

CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT

Education is a shared responsibility, part of which is delegated to the school. In order to help create an atmosphere which encourages learning according to our school philosophy, it is necessary that certain levels of conduct and discipline be maintained. To achieve this end, certain guidelines are to be followed to enable the teacher and the student to be more comfortable with one another.

A student's attitude toward school is extremely important. The main reason for coming to school is to learn and to be active in school programs.

The faculty and administration expect all students to obey the law, to show respect for properly constituted authority (teachers, administrators, cafeteria staff, monitors, custodians, bus drivers, superintendent, i.e., all school board employees), and to maintain absolute integrity and a high standard of individual honor in scholastic work, in personal interaction at school, and at all school - related functions.

Some of the required behaviors are as follows:

- All students must enter the building through the bus check-in points by the PB lab and front office hallways even if they are riding with parents or teachers. No student may report to any of the outlying buildings without first entering the main building through the check-in points.
- Upon arrival, students must move directly onto campus. He/she must not loiter in the parking area, in cars, in surrounding neighborhoods or any part of the school campus.
- Students are to be respectful of school and community property at all times.
- Students are to maintain composure and show respect to adults and peers at all times.
- Students will show respect for the physical well-being and the rights of others.
- Students should walk on the right side of the hallway when passing to/from classes.
- Students should eat and drink only in designated areas (cafeteria and outside). Eating and drinking in the commons and classrooms is prohibited. The only exception is breakfast provided by the school which can be consumed in the classroom during the allotted time.
- A student who is in possession of a student handbook that is not his or her own will be required to purchase a new one for \$5.00.
- Students are not permitted in the halls during the class periods unless they are accompanied by a teacher or have a passbook/agenda book from an authorized staff member. It is the student's responsibility to make sure he/she has his/her passbook/agenda book signed by a teacher or staff member. No hall pass should be issued to any student during the first or last ten (10) minutes of the class period.
- Students are not allowed in the staff areas or lounge areas.
- Students are not permitted on campus before or after school unless supervised by a teacher, club sponsor, coach or monitor.
- Students should not bring large amounts of money to school and are solely responsible for their property. Valuables and books should not be left unattended.
- The Board recognizes the necessity for reasonable control and discipline over the conduct of students under its jurisdiction. Refer to the Code of Conduct District Handbook section entitled: Discipline Policies/Procedures
- Refer to the Code of Conduct District Handbook section entitled: Student Dress Code Policy and Dress for Success Parent Letter.
- Consequences apply for offenses on any school campus as well as off campus school- sponsored activities.
- Students are not allowed to sell candy or other items on campus during the school day. This is a suspendable offense.
- Students are expected to actively participate in class activities (no sleeping, no heads down, etc.)
- Cell phones should be powered off except when used for teacher instruction or in Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT) areas.
- Students are not to loiter in the restrooms and multiple students in a bathroom stall are NOT allowed.
- Cell Phones are the students' responsibility. **The school is not liable for theft or misplacement of cellphones.**

****Any infractions of the expected behavior stated above may be cause for teacher intervention or may be referred to the office. Any student who is referred to the office for any violation of school rules/policies may be suspended.**

SCPPS Student Code of Conduct & Violence Prevention Program

- The SCPPS Student Code of Conduct and Violence Prevention Program has been updated for the 24-25 school year. As a reminder, students are expected to engage in productive and healthy habits that are conducive to success. As such, our focus remains on teaching and learning; engaging in physical altercations and using tobacco-related products are strictly prohibited on school grounds.
- Students found to be in possession of a vape device while on school grounds will be subject to the following:
 - **1st Vape Offense** - 3-day assignment to ADAPT
 - **2nd Vape Offense** - 6-day assignment to ADAPT
 - **3rd Vape Offense** - 9-day assignment to ADAPT

Students engaging in physical altercations (e.g. "fights") will be subject to the following:

A Violence Prevention Program is in place for all high schools to promote the physical and psychological safety of all students and adults. Detailed information on the program is sent to parents of high school students each year.

The St. Charles Parish Public Schools has implemented a Violence Prevention Intervention Plan for high school students as follows:

- **1st offense:** 45-day suspension (ADAPT) @ Landry Educational Programs Center
 - Mandatory Violence Prevention Intervention Program (VPIP) participation
 - Academics
 - Restorative intervention(s)
 - Counseling
 - SEL lesson(s)
 - Transportation Agreement required
- **2nd offense:** expulsion recommendation

Parental/guardian cooperation and assistance are critical to the success of the School Violence Prevention Program. Students often know that there will be a fight long before one occurs. Please encourage your students to inform teachers and/or administrators about any incidents that they believe will lead to a fight. It is the responsibility of the parent to transport your child and meet with administration on the first day your child is assigned to ADAPT at Landry Educational Programs Center.

Effective for the 2024-25 school year: Grades 6-12

- ACT 337 of the 2024 Louisiana Legislative Session

- Requires expulsion recommendation & four complete semesters of expulsion for:
 - Possession of a controlled dangerous substance
 - Possession of a knife with a blade 2.5 inches or longer
- Requires expulsion recommendation for:
 - 3rd suspension

For more details, please refer to the District Handbook: Student Code of Conduct [InBox / Documents](#)

Crisis Intervention & Use of Physical Restraint and Seclusion

St. Charles Parish Public Schools complies with Louisiana’s Act 479 (2025) and Bulletin 1706, Sections 540–543, to prioritize student safety and promote positive behavioral development. Each school’s guidelines for crisis intervention—including the appropriate use of seclusion and physical restraint— are outlined in this addendum to the student handbook.

Crisis Intervention

The goal of crisis intervention is to prevent and minimize behavioral incidents through proactive strategies.

- Prevention: Staff ensure students’ basic needs are met in organized, predictable environments. Staff provide engaging activities, meaningful choices, and supportive relationships.
- Minimization: Staff learn each student’s triggers and early warning signs (body language, tone, engagement) to respond before behavior escalates.
- De-escalation Techniques: Staff use the following techniques to prevent a student from moving to the crisis level:
 - Stay calm, respectful, and professional.
 - Maintain personal space and non-threatening body language.
 - Redirect or ignore minor, undesired behavior.
 - Offer clear choices, reasonable limits, and allow students to express feelings verbally.
 - Focus on calming the student and maintaining dignity, not immediate compliance.

Physical Restraint & Seclusion

Every effort should be made by staff to prevent the need for using seclusion or restraint techniques. Environments should be structured and focused on positive interventions and supports to greatly reduce, and in many cases eliminate, the need to use seclusion or restraint. Physical restraint and seclusion should only be used as a last resort when a student poses an imminent risk of harm to self or others.

Physical Restraint

Physical Restraint should only be used when a student’s behavior presents a threat of imminent danger of serious physical harm to self or others, and only as a last resort to protect the safety of self or others.

Seclusion

Seclusion should only be used as a last resort, if and when less restrictive crisis intervention techniques such as positive behavioral supports, constructive and non- physical de-escalation, and restructuring of a student’s environment have failed to stop a student’s actions that pose an imminent risk of harm to self or others.

***Guidelines and Procedures for Crisis Intervention and Implementing Seclusion/Restraint Techniques can be accessed on the District’s website at wearescpss.org*

DRESS FOR SUCCESS

This year Destrehan High School will continue our “Dress for Success” program. The dress code guidelines for the 2025-2026 school year will be strictly enforced. We want all of our students to be dressed for success according to district guidelines and Destrehan High School’s expectations. In preparation for the up-coming school year, we are asking that you please pay close attention to the information provided below. ***NOTE: Dress Code Violations accumulate throughout the school year.**

Destrehan High School is very proud of its students and their accomplishments. We want our students to be successful in high school and beyond. Our goal is to have our students “Dress for Success” as we continue to build pride in our school. For more information concerning the District’s Dress Code Policy, please refer to the Code of Conduct District Handbook section entitled Student Dress Code Policy and/or Guidelines for Dress for Success. If any student has financial hardships that prevent the purchase of proper uniforms contact Jason Madere at 985-764-9946 or jmadere4@wearescpss.org directly.

SHIRTS/SWEATSHIRTS ALLOWED

- Collared, Polo, Button Down: Must be solid Garnet or White: No logo larger than 2x2 allowed.
- School Affiliated Spirit Shirts: Can only be worn on Fridays.
- Long-Sleeve Undershirts: Must be solid Garnet, Gray or White.
- T-Shirts: Only T-Shirts purchased in the DHS Bookstore may be worn daily as a school shirt. (This does not include PE shirts)
- Crew neck sweatshirts should only be garnet, gray or white should be worn. **Improper apparel will be confiscated. District approved sweatshirts can be borrowed or purchased for \$5.00.**

NOT ALLOWED

- Shirts cannot be worn as a jacket-including but not limited to flannel shirts.
- All shirts must be tucked in. Shirts must remain tucked in while students are seated.
- All shirt buttons must be fastened with the exception of the top button.
- **No hooded sweatshirts or jackets of any kind.** Improper apparel will be confiscated.

PANTS/SHORTS ALLOWED

- Pants/Shorts: Must be Khaki or Navy Blue: Must be worn as designed: If pants/shorts have belt loops, a belt must be worn.
- Shorts/Skirts: **No shorter than two inches above the top of the kneecap.**

NOT ALLOWED

- **Cargo pants/Leggings/Jeggings/Yoga pants/Spandex/Exercise Pants: NEVER allowed.**
- Excessively tight clothing is not allowed.
- Baggy, sagging, or oversized clothing is not allowed.
- Frayed clothing is not allowed.
- Clothing with holes in them is not allowed.
- Hospital scrubs are not allowed.
- Jeans/Denim material pants: (of any color) is not allowed.

HEADWEAR NOT ALLOW

- Bandanas, Do-rags, Skull caps, Head wraps and Berets not allowed.
- Sweatbands, Headbands, Beanies, Ear warmers and any other headwear are **not allowed inside the building.**
- Earbuds and headphones are not to be worn during any transitional time and only when in use for teacher permitted assignments

ADDITIONAL DETAILS

- **IDs MUST BE WORN ON THE LANYARD AND VISIBLE AT ALL TIMES.**
- **Attire and garments FROM OTHER SCHOOLS are not permitted.**
- **No CROCS, Slides or slippers. ALL SHOES MUST HAVE BACKS.**

DRESS CODE CONSEQUENCES

1 st	Warning
2 nd	Monetary Fine - \$3.00
3 rd	Monetary Fine - \$5.00
4 th	A.M. Detention
5 th	A.M. Detention

6 th	Warning / Parent Contact
7 th	Saturday Detention
8 th	(ADAPT) Suspension
9 th	Saturday Detention
10 th	(ADAPT) Suspension, etc...

NOTE: Destrehan High School Administration reserves discretion for final decision on any dress code issue

CELL PHONE – UNAUTHORIZED USE OF TECHNOLOGY

Louisiana Statewide Cell Phone Policy (Act 313 / SB 207)

Effective from the 2024–2025 school year, Louisiana law prohibits students from possessing electronic telecommunication devices, such as cell phones, on their person during the instructional day. If a student brings a device to school, it must be turned off and properly stowed away for the duration of the instructional day. This policy applies to all public elementary and secondary school buildings, school grounds, and school buses.

Misuse of electronic/telecommunication devices/unauthorized use of technology: (**iPad, MP3, e-reader, cell phone, lap-top, earphones/earbuds, etc.**) during school hours:

Devices must be powered off during the school day except for educational purposes as authorized by the teacher or administration. The principal has final discretion.

CONSEQUENCES

1ST	Confiscate device – Parent or Guardian has to pick up from the office
2ND	Confiscate device – <u>hold for 5 school days</u> , parent conference with Administrator, device returned to parent after 5 school days
3RD	Confiscate device – <u>hold for 10 school days</u> , parent conference with Administrator, device returned to parent after 10 school days
4TH	Confiscate device – Student loses privilege of device at school. Device returned to parent.
5TH	Confiscate device – Device is returned to a parent/guardian at the end of the school year.

Refusal to relinquish the device will result in a suspension/ADAPT. The device must be relinquished according to the district procedure prior to student’s reinstatement to school.

GRADE CLASSIFICATION POLICY

Grade classification requirements must be met in terms of credits earned and in accordance with the St. Charles Parish Pupil Progression Plan.

- To be classified as a **sophomore**, a student must have completed at least one year of high school and earned a minimum of 6 credits (4 in required classes).
- To be classified as a **junior**, a student must have completed at least two years of high school and earned a minimum of 11 credits (7 in required classes).
- To be classified as a **senior**, a student must have completed at least three years of high school and earned 17 credits (10 in required classes).

****Credits are checked at the end of each school year. Therefore, students remain in the same classification for the entire school year.**

Grading Scale: aThe following parish grade equivalent scale is used:

A = 90% - 100%	C = 70% - 79%	F = 59% - below
B = 80% - 89%	D = 60% - 69%	I = Incomplete

VISITING THE COUNSELING SUITE

Students can visit the Counseling Suite under the following circumstances below:

- Before 1st period
- During their lunch
- At a scheduled appointment (student will receive a counseling pass)
- With teacher’s permission and student must bring their agenda

- For a teacher referral
- For a parent request

**** Please refer to Google Classrooms for the procedure to schedule an appointment with your counselor online**

**** Parents can make an appointment with their student's counselor through email or calling 985-764-9872.**

DUAL ENROLLMENT

Dual enrollment is a program designed to offer juniors and seniors an opportunity to attend college while still enrolled in high school. Students must complete an application form and must meet certain requirements.

Contact Mrs. Ward at (985) 725-0620 for more information

REQUIREMENTS FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

TOPS UNIVERSITY DIPLOMA*

English	4 units
Math	4 units
Science	4 units
Social Studies	4 units
Health & P.E. or ROTC	2 units
Foreign Language or Speech	2 units
Fine Art	1 unit
Electives	3 units
TOTAL	24 units

JUMP START TOPS TECH*

English	4 units
Math	4 units
Science	2 units
Social Studies	2 units
Health & P.E. or ROTC	2 units
Jump Start Course Sequence	9 units
State/Regional and / or Local Credentials	
TOTAL	23 units

*For a comprehensive list of requirements in the DHS 2025-2026 Course Catalog

**In addition to the completion of the required units, students taking an LEAP 2025 course must pass the designated LEAP 2025 tests as mandated by the Louisiana Department of Education

GRADUATION CEREMONY

Participation in the Destrehan High School Graduation ceremony is a privilege not a right. All graduates must meet the following criteria in order to participate in the graduation ceremony:

- Students must have met all requirements for high school graduation.
- Students must have met St. Charles Parish Attendance requirements for all classes during the senior year. Excessive absences must be appealed and approved.
- When attending graduation ceremony practice, school uniform and ID must be worn.

***If a student has met all requirements for graduation, but has not met all requirements for participating in the graduation ceremony, the student's diploma will be given to the student on a date after graduation.

SCHEDULE CORRECTION PROCEDURE

It is the procedure of Destrehan High School that schedule corrections will only be considered if a student's current schedule does not match their scheduling request form.

After that time, a schedule change will only be made after the following procedure has been followed:

- Student will meet with his/her counselor to establish a TLC attendance schedule.

- Student will log 8 days of TLC in the course.
- Student will meet with his/her counselor to verify TLC attendance and re-evaluate progress in the course.
- Student will submit a physician's referral

****Requests are made in the previous school year. Students add courses and are able to verify their schedule request prior to the schedule for the following year is created.**

****Once schedules are created in the summer, there will be NO schedule changes made. NO changes for students wanting different teachers, different lunch periods, "I no longer want to take this class", etc.**

This has been communicated in the Class of 202# classrooms, social media, signs across campus, morning/afternoon announcements, school website and Connect-ed messages.

DISTRICT ATTENDANCE POLICY

High Schools - Absences due to a medical, mental or behavioral health condition, that have been verified in writing by a physician, psychiatrist or other licensed medical provider, will be excused. Absences due to a personal illness or serious illness in the family may be excused. Four days in each course per semester may be excused by submitting a parent note if total days missed do not exceed 5 days in a whole credit course or 2.5 days in a 1/2 credit course. After the third unexcused absence, the high school will notify the Child Welfare & Attendance Department to take appropriate action. High school students are considered "tardy" if not in attendance prior to the tardy bell. High school students are considered "absent" if not in attendance for 51% (46 minutes) of the course.

- Valid written excuses must be provided to the school office specialist within 3 days of the student's return to school following an absence from school.
- Only original statements (no photo copies) from a physician/nurse practitioner will be accepted. Any documentation provided to the schools may be verified.
- Students shall not be excused from school to work in any job, including agriculture and domestic service, at any time, even in their own homes or for their own parents/tutors.
- After the 3rd unexcused absence at the high school level and after the 5th unexcused absence at the elementary and middle school level, the school will notify the Child Welfare and Attendance Department.
- Students may request missed assignments within 3 days of returning from an excused absence. The final decision for the completion of work is at the discretion of the principal.
- All other requests for extenuating circumstance consideration should be referred to the Director of Student Services.
- Students who are verified as meeting extenuating circumstances, and therefore eligible to receive grades, shall not receive those grades if they are unable to complete make-up work or pass the course.

EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES

The only exception to the attendance regulations shall be the enumerated extenuating circumstances that are verified by the Director of Child Welfare and Attendance. Students shall be temporarily excused from the attendance regulations for the following reasons:

1. Extended personal physical or emotional illness as verified by a physician or nurse practitioner.
2. Extended hospital stay as verified by a physician or dentist.
3. Extended recuperation from an accident as verified by a physician, dentist, or nurse practitioner licensed in the state.
4. Extended contagious disease within a family as verified by a physician or dentist licensed in the state.
5. Observance of special and recognized holidays of the student's own faith (note from clergy).
6. Death in the family (not to exceed one week).
7. Natural catastrophe and/or disaster.
8. Absence (not to exceed 5 days per school year) to visit with his/her parent/legal guardian who is a member of the United States Armed Forces or the National Guard of a state and has been called to duty for or is on leave from overseas deployment to a combat zone or combat support posting. Documentation of such deployment or leave is required.

9. Prior principal approved travel for education (not to exceed 5 days per school year). Parent/legal guardian must meet with the principal to obtain an Educational Travel Packet. All educational travel must be approved by the principal prior to travel.

10. The superintendent may dismiss any or all schools due to emergency situations, including any actual or imminent threat to public health or safety which may result in loss of life, disease, or injury; an actual or imminent threat of natural disaster, force majeure, or catastrophe which may result in loss of life, injury, or damage to property; and when an emergency situation has been declared by the governor, the state health officer, or the governing authority of the school.

Director of Child Welfare and Attendance
St. Charles Parish Public Schools
13855 River Road
Luling, LA 70070
Phone: (985)785-6289

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Any absence, whether excused or unexcused, including suspensions, will disqualify a student's eligibility for perfect attendance. This includes arriving late and /or leaving or checking out of school prior to the regularly scheduled dismissal time at the end of the school day. School personnel will review student records to determine eligibility for perfect attendance.

***Aerospace Science (AFJROTC) Attendance Policy is separately listed in Destrehan High's JROTC Handbook.*

CHECKOUT PROCEDURE

- A student (no matter their age) MUST be signed out by a parent in order to leave before his/her regular dismissal.
- The student emergency form must state the name(s) of any parent representative who will be allowed to sign students out. DHS students cannot serve as a parent representative. It is the student's responsibility to have his/her parent or parent representative to sign him/her out.
- Students will not be allowed to check out on the basis of a phone call. Falsification of information on emergency form and/or failure to follow check in/out procedure shall result in disciplinary action.

Note: Anyone checking out a student must present a picture ID to the receptionist at the Front Desk.

TARDY POLICY

PURPOSE: Punctuality to class is essential for a student to take full advantage of available educational opportunities.

- Students who are tardy more than 5 minutes are subject to disciplinary action.
- If a student misses half the class, the student is considered absent, not tardy.

PROCEDURE: Students are expected to be seated before the tardy bell rings and remain seated until given permission to do otherwise. If a student is tardy, the student must go to the attendance office to get a pass to class. In order to get a pass to class, the student must present his/her ID to the attendance clerk. The office will keep records of student tardies. No student who is tardy to class will be admitted to class without an office pass from the attendance clerk. If a teacher has detained a student, the pass from the attendance clerk will indicate that the student is excused. It is the student's responsibility to obtain a pass from his/her teacher before he/she goes to the attendance office. Without this pass, the tardy will be recorded as unexcused. Excessive tardies will be subject to disciplinary action. All students arriving to school must report to the attendance clerk first, otherwise, they will face disciplinary action.

MORNING TARDIES

- Any student who arrives after 7:15 a.m. must have written documentation explaining the tardy. Excused tardies will be determined in accordance with stated attendance policies. Students who are tardy due to a late bus will report to the attendance clerk in order to obtain an excused tardy pass.
- Parent notes may excuse a maximum of **Three (3)** tardies per semester. Excuses for tardies must be turned in to the Attendance Office the day of the tardy.
- **Four (4)** unexcused tardies to 1st hour will result in an approved driver's parking permit being revoked as stated in the Parking Regulations section.
- Being tardy to or skipping an assigned lunch detention will result in an A.M. detention. Loitering throughout the day shall result in an automatic lunch detention.

TARDY CONSEQUENCES

1 st	Warning
2 nd	Warning
3 rd	A.M. w/Parent Sign In
4 th	A.M. Detention
5 th	A.M. Detention

6 th	Suspension/Pending Parent Conference
7 th	Saturday Detention
8 th	ADAPT Suspension
9 th	Saturday Detention/IDP
10 th	ADAPT Suspension

BUS POLICY

Students are **only allowed** to ride their assigned bus. Bus passes are not given.

ID CARDS

All students are required to wear ID cards at all times to all school functions. The ID will be used in order to ride the school bus, to be admitted to the school building, to show to faculty and staff members at any time during the school day, and to eat lunch in the cafeteria.

PLEASE NOTE:

If a student has no ID, the student will be assessed \$5.00 for a new permanent picture ID. A permanent ID must be used to get into extra- curricular activities that require an ID. Defacing an ID shall result in a student purchasing a new ID and/or disciplinary consequences. Only your school IDs should be attached to your school-issued lanyard.

PARKING REGULATIONS AND SATELLITE CENTER

- Early release, Satellite Center, and River Parish Community College students who provide the proper documentation may be issued parking permits. Space availability will determine if additional parking permits will be assigned to seniors by priority.
- Four (4) unexcused tardies to 1st hour will result in an approved driver's parking permit being revoked as stated in the Parking Regulations section.
- Students parking on campus are not allowed to sit in vehicles during lunch time nor leave campus to get lunch.

Parking on school campus is a privilege, not a right. Students will be allowed to park in the student parking lot only if they have a valid parking permit. Those students who park without a valid permit could receive a \$10.00 fine, have a boot placed on the vehicle and face a \$50.00 removal fee and disciplinary action.

PROCEDURES FOR SEARCHING STUDENT VEHICLES

Random Vehicle Search

Periodically, random searches of student vehicles and contents within the vehicle will be conducted.

Single Vehicle Search

When there is a reasonable belief that a student is in possession of items in his/her vehicle that are in violation of a school board policy or other school regulations, the student vehicle and contents within the vehicle will be searched.

Procedure – Vehicle Search

- When a random search is conducted, a consistent pattern for searching students' vehicles will be followed, (e.g. every third or tenth vehicle in the student parking lot).
- For all vehicle searches, the student will be present throughout the search whenever possible.
- Administrator(s) will conduct a search of the vehicle.
- Items discovered in a vehicle that are prohibited by law, board policy or other school regulations may be impounded. Items found in a search that are prohibited by law shall be turned over to a law enforcement officer.

- Parents shall be notified of any disciplinary action taken following a search of a Student's vehicle and of any item(s) impounded.

STUDENT PROCEDURE FOR DEALING WITH CONFLICTS

Many student referrals result from students disrupting class because they disagree with a teacher or with the way they have been treated in class. Sometimes this needs to be investigated, but it is important that students handle these problems by following the procedure outlined below.

PROCEDURE TEACHER/STUDENT

- Maintain your composure and show respect at all times.
- Following the incident, remain after class and seek an appointment with the teacher.
- **Do not** attempt to discuss the problem during class time.
- If the problem is not resolved, have your parents call the school (764-9946) and seek a conference involving the student, parent, and teacher.
- After seeking a conference and if satisfaction is not obtained, the administration should be notified.

PROCEDURE FOR STUDENT/STUDENT CONFLICTS

Notify a staff member and seek a conference with counselor, administrator, peer mediator, or resource officer.