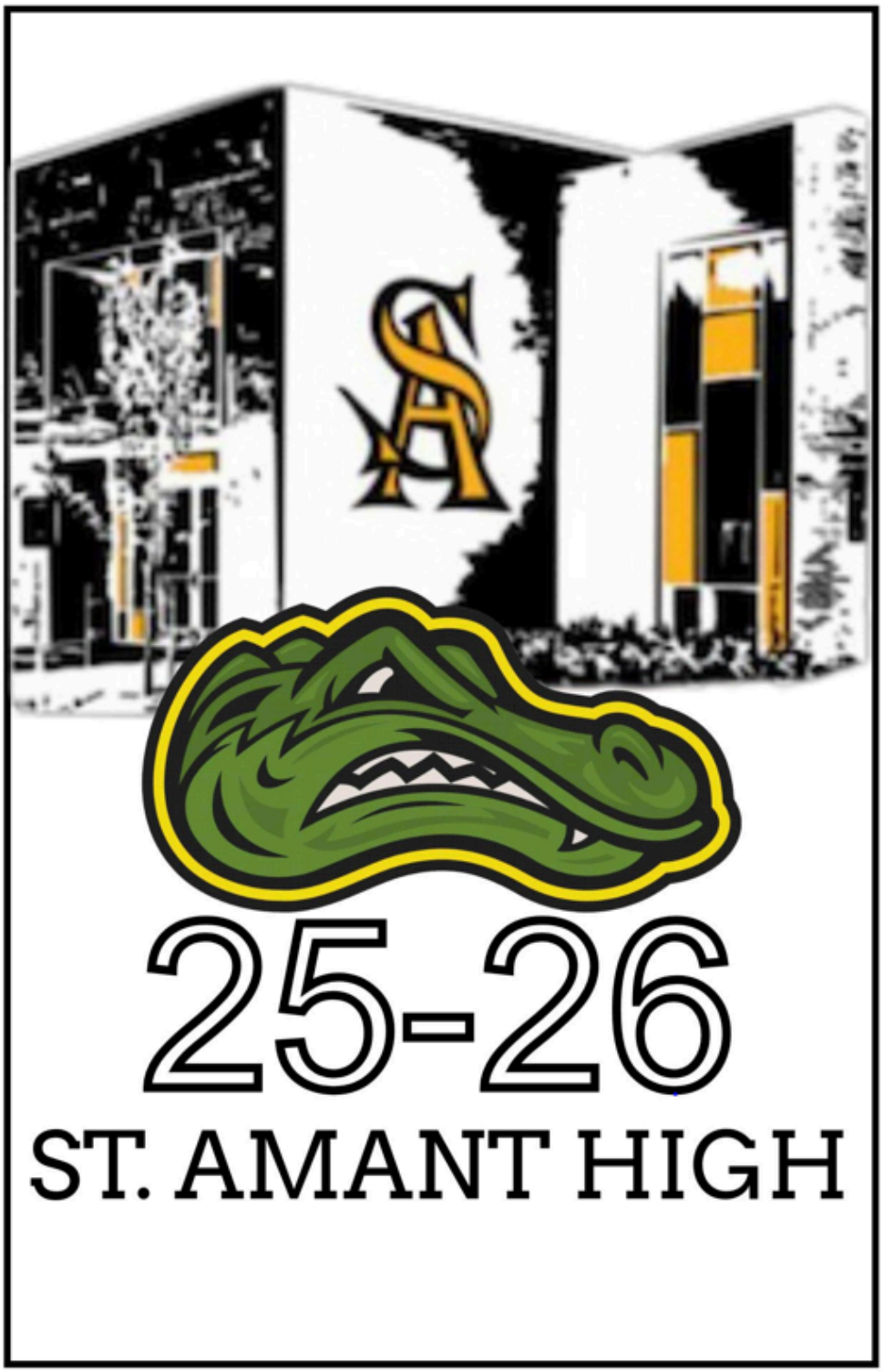

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Jamie Kramer (391-6023)

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SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Great efforts are made to ensure that students and parents receive communication about school information and events. There is a web page (accessed through www.apsb.org, under the high school tab), an official school Facebook page, and each grade level has a grade specific Remind 101. Emails are sent regularly through School Messenger so please make sure that your email address is correct in PowerSchool. If a parent does not receive emails, they should contact the Attendance Office and they can check the email address on file. Additionally, specific groups and organizations may have their own social media pages. All school personnel can be reached via email at firstname.lastname@apsb.org

St. Amant High School Alma Mater

St. Amant our alma mater
Praise we give to your name
Your banners fly of black and gold
Which stand for victory

The gator strong and mighty gives
Us lasting courage to endure
Through life's toils and through life's hardships
Guide us ever more

St. Amant we ever pledge
To keep your memory

2025-26 Bell Schedules

Regular BELL SCHEDULE

7:25 ENTRY BELL	
7:30-9:05 1ST BLOCK	
9:10-10:45 2ND BLOCK	
A LUNCH	**B LUNCH**
10:45-11:15 LUNCH	10:50-12:25 3RD BLOCK
11:20- 12:55 3RD BLOCK	12:25-12:55 LUNCH
1:00-2:35 4TH BLOCK	

EARLY DISMISSAL

7:30-8:35 1ST BLOCK
8:40-9:45 2ND BLOCK
9:50-10:55 3RD BLOCK
11:00-12:05 4TH BLOCK
12:05-12:35 LUNCH

GatorAid SCHEDULE Advisory

7:30-8:58 1ST BLOCK	
9:03-10:30 2ND BLOCK	
10:30-11:00 GATORAID	
A LUNCH	**B LUNCH**
11:00-11:30 LUNCH	11:05-12:32 3RD BLOCK
11:35-1:02 3RD BLOCK	12:32-1:02 LUNCH
1:07-2:35 4TH BLOCK	

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS AND CLUBS

Club and Sponsors

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR- DAVID OLIVER
ART-JESSICA NEWSOM and ROBYN DENNY
BAND- JOEY NASSAR and ANDREW GRAHAM
BETA-HEIDI CHEATWOOD
BLACK HISTORY -JACOB NEWSOM AND MALCOLM REED
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CHOIR- SARA BRAY
COLORGUARD- ANDREW GRAHAM
DECA-CLAUDIA GREMILLION
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE -AMY MILLER and CHANTAL CORRELL
FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN STUDENTS- MORGAN GREEN and ANDREW GREEN
FFA -MANDY DELAUNE
GATOR DATA (NEWSPAPER)-ANDREW GREEN
GATORETTES- TESSA ROUSSEL
GATOR NATION NEWS- RANDON GILMORE
GATOR TO GATOR MENTORS- BRITTANY THORNTON and DARREN SIMONEAUX
GATORALLY-JOLEIGH HARTMAN
HOSA-SHAWN BOURGEOIS
INTERNATIONAL THESPIANS-HEIDI FREDERIC
LADY GATOR TALK - MORGAN GREEN
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STUDENT COUNCIL-KRISTEN AVOCATO
CAJUN HERITAGE -MAGARET (Maggie) PELLERIN
YEARBOOK-MONICA FARRIOR

IDENTIFICATION BADGES

- To preserve the safety of our students and faculty, **ID badges must be worn appropriately ALL DAY EVERY DAY!** IDs must be clearly visible at chest level and are not to be defaced or to have any non-approved items placed on the front or back. No disfigurement such as writing, coloring, decorative stickers will be tolerated.
- Students may purchase a temporary ID for $1.00 in the library before school until 7:25 am. The cost of a replacement ID is $5.00. If a student cannot purchase a new or temporary ID, he/she can report directly to the office to speak to an administrator. This must be done prior to reporting to class.
- **EACH TIME a student does not comply with the ID policy, he/she will be assigned an after-school behavior clinic.**

APSB DRESS CODE

Administrators have the responsibility and right to determine the appropriateness of attire and grooming for the school setting. Students may be placed in ISSP due to deviations from the dress code and parents will be contacted to bring appropriate attire before a student is allowed to return to class. Please note that repeated non-compliance will be handled as willful disobedience. See the APSB Student Handbook for complete High School Dress Code and Consequences (Appendix D).

SLACKS, PANTS, SKIRTS, DRESSES, SHORTS

- **Shall be khaki only** (No glitter, shimmer, or other color)
- Shall be appropriately sized with a regular fitting crotch: not tight fitting, not loose fitting. ("sagging" is not allowed).
- Bottoms must be properly hemmed or cuffed at or below the ankle and no wider than shoe length, but not dragging the ground. "Slicing or ragging" is not allowed. Belts must always be worn with bottoms that have belt loops.
- Bottoms may not be worn in any way that reflects gang affiliation, conceals contraband, or creates a distraction
- No stretch slacks, sweatpants, jogging pants, wind suits, track pants, warm-ups, overalls or coveralls allowed.

- Jeggings, leggings, or yoga pants are not approved uniform pants.
- No leather, suede, vinyl or denim fabrics.
- The bottom of any side, back or front must be clearly no more than three (3) inches above the kneecap (includes slit).

SHIRTS

- Shall be polo style with collar. Polo shirts must have buttons with sleeves (no sleeveless or cap-sleeves). Shall be solid in school colors. The polo shall be appropriately sized, tucked in and appropriately buttoned above the chest area. School approved spirit shirts may be worn ***in place of polo shirts***.
- A spirit shirt must be school colors (**black, yellow, white and may include gray**) that visibly promotes **STA or the GATORS** on the chest or back area. School clubs and sports shirts *are allowed*. Plain t-shirts are not permitted. If a student does not wear a spirit shirt, they must wear a "polo style" shirt.
- If a t-shirt or undershirt is worn, it must be school colors.
- Curriculum related uniforms are considered standardized dress on designated days. (i.e., Allied Health Academy, ROTC, etc.)
- Shirts or other objects that contain or symbolize obscene, drug related, gang related, or offensive wording are not allowed. This includes the advertisement of products that contain tobacco or alcohol. Clothing or other articles depicting violence, blood, knives, guns, skulls, etc. are also not allowed.
- Clothing may not be worn in a way to conceal contraband

HAIR/HEAD COVERINGS

- Hair must be neat, clean and well groomed.
- Head coverings such as skullcaps, hats, hair rollers, kerchiefs, bandanas, sweatbands, hoods or any other headgear are **not allowed to be worn on campus**.
- Long-handled combs are prohibited for safety reasons.
- Symbols and/or styles that are identified with gang membership, affiliation or representation are not allowed.
- Extreme hairstyles that detract from the educational setting are not allowed. Hair may not be dyed colors other than natural hair colors (i.e., No blue, green, pink, etc.).

- Hair carvings are not allowed.

SHOES

- Closed in shoes i.e., tennis shoes, tied shoes or loafer type are all acceptable. No Crocs, slippers, slides or house shoes. Wheels, glitter, noisemakers, lights or hanging tags are not permissible on footwear. Shoes will be worn and fastened appropriately.

SWEATSHIRTS/VESTS/SWEATERS/WINDBREAKERS/JACKETS/COATS

- No hoods of any kind are allowed on campus
- Must be solid in school colors (black, white, yellow, or gray)
- Maybe a pullover, button-up, zipper, snap, etc.
- The only logos (other than school mascot & name) should be the manufacturer's label and is of acceptable size if the flattened hand can cover it.
- Must be appropriately sized in the shoulders, sleeves, and length.
- May not be worn in any way that reflects gang affiliation, conceals contraband, or creates a distraction.
- May be a high school letter jacket if it corresponds with the specific school the student attends (Ascension only).
- Full-length jackets/coats such as those commonly referred to as "trench" coats or "dusters" are not allowed. Jackets/coats of ¾ length (or less) are acceptable.

MISCELLANEOUS

- New students enrolling in any Ascension Parish Public High School will be provided a grace period of no more than five (5) calendar days to comply with this dress code.
- **For safety purposes, students are not allowed to wear earbuds or headphones.**
- Revealing or tight garments considered inappropriately sized are prohibited.
- Accessories with inappropriate decorations or advertisements are prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, any item that depicts the occult, gang membership, death, suicide, violence, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or ethnic bias.
- The following items may not be worn:
    - Garments that have holes worn or torn in them.

- Heavy chains, spike necklaces or other inappropriate types of jewelry.
- Glitter, tattoos and writing/drawing on the face.

- No more than (2) earrings may be worn in each ear. Nose rings, lip rings, eyebrow rings, tongue piercing rings, or any other body piercings are not permitted. Clear (**STUD ONLY**) pierce hole fillers are allowed in areas pierced where decorative rings are not allowed.
- The wearing of *Body Armor* by a student on school property is prohibited. *Body Armor* shall mean bullet-resistant metal or other material intended to provide protection from weapons or bodily injury.

Principals are allowed to award additional jeans/free dress days for various reasons to include but not limited to: participation in charitable donations, rewards for various reasons, incentives to encourage good academics and behaviors; celebration of special events on campus, etc. Jeans must be of the same style and design as defined by the standardized dress code for slacks. Jeans cannot have holes in them – covered or not.

STATE ATTENDANCE LAW

A student will fail a full credit course due to absences on the **6th** unexcused absence. A student will fail a half-credit course due to absences on the **4th** unexcused absence. Absences from school shall include the following:

- Excused absences: personal illness, serious illness in the family (not to exceed one week), court appearances, death in the family, or for recognized religious holidays of the student's own faith. The school must receive documentation ***within five days of the student's return to school*** in order for an absence to be excused.
- Unexcused absences: any absence not meeting the requirements to be "excused."
- One parent note per semester is allowed to be considered by administration for an excused absence.

Students who are absent from school for more than two class periods (unexcused) may **NOT** participate in after school activities including all practices/performances/games. **Students with more than 3 unexcused absences can be prevented from participating in**

any school sponsored activity which takes them out of class (field trips, recruiting, contests, athletic competition, etc.).

There will be an automated call home every day of an absence. These calls will occur in the evening hours to ensure a greater likelihood of reaching a parent/guardian. This will only occur if you have an accurate number in PowerSchool.

Steps to follow when absent:

1. Parents should send an explanation or documentation when the student returns to school. For the absence to be excused, a doctor's excuse or legal excuse for the day(s) absence must be presented to the attendance clerk in the student office ***within five days*** of the student's return to school.
2. The principal must excuse absences for reasons other than illness, death in the immediate family, and court appearances. A written explanation is required.

Any exception to the above attendance policy shall be made only after approval by the Supervisor of Child Welfare and Attendance, in consultation with the appropriate school principal. Exceptions will be granted only if one or more of the following conditions are in evidence:

- Extended personal physical or emotional illness as verified by a physician or dentist.
- Extended hospital stay as verified by a physician or dentist.
- Extended recuperation from an accident as verified by a physician or dentist.
- Extended contagious disease within a family as verified by a physician or dentist.
- Prior school system approval for educational travel.
- Death in the family (not to exceed one week).
- Natural catastrophe and/or disaster.
- For any other extenuating circumstances parents must make a formal appeal in accordance with the due process procedures.

Students who are verified as meeting extenuating circumstances and are, therefore, eligible to receive grades shall not receive those grades if they are unable to complete makeup work or pass the course. If a student has missed more than 6 days in any class, contact your guidance counselor with a request for extenuating

circumstances. The attendance clerk will research your records. If sufficient documentation is filed, she will refer your case to the principal for review. If adequate documentation is not on file, your case will be referred to the Supervisor of Child Welfare and Attendance.

Attendance recovery is available for students who miss more than the allowed 5 days. **Students are only allowed to recover 5 unexcused days and the recovery time must be done outside of regular school hours.** Students can see an assistant principal anytime during the semester to recover hours but will be counseled with at the end of the semester.

CELL PHONE POLICY

The State law provides the opportunity for students to bring cellphones to school if they are turned off and stored away during the instructional school day. **No use of the cell phone is permitted on campus at any time during the day**. Adherence to these guidelines is essential to maintaining an academic environment. The APSB (and its employees) shall not be responsible or liable for any electronic device that has been confiscated, including for any damage, loss or theft. Any changes to the district policy will change the school policy

CONSEQUENCE AND RETRIEVAL: **Only the parent/legal guardian** may retrieve the cell phone and shall do so in person. **Phone retrieval will occur ONLY on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 12:30 – 2:35.** A $10 processing/administrative fee will be assessed when the parent/guardian retrieves the phone. This money is used for our PBIS student rewards. See APSB Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook for the complete Electronic Device policy.

OTHER SCHOOL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

TARDIES TO SCHOOL

If a student arrives at school five minutes or more after the first block tardy bell has sounded, he/she must report to the attendance office to sign in with the attendance clerk. See the APSB Student Handbook Appendix A for specifics on the tardy policy. Excused tardies will be given if the student presents written documentation of a doctor's visit, a court appearance, or a death in the family. **If a student checks in late and misses more than half of the class, it is recorded as an absence**. Less than half of class is recorded as a tardy.

FIELD TRIPS

Students should have no more than T**HREE UNEXCUSED ABSENCES in order to attend a field trip.** Teachers have the right to refuse a student's attendance to any field trip due to absences, low grades, and missing assignments. If a student is failing any course, the student may not attend a field trip.

MAKE-UP WORK

Makeup work for excused absences is the student's responsibility. You should take no more than **three days** to make arrangements with teachers for makeup work, including tests, and ***no more than two weeks*** to complete such work. When you and your teacher agree to a date on which work is due or tests are to be taken, you are bound to that date. Teachers will make every effort to assist you by providing assignments and offering peer and/or teacher assistance. For extended absences, you may contact the guidance office at 391-6022 to collect make up work. This make up work will be available for pickup **24 hours** after requested.

CHECKING OUT EARLY

Only a parent/guardian, or person(s) designated on the student's checkout list in PowerSchool, may come to school to check out

the student. They may come to sign the student out prior to the checkout time. For security purposes, any person asking to check out a student must show a picture ID. If the names on the checkout list need to be modified, the parent/guardian must come to school to do so in person. Students who are emancipated must have permission of the Principal to check out.

Students are allowed to sign themselves out only if they have an appointment card. They must bring their appointment card to the attendance clerk before school, along with a note from the parent approving the time to leave in order to receive their check-out pass.

BATHROOMS

Bathroom use is only allowed when supervision by school personnel can be provided. Therefore, students are not allowed to use the bathroom during class time, unless there is an emergency. Frequent bathroom use is generally unnecessary unless you have a medical problem. If this is so, please submit medical verification to your counselor or the school nurse, who will then make arrangements for your bathroom needs. Students who choose to defy a teacher and leave the classroom without permission will be assigned disciplinary consequences. ***All students are required to have a pass with them when they leave the classroom for any reason.***

THEFT AND DAMAGE TO PROPERTY

All students' personal possessions are the responsibility of the student as well as textbooks, uniforms, technology etc. loaned to you by the school. The school has no personal liability for your property and will not replace or repair such property. Students guilty of theft and destruction or damage to property of others are liable and will be held accountable to school discipline consequences and civil law as it applies.

VISITORS ON CAMPUS

Visitors are not allowed on the campus unless it is for "official" school business and should always report to the office first. All visitors must report to the office to receive approval and a visitor's pass, which is to be worn at all times. Having students in class is

very important to us – this is when learning takes place. We will work to minimize class disruptions and calling students from class as much as possible. If you are bringing an item for a student, we will call the student at the end of the block for them to retrieve the item between classes. In accordance with federal guidelines, fast food deliveries to students are not allowed

CAFETERIA / COURTYARD

All students who eat lunch must eat in the cafeteria or courtyard area. The cost for students' regular meal is determined by the Department of Food & Nutrition. Students are encouraged to pay for their meals in advance. Charging is not allowed. You may pay for your student's lunch on-line. We expect students to observe all rules of courtesy in the cafeteria. All cafeteria trays and trash must be picked up. The floor and table should be left clean. Do not "cut" the line. Students should remain seated while in the commons for traffic and safety concerns.

FEES

All students are required to pay a $25.00 administrative fee. This covers expenses for the first ID, lanyard, additional school supplies, equipment repair, etc. Some fees are charged for special classes (ex. art, industrial arts, chorus, band, chemistry, etc.) These fees must be paid within the first month of school. Obligations must be paid before a student is allowed to participate in Prep Day the following year. All fees can be paid online. This link can be found on the APSB Website (Parent Tab). A fee waiver request must be submitted to the principal along with proof of eligibility (see *Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook*).

GUIDANCE OFFICE

Guidance services are available for every student in school. These services include assistance with educational and post-secondary planning, interpretation of test scores, and addressing personal concerns. Students needing to meet with a counselor should sign up with his/her assigned counselor in the counseling office. Students who are having difficulties may be referred to a counselor who is trained to provide support through individual or

group counseling. Students may also participate through self or parent referral by contacting the counseling office at 391-6022.

CAREER COACHES

There are two career coaches that work part-time to assist our students with scholarship information, FAFSA, LOSFA and TOPS. They also assist in career exploration and development as well as college applications. You may contact them at 225-391-6031 for assistance. They also have a Google Classroom.

TELEPHONES

Phones are available for student use before, during, and after school in the student and attendance office. Students must have the permission of an adult to use the phone.

COMPUTERS

All students will receive an APSB issued computer. Computers are for class use and students should only use the computers with teacher permission. Every student must abide by the rules and regulations outlined in the One-to-One Contract that can be found in the APSB Student Handbook – **Appendix F**. It is recommended that you participate in the district technology fee program to help cover the cost of accidental damage to your computer.
The district technology fee will not cover lost chargers or abuse to the device. Any unauthorized use or damage of a computer will result in serious disciplinary consequences and payment for the damages. **Any strategy used to circumvent security settings including removing device from the domain is a violation. External removable devices are prohibited, including USB drives and flash drives.** Please see the Discipline Policy Handbook for the acceptable use of the Internet policy.

TEXTBOOKS

Students are responsible for all books issued to them. At the end of the year, only those books specifically assigned to the student as indicated by a barcode will be accepted. Theft or damage of one's book(s) does not negate responsibility for the book(s). Students will be assessed the cost of the book if lost or damaged. This includes textbooks as well as library books.

LIBRARY

The Library will open for students at 7:10 each morning, as well as during each lunch shift. Temporary ($1) and replacement ($5) IDs are sold until 7:30am. Students are expected to model Success Through Actions by observing all rules of courtesy in the cafeteria. Food or drink is not allowed. The floor and tables should be left clean.

PARKING

Parking on campus **is a privilege** and may, therefore, be revoked **AT ANY TIME** due to inappropriate behavior, parking, or driving. Student safety is our priority. Ninth grade students will not be allowed to drive to school. Tenth grade students will be allowed to drive on campus on a first come, first serve basis.

1. Student drivers (seniors, juniors, and sophomores) must register their vehicles. They will complete an online application and pay a $20.00 parking fee. A parking tag will be issued at prep day and must be displayed in the car at all times. To register a car, a student must show their license, car registration, and proof of insurance.
2. If a student driver blocks someone or parks in a non-designated area, the vehicle will be towed away at the expense of the driver.
3. Students will not be permitted to park on the grass (other than areas that are identified) at any time.
4. Students are not allowed to leave school grounds after having arrived on the campus without first receiving a sign-out pass. (Exceptions are G.C.E., Allied Health, ABC and dually enrolled students.)
5. Students should not remain in their cars once arriving on campus.
6. The parking lot is OFF LIMITS during school hours. Students in an unauthorized area will receive discipline consequences.
7. **Reckless driving on campus is prohibited. Appropriate discipline will be taken and/or a referral will be made to the Sheriff's Office. This can also result in loss of driving privileges.**

8. The school is not liable for a student's personal property. Theft of possessions or damage to cars is the responsibility of the student.
9. **Any student who receives two or more suspensions may have his or her parking privileges revoked.**
10. Parking fees are not refunded should a parking pass be revoked.
11. Student parking is monitored by authorized personnel as well as video surveillance. St. Amant High parking tickets may be issued. After a student receives two STA parking tickets, the student's parking pass may be suspended or revoked. The price of the ticket is $20.00 for the first offense.

AFTER SCHOOL DISMISSAL

To alleviate traffic congestion, there are two dismissal times at the end of the school day. The first dismissal is at 2:35 and includes bus riders, student drivers and walkers. If a student is a walker, he/she needs to submit a parent note to the student office and once verified, they will receive a sticker. The second bell is at 2:40 and includes all other students (for the pickup line or who remain after school). **If a student stays after school for extracurricular activities, behavior clinic, etc. they are to leave on the 2nd bell, so that they are supervised.** If a student leaves at the wrong dismissal time, their ID is collected and turned in to the office. The student should report to the office upon arriving at school the next day to retrieve their ID and the student will be assigned an after-school behavior clinic.

All car riders must be picked up by 3:15 in the designated area, which is in the bus lane. Students are not allowed to remain on campus after school unless they are under the direct supervision of a teacher. If a student is on campus without teacher approval, the student will be assigned a Saturday detention.

IMMUNIZATIONS

Each student is required by law to present evidence of age appropriate immunization at the time of registration or earlier. Students who do not have complete immunization records will not be allowed to enter school. All students should follow all age group appropriate with exceptions for any exemption.

DISCIPLINE

As prescribed by law, *every teacher* is authorized to hold every pupil to a strict accountability for any disorderly conduct in school, on the campus, or any street, road, or school bus going to and from school, and during recesses. (R.S. 17:46) It is the final responsibility of the Principal to maintain discipline at each school or any school function. St. Amant High School follows the rules and regulations set forth by the Ascension Parish School Board in the Discipline Policy Handbook. Each student is given a copy of this handbook at the beginning of the school year and a parent's signature is required to acknowledge receipt of said handbook. Please see this handbook for policies on **alcohol, possession and/or distribution of drugs, suspension and expulsion procedures, weapons, search and seizure, sexual harassment, hazing, due process and administration of medication.** School administrators may notify law enforcement officials when deemed necessary.

Disciplinary action will include, but not be limited to:

1. Counsel/Warn a student
2. Administer reinforcement work
3. Contact parents/guardian
4. Time-out (1 or more periods)
5. After-school behavior clinic
6. In-school suspension
7. Saturday detention
8. Out-of-school suspension
9. Expulsion

TIME-OUT

Time-Out is usually used as a consequence for minor offenses. Students may be assigned to Time-Out for a single class period or all-day removal from class. These students will report to the ISSP room for the required length of time. No student shall be assigned Time-Out at home unless specifically written in I.E.P.)

AFTER SCHOOL DETENTION (BEHAVIOR CLINIC)

- Behavior clinic is an after-school detention. It meets from 3:00 - 4:30. Behavior Clinic is an extension of the school day. Students must adhere to the dress code and wear their I.D. The

cell phone policy is in effect and students are expected to work on their schoolwork.

- Please arrive promptly with all necessary books and materials to do your school assignments. Students who arrive tardy to behavior clinic will not be allowed to remain and will receive a **Saturday detention**.
- **Failure to attend a behavior clinic will result in a Saturday detention.**
- Behavior clinic may be rescheduled, in advance, by an administrator or the ISSP presider, for extenuating circumstances **ONLY** (i.e. death in family, serious illness as documented by a doctor's excuse, serious emergency).
- Students may be picked up in front of school at 4:30. They must remain for the entire period or they will receive a Saturday Detention.
- If you have a question, you may call an assistant principal at 391-6000.

SATURDAY DETENTION

Saturday detention will be assigned at the administrator's discretion in lieu of a suspension for a student who has committed a suspendable offense. Saturday detention is designed to serve as a deterrent to inappropriate student behavior without impacting instructional time. Saturday detention hours are from 8:00 to 12:00. Saturday detention will be comprised of three components:

1. School work and test preparation
2. Social skills and character education
3. Campus work detail

Long term suspensions for use of alcohol or drugs will not be considered for this program. Saturday detention will only be rescheduled by an administrator or ISSP presider for extreme extenuating circumstances: i.e. death in the family, serious illness verified by a doctor's excuse, serious family emergency, etc. Rescheduling of a Saturday detention must be done **in advance.**

A student must comply with the following expectations:

- Be on time and prepared to spend the entire session.
- Furnish his/her own transportation.
- Bring all textbooks, notebooks, paper, pens, or pencils.

- Follow all school rules concerning dress code, I.D., and behavior.
- Cell phone policy is in effect.
- Fulfill all obligations of the program.

Failure to report to and satisfactorily complete a Saturday detention will result in a one-day in-school suspension on the first offense. Subsequent offenses could result in out of school suspension. The only valid excuses are: doctor's excuse, death in family, and court summons. Those who miss detention need to report to the office at 7:25 a.m. the following Monday morning.

In an effort to assure the academic success of all of our students and to align with our philosophy that "Failure is not an Option", Academic Saturday Detention may be assigned to students for academic purposes to assist them in completing missed assignments or tests or to "catch up" on work.

IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSION

The purpose of the In-School Suspension Program is to provide a sequence of intervention strategies designed to prevent and/or minimize the frequency of nonproductive social behavioral acts of students.

- In as much as an In-School Suspension Program is counted as a suspension toward expulsion, notice in writing must be provided as outlined in the Discipline Policy Handbook.
- A parent or guardian must accompany the student to the ISSP room between 7:15 and 7:25 to sign the student in. ***(If a student arrives after 7:25 without having received prior approval of an administrator, he or she will be sent home and the day will be counted as an out of school suspension, which is an unexcused absence.)*** The parent must also pick up the student and sign him or her out of the ISSP room at 2:15 P.M. Upon signing the student in, the parent may give the ISSP coordinator written permission to allow the student to drive him/herself home. Exceptions to these rules may only be allowed by an administrator.
- If an ISSP student is unable to attend due to an emergency or illness, it will be the responsibility of the parent to notify the school before 7:20 that day. The ISSP suspension will

then be extended and a normal absence recorded for that day. The ISSP will be served the day the student returns to school. If there is no notification, the In-School suspension will be converted to an out-of-school suspension and will be deemed an unexcused absence.

- Students must remain for the complete day (7:25 A.M. – 2:15 P.M.) **This also applies to half-day seniors, ABC and GCE students.**
- ISSP students will be counted as present and will receive credit for all work done in the program. Students should bring all textbooks and materials needed to the ISSP room. Work assignments will be assigned by the student's teachers.
- Students referred to ISSP are suspended students and, therefore, will not be allowed to attend or participate in any extracurricular activities for the duration of their suspension.

OUT-OF-SCHOOL SUSPENSION

A suspension is defined as: *a temporary removal from school for not more than nine school days.* A student is counted absent; however, the student may contact the teacher to make up any missed assignments. This counts as a suspension toward expulsion. Parents must be notified in writing stating the reasons for the suspension (Parish Disciplinary Form).

Students in out-of-school suspension will not be allowed to participate in or attend any extra-curricular or after-hours school activity on any day that they are suspended.

The principal and other appropriate personnel shall be required to file written documentation of all suspensions. Said documentation shall include the circumstances surrounding any suspension, the reason for suspension, and any other pertinent facts concerning the disciplinary action. The principal shall file copies of this report with the Superintendent or designee, other appropriate personnel and the parent or guardian and retain a copy for the school's records. Before initiating an out-of-school suspension, a phone call or personal contact must be made with the student's parent or legal guardian.

EXPULSION

(See APSB Student Handbook for full policy)

CONFISCATED ITEMS

Materials confiscated by school personnel, not deemed illegal or contraband, may be retrieved **only by a parent or guardian in person on designated pickup days of Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 12:30-2:25.**

Administrators reserve the right to dispose of confiscated items at the end of the school year if the items have not been retrieved. Retrieval of illegal items will not be allowed and those will be turned over to authorities. See the cell phone policy for specifics about those devices.

GRADING POLICY

Each full-credit course shall consist of two nine-week grading periods. Each half-credit course shall consist of one nine-week period. Each teacher shall have a minimum of eight grades per grading period, and a comprehensive exam (midterm or final) will be given. Interim reports will be issued in the middle of each grading period. The final exam will be standardized for most courses. In the case of ½ credit courses, students will take the final exam at the end of the nine-week period.

- Teachers will assign percentage grades for all work done during a grading period and record these grades as percentages. Once a percentage grade for the nine weeks has been determined, it will then and only then be converted to a letter grade.
- Grades will be rounded up, rather than down. Example: An "A" and a "B" which averages 3.5, will be an "A." Semester and final grades will be averaged from the letter grades.
- Students must pass the final term in a course to receive credit.
- In classes where students take a LEAP test as a graduation requirement, the LEAP test will count as 15% of the student's final grade. For Special Education students, it counts as 5% of their final grade.
- Students in dual enrolled courses may have different grades for SAHS and SELU.

GRADING SCALE

Honors, AP, and DE	Scale	Non- Honors Carnegie
A (5 quality points)	90 - 100	A (4 quality points)
B (4 quality points)	80 – 89	B (3 quality points)
C (3 quality points)	70 – 79	C (2 quality points)
D (2 quality points)	60 – 69	D (1 quality point)
F (0 quality points)	0 – 59	F (0 quality points)

Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA)

In grades 9-12, a student's cumulative GPA will be determined by calculating the sum of the product of the quality points earned from the course's final grade and the total potential credits possible from said course. If a student elects to improve his/her cumulative GPA by retaking a course, these guidelines will be followed:

- Correspondence, university, or distance learning courses that have been approved by the principal may be used.
- Only regular level courses may be taken to repeat a course.
- A course that has been passed previously cannot be repeated through a summer school program.
- A course may be repeated only one time for the purpose of improving the grade.
- GPA includes all course grades, even those that have been repeated. A Carnegie Unit will only be awarded one time.
- Priority will be given to students enrolling in a course for the first time. Students will be allowed to repeat a course if space in a class is available.

ACADEMIC LETTER AWARD

An academic letter award is given to recognize, reward, and encourage academic excellence. Students that have a cumulative weighted GPA of 3.5000 and above (no rounding), which includes courses completed in and through the completion of the third year of high school are eligible to be awarded an academic jacket.

- A student must have attended St. Amant for one full year before being considered for the academic letter.
- Repeating a subject for the purpose of improving a grade will not be considered for this award.
- A transfer student who has taken honors courses at another school will be given weighted credit only in those courses which are also offered on an honors level at St. Amant High School.
- District level funding is not available for the purchase of an academic letter jacket. We have been fortunate to have local businesses sponsor this program. Should this sponsorship be discontinued, the cost of the Academic Letter jacket will be deferred to the student.

LOUISIANA GRADUATION ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS

All students enrolled in a course that has a corresponding End-of-Course (LEAP) test, are required to take the LEAP test. The LEAP test will count as 15% of the final course grade for Regular Education students and 5% for Special Education students. All students must pass at least one of the LEAP tests in the following pairs:

- English I or II
- Algebra I or Geometry
- Biology or US History

**Students in the 2028 cohort will be required to take the Civics LEAP exam in place of US History.

We encourage our students to do their best on every LEAP test as it counts as a percentage of their final course grade. Remediation and retest opportunities are offered for students who do not pass the necessary parts of the required graduation assessments.

PROGRESSION

Progression from one grade to the next is based upon the number of units per year that are successfully completed.

9 to 10th	5 credits and completion of one full year of high school
10 to 11th	10 credits and completion of two full years of high school
11 to 12th	16 credits and completion of three full years of high school and **3 credits that count as Core credits for graduation as required on the chosen diploma path in ELA and credits that count as Core credits in Math** as required on the chosen diploma path.
Graduation	**24 credits TOPS University** **23 credits for JumpStart TOPS Tech**

LOUISIANA GRADUATION CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS

There are two diploma tracks for all high school students. Students may choose their diploma path upon entering high school. Due to the differences in coursework and credentials, it will be very difficult for students to switch diploma paths after their 10th grade year.

TOPS University Diploma TOTAL - 24 Units

English - 4 Units
- English I, II, III, and English IV

Math - 4 Units
- Algebra I
- Geometry
- Algebra II
- The remaining unit shall come from the following: Advanced Math—Pre-Calculus, Advanced Math—Functions and Statistics, Pre-Calculus, Calculus, Probability and Statistics, and Algebra III

Science - 4 Units
- Biology
- Chemistry
- 2 units from the following courses: Physical Science, Physics I, Biology II, Chemistry II, Environmental Science, Physics II, Agriscience I

Social Studies - 4 Units
- 1 unit of Civics or AP American Government
- 1 unit of US History
- 2 units from the following: World History, World Geography, Western Civilization, AP Euro. History or Human Geography

Health Education – ½ Unit Physical Education – 1 ½ Units

Foreign Language – 2 Units (2 units in the same foreign language)

Arts – 1 Unit
- Fine Arts Survey, Art, Dance, Music, Theatre Arts, or Applied Arts.

Electives - 3 Units

- Students in the 2028 cohort will be required to take Financial Literacy as one of their electives

Jump Start/TOPS Tech TOTAL – 23 Units AND an approved statewide or regional credential

ENGLISH = 4 Units

- 1 Unit - English I
- 1 Unit - English II
- 2 Units from the following: English III, English IV, English IV AP, Business English, Technical Writing

MATH = 4 Units

- 1 Unit - Algebra I or Algebra I Part One and Algebra I Part Two
- 1 Unit of Geometry
- 2 Units from the following: Math Essentials, Financial Mathematics, Business Math, Algebra II, Algebra III, Advanced Math - Functions and Statistics, Advanced Math Pre-Calculus

SCIENCE = 2 Units

- Biology I
- 1 Unit: Chemistry, Earth Science, Environmental Science; Physical Science; Agriscience I and II (one unit combined)

SOCIAL STUDIES = 2 Units

1 Unit from the following: U.S. History, AP U.S. History
1 Unit of Civics or ½ Unit from the following: Government, AP U.S. Government and Politics and ½ Unit from the following: Economics, AP Macroeconomics, or AP Microeconomics

PHYSICAL EDUCATION/HEALTH = 2 Units

JUMP START COURSE SEQUENCES, WORKPLACE EXPERIENCES, AND CREDENTIALS = Minimum 9 Units

PARTICIPATION IN GRADUATION EXERCISES

In order to participate in graduation ceremonies a student must meet all state and parish academic and attendance requirements no later than 12:00 p.m. on the last day of the final senior exams. He/she must have paid or arranged to pay all financial obligations. Such arrangements must be agreed upon with the principal. Students with excessive absences must complete attendance recovery for the excessive days or will not be allowed to participate in graduation. This is effective for fall and spring semesters.

In addition, graduating seniors must attend the rehearsal scheduled the day before graduation, and they must report to the designated meeting place on the day of graduation at the scheduled time and be dressed according to the graduation dress code policy.

Students who are suspended may not participate in the graduation ceremony. Seniors are subject to all discipline rules of the school.

Students who report to graduation or practice under the influence of alcohol or drugs or who create a disturbance on the campus prior to or during the ceremony will not be allowed to participate in the exercises.

Official class ranking will only be done at the completion of the school year at the senior level. To be ranked, a student must have completed his/her entire senior year and one other full year at STA. Students within the same graduating class will be ranked according to their **cumulative GPA.** All students with a grade point average of 3.0 or higher will be designated as honor graduates. Those students with a 3.5 or higher will be designated as distinguished honor graduates. The highest-ranking senior(s) will be recognized as valedictorian(s). The second ranking senior(s) will be recognized as salutatorian(s). In the event of a tie, between any of the top four ranked positions, the GPA of each of the students involved will be recalculated by calculating the sum of the product of the quality points earned per course per nine-weeks and the potential credits per course per nine-weeks divided by the sum of the potential credits per course per quarter. Students in the Early College Option Program are members of

their home-based schools' graduating classes. ECO students are eligible to share Valedictorian and Salutatorian Awards with students from their home school. An ECO student may share the Valedictorian Award should their GPA be equal to or higher than the top-ranking student at their home school. Likewise, an ECO student may share the Salutatorian Award should their GPA be less than the top-ranking ECO student from the same home school but greater than or equal to the second ranking student at their home school. To ensure that a fair and even opportunity exists for all high school students, whether in the ECO program or not, the above method will be used to determine valedictorian/salutatorian at each Ascension Parish high school campus.

LOUISIANA TOPS SCHOLARSHIP

The Tuition Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) is a state-funded scholarship program. These scholarships provide up to eight semesters of tuition (plus additional stipends in some categories) for qualified students to attend Louisiana universities or up to four semesters of tuition in Louisiana's technical school system. Both TOPS and the TOPS Tech awards require a specific high school core curriculum, a minimum GPA on that core curriculum, and a specific minimum A.C.T. test score. If a student meets these, he or she is eligible for the award provided the student submits the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) by May 1 (priority) or July 1 (final deadline to avoid penalties) of the graduating year. Once the student enrolls at the Louisiana college or technical school of choice, specific criteria must be maintained in order to continue to receive the award from one academic year to the next. Brochures with more detailed information are available in the St. Amant Counseling Department Office or from the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (1-800-259-5626, Ext.1012). As requirements for these awards can change from year to year, parents and students are advised to stay informed of up-to-date information through this LOSFA website: www.osfa.state.la.us

Minimum ACT/GPA requirements for TOPS Eligibility

All seniors must have an ACT score prior to graduation. We suggest students begin taking the ACT test after they have completed Algebra II.

TOPS Tech:	ACT Composite: 17
	TOPS TECH Core GPA: 2.5
TOPS Opportunity:	ACT Composite: 20
	TOPS Core GPA: 2.5
TOPS Performance:	ACT Composite: 23
	TOPS Core GPA: 3.0
TOPS Honors:	ACT Composite: 27
	TOPS Core GPA: 3.0

ALL TOPS INFORMATION IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON LEGISLATIVE DECISIONS. For more information on TOPS, please visit this link: http://www.osfa.louisiana.gov/schgrt6.htm

LOUISIANA BOARD OF REGENTS
MINIMUM ADMISSION STANDARDS for FIRST-TIME FRESHMEN

The Louisiana Board of Regents approved these freshmen **minimum** admission standards for regular admission to a Louisiana, public four-year university – flagship, statewide, or regional*. **Students should check with the specific institution for additional information, as some have adopted or may choose to adopt additional requirements for admission.**

http://www.regents.la.gov/assets/docs/PRAA/Academic_Affairs/Minimum_Stds_for_Admission_April2016.pdf

LOUISIANA'S FINANCIAL AID ACCESS POLICY

Louisiana requires public school students to take one of the following steps prior to graduation:

- Submit the FAFSA
- Apply for **TOPS**;
- Submit an opt-out **non-participation form** or **letter**; or
- Receive a **waiver** through the school system.

Why do GATORS succeed?

Gators succeed because we are willing to do the things others are not
We fight against the odds
We sacrifice
We are not shackled by fear, insecurity or doubt.
We feel those emotions – drink them in and then swallow them away.
We are motivated by accomplishment, not pride,
Pride consumes the weak – kills their heart from within.
If we fall – We get up
If we are beaten – We return
We will never stop getting better
We will never give up- ever

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