pass is to be given to their teacher. Students will remain in the auditorium until school personnel are available. Excessive tardiness to school will result in disciplinary consequences. Every five lates to school will equal one after school detention. If a student arrives at school after 10:58 am, they will not be counted as present in Homeroom (Homeroom will remain an illegal absence) but will be allowed to attend classes from their arrival to the end of the day.

When a student scans into the building their "A" for absent will change into one of the following:

- Students who arrive late to school with an excuse will be marked as "X" for excused tardy.
- Students who are marked with a "T" are tardy unexcused which is coded by the Assistant Principal's Office.

- Students who arrive to class late will be coded as “L” by the teacher and should be issued a detention by their teacher. These students will not have a ScholarChip pass.

### **ILLEGAL OR UNEXCUSED ABSENCE & CLASS CUTS**

Absences from school or class result in missed instructional time. Continued class cutting or absences will impact student success and academic progress. Students who establish a history of absences (excused or illegal) may be required to produce medical verification for subsequent absences.

When a student has accrued an ***Illegal Absence (I in PowerSchool)***, the teacher is not required to provide them with an opportunity to make up the class work, assessments, or projects that they have missed and those assignments will remain as a zero (0) with no credit for the day.

### **APPOINTMENT PROCEDURES**

The school realizes that there are occasions when parents will find it necessary to request permission for their child to leave the building to keep an urgent medical appointment during the school day. Most medical appointments can and should be made for after-school hours. However, if it is not possible to schedule an appointment for after school hours, then the following procedure should be adhered to:

- Parents/Guardians must notify the Assistant Principal’s office either by email or phone call including the reason, time, date, and place of the appointment.
- The student will then receive an securlypass (appointment pass) with the date, time and reason for dismissal from their original location.
- When the parent/guardian arrives to pick up the student, the parent/guardian will sign the child out of the building at the front desk security, and will be asked to provide a valid form of identification - driver’s license or valid PA photo ID. Please be advised that only authorized contacts in PowerSchool will be given access to pick up your child.
- If returning to school the same day of the appointment, the student must report to the Assistant Principal’s office prior to going to class to receive a pass to go to class.
- When the appointment is for a doctor or dentist, an excuse from the doctor or dentist’s office must be turned into the Assistant Principal’s office when the student returns to school. The students must scan out and in when they return from the appointment. If a student is returning after an appointment, they must provide a letter from the original doctor.
- Failure to return the excuse to the office within three days will result in a half or full day of unexcused absence, depending on the time of the scheduled appointment.
- The administrative professional will update attendance for the appointment period as ‘U’ ( unexcused legal). Once the administrative professional receives the appointment excuse, attendance will be updated as ‘X’ (tardy excused).

### **STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. Student responsibilities include regular school attendance, conscientious effort in classroom work and compliance with school rules and regulations. Most of all, students share with the administration and faculty a responsibility to develop a climate within the school that is conducive to learning.
2. No student has the right to interfere with the education of his/her fellow students. It is the responsibility of each student to respect the rights of teachers, students, administrators and all others who are involved in the educational process.
3. Students should express their ideas and opinions in a respectful manner.
4. It is the responsibility of the students to comply with the following:
  - Adhere to all rules and regulations for student behavior as outlined in the EAHS Student-Parent Handbook and EASD Code of Conduct.

- Report information in matters relating to the health, safety and welfare of the school community and the protection of school property.
- Dress and groom to meet fair standards of safety and health and not to cause substantial disruption to the educational process.
- Assist the school staff in operating a safe school for all students enrolled therein.
- Comply with Commonwealth and local laws.
- Exercise proper care when using public facilities and equipment.
- Attend school daily and be on time to all classes and other school functions.
- Schedule and complete make-up work when returning from an excused absence.
- Pursue and attempt to complete satisfactorily the courses of study prescribed by Commonwealth and local school authorities.
- Report accurately and not use indecent or obscene language in student newspapers or publications. All material in such publications will be subject to pre-approval by the advisor.
- Be familiar with the Easton Area School District Internet and Network and copyright policies.

### **ACTIVITY ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION**

All co-curricular and curricular activities are an integral part of the overall educational approach of the high school. An opportunity to participate in athletic and non-athletic activities is a vital part of the school's philosophy. Representing the school and community on the field of athletic competition or through a performing group or club carries with it an important responsibility. The image of our school and the community it represents is conveyed by the actions of the students.

Any student participating in co-curricular or curricular activities must be in the school building for a minimum of 3 of the 5 blocks and any missed blocks must be "Excused tardy/release" in order to be eligible to participate that day in practice, game, competition, performance, or scrimmage, etc. Excuses must be provided to the Assistant Principal's office (note, phone, email, fax, etc.) to be verified and the Assistant Principal will decide if eligible to participate that day. If the student is deemed "unexcused" by the principal, the student cannot participate that day. If the student is sent home sick by the school nurse, he/she will not be able to participate.

### **ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION**

Alternative Education programs within the Easton Area School District provide an increased service environment to students at-risk for school dropout and those not maximizing their potential for school success. Such students may be in need of a more individualized and supportive approach to their schooling.

Reasons for referral to alternative education programs:

(Title 24-Article XIX-C of Pennsylvania School Code)

1. Disregard for school authority, including persistent violation of school policy and rules
2. Display or use of controlled substances on school property or during school-affiliated activities
3. Violent or threatening behavior on school property or during school-affiliated activities
4. Possession of a weapon on school property, as defined under 18 Pa. C.S. Section 912 (relating to possession of weapon on school property)
5. Commission of a criminal act on school property or during school-affiliated activities
6. Misconduct that would merit suspension or expulsion under school policy

For more information, please visit the [Pennsylvania Department of Education website](http://www.pennsylvania.gov).

### **ASSEMBLIES**

Students are to enter the auditorium in an orderly fashion and are expected to remain seated at all times. They are to be attentive and respectful to the speaker. Students must adhere to the suggestions, redirection, and guidelines set by the EASD employee who accompany them.

**ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY**

P.I.A.A. regulations state that a student must be passing four full-credit subjects (or the equivalent in block scheduling) in order to participate in interscholastic sports.

The athletic eligibility report is generated from PowerSchool automatically on Thursdays at noon. It is the responsibility of the student athlete to review and monitor their own grades prior to the eligibility reports processed on Thursdays. Students that are ineligible can't participate from Sunday through the following Saturday.

Specific attendance and academic eligibility requirements can be found on the PIAA website ([www.piaa.org](http://www.piaa.org)). The EAHS eligibility ratio is the following (course/pass):

- 3 courses - pass 2
- 4 courses - pass 3
- 5 courses - pass 3
- 6 courses - pass 4
- 7 courses - pass 5
- 8 courses - pass 5

**ATHLETICS**

Dr. Matthew Baltz, Director of Athletics - 610-250-2575

Please see the attached link for the [EAHS Athlete's Code of Conduct](#)

**Easton Area High School sponsors the following varsity sports:**

<b>VARSITY SPORTS</b>	<b>COACH</b>
Baseball	Mr. LaDuca
Basketball (Boys)	Mr. Jacobs
Basketball (Girls)	Mr. Lutz
Cheerleading	Mrs. Stout
Cross Country (Boys and Girls)	Mrs. Powell
Field Hockey	Mrs. Eck
Football	Mr. Senneca
Golf - Co-ed	Mr. Ruhf
Indoor Track (Boys & Girls)	Mr. Patterson
Lacrosse (Boys)	Mr. Bachman
Lacrosse (Girls)	Mr. Attisano
Soccer (Boys)	Mr. Sanchez
Soccer (Girls)	Mr. Hall

Softball	Mr. McIntyre
Swimming (Boys and Girls)	Mr. Ellis
Tennis (Boys and Girls)	Mr. Rossi
Track & Field (Boys and Girls)	Mr. Patterson
Volleyball (Boys)	Mrs. Martellucci
Volleyball (Girls)	Mr. Pursel
Wrestling (Boys)	Mr. Keener
Wrestling (Girls)	Mr. Pomrinca

The school also sponsors a number of junior varsity teams. Please check [www.Eastonathletics.com](http://www.Eastonathletics.com) for any information regarding athletic schedules.

### **STUDENT SECTION GUIDELINES**

The following are non-negotiable and any violation may result in the removal from the game and school-based discipline. ***Students who are ejected from a game may not be permitted to sit in the student section for the remainder of the season per EAHS Administrative discretion.***

- No use of any drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or vaping is permitted. This includes possession, consumption, and/or being under the influence before, during, or after the game, context, and/or event.
- Students and their belongings are subject to search by the administration at any time while on school property. (Students are not permitted to enter the stadium with bags of any type)
- No flour or other substance that may be irritating to the eyes, nose, or environment is to be thrown as this could cause health issues for others.
- No reusable water bottles are to be brought into the stadium, gym, or venue.
- No loud speakers - the speaker can interfere with the coaches' game headphones and the coaches cannot communicate from the press box to the field and other locations.
- No balls or other items that may be thrown on or make their way onto the field/court/playing surface, etc.
- No whistles, air horns, sirens, etc. - this can interfere with the integrity of the game, causing stoppages, etc. This may also result in penalties against our team as the use of artificial noise makers is against PIAA rules.
- No use of foul language directed towards anyone, including referees, other team members, our own athletes, fans of either team, etc.
- Themes must be in good taste - black out, red out, white out, pink out, camo night, etc.
- All students must be identifiable at all times. Refusal to identify yourself to EASD administration and/or security personnel may result in disciplinary action.
- All regular school rules/policies/Code of Conduct apply.
- All of the above is applicable to BOTH HOME and AWAY games.
  - ◆ AWAY venues may have additional rules and regulations that EASD students will be expected to follow.

### **DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

Disciplinary action taken by the school is intended to improve the student's attitude and extinguish subsequent behavior. The disciplinary process available to the school is regulated by law and district policy. Consistency of action in a large school is of great concern. The consistency of any action is governed by the following three considerations: (1) the objective sought in a case to help the student, (2)

the nature of the student's previous behavior record; discipline records are cumulative from freshman year through senior year, and (3) stated policy or precedent based on previous action.

We expect responsible behavior from students. Ignorance of school rules is no excuse for misbehavior.

### **EXPLANATION OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

**Senior Privileges:** Information regarding the loss or attainment of senior privileges can be found on pages 17-18.

**Verbal Warning** will be given before stronger disciplinary action is taken.

**In-School Suspension** is temporary exclusion from class and all school related activities. Students can't attend or participate in any school extracurricular or co-curricular activities until the day they return to school from their suspension. Those who are suspended in school will stay in an assigned area under supervision. Parents will be notified by email, mail and by telephone. Immediately upon arrival, cell phones or electronic devices, except the school district iPad, must be turned over to the in-school suspension proctor. Refusal to turn in a cell phone becomes an out of school suspension. Suspension is usually taken when other alternatives have been exhausted or the infraction stipulates suspension as the punishment.

**Out of School Suspension** is temporary exclusion from school and all school related activities for serious and/or repeated violations of the rules. The length of a suspension may be from one to ten days depending on the nature of the infraction and previous behavior. Parents will be notified by mail and by telephone. Suspension is usually taken when other alternatives have been exhausted or the infraction stipulates suspension as the punishment. Students who are out of school suspended are not permitted to be on school grounds and attend or participate in any extracurricular or co-curricular school activities until the day they return to school from their suspension. Suspended students found on campus during their suspension will face defiant trespass charges.

**Detentions** are used for purposes such as tardiness to school, habitual tardiness to class, and other Level I infractions. If a detention is skipped twice, students will be scheduled to make up their detention in ISS.

**Expulsion** is exclusion from school by the Board of Education for a period exceeding ten (10) days and may be permanent expulsion from the school rolls. A recommendation for expulsion is made by the high school principal to the Superintendent. The Board of Education makes the final decision. Please refer to [Policy #233](#) online at [www.eastonsd.org](http://www.eastonsd.org) for further information.

### **BUS CONDUCT**

Being transported by Easton Area School District transportation is a privilege, not a right. The district must assure that proper conduct is maintained in all vehicles for the health, safety, and welfare of the students. Proper conduct on the bus is the responsibility of the student. The driver is in complete charge of the bus. Students who risk the safety of others by their misbehavior may lose the privilege of riding the bus.

Students being transported are expected to adhere to the following Code of Conduct and Safety:

- Arrive at the assigned bus stop approximately ten minutes prior to pick up.
- Wait to board when the bus has come to a complete stop.
- Board and depart the bus in an orderly and safe manner - single file.

- Ride only on the bus assigned - boarding and departing at the designated stop.
- Maintain a safe condition within the bus at all times.
- Students must remain on the concrete loading area or sidewalks until the bus has stopped.
- If a student's bus does not stop in front of a concrete loading area or walk, they are to move to their bus along the outside perimeter of the bus line – they are not to walk in between parked buses.
- Students should wait until their bus has come to a complete stop before they attempt to board.
- If a bus already has students, allow students to get off first before students attempt to board.
- Students who have parked their cars, are not to walk in between parked buses or cross the macadam bus loading area to get to their cars – walk around the bus perimeter in either direction.
- There will be no vehicle traffic in bus loading areas from 2:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.
- Do not extend hands, arms, etc., or objects out of windows or doors or throw objects from the bus.
- Use of obscene language is not permitted.
- Musical instruments are not permitted unless carried in a case secured in a safe place.
- Eating and drinking is not permitted on the bus.
- Obey the school bus driver at all times. In case of emergency, remain on the bus unless directed to do otherwise by the driver or individual in authority.
- Students who damage seats or other parts of the bus will be required to pay for their replacement and may face criminal charges.
- Students are to remain in their seats upon entering the bus until they are designated to depart the bus by the driver.
- The district reserves the right to establish any other rules and regulations that protect the health, safety, and welfare of the students.
- Students are not permitted to have tobacco or smoking paraphernalia in any form in their possession while on school district transportation. Please refer to [Policy# 222](#) online at [www.eastonsd.org](http://www.eastonsd.org) for further information.
- Vaping is prohibited on school district transportation.

If a student violates any of the above rules/regulations and loses their bus privilege, the student or his/her parents/guardians will be responsible for transportation to and from school. Even though bus privileges are lost, the law still requires attendance at school per the student attendance policy.

Unusual and extreme misbehavior may result in formal criminal charges being brought against the student(s) relating to harassment, disorderly conduct, criminal mischief, and/or criminal trespass.

When the bus driver submits a misconduct report/bus video to the building/assistant principal, the protocol is as follows:

- Building/assistant principal gives verbal warning and/or disciplinary action to the student.
- Second offense is a letter of warning sent to the parent(s) that a bus suspension may occur on the next offense as determined by the building/assistant principal.
- Third, fourth and fifth offense may result in a suspension from the bus. The building/assistant principal will determine the number of days suspended off of the bus.
- Sixth offense could result in permanent removal from being transported on a district vehicle.
- The administration reserves the right, depending on the seriousness of the offense, to move to any step in the process.

### CAFETERIA

Easton Area High School has four lunch periods. The following guidelines will lead to an orderly lunch period:

- No food is to be taken out of the cafeteria by students without written permission/securlypass from a staff member who will be responsible for supervising this student.
- Students may report to lockers on the way to the cafeteria, or upon leaving the cafeteria on the way to class. Students are expected to be in the cafeteria before the bell rings. Students late to lunch will be issued an after school detention. Late times are visible outside the cafeteria doors.
- Upon finishing their lunches, students dispose of their trash and return to their tables. Students are responsible for keeping their tables and table area clean. If students refuse to clean their table or table area, they will be held responsible. If the specific individuals cannot be determined then the entire table will be held responsible and could face disciplinary action.
- Students will be dismissed from lunch when the bell rings.
- Students are to refrain from using electronic devices to make phone calls, video chats, taking pictures or recording videos. Students may use their electronic devices to play music as long as they have on headphones/earphones.
- Food from outside vendors or parents are not permitted to be dropped off or delivered to the school during the school day.
- The throwing of food will result in disciplinary action.
- Students are only to access vending machines in the cafeteria when it is their lunch period.
- Students must sign out using securlypass to use the restroom. Paraprofessionals will be positioned by the cafeteria doors to assist with sign out. Please make sure to have your iPad for this purpose. Students in the cafeteria are only allowed to use the H200s bathrooms and must return upon use promptly.
- Students are to report problems or concerns to the Principal, security guard, or teacher(s) on duty in the cafeteria.
- Seniors with privileges who choose not to leave campus must eat in the cafeteria and be on time. Seniors are not allowed to leave the cafeteria without an securlypass once they enter the cafeteria.
- Students that attend Career Institute of Technology are required to eat at C.I.T. and may not enter the cafeteria during lunch periods.

Easton Area High School will participate in the National School Lunch Program/School Breakfast Program under guidelines established by the Easton Area School District. Individuals interested in participating in the program must secure and complete the application for Free and Reduced Meals.

### **CARD PLAYING OR GAMBLING**

No card playing of any kind is allowed anywhere in school or on the school campus. Gambling of any type is not permitted. No dice or other gambling paraphernalia are permitted in school or on the school campus. Items will be confiscated and disciplinary action(s) may follow.

### **COURTYARD**

Easton Area High School's designated courtyard is part of the school grounds that is held to the same standards as a classroom or auditorium.

- Seniors with privileges are granted access to use the courtyard during their respective study hall or lunch period. Seniors who choose to use the courtyard during their privileged time, may not leave intermittently until the change of periods.
- Seniors without privileges are NOT allowed to be in the courtyard unsupervised and must report to their assigned study hall class or assigned lunch period.
- Students in grades 9-11 must be supervised by a teacher at all times.
- No students in grades 9-11 are allowed to take lunch or food to the Courtyard.

- All Adirondack chairs must remain in the same location. If they are moved, they must be returned to the original location.

### **DISRESPECT TO OTHERS**

Students who exhibit physical or verbal abuse to school authority or those who commit immoral acts or gestures and those who make salacious statements either verbally or in writing will be dealt with as the degree of student involvement and severity warrants. Threats upon school district employees (in school or outside of school) or fellow students may result in immediate suspension and criminal charges (fine, imprisonment or both). Disrespect of a lesser degree, insubordination to an employee's directive may warrant verbal reprimand, detention, or suspension. The following behaviors may result in a suspension and may include a citation for disorderly conduct: swearing at teachers, obscene gestures, and/or defiance.

### **DRESS CODE**

Students have the responsibility to dress appropriately and to keep themselves, their clothes, and their hair clean. For more information refer to **Policy 221**. Parents/Guardians should understand that they may be asked to bring a change of clothing to school for students who are in violation of this school policy. A clothing closet is available.

When not in compliance with these guidelines, staff and/or school administration will speak with the student to offer a solution so that the student can minimize missed instructional time. Refusal to accepting a solution may result in a school-based consequence.

### **DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE**

Students suspected of being under the influence of drugs, alcohol, or any other controlled substance, during school hours or at any school-sponsored activity will be investigated in order to determine the cause of the unusual behavior or conditions. The student will be assessed by the school nurse. Refusal to be assessed by the school nurse will result in disciplinary action. A search of the student's belongings and person may also be conducted upon administrative discretion. Parents and guardians will be notified of the time and reason for the search, including any findings and resulting disciplinary actions.

If the school is formally advised by medical authorities and/or police officials that the student was, in fact, under the influence of drugs, the head principal, and/or his assistants, will immediately suspend the student out of school and recommend that the student is referred for a drug and alcohol assessment by a third party agency.

Any student selling, distributing, arranging for, or participating in the purchase, giving away or receiving of: any amount of marijuana, illegal drugs, illegally acquired drugs, drug paraphernalia, alcohol, or any substance alleged to be one of the aforementioned on school property or at any school-sponsored activity will face disciplinary action and may be recommended for expulsion by the Principal. Parents and police will be contacted to be apprised of the situation and the student will be referred for a drug and alcohol assessment.

Any student possessing (on self, school property, or at a school-sponsored activity) any amount of marijuana, illegal drugs, drug paraphernalia, alcohol, or any substance alleged to be one of the aforementioned, will be suspended and a possible recommendation for expulsion. Parents/guardians, and police will be contacted to be apprised of the situation.

Should a student be convicted of any drug or alcohol related offense taking place off school property and after school hours, he/she may be interviewed by the Principal to determine the role to be taken by the school.

Be assured that any student whose presence, in the opinion of the Principal, constitutes a threat to the health, safety and welfare of the students and/or interferes with the educational process of the school can reasonably expect to be recommended for expulsion.

In all the aforementioned circumstances, the Principal will review the entire incident and make subsequent recommendations accordingly, including a referral to the Student Assistance Program (SAP) to determine a further course of action. Parents and guardians will be contacted. SAP is a voluntary intervention and requires permission from the parent/guardian. Its purpose is to identify students who are having challenges in school, and refer them for help. It is an intervention, not a treatment. Please refer to the section on the *Student Assistance Program* for further details on this program.

### **ELECTRONIC DEVICES: CELL PHONES, LASER LIGHT POINTERS, AND OTHER PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

Unauthorized use of cell phones, laser light pointers, and other personal student electronic devices are grounds for confiscation of the device by school officials and may result in disciplinary action. The use of smartphones and other personal electronic devices has become a major disruption to the learning environment. While we understand that these devices can be valuable tools in our personal lives, it is our responsibility to ensure that every student benefits from a focused learning environment. There are acceptable and appropriate opportunities for students to check their phones during the day. Teachers and administrators will communicate these expectations. Students and parents must understand that the use of personal electronic devices in class, other than the district-issued iPad, has a significant impact on the ability to learn. [Electronic Devices Procedures](#)

### **EXTORTION AND THEFT**

Those found responsible for extortion or stealing may be suspended or charged by the police. The policy on theft is designed not only to warn or deter students, but also to punish those responsible for theft, however small, to the fullest extent possible.

1. Theft is to be reported to the respective Assistant Principal's office.
2. Depending on the student's behavior record and/or previous record of theft, the school may recommend expulsion.
3. If the item stolen cannot be recovered or is damaged, the student responsible for the theft is responsible for restitution.
4. Students who use a locker in the locker room for physical education must bring their own combination lock to secure valuables. No one is to be in the gym or locker rooms without teacher supervision.

### **FALSE ALARMS**

Setting off false alarms will result in suspension as well as any other punitive disciplinary actions the school deems necessary, up to and including criminal charges by police, in order to ensure the safety of both people and property. Offenders will be held responsible for all injuries and damages that result from these irresponsible types of activities.

### **FIGHTING**

All students, no matter what the circumstances, should make every effort to avoid fighting, including seeking help from the professional staff at the high school. Students who engage in physical confrontations will be suspended from school, all school-based activities and events. When it is impossible to determine the identity of the aggressor(s), the Principal will recommend both offenders be removed from school for a period of time at the discretion of the administration. Students who engage in fighting or instigate a fight while in school or on school campus, may in addition to suspension and loss

of all privileges, be charged by the Police with disorderly conduct, harassment, and/or inciting to riot, be issued a summons or arrested, and/or liable for fines determined by the court.

### **FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS**

At times, students may incur financial obligations such as library fines, textbooks, iPads and accessories, and lost athletic equipment, etc. Normal courtesies direct that these obligations be paid without delay. All financial obligations, library fines, damaged book fines and school district issued materials, including books and iPads, must be paid or returned to the Easton Area School District.

### **FIREWORKS, EXPLOSIVES & INCENDIARY DEVICES**

Any student in possession of fireworks, explosives or incendiary devices (including smoke, stink bombs or sprays) in school, on school grounds, school buses, or at school sponsored activities will automatically be suspended. Selling or setting off any of these devices may result in an out of school suspension and charges being filed with the police. Depending on the severity of the incident, this may result in an expulsion.

### **FLAG SALUTE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

It is the responsibility of every citizen to show proper respect for his/her country and its flag. Each morning, during homeroom, students will be asked to stand and pledge the flag. Students who choose to refrain from such participation shall respect the rights and interest of classmates who wish to participate.

### **HALL CONDUCT**

All movement between classes shall be orderly and reasonably fast. There is a five (5) minute passing time.

There shall be no loitering in the halls, restrooms, outside of restrooms, outside of classrooms, courtyard, and other areas of the building at any time before school, during changing of classes, lunch, etc. Students are to move directly to scheduled areas, enter and be seated. Teachers are to move students into classes from the hall.

Students must be on time for class and should not be in the halls once the bell rings for the start of class. Students who are in the hallway at any time during a period must have an active securlypass from their designated teacher. Students found in violation of the procedures stated above may be subject to disciplinary action.

### **HALO AIR QUALITY DETECTORS**

Easton Area High School utilizes Halo air quality detectors in bathrooms throughout the building. These devices help deter undesirable student behavior in our school. The devices alert school staff (electronically and audibly) to several unsafe behaviors, including the use of Vape pens and other e-cigarettes. In addition to vape detection, the devices alert people to loud noises, large crowds, and other air quality concerns such as CO2. The alerts allow staff to respond to and address a variety of unsafe and unhealthy activities that were previously very difficult to monitor.

We take this issue very seriously due to the adverse health and behavioral effects the use of vape devices can have on our students. As a district, we will continue to be proactive by educating students about the risks of these behaviors. Working with our community partners, we provide educational presentations,

support groups, and recovery programs to decrease our students' use of such devices. If you feel your child would benefit from such support, please contact your child's school counselor.

The use of tobacco and controlled substances is prohibited by Easton Area School Board policies #222 and #227. Additionally, the Code of Conduct addresses the prohibited nature of Vapes and other similar devices. Therefore, when an air quality device is triggered, all students in the bathroom or identified as exiting the bathroom will be "searched" following district policy #226.

There will be consequences for students who possess or use tobacco or controlled substances on school district property. These consequences can include citations, police investigation, and school discipline, up to and including possible expulsion. In most cases, the disciplinary consequences will include a restorative component offered to the student and parents at the time of suspension. Our goal is to partner with parents to help support our students in making good decisions for themselves and their school community.

### **SECURLYPASS**

All students will utilize securlypass when requesting to leave the classroom. The securlypass and the student iPad will be in lieu of a physical pass. Securlypass is a digital hall pass system that replaces a pen and paper sign out process. Students will use their EASD device to initiate a pass. Faculty/staff will digitally approve student passes. Faculty/staff members must ensure that all students utilize the securlypass system process and have their iPad or EASD designated device with their securlypass when leaving the room. Students are expected to follow securlypass guidelines and procedures outlined by building administration. When returning to class, students are asked to ensure their pass is ended. Administration reserves the right to limit securlypass usage, including the number of passes allotted to individual students.

### **UNLAWFUL HARASSMENT/SEXUAL HARASSMENT**

The Easton Area School District seeks to establish and maintain an educational climate for students and employees and a safe and supportive school environment. Members of the school community are expected to treat each other with mutual respect and to accept the rich diversity.

It shall be a violation of the Unlawful Harassment/Sexual Harassment Policy #248 for any member of the Easton Area School District staff to harass another staff member or student through conduct or communications of an unlawful nature as defined in Section II. It shall also be a violation of this policy for students to harass other students through conduct or communications of an unlawful nature as defined in Section II.

Violations of the policy which, in the judgment of the investigating school official, may also constitute a violation of the harassment or stalking provisions of Section 2709 of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code, shall be referred to the appropriate law enforcement agency for investigation. Please refer to [Policy #103](#) online at [www.eastonsd.org](http://www.eastonsd.org).

Harassment is unwanted and unwelcome sexual behavior which interferes with your right to get an education or to participate in school activities. It may result from words or conduct that offend, stigmatize or demean a student.

The target of the harassment and the perpetrator do not have to agree about what is happening; harassment is subjective. Nor do you have to get others, whether your peers or school officials, to agree with you. Harassment can be a one-time occurrence or multiple occurrences. Some forms of harassment are also crimes and will be reported to police for investigation.

### **IDENTIFICATION CARDS**

Easton Area High School students are required to be in possession of their identification card provided for all students.

- The I.D. card must be in the student's possession at all times during the course of the school day.
- The I.D. card must be presented to an adult when requested.
- A replacement fee of \$5.00 will be charged for lost, stolen, or defaced cards. Replacement IDs will be taken in the Security Office, B116.
- Students must retain their ID until graduation.

### **STUDENT ENTRY PROCEDURES/SCHOLARCHIP**

All students must enter the building and scan their ID cards at a designated kiosk. Students may not enter the building prior to 7:05 AM. All students must enter in one of three monitored arrival points (Gym Lobby, Main Lobby, Cafeteria).

### **INCOMPLETE WORK AND MAKE-UP REQUIREMENTS**

Incompletes will be listed as a failure until made up. Students are required to make-up all work missed due to an excused absence. One day of make-up time will be allotted for each day of an excused absence. It is the responsibility of the student to schedule make-up work with the teachers.

In the event of a single day excused absence on the date of a preannounced test, project, or other assignment, the work must be completed or submitted on the date of return to school.

Students must complete all make-up work within the allotted time. In the event of extenuating circumstances, extensions may be granted by the administration upon review.

### **SCHOOL INSURANCE**

The Easton Area School District will cooperate with a private insurance firm in offering students a low-cost insurance program. Students who want to participate in this insurance may download the flyer directly from the Bollinger Specialty Group website [www.BollingerSchools.com](http://www.BollingerSchools.com).

In general, policies provide protection for medical, surgical, and dental expenses resulting from school injuries which are in excess of any benefits provided by each participant's family hospitalization insurance (Blue Shield, Blue Cross, etc.).

All students are encouraged to participate in the school insurance program.

### **LEAVING CAMPUS/BUILDING**

Once a student arrives on campus they are not permitted to leave the building or school grounds without specific permission from the Principal or Assistant principal. This includes retrieving something from a student's vehicle without permission. Any student violating this policy will receive two (2) days in school suspension as the first time offense. Subsequent violations will be two (2) days out of school suspension. Students who choose to leave campus and return may be subject to a search by school administration. Students who are off campus may be stopped and have ID's checked by the police and/or security staff. Those without proper identification will be returned to the high

school and incur disciplinary action.

- Students may only enter and leave the building through two main areas; the main entrance/security and/or gym lobby.
- Students coming in and out of the building must swipe in and out of Scholarchip using their student ID's.
- Freshman, Sophomores, and Juniors do not have "privileges" to leave campus during their lunch, study hall, or advisory.
- Administrative permission must be granted as an exception for any students who are not seniors to leave school for any other excusable reason(s). (Example: a Junior who needs to retrieve an assignment from their car during school hours).
- Students who are found to be leaving the building and returning may be searched by school personnel.
- **If any student is found leaving through another campus door, they will be issued two days of in-school suspension with further consequences to follow for repeated incidents.**
- **If any student is found opening a door for another student/visitor, they will be given a three day out of school suspension.** Additional consequences may be pursued for repeated offenses. This is a serious safety violation!

### **LIBRARY PROCEDURES**

The high school library serves as a place for students to complete their immediate and long-term assignments. The library staff wishes to provide an atmosphere conducive to learning and supportive of intellectual curiosity. It is a place for academic research and study where various materials and services are provided to support the curriculum and to help foster a lifelong interest in acquiring knowledge. Easton Area High School library provides staff and students with state-of-the-art resources such as Access PA, computerized databases, college and career materials, books, and periodicals.

Students who are in a study hall should check in with their study hall teacher for attendance. The student will then create an securlypass. The teacher will then approve the pass to go to the library.

Books are circulated for three (3) weeks. There is no fine for overdue books. Students who have lost or damaged materials need to pay replacement costs.

Library hours are M-F 7:10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday until 4:00 p.m. Hours may be subject to change as building needs are adjusted due to testing, conferences, workshops, or other needs.

### **LITTERING**

Littering in and/or outside the building may result in disciplinary action. The building and campus must be kept clean and free of litter.

### **LOCKERS**

Students will be assigned a locker, upon request, by their Assistant Principal's office. Students are responsible for any damages.

1. Lockers may be used at any time during the day.
2. Lockers are to be used for storage of clothes, books and other items necessary for school activities.
3. Lockers are to be locked at all times.
4. Students are responsible for the condition of their lockers at all times. The school reserves the legal right to maintain proper locker condition through inspection as deemed necessary.

5. Students are not to share lockers with other students. The school will not be held responsible for items lost or stolen.
6. Any insignias, signs, pictures, etc. are not to be attached in or outside the locker except when decorated for school activities (sports, Easton Area High School Day, etc.). No writing is permitted anywhere on a locker. A fee will be assessed if these items must be removed.
7. Students shall not expect privacy regarding items placed in school lockers; school property is subject to search at any time by school officials. When school authorities have a reasonable suspicion that the locker contains material, which pose a threat to the health, welfare and safety of students in the school, student lockers may be searched without prior warning.
8. The Principal can make a request for the drug-sniffing dog through the local police department.

School officials may conduct periodic or sweeping searches of all lockers. At the end of every school year students must remove all items from their lockers by the specified date.

### **LOST AND FOUND**

The lost and found is located in the cafeteria. Students finding lost articles should bring them to the Main Office. Valuables such as rings, eyeglasses, wallets, etc. are kept separately and secured. Items will be held until the end of the school year. If an item goes missing, please visit the Security office to report the item missing, B116. Easton Area High School is not liable for any lost or stolen student possessions or items.

### **LYING**

Honesty is important for the integrity of the student to administrator relationship. Students who are honest are given consideration when determining disciplinary action. Dishonesty found to be evident through an investigation wastes valuable resources and time, and will not be tolerated. Disciplinary action may result in such cases. Lying to protect oneself or others may also result in disciplinary action, including but not limited to suspension.

### **MEDICAL ROOM POLICY**

The nurses' offices at EAHS are located in Room D112 by the main gym for grades 9 and 10, and Room C203 by the cafeteria for grades 11 and 12. There is a Certified School Nurse in charge of each health room office. The EASD school physician visits the school periodically to provide school physicals with parental permission to students in 10th/11<sup>th</sup> grade. St. Luke's Primary Care Sports Medicine gives physical exams to members of the school's athletic teams with parental permission.

Students with medical conditions that require accommodations such as elevator keys, early release passes, student escorts, medication administration, etc. should provide that written directive from their healthcare provider. Elevator keys are obtained through the Security Office in B116 and require a \$10.00 deposit. Elevator keys must be returned in an appropriate time frame as determined by the Security Office in B116.

Students must utilize securlypass to visit the nurses' offices. Emergencies are accepted at any time. Students are not to stop in the Health Room between classes as this may result in an unexcused tardy to class.

Students need to be assessed by the nurse to be excused from school. In order to be excused to go home, the nurse must be able to reach a parent or another person in PowerSchool. If a parent or designee is not available, a parent may give permission for an alternate person having appropriate ID to pick up their student. Students are not allowed to call or text parents in order to be released and picked up for an excused early dismissal or absence. After assessment by the nurse, if it is found that the student is to be sent home, the nurse's office will notify the student's Assistant Principal's office.

An excuse from a health care provider is required for an extended release from physical education classes, and the provider must also give permission for athletic participation to any pupil with a known physical condition.

If your grade level nurse's office is closed during an emergency, go to the other nurse's office.

### **MEDICATION POLICY**

If a student needs to take medication in school, whether it is prescription or certain over-the-counter medications, the procedure is as follows:

1. Complete and return EASD's Medication Authorization Form that provides the nurse with doctor's prescription and parent/guardian permission to administer the medication. This form can be found on our school district's website under Parents & Community/Health Services/Medication or in the nurse's office.
2. Bring the medication in its original container to the nurse's office. Students may not transport medication to school per district policy.
3. Parents will be notified to refill the supply of medication in school as needed, and will receive notification at the end of the year to pick up any remaining medication at designated times and dates.
4. At the high school level, a Standing Medication Authorization form is available for administration of Acetaminophen, Ibuprofen, and Benadryl. With a signed parental consent students have the opportunity to take the above medications up to three times per month. The Standing Medication Order is available in the nurse's office.

### **PARKING AND TRAFFIC REGULATIONS**

Easton Area High School has designated reserved parking areas for students (juniors and seniors only), teachers and other school employees.

Driving to school is a privilege that must be earned ([School Policy 223](#)). Rules and regulations regarding the use of automobiles and parking are necessary to maintain safety while on school property. Per [School Policy 226](#), all cars parked on school district property may be searched with reasonable suspicion by school district administration.

Empty parking spaces do not warrant a student parking on campus without permission. Only juniors and seniors can apply for a parking tag. Students may apply during the summer months via a google form. Prior to the start of the school year, a few days will be designated for parking tag pickup. Please keep a lookout for this information in Schoology. Freshmen/Sophomores that are caught parking on campus will be ticketed and will not be allowed to get their parking permit for at least one semester.

In order to park on campus, students must secure a parking tag. A non-refundable fee will be assessed for the tag. Students will be required to park only in areas assigned for student parking. Easton Area High School and the Easton Area School District assume no responsibility for vehicles or personal property while parked on campus. Students with Easton Area High School issued parking tags are permitted to park at their own risk. Any incidents of vandalism or physical damage and/or theft must be handled through the student and/or parent's personal auto or homeowner's insurance. Easton Area High School and the Easton Area School District do not provide secure parking at any time.

In the event a tag is lost, a new tag must be secured and a \$25.00 replacement fee paid, CASH ONLY. You can obtain a new tag in B116. Parking permits are not transferable, if any student is caught sharing and/or using another student's tag, both students will lose their privilege to park on campus as determined by the assistant principal and may need to pay for a replacement tag.

- Observe and practice the 15 miles per hour speed limit on school grounds.
- Park only in designated student parking lots (D lot, V lot, and portions of H lot).
- Your car must be registered with the Security Office, B116. This includes second cars and cars driven on an occasional basis. There will be no assigned parking spaces.
- No parking is permitted in the main driveway; this is for visitors and handicapped parking only.
- Park in legal spaces only - do not block stairways leading to the parking lots or park on the grass, etc.
- Students are NOT permitted to park in EAHS Staff parking spaces or lots. This may result in a parking ticket being issued and loss of parking privileges.
- Observe all safety regulations.
- A parking tag may be purchased at a cost of \$5.00.
- Parking tags must be placed on the inside rearview mirror with the tag clearly visible.
- Smoking or vaping is prohibited in cars while on school property.
- Parking off campus in surrounding neighborhoods or business establishments is prohibited. Cars parked in these areas may be towed by the property owner at the student's expense.
- Seniors who lose senior privileges may also lose parking privileges. Your parking pass will be confiscated by your Assistant Principal's office.
- Cars illegally parked on school district property will be ticketed and/or towed from the parking area at the student's expense.

Students are not to loiter in or use parking lot areas for any purpose unless the area is designated for specific recreation.

Failure to abide by these rules may result in the withdrawal of the privilege of parking or driving on school property, the loss of all privileges, and a possible fine.

Parking passes are a privilege and may be revoked at any time.

### **REPORT CARDS**

Easton Area School District is paperless for student's progress reports and report cards. You will be receiving an electronic copy of your child's report cards directly from PowerSchool. Report cards are issued in accordance with the school calendar. In order to ensure you receive your child's report card, please ensure that your parent/guardian email addresses are up-to-date in PowerSchool. A Google Form will be available on the EAHS website for you to complete to request a hard copy of your child's report card. Please contact your child's school counselor for any additional information regarding report cards or progress reports.

### **RESTROOMS**

The school will make every attempt to keep restrooms clean and functioning as well as maintain the proper supplies for your use. Please help us keep these areas clean and as pleasant as possible. Smoking, writing on walls and partitions, and other acts that damage property make the restrooms unpleasant and will result in disciplinary action and criminal charges. Any student feeling ill must report to the nurse's office. Use of the restrooms for this purpose will not be accepted as an excuse for missed class(es).

No more than one person is to occupy a toilet cubicle at any time. If more than one student is in a stall, all students will be suspended one day ISS. Students who are found to be sharing stalls are also subject to having their belongings and person searched as deemed necessary by an administrator. If a student or more than one student is in a toilet cubicle and if smoke/smell or suspicion indicates smoking/vaping/juuling or any other use of illicit substance, all individuals in the cubicle will be considered in violation of the smoking and or drug policy. Violation of this rule will result in disciplinary action and will have their belongings searched.

Restrooms will remain locked until 7:30 AM after the start of block one when students may obtain permission and properly sign out via securlypass and a physical pass. Restrooms will also be locked in between classes.

### **RESTRICTIVE MOVEMENT**

During the course of the year, situations may occur that the administration regards as inappropriate for student observation and/or involvement. Since there is a large student population, large numbers of students and their movement in the hallways may complicate some situations, such as medical emergencies, and prevent the staff from taking appropriate action to respond to said emergencies. In addition, every effort is made to protect the privacy of the impacted student. Therefore, occasionally throughout the school year, the administration may call for Restricted Movement in which all students will remain in their classrooms or in the office they may be visiting. Students and/or visitors in the restrooms or hallways will move to the nearest classroom and await direction from the Main Office. Classroom doors will remain closed until further instruction is provided by administration. When appropriate an announcement will be made over the loudspeaker informing students and staff of any further instructions and when they can continue with their daily schedules.

Students who are found to be in the hallways during a restrictive movement will face disciplinary action.

### **RUN-HIDE-FIGHT**

The Easton Area School District has adopted the Run-Hide-Fight response to an active shooter situation. This response has been endorsed by the United States Department of Homeland Security. All staff and students of the Easton Area School District will be trained in this concept on an annual basis and emergency drills will take place in each school no less than two times per year.

### **STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SAP)**

The Student Assistance Program (SAP) is designed to provide a means for early identification, referral, and intervention for students who are considered “at risk.” Anyone can refer a student to SAP when they are concerned about someone’s behavior -- any school staff, a student’s friend, a family member or community member. The students themselves can even go directly to the SAP team to ask for help.

The Student Assistance Program (SAP) is a professionally trained team comprised of faculty, school administrators and community agencies that are available to deal with:

- Concerns with Mental Health, including suicide and depression
- Substance (drugs and/or alcohol) use & related problems
- Eating disorders
- Anger/violence
- Social & emotional challenges
- Family Conflict
- Trauma

The SAP process is as follows:

1. Completion of the SAP Referral form that identifies the behavior. The form can be found online and is directly linked to the EAHS webpage. All referrals will be handled confidentially, following the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).
2. The referral is sent to the core team, and information is gathered from an SAP assessment form that is sent to teachers, administrators, and school counselors in order to distinguish adolescent challenges.

3. When a referral is made, parent/guardian permission is required to proceed. The SAP team contacts the parent/guardian for permission to proceed with the SAP process and to schedule a meeting. The SAP team does not proceed without the approval of a student's parent/guardian.
4. At the meeting, the team meets with the parents/guardians and the student to discuss the data collected and to discuss the best course of intervention.
5. Finally, the SAP case manager remains with the case until the student and/or family has been linked to the intervention.

The SAP team does not diagnose students, does not provide treatment or discipline a student.

### **STUDY HALL RULES**

1. Study hall is to be regarded as a designated class (regardless of location) in which all of the rules, regulations, and procedures of a classroom are to be observed and upheld.
2. Students requesting to leave study hall for any reason must have an securlypass from the designated location.
3. Students are permitted to use their iPad to do academic work. Students are not permitted to use their iPad to videotape, or to take pictures.
4. Students are permitted to use their cell phone to listen to music as long as they are using earbuds. Students are not permitted to use their cell phone to make phone calls, to videotape, or to take pictures.
5. Students are not permitted to play cards, dice, or gambling of any kind.
6. Students may go to the library during study hall. Students should check in with their study hall teacher first for attendance. The student will then create an securlypass and the teacher will approve the pass to go to the library.

### **STUDY HALL 12**

Seniors that have Study Hall 12 and have senior privileges do not need to report to the study hall location if they intend to stay out of the building. Seniors that are already in the building and are leaving the building when they have Study Hall 12 must scan out on the ScholarChip machine located in the Main Lobby or Gym Lobby prior to leaving the building. Students cannot leave through any other door on campus. Students that have Study Hall 12 during block 1 must be in the study hall location by 8:38 am for attendance. **Students that do not arrive to study hall by 8:38 am will be marked as tardy or absent.** In the case that a student has block 1 and 2 study hall, the student must still come in at 8:38 a.m. for homeroom attendance. Consistent tardiness could result in loss of privileges and other disciplinary actions.

### **SMOKING**

Students are not permitted to have tobacco or smoking paraphernalia in any form in their possession while on school grounds, at school sponsored activities, or on school- sponsored transportation. Tobacco and tobacco smoking paraphernalia includes a lighted or unlighted cigarette, pipe, or other lighted smoking product, and smokeless tobacco in any form. This would also include other smoking devices such as E-cigarettes, vape or dab pens, or vaporizers. Any student seen or caught using any tobacco smoking device in any form will face disciplinary action up to and including suspension from school. Student smoking or use of smokeless tobacco is not permitted anywhere in school or on school grounds outside the building. If a student or more than one student is in a restroom or a toilet cubicle, all students shall be considered in violation of bathroom misconduct. Lookouts or those warning or protecting smokers may receive disciplinary action. Students suspected of possession or usage on school grounds or school-based activities are subjected to search of their person or belongings.

Additionally, any student who uses or is in possession of any tobacco or nicotine products in school, at any school activity, school-sponsored event and or anywhere on our campus will receive disciplinary action and may be subject to a search.

### **SMOKING OFFENSES**

A smoking offense may result in a suspension, in addition to penalties under Act 145 of the School Tobacco Control of Pennsylvania. Act 145 of 1996 amends the Crimes Code to include language-prohibiting students from possessing or using tobacco in a school building, a school bus or on school property. School districts are granted the authority to initiate prosecution for any such offense. Upon conviction, a student will be found guilty of a summary offense and subject to a fine of up to \$50.00 plus court costs. The court may admit the student to an adjudication alternative in lieu of the fine. Such a summary offense is not reportable as a criminal act.

Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for deceptive business practices; AND PROHIBITING USE OF TOBACCO IN SCHOOLS. The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows: SECTION 2. TITLE 18 IS AMENDED BY ADDING A SECTION TO READ: **§ 6306.1. USE OF TOBACCO IN SCHOOLS PROHIBITED. (A) OFFENSE DEFINED - A PUPIL WHO POSSESSES OR USES TOBACCO IN A SCHOOL BUILDING, A SCHOOL BUS OR ON SCHOOL PROPERTY OWNED BY, LEASED BY OR UNDER THE CONTROL OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITS A SUMMARY OFFENSE.**

### **SEARCH**

Easton Area High School administration has the authority to authorize the search of students and their belongings in accordance with [School Board Policy 226](#). Handheld metal scanners may be utilized in the search.

Refusal to submit to a search authorized by school administration will result in disciplinary action based on what is being searched for at the time. Failure to comply could also result in the matter being turned over to Easton Area School District Police Officers for further investigation.

The courts have upheld the right of schools and appropriate school personnel to search a person and personal property when reasonable suspicion exists.

### **SEARCH POLICY**

The Board acknowledges the need to respect the rights of students to be free from unreasonable searches and seizures while fulfilling the District's interest in protecting and preserving the health, safety, and welfare of the school population, enforcing the code of conduct, and maintaining an appropriate atmosphere conducive to learning.

School officials have the authority to lawfully search students or their belongings, including lockers, automobiles, electronic devices, purses, backpacks, or other possessions, without a warrant, when in school, on school grounds or when otherwise under school supervision, if there is a reasonable suspicion that the place or item to be searched contains prohibited contraband, material that would pose a threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the school population, or evidence that there has been a violation of the law, Board policy, or school rules. The scope and extent of searches must be reasonable in relation to the nature of the suspected evidence, contraband, or dangerous material, and to the grounds for suspecting that it may be found in the place or item being searched. For the purpose of this policy, a school official shall be defined as a school administrator, an administrative designee, or a security official.

The district has a compelling interest in protecting and preserving the health, safety and welfare of the school population, which under certain circumstances may warrant general or random searches of students and their lockers, vehicles or other belongings without individualized suspicion, for the purpose of finding or preventing entry onto school property of controlled substances, weapons or other dangerous materials.

### **THREATS**

Threats of any kind, including terroristic threats, directed toward employees of the school district (in or out of school) and/or fellow students may result in immediate suspension and/or criminal charges.

### **VANDALISM**

Students caught defacing the building, grounds, equipment, or willfully or recklessly destroying school property and personal property of school district employees in any way shall be immediately suspended from school and school-related activities. At the end of the suspension period, the student and the parent(s)/guardian(s) may be responsible for paying restitution for the damages.

### **VIDEO SURVEILLANCE**

Video surveillance is used to monitor the high school to ensure the safety and security of all students and staff. At times, the administration and school police will review video footage to ensure that students are adhering to all school rules and policies.

### **VISITORS**

All visitors will enter the building via the main entrance to the building, and must report to the front desk security upon entering the building and obtain a visitor's pass. All visitors must have a valid form of identification in order to obtain a visitor's badge. Visitors will be expected to follow established sign in procedures. No student visitors are permitted during the school day. \*Please note: If you are looking to meet with a principal, please call the appropriate office to schedule an appointment. If you do arrive on campus without an appointment, you will be given a form to fill out regarding your concern and an administrator/officer will contact you at their earliest convenience.

Food from external vendors or businesses that is delivered or dropped off for students will be turned away (This includes DoorDash, InstaCart, GrubHub, UberEats, etc.)

### **WEAPONS**

Possession of a weapon on school property is a crime. Weapon is defined in Penna. Crimes Code 18 Penna. C.S.A. Section 912 (a) as follows: The term shall include but not limited to any knife, cutting instrument, cutting tool, nun-chuck stick, firearm, shotgun, rifle, replica of a weapon, and/or any other tool, instrument or implement capable of inflicting serious bodily injury. In addition to the items enumerated above, weapons defined in Pennsylvania Statute Title 18, Easton Area School District Policy also included items such as mace, pepper spray, and/or other items capable of inflicting serious bodily injury. Students in violation of the school district's Weapons Policy will be subject to discipline and may incur criminal charges.

A student possessing a weapon on school grounds, at any school-sponsored activity, or on school buses will be subject to a disciplinary action including suspension and/or expulsion and referral to law enforcement for further investigation.

The Easton Area School District reserves the right to periodically conduct weapon searches of the entire school population of a building. In the interest of providing a safe learning environment, students may be subject to a search upon arriving on the school campus or entering the building.

School personnel and/or police officials will conduct the searches. Students will be required to stand in a line before a table and empty their pockets while their backpacks, coats, purses, etc. are searched. Handheld metal scanners may be utilized in the search. In the event the search area becomes too crowded, students will be chosen at random, or be checked before disembarking from school buses. This procedure extends to students entering the building for activities such as dances and other extracurricular activities.

Anyone desiring to anonymously report a safety concern or hazard which may jeopardize the safety of others, the Easton Area School District, its students or employees, should direct his or her correspondence to the respective building principal or the Office of the Superintendent if applicable.

### **TECHNOLOGY**

Access to the district's network, as well as use of district-provided technology, is a privilege, not a right, as outlined in [Board Policies 815](#) and [815.1](#). The district reserves the right to deny access, revoke privileges, and/or administer disciplinary or legal action, as deemed appropriate in the event of a violation. Where required, the school district will cooperate to the extent legally required with ISP, local, state, and federal officials in any investigation concerning or related to the misuse of the District's network. All users who must be presented with the school district's [Acceptable Use Policy](#) will be provided the *EASD Acceptable Use Form* to sign. Students and parents are encouraged to review [Board Policy 815](#) and [Board Policy 815.1](#), and shall be provided a copy upon request.

#### **Use of the Internet and the District's Network:**

In support of its commitment to ensure Internet safety to the greatest extent possible, use of the Internet and the District's network is governed by [Board Policy 815](#). The provisions of this policy apply to all use of the District's network on and off campus, during school hours, and during school-sponsored events. Use of the District's network is limited exclusively to use for educational purposes.

This Policy governs usage considered harmful to minors which includes, but is not limited to, obscene or offensive material, child pornography, and graphic material of a sexual nature. Additionally, Policy 815 governs social media use, cyberbullying, copyright law, data storage, and content filtering, as well as other access and storage requirements.

#### **Use of District-Owned Technology:**

The use of District-owned technology is governed by [Board Policy 815.1](#). Responsible use of technology devices extends the lifespan of such technology and protects the District's financial investment in it. The Policy sets forth rules, requirements, and safeguards related to the use of District-owned technology.

Users of District-owned technology are expected to handle the devices with care and secure them at all times. Damage, loss, or theft of any District-owned technology should be reported to the District immediately. Users may have their privileges revoked, or devices confiscated, by the District at any time, for any reason, if they are determined to be in violation of the Policy.

#### **Internet Safety**

We would like to take this opportunity to remind students and parents about the dangers of improper use of school district and personal computers, cell phones and other electronic devices. In order to help you avoid some of the common problems associated with social media, we are providing you with some of the PA Criminal Statutes that are applicable to the use of any electronic device for your review.

### **§ 2709. Harassment**

(a.1) Cyber harassment of a child.--

- 1) A person commits the crime of cyber harassment of a child if, with intent to harass, annoy or alarm, the person engages in a continuing course of conduct of making any of the following by electronic means directly to a child or by publication through an electronic social media service:
  - i) seriously disparaging statement or opinion about the child's physical characteristics, sexuality, sexual activity or mental or physical health or condition; or
  - ii) threat to inflict harm.

*\*\*This statute deals with the use of social media platforms such as Instagram, Snapchat, etc. to harass or bully a juvenile.\*\**

### **§ 6321. Transmission of sexually explicit images by minor**

(a) Summary offense.--Except as provided in section 6312 (relating to sexual abuse of children), a minor commits a summary offense when the minor:

- (1) Knowingly transmits, distributes, publishes or disseminates an electronic communication containing a sexually explicit image of himself.
- (2) Knowingly possesses or knowingly views a sexually explicit image of a minor who is 12 years of age or older.

(b) Misdemeanor of the third degree.--Except as provided in section 6312, a minor commits a misdemeanor of the third degree when the minor knowingly transmits, distributes, publishes or disseminates an electronic communication containing a sexually explicit image of another minor who is 12 years of age or older.

(c) Misdemeanor of the second degree.--Except as provided in section 6312, a minor commits a misdemeanor of the second degree when, with the intent to coerce, intimidate, torment, harass or otherwise cause emotional distress to another minor, the minor:

- (1) makes a visual depiction of any minor in a state of nudity without the knowledge and consent of the depicted minor; or
- (2) transmits, distributes, publishes or disseminates a visual depiction of any minor in a state of nudity without the knowledge and consent of the depicted minor.

*\*\*This statute makes it illegal for a juvenile to transmit to another person(s) or publish on social media a nude photo of him or herself. It also makes it illegal to view, possess, transmit or otherwise disseminate explicit images of another juvenile.\*\**

### **OPTIONAL iPad INSURANCE PLAN**

The Easton Area School District is offering families an OPTIONAL insurance plan for district-issued iPads. This plan is being offered at a cost of \$17.00 and will cover the student's device during the academic year for which the plan was purchased, including the summer months. A new plan must be purchased at the start of each school year in order to continue coverage. Enrollment is open ONLY for the first 14 days of the new school year or during the first 14 days of enrollment for new students.

In the event that a device, or its accessories, becomes damaged, lost, or stolen, notification should be made immediately to the EASD Technology Department via the Help Desk system. Students at EAHS and EAMS may report to the Tech Center located in the building to make notification. Upon

notification, a technician will retrieve the device and assess the damage. The District reserves the right to determine whether or not the device is able to remain in service.

Intentional damage or destruction will not be covered. Cases that are defaced with writing and/or stickers that cannot be removed, will not be covered.

**Plan Coverages**

<b>Damage Type</b>	<b>Cost With Plan</b>	<b>Cost Without Plan</b>
LCD Screen Replacement	\$0	\$55
Glass Digitizer Replacement	\$0	\$30
iPad Lost or Unrepairable	\$100	\$300
Charger Block Lost/Stolen	\$10	\$10
Lightning Cable Lost/Stolen	\$10	\$10
Case Replacement	\$0	\$35

**NOTICE OF VIDEO/AUDIO SURVEILLANCE ON SCHOOL BUSES**

The use of a video and/or audio recording is intended to assist the administration, contractors, and/or drivers in observing behavior, preventing violation of bus rules, school rules, regulations, district policies, and Pennsylvania or federal laws, and utilizing and/or dispensing such surveillance when required for disciplinary, civil, and/or criminal matters.

As provided for in [District Policy No. 816](#), video and/or audio recorders may be placed on any and all buses operated by or on behalf of the District. All students may be subject to being videotaped and/or audiotaped on the school bus at any time, including, but not limited to when buses are used for transport to and from school, for school field trips, or any school related activities such as athletic events and extra-curricular activity trips.

The video/audio media are intended for use with respect to issues relating to safety and behavior on the bus and at school. Video/audio media are not intended for general viewing by a student, employee, parent/guardian, or public and shall not be made available for general viewing purposes, unless required by law or court order.

**EAHS STUDENT COUNCIL CONSTITUTION**

**Preamble**

We, the members of the Easton Area High School (EAHS) Student Council, in realizing the necessity for a forum of students to create and develop better school citizenship among the students, to promote better school morale, to act as a liaison between the students and the administration, do accept and establish this constitution as the governing factor of our standards and ideals.

**Parliamentary Authority**

The rules contained in "Robert's Rules of Order" shall govern the EAHS Student Council in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are consistent with any special rules of order the EAHS Student Council may adopt.

## **ARTICLE I**

### **Name and Purpose**

**Section 1.** The name of this organization shall be "EAHS Student Council."

**Section 2.** The purpose of the EAHS Student Council shall be to act as a forum for the student body to be represented to the administration and to better the morale of students.

## **ARTICLE II**

### **Membership**

The EAHS Student Council shall consist of three forms of representation: Executive Officers, Class Officers and Senators at all times. In the event any student(s) or advisor(s) is a member of Pennsylvania Association of Student Council (PASC) or National Association of Student Council (NASC) executive board, they are members of EAHS Student Council during their term of office on PASC and/or NASC.

{Members are allotted two unexcused absences. Excused absences include but are not limited to: Test or review during the time of the meeting, music lesson, field trip, vacation, etc. Other reasons are up for discussion with a member of the executive board. If the member is going to miss, they must inform an Executive Board Advisor and/or class advisor. If two unexcused absences are acquired, the member is subject to trial for impeachment. Members are also required to participate in 10 hours of community service. 5 hours are needed per semester. If the requirements are not met after the first semester, the member is subject to trial for impeachment.} Extra service hours may be assigned at the discretion of any advisor.

- All hours must be approved by advisors.

### **Section 1. Executive Officers**

#### **A. Qualifications**

1. Eligible students for executive office must be full time students at Easton Area High School.
2. Eligible candidates must have an 80% cumulative average with no completed marking period less than a 80% GPA. This is subject to the discretion of the administration.
3. Eligible candidates must have no disciplinary referrals. This is subject to the discretion of the administration.
4. Eligible candidates must not have any suspensions or unexcused absences. This is subject to the discretion of the administration.
5. The president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and parliamentarian of the executive office shall be members of the senior class.
6. The president of the executive office should have been a member of EAHS Student Council for two (2) years through grades 9, 10 and 11. One year as a member of EAHS Student Council must have been their junior year.

\*Any member of the EAHS Student Council executive board who fails to maintain these qualifications when elected will face an impeachment trial.

#### **B. Membership**

1. There shall be five (5) executive officers representative of grade 12. The positions of executive office are as follows: president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, parliamentarian and one liaison to the executive board per class.
2. The executive office of parliamentarian is a student from the senior class appointed by the executive board advisors. The EAHS Student Council Parliamentarian is responsible for

ensuring that “Robert's Rules of Order” are followed at all meetings. The EAHS Student Council Parliamentarian makes sure that all motions are properly made and acted upon, and assists in getting all members involved in orderly discussions.

C. Election

1. Executive officers: president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer shall be elected by their respective grade level. Voting will be by secret ballot.
2. During Spring, the executive board will hold an election. Any senior wishing to be put on that ballot shall complete the google form to submit their name and a paragraph to explain why they want to run to the advisors during executive officer candidate sign-ups. Students who do not complete the form and submit the paragraph by the designated deadline will be eliminated from the running. Everyone who meets Section 1A is eligible. The candidate with the highest vote count shall be the winner. They shall be notified within the next week of school.
3. Assigned Principals will approve candidate requests and forward the approved candidate names to the advisor(s). Campaigns shall be done between the last day of sign ups and the election. The election of the executive board officers shall be held by the last week in April.
4. Campaign material content must be approved and signed by the advisor(s) before being displayed on school property.

**Section 2. Class Officers Grades 9-12**

A. Qualifications

1. Eligible class officers must be full-time students at Easton Area High School.
2. Eligible candidates must have an 80% cumulative average with no completed marking period less than an 80% GPA. This is subject to the discretion of the administration.
3. Eligible candidates must have no disciplinary referrals. This is subject to the discretion of the administration.
4. Eligible candidates must not have any suspensions, as well as unexcused absences. This is subject to the discretion of the administration.

B. Membership

1. At all times there shall be sixteen (16) class officers.
2. Each class will be represented by a president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer.

C. Election

1. Class officers: president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer shall be elected by their respective grade level. Election will be by the secret ballot system.
2. During the Spring, grades 10, 11, and 12 will hold an election. Grade 9 class elections will occur in Fall of the next school year. Anyone wishing to be put on that ballot shall complete the google form to submit their name and a paragraph to explain why they want to run to their grade level advisors during class officer candidate sign-ups. Students who do not complete the form and submit the paragraph by the designated deadline will be eliminated from the running. Everyone who meets Section 1A is eligible.
3. The respective principal will approve candidate requests and forward the approved candidate names to the advisor(s). Campaigns shall be done between the last day of sign ups and the election. The election of the class officers shall be held by the last week in May.
4. Campaign material content must be approved and signed by the advisor(s) before being displayed on school property.

**Section 3. Senators Grades 9-12**

**A. Qualifications.**

- 1. Eligible senators must be full time students at Easton Area High School.
- 2. Eligible candidates must have an 80% cumulative average with no completed marking period less than an 80% GPA. This is subject to the discretion of the administration.
- 3. Eligible candidates must have no disciplinary referrals. Subject to discretion of administration.
- 4. Eligible candidates must not have any suspensions or unexcused absences. Subject to discretion of administration.

**B. Membership.**

- 1. At all times there shall be sixteen senators, with four elected senators from each grade level.
- 2. Honorary senators: Each class will be represented by at least one but not more than four for each grade level as recommended by the class advisor and approved by the assigned Principal.

**C. Election**

- 1. Senators shall be elected by their respective grade level. During class officer elections, each class shall hold a senator election. Elections will be by the secret ballot system. During the Spring, grades 10, 11 and 12 will hold a senator election. Grade 9 class senator elections will occur in September of the next school year. Anyone wishing to be put on that ballot shall complete the google form to submit their name and a paragraph to explain why they want to run to their grade level advisors during class senator candidate sign-ups. Students who do not complete the form and submit the paragraph by the designated deadline will be eliminated from the running. Everyone who meets Section 1A is eligible.

**Section 4. Honorary Members**

- A. The principal and all administrators shall be considered honorary members.
- B. A minimum of six (6) faculty members may volunteer to serve as honorary members.
- C. All foreign exchange students shall be considered honorary members.

**STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND CLUBS**

Involvement in school activities plays an important part in a student’s personal, social, and academic growth and often sets the stage for a future career or a vocation.

Students who wish to start a club must present their idea at a Student Council meeting and obtain Student Council approval. The clubs and activities named below will be continued, expanded, or deleted according to student interest. In the absence of specific activity/club rules pertaining to requirements for eligibility for activity/club officers, school/class officer eligibility requirements will be followed.

Below is a list of the clubs and/or activities that are offered at Easton Area High School. Please visit the website at eastonsd.org for more information.

ACTIVITY/CLUB/CO-CURRICULAR	ADVISOR
Lafayette Easton Engineering Mentorship (formerly ) ACE Program	Mrs. Powell

African Student Association (A.S.A)	Mrs. Melton
Amnesty Easton	Ms. Stroble
Agriculture Club	Mrs. Ackerman
Animal Welfare	TBD
Anime Club	Mr. Herzog
Asian-American Club	Mr. Kelly
Audio Visual Technology	Mr. Capone
Aevium Club	Mr. Bachman
Band	Mr. Ballentine
Bass Choir	Mr. Shilanskas
Camerata (Choir)	Mr. Deshler
Chamber Singers	Mr. Deshler
Chamber Strings	Mr. Ballentine
Chess Club	Mr. Fulda
Class Advisor – 9th Grade	Mrs. Murphy
Class Advisor –10th Grade	Mr. Rusnock
Class Advisor –11th Grade	Ms. Ozgar
Class Advisor –12th Grade	Mrs. Clark
Computer Science Club	Mr. Tanczos Mr. Kash
Concert Choir	Mr. Deshler Mr. Shilanskas
Costume Crew	Mr. Vivian
Culinary Culture Association	Dr. Harris
Cultural Healing Club	Mrs. Jayant
DECA	Mr. Felton Mr. Ruggeri
Dance/Step Team - Rover Squad	Ms. Bradberry
Debate Team	Mr. Capone
Drama Club/SNL	Ms. Thornton
Easton Angels Club	Mrs. Vacaro
Easton High Notes	Mr. Okorji
Fairest and Squarest	Mr. Shilanskas
Fellowship of Christian Athletes	Dr. Kuncio
FIRST Robotics Team	Mrs. Clements
Flag Line	Ms. Ferguson
French Club	Mr. Quinn Dr. Wascura
Freshmen Choir	Mr. Shilanskas
Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)	Mrs. Klein

Future Educators of America (FEA)	Mrs. Mason
Gaming Club	Mr. Kelly
Gay-Straight Alliance	Dr. Harris
German Club	Mr. Beil
German Honor Society	Mr. Beil
Girl Up Club	Mrs. Jayant
Hair and Make-Up Crew	Mr. Vivian
Health Sciences Club	Dr. Harris
Hispanic Student Association	Mrs. Brown Mrs. Orlena
HOSA Future Health Professionals	Dr. Harris
Italian Cultural Club	Ms. Merli
Italian National Honor Society	Ms. Merli
Jazz Band	Mr. Ballentine
Jazz Chorale	Mr. Shilanskas
Junto (School Newspaper)	Ms. Capecci
Keep Africa Well Club	Mr. Welsh
Key Club	Mrs. Peters
Latin Club	Dr. Clauser
Lehigh Valley Science Fair	Mr. Brown
Literary Magazine (Youthink)	Ms. Hudak
Majorette/Twirling	Ms. Valentovic
Mini-Thon	Mrs. Ackerman Mr. Jacobsen
Math Competition Club (AMC)	Mr. Jacobsen
Mock Trial	Mr. Snyder
Model United Nations (UN)	Mr. Capone Mr. Spina
Muslim Student Association	Mr. Amadore
Musical Theatre	Mr. Vivian Mr. Okorji
NAACP Youth Council	Mrs. Durrah
National Art Honor Society	Ms. Marquardt
National Honor Society	Mrs. Egberts-Behm Mrs. Soffera
Orchestra	Mr. Ballentine
Pep Band	Mr. Ballentine
Photography Club	Mr. Kresge
Ping Pong Club	Mr. Amadore
Project 511 (Bible Study)	TBD

Reading Olympics	Mrs. Soffera
Rechauffe (Yearbook)	Mr. Uhler
Recycling Club	Mrs. Egberts-Behm Mrs. Peters
Red Cross Club	Mr. Ryan
Red Poppies for Veterans Club	Mr. Braido
Scholastic Scrimmage	Mrs. Oakes Dr. Varela
Sending Sunshine	Ms. Ozgar
Sikh Student Association	Mrs. Singh
South Asian Student Association	Mrs. Jayant
Spanish Club	Ms. Henricks
Spanish Honor Society	Mrs. Lira
Spring Challenge	Ms. Hoffman
Student Council	Mrs. Schummer Mrs. Zimmerman
Synergy Club	Mrs. Steskal
Table Top Role Playing Game Club	TBD
Tech Crew/Stage Crew	Mr. Vivian
Technology Student Association (TSA)	Mr. Chillot Mr. Gaumer
Treble Choir	Mr. Shilanskas
Tri-M Music Honors Society	Mr. Deshler
UNICEF	Mrs. Volturo
Women's Welfare Club	Mrs. Schummer
Young Democratic Socialists of America (YDSA)	Mrs. Walters

### **SOLICITATIONS AND COLLECTIONS**

No fundraising or solicitations are to be held in school unless approved as a school club or activity fundraiser. Students may not sell items for personal profits.

### **SCHOOL CLOSINGS**

In the event of an early dismissal, a delayed start or a school closing due to inclement weather, a phone or text message will be sent from Easton Area School District using the SchoolMessenger notification service.

Information in reference to school day alterations is immediately posted on our website and available through the following local media:

#### **RADIO**

KYW (1060 AM)

#### **TELEVISION**

WFMZ (Channel 69)

WAEB (790 AM)  
WAEB (104 FM)

WNEP (Channel 16)  
WPVI (Channel 6)  
WCAU (Channel 10)

**SCHOOL NEWS AND EASD INFORMATION**

Instant access to the latest news, alerts, and important school information is available on the EASD Alert app.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

First Day of School for 9th Grade	August 25, 2025
First Day of School for All Grades	August 26, 2025
Labor Day - <i>No School</i>	September 1, 2025
*Teacher In-Service/ <i>No School for Students</i>	September 22, 2025
Indigenous Peoples' Day– <i>No School</i>	October 13, 2025
<b>END OF FIRST MARKING PERIOD</b>	<b>October 30, 2025</b>
*Teacher In-Service/ <i>No School for Students</i>	November 4, 2025
Early Dismissal - <i>Students and Teachers</i>	November 26, 2025
Thanksgiving Break - <i>No School</i>	November 27, 2025 to December 1, 2025
Winter Break - <i>No School</i>	December 22, 2025 to January 2, 2026
Martin Luther King Day - <i>No School</i>	January 19, 2026
<b>END OF SECOND MARKING PERIOD</b>	<b>January 22, 2026</b>
*Teacher In-Service/ <i>No School for Students</i>	February 9, 2026
Presidents' Day – <i>No School</i>	February 16, 2026
*Teacher In-Service/ <i>No School for Students</i>	March 16, 2026
<b>END OF THIRD MARKING PERIOD</b>	<b>March 31, 2026</b>
Spring Break	April 2-7, 2026
*Teacher In-Service/ <i>Early Dismissal 9-12 (EAHS Day)</i>	May 8, 2026
Memorial Day – <i>No School</i>	May 25, 2026
*Teacher In-Service / <i>Early Dismissal K-12 Students</i>	June 8- June 9, 2026
<b>END OF FOURTH MARKING PERIOD</b>	<b>June 9, 2026</b>
Last Day for Students	June 9, 2026

**Annual Public Notice of Nondiscrimination related to CTE programs**

The Easton Area School District is an equal opportunity education institution and will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in any program or activity. The Easton Area School District offers a Diversified Occupation Program as well as Student Occupationally and

Academically Ready programs in the areas of Accounting, Administrative Assistant and Engineering Technologies. Lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in career and technical education. Inquiries may be directed to Mrs. Kara Dufour, Chief Human Resource Officer/Title IX Coordinator at 610-250-2400 extension 35016: email [dufourk@eastonsd.org](mailto:dufourk@eastonsd.org), or Mr. Craig Reichl, Director of Student & Community Services/Section 504 Coordinator at 610-250-2400 extension 35072: email [reichlc@eastonsd.org](mailto:reichlc@eastonsd.org). Both offices are located in the Easton Area School District – Education Center, 1801 Bushkill Drive, Easton, PA 18040.

### **Aviso Público Anual de No Discriminación Relacionado con los Programas CTE**

El Distrito Escolar del Área de Easton es una institución educativa que ofrece igualdad en oportunidades y no discriminará por motivos de raza, color, nacionalidad, sexo, discapacidad o edad en ningún programa o actividad. El Distrito Escolar del Área de Easton ofrece un Programa de Ocupación Diversificada, al igual que programas de Alumnos Ocupacional y Académicamente Preparados en las Áreas de Contabilidad, Asistente Administrativo y Tecnologías de Ingeniería. La falta de habilidades en el idioma inglés no será barrera para la admisión y participación en la educación técnica y profesional. Las consultas pueden dirigirse a Kara Dufour, Director de Recursos Humanos/Coordinador del Título IX al 610-250-2400 extensión 35016: correo electrónico, [dufourk@eastonsd.org](mailto:dufourk@eastonsd.org), o Craig Reichl, Directora de Servicios a Alumnos y Comunidad/Coordinadora de Sección 504, al 610- 250-2400 extensión 35072: correo electrónico, [reichlc@eastonsd.org](mailto:reichlc@eastonsd.org). Ambas oficinas están ubicadas en el Distrito Escolar del Área de Easton - Centro de Educación, 1801 Bushkill Drive, Easton, PA 18040.

### **Notice of Non-discrimination**

As an equal rights and opportunities agency, the Easton Area School District will not discriminate in its educational and vocational programs, activities, or employment practices on the basis of race, color, national creed, age, sex, ancestry, union membership, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, national origin, disability, or any other legally protected classification. Announcement of this policy is in accordance with state and federal laws, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act. Information relative to reporting a claim, related School Board Policies, special accommodations and grievance procedures can be obtained by contacting:

- Mrs. Kara Dufour, Title IX Coordinator / Chief Human Resource Officer at 610-250-2400 extension 35016 or email [TitleIX@eastonsd.org](mailto:TitleIX@eastonsd.org)
- Mr. Craig Reichl, Section 504 Coordinator / Director of Student and Community Services at 610-250-2400 extension 35072 or email [TitleIX@eastonsd.org](mailto:TitleIX@eastonsd.org)

School Board Policies related to the Nondiscrimination Notice include:

- [School Board Policy 103: Discrimination/Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Students:](#)
- [School Board Policy 104: Discrimination/Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Staff:](#)
- School Board Policy 348: Unlawful Harassment – Administrator;
- School Board Policy 448: Unlawful Harassment - Professional staff;
- School Board Policy 548: Unlawful Harassment – Classified staff;
- [School Board Policy 252.1: Bullying/Cyber Bullying:](#)
- [School Board Policy 252.2: Dating Violence](#)
- [School Board Policy 824: Maintaining Professional Adult/Student Boundaries.](#)

### **Aviso de No discriminación**

Como agencia de igualdad de derechos y oportunidades, el Distrito Escolar del Área de Easton no discriminará en sus programas educativos y vocacionales, actividades o prácticas laborales por motivos de raza, color, credo nacional, edad, sexo, ascendencia, afiliación sindical, orientación sexual, identidad de género, expresión de género, origen nacional, discapacidad o cualquier otra clasificación legalmente protegida. El aviso de esta póliza es de acuerdo con las leyes estatales y federales, incluido el Título VI de la Ley de Derechos Civiles de 1964, el Título IX de las Enmiendas a la Educación de 1972 y la Sección 504 de la Ley de Rehabilitación de 1973, la Ley de Discriminación por Edad de 1975, la Ley de Estadounidenses con Discapacidades de 1990 y la Ley de Relaciones Humanas de Pensilvania. Información con respecto a una reclamación, las pólizas del Comité Directivo Escolar, adaptaciones especiales y los procedimientos de quejas se pueden obtener comunicándose con:

- Mrs. Kara Dufour, Coordinador del Título IX / Director de Recursos Humanos al 610-250-2400 extensión 35016 o envíe un correo electrónico a [TitleIX@eastonsd.org](mailto:TitleIX@eastonsd.org)
- Mr. Craig Reichl, Coordinadora de la Sección 504 / Directora de Servicios al Alumno y Comunidad al 610-250-2400 extensión 35072 o envíe un correo electrónico a [TitleIX@eastonsd.org](mailto:TitleIX@eastonsd.org)

Las pólizas del Comité Directivo Escolar relacionadas con el Aviso de no discriminación incluyen:

- [Póliza 103 del Comité Directivo Escolar: Discriminación / Acoso Sexual del Título IX que Afecta a los Alumnos;](#)
- [Póliza 104 del Comité Directivo Escolar: Discriminación / Acoso Sexual del Título IX que Afecta al Personal;](#)
- Póliza 348 del Comité Directivo Escolar: Acoso Ilegal - Administrador;
- Póliza 448 del Comité Escolar Directivo: Acoso Ilegal - Personal Profesional;
- Póliza 548 del Comité Escolar Directivo: Acoso Ilegal - Personal Clasificado;
- [Póliza 252.1 del Comité Escolar Directivo: Intimidación / Acoso Cibernético;](#)
- [Póliza 252.2 del Comité Escolar Directivo: Violencia Entre Parejas;](#)
- [Póliza 824 del Comité Escolar Directivo: Mantener los Límites Profesionales Entre Adultos y Alumnos.](#)

# 2025-2026 EASD Code of Conduct

## Student/Parent Code of Conduct Pledge Form

SEE WEBSITE FOR COMPLETE POLICIES: [www.eastonsd.org](http://www.eastonsd.org)



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Easton, PA 18040  
Phone: 610-250-2400, Fax: 610-250-9730

### Easton Area High School

Student First Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_ Student #: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Last Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Advisory Teacher (Grades 9-11) / Assistant Principal (Grade 12):  
\_\_\_\_\_

I have read the Easton Area School District official Code of Conduct and reviewed it with my son/daughter.

I am aware that all EASD policies in their entirety can be found on the district website or by request from the main office of my child's school.

I will maintain up-to-date home, work, and emergency numbers/contacts at the school.

Signature of Student \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Failure to return this pledge form does not absolve any individual from compliance with the rules and regulations contained herein. Furthermore, it is also understood that these rules and regulations represent the minimum, and not the maximum authority retained by school district officials to maintain school discipline and school safety at all times. Please note that Board of Director policies are subject to change. The most current versions may be found on the district website at [www.eastonsd.org](http://www.eastonsd.org).

**Please sign and return this form to your Advisory Teacher (Grades 9, 10, 11) / Assistant Principal (Grade 12) by Friday, September 05, 2025!**

# Formulario de compromiso de cumplimiento del código de conducta para estudiantes y padres

CONSULTE EL SITIO WEB PARA CONOCER LAS POLÍTICAS COMPLETAS: [www.eastonsd.org](http://www.eastonsd.org)



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## Easton Area High School

**Nombre del estudiante:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Alumna/o #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Apellido del estudiante:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Calificación:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Profesor asesor/director (solo para estudiantes de último año):**

\_\_\_\_\_

He leído el Código de conducta oficial del Distrito Escolar del Área de Easton y lo he revisado con mi hijo/hija.

Soy consciente de que todas las políticas del Distrito Escolar del Área de Easton en su totalidad se pueden encontrar en el sitio web del distrito o mediante solicitud a la oficina principal de la escuela de mi hijo.

Mantendré actualizados los números y contactos de mi casa, trabajo y emergencia en la escuela.

**Firma del Estudiante** \_\_\_\_\_ **Fecha:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**Firma de la madre / del Padre** \_\_\_\_\_ **Fecha:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

El hecho de no devolver este formulario de compromiso no exime a ninguna persona de cumplir con las normas y reglamentos aquí contenidos. Además, también se entiende que estas normas y reglamentos representan la autoridad mínima, y no la máxima, que tienen los funcionarios del distrito escolar para mantener la disciplina y la seguridad escolar en todo momento. Tenga en cuenta que las políticas de la Junta Directiva están sujetas a cambios. Las versiones más actualizadas se pueden encontrar en el sitio web del distrito en [www.eastonsd.org](http://www.eastonsd.org).

**Por favor firme y devuelva este formulario a su maestro asesor (grados 9,10,11) / Director (grado 12) Fecha de entrega: 5 de septiembre de 2025.**