



South River High School Student/Parent Handbook

2026-2027

Dear South River High School Student/Parent/Guardian,

South River High School takes great pride in welcoming you to a school dedicated towards achieving excellence in all areas including the arts, business, academics, athletics, and our government. As a future graduate, one must take his/her education seriously in order to do well within our educational environment as well as prepare for the challenges that lie ahead after graduation. We have a professional staff eager to assist you achieve your goals and determined to make certain that our partnership with you and your family is both positive and memorable. Please take the time to read this handbook carefully noting that we have included items that come to our attention in relation to frequency. Please do not hesitate to see us if a specific question exists. On behalf of the South River High School administration, faculty, and staff, we welcome you into the 2026-2027 academic school year and we express our excitement to work collaboratively with you this school year.

Jamie Kinard
Principal

Joel Nowicki
Assistant Principal

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Bell Schedule

South River High School prides itself on creating a learning environment with minimized disruptions to the learning process; as a result, the schedules below accommodate and support continued learning and teaching. Please also note the following:

- South River High School opens its doors to students fifteen minutes before the start of school for each day that school is in session (Doors will open at 7:25 AM).
- Students must exit the building at the conclusion of the school day unless they are being supervised by a staff member; loitering is not permitted.

Block:	Time:
Block 1	7:40 - 9:06
Homeroom	9:10 - 9:14
Block 2	9:14 - 10:40
Lunch 3 A	10:44 - 11:15
Block 3 B/C	11:19 - 12:45
Block 3 A/C	10:44 - 11:27 12:02 - 12:45
Lunch 3 B	11:29 - 12:00
Block 3AB	10:44 - 12:10
Lunch 3 C	12:14 - 12:45
Block 4	12:49 - 2:15

ESSENTIAL CONTACT INFORMATION

Parents/guardians wishing to pose questions and/or discuss concerns regarding individual students and/or teacher/advisor/coaching practices are strongly encouraged to reach out to the appropriate teacher, coach, and/or advisor as the first step. All staff members can be accessed via phone (732-613-4014) or email (staff member's first initial and last name with no spaces at srivernj.org). If resolve is not obtained, building administration may be contacted.

Art:

Coffey, Erin
Costa, Tatiana
Garcia, Kim
Fama, Carly

Athletic Training:

Januszkiewicz, Barbara

Business:

Bussell, Tracey
DeSilva, Yamuna
Smith, Paula

Child Study Team:

Benedetto, Camille
Januska, Teresa

Custodian:

Paredes, Carlos

ESL:

Duran, Jessica
Henson, Aleksandra
Mascena, Doris

English:

Cacoilo, Nicole
Christie, James
Dawson, Sarah
Lyon, Jonathan
Mihalenko, Kate
Musante, Matt
Uddin, Khalid
New Staff

Guidance:

Lyons, Skylar
Montemurno, Amanda
Santaniello, Caitlin

Librarian/Media

Specialist:

McGreevey, Alison

Math:

Del Gaudio, Christopher
Keller, Scott
Kokoszka, Nicole
Lensen, Amanda
Lowe, Carsen
Mincer, Mirel
Romatowski, Stephanie
Septor, Matthew

Music:

Cush, Richard

Nurse:

Zargo, Gina

Physical Education:

Correale, Alison
Davidson, Alexis
Feaster, Michael
Lepore, Mike
Milbauer, Brian
Stabe, Catherine

Science:

Anand, Deepa
Barney, Madeline
DiBiase, Valerie
Lamond, Jack
Sriyani Liyanage, Kanake
Tawadros, Mariam

Social Studies:

Beni, Travis
Bentley, Jason
DeRitis, Chris
Korthals, Grace
Minto, Donald
Weiss, Adam

Special Education:

Chaney, Vicki
Cumberbatch, Malcolm
Damatta, Jenai
Ferro, Gabriella
Haar, John
Persad, Charlene
Petrowski, Travis
Soriano, Debora
Tschopp, Ellen
Boyce, Shannon
Kabrt, Jennifer

Support Services:

Driscoll, Lauren
Stout, Sarah

Technology:

Matts, Chris
Peer, Richard

World Languages:

Hiram Ortiz
Lopes, Ana
Lund, Alyssa
Roque-Soares, Nancy

**Contact administration to pose questions/requests/concerns regarding the
operation of school/educational programs.**

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Dr. Joseph Trivisonno <i>Assistant Superintendent</i>	732- 613-4000, extension 1226
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MISSION STATEMENT

The primary mission of the South River School District is to coordinate the available resources of home, school, and community in a mutual effort to guide every student's growth towards becoming a self-respecting individual who can effectively function politically, economically, and socially in a democratic society. We will strive to help students learn to use their minds well so that they will be prepared for responsible citizenship, further learning, and productive employment in our modern economy

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

The South River Public School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, sex, affectional or sexual orientation, ancestry, national origin, or social or economic status. Should questions, comments, or concerns relating to this exist, the Affirmative Action Officer (AAO) should be contacted. The AAO is:

Dr. Joseph Trivisonno
District Affirmative Action Officer
Phone: (732) 613 - 4000
Email: jtrivisonno@srivernj.org

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY/HONOR CODE/CHEATING/PLAGIARISM: As members of the South River High School Community, we believe in cultivating an environment of academic honesty. We value truth and trust in all facets of education and students are expected to take responsibility for their learning and experience the pride that accompanies academic achievement. This ensures a positive learning environment that emphasizes intellectual integrity. Plagiarism and/or cheating impede a student's academic progress and compromise the trust between teacher and student which is fundamental to the learning process and mission of the school. To promote academic honesty, we encourage a sense of fair play with credit sought only when it is deserved. Plagiarism and cheating are defined as:

- **Plagiarism** is the act of taking the language, ideas, thoughts, works of art, or music of another and presenting them as one's own without proper acknowledgement. Plagiarism includes, but is not limited to, submitting as one's own, work created by another person, whether that work was stolen, purchased, or shared freely; copying or closely paraphrasing/summarizing sentences or passages from print or electronic sources without properly citing the source; and claiming ownership of work that is not original in thought and language.
- **Cheating** is the giving or receiving of unauthorized information to gain or provide unfair advantage over other students or to attain a grade unfairly. Cheating includes, but is not limited to, giving or receiving test information from other students; looking at someone else's paper during an examination, test, quiz, etc; talking with other students during an examination, test, quiz, etc; allowing someone else to see or use one's work at any time during an examination, test, quiz, etc; having, using, or attempting to use unauthorized written aids during an examination, test, quiz, etc; using or sharing unauthorized information from electronic devices (cell phones, etc.) including calculators, on tests and assignments; claiming sole credit for work completed with other students; copying work assigned to be done independently; allowing others to copy one's work or the work of another person; using purposely deceitful practices to improve one's grade or someone else's grade; fabricating, altering, or copying data, including laboratory data or reports; and accessing, corrupting, vandalizing, or changing anyone else's work or data, including computer work and/or use of artificial intelligence to represent one's own work. A student found guilty of academic dishonesty may be subject to a full range of penalties including, but not limited to, reprimand, loss of credit for all of the work that is plagiarized, and/or removal of awards, acknowledgements, as well as honors e.g. admittance into National Honor Society. Once due process is conducted between the student and teacher, the consequence may be issued by teaching staff and/or administration if there is a preponderance of evidence that a violation has occurred. If necessary and appropriate, students have the right to appeal the teacher's decision to the building principal. All appeals must be submitted in writing within **three school days** of the imposed consequence. South River High School relies upon the **"Modern Language Association Handbook" (MLA)** as the primary source for requirements regarding plagiarism and citation/format criteria. However, some exceptions to this general rule apply:
- **Pictures** which are cut and pasted or procured from other sources are defined as being someone else's property and will require citation/credit in the appropriate areas and format as defined by the subject area department in writing. In this category, clip art is not included, and will not require a citation.
- **Charts / Statistics / Graphs** which are procured from other sources are defined as being someone else's property and will require citation/credit in the appropriate areas and format as defined by the teacher in writing.
- **Common Knowledge** is cited in the MLA Handbook. However, in the high school setting, which is focused upon training students for success after high school. The concept of 'Common Knowledge' will not be accepted as a reason for not providing the proper citation for the work in the area and format as defined by the teacher in writing. There will be instances and circumstances where Common Knowledge is both appropriate and accepted. These circumstances must be clearly defined by the teacher, in writing and in conjunction with the entire department for that subject, and must be reviewed with the class prior to the assignment being given to the students. Additionally, it must be recognized that the requirements which define common knowledge usage and definition will vary from department to department, depending upon the subject matter in question. Furthermore, it must also be acknowledged that distinctions between what constitutes a research paper and a project will also vary between departments. These differences will be addressed by the classroom teacher via the utilization of rubrics and written parameters for the papers/projects under discussion. Lastly, it must also be understood that the written rubrics/parameters provided by the classroom teacher are not necessarily subject to MLA Standards.

ATHLETICS (ATHLETIC CONTRACTS): Participation in sports can be a very rewarding experience. In order to ensure the most positive athletic experience, it is vital that each member of the team be concerned not only for their own health and safety and well-being, but also for that of their teammates. In order to participate in athletics within the South River School District, the contract must be reviewed and signed by the athlete and parent/guardian before a student becomes a candidate for participation in any interscholastic sport of the South River Public Schools. Students must agree to abide by the rules noted below; violations of the rules may include suspension for a game, suspension for a week, and/or removal from the team.

1. The student athlete will always conduct oneself within the rules of the game, the rules of the school, with utmost sportsmanlike conduct, and never knowingly place a teammate or opponent in a dangerous situation.
2. If a teammate appears to be dazed, disoriented, or "out of it", he/she will report this to the athletic trainer or coach as soon as possible. Allowing a teammate to play with a possible concussion is extremely dangerous and may cause serious harm.
3. If a teammate becomes injured on the field/court, he/she will not attempt to move, raise, or carry the teammate off the field/court as there may be injuries which must be examined first.
4. The student athlete will notify the athletic trainer immediately of any illness, injury, or skin condition.
5. The student athlete will ONLY miss practice or a scheduled event for a medical reason or a family crisis.
6. The student athlete will be punctual at all times.
7. The student athlete understands that he/she must pass the equivalent of 30 credits each marking period in order to be eligible. (This pertains only to ninth through twelfth grades.)
8. The student athlete will not indulge in the use/possession or consumption of alcohol, tobacco, or drugs at any time. Students who violate the drug/alcohol policy will be immediately ineligible to participate and disciplinary action may be taken. Consideration for reinstatement is at the discretion of the administration.
9. In order to reflect favorably upon the school community, the student athlete will always compete, practice, exercise, and conduct oneself in a manner which will ensure safety as well as promote success and good sportsmanship.
10. Students who are excessively tardy and/or absent from school may be excluded from participation in sports.
11. Students who are assigned detention or other discipline must serve that discipline prior to attending practice or games.

ATHLETICS (ATTENDANCE STANDARD): A student athlete shall not participate in a performance, exhibition, practice, or athletic event unless he/she has been present in school that day or has been absent for an excused reason other than illness. Additionally, any student who has lost credit will be permitted to finish out his/her current sports season, but will be precluded from participation in any further sports programs. Furthermore, students absent on Friday will not be permitted to participate in any event on the following Saturday. Additionally, any student on an exclusion list may be precluded from participation in sports programs. Team coaches are responsible for checking on student participants.

ATHLETICS (AWARDS):

- GMC SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD: Each member school selects one male student/athlete and one female student/athlete who represents and carries out the ideals of sportsmanship and fair play.
- THE NEW JERSEY STATE INTERSCHOLASTIC ASSOCIATION SCHOLAR ATHLETE
 - *Nominee must be a graduating senior.
 - *Nominee must possess a GPA of no less than 3.0.
 - *Nominee must have participated in an NJSIAA sponsored varsity sport.
 - *Nominee must have exhibited outstanding school and community citizenship.
 - *Ballots with the names of all eligible student athletes together with their scholastic rank and the sports in which they earned varsity letters will be distributed for each varsity coach and he/she may cast a single vote for either one male or one female.

ATHLETICS (FORMS): The forms itemized below must be completed and signed by the parent/guardian for participation in athletic practices and games; physical examinations are good for one calendar year from the date given and all forms are available online at www.srvernj.org or can be obtained in the Main Office.

Health History Questionnaire	Physical Examination Form	Supplemental History Form
Clearance Form	Sudden Cardiac Death Pamphlet	Athletic Participation Form
Athletic Contract	Consent to Random Steroid Testing	NJSIAA Concussion Policy Acknowledgement
Booster Club Form		

ATHLETICS (INTERSCHOLASTIC COMPETITIONS): The South River Board of Education considers all competitive extracurricular activities - academic, artistic and athletic an integral part of the total educational program. Competitive activities shall be under the same administration and control as the rest of the school program and closely articulated with it. Competitive activities can provide students with valuable experiences and opportunities and the emphasis in any competition, intramural or interscholastic, shall be on providing such experiences and opportunities rather than on producing winning teams or providing entertainment. Practice for a performance in any competitive event shall not interfere with the regular educational program.

ATHLETICS (DISCIPLINARY STANDARDS): Students on disciplinary probation or suspension may not practice, perform, or compete. The Superintendent of Schools and the building principal shall decide at the end of a probation or suspension whether the student may return to practice and competition. Additionally, any student on an exclusion list will be precluded from participation in sports programs. A student may not be eligible to participate in practice or a game(s) if they incur disciplinary consequences as a result of classroom/school misbehavior or repeated tardiness to school.

ATHLETICS (PHYSICAL ELIGIBILITY): All students in grades nine through twelve participating in intramural or interscholastic athletics must be given a medical examination within 365 days prior to the first practice session, with a health history update if the examination was completed more than 60 days prior to the first practice session of the first sport participated in. The medical examination shall be given by the designated family physician and the medical forms must be reported to the district medical officer or designated team doctor on a form furnished by the District. The medical examination shall not be at the expense of the Board of Education. The parents/guardians shall be sent written notification signed by the examining physician confirming the student's physical fitness to participate in athletics. If appropriate, the reason for the physician's disapproval of the student's participation shall be included in the notification. The health findings of the medical examination for participation in athletics shall be made part of the general health examination record.

ATHLETICS (ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY): Incoming freshmen are automatically eligible to participate in athletics the first semester. This will be considered the first day of practice.

(1) To be eligible for athletic competition during the first semester (September 1 to January 31) of the 10th grade or higher, or the second year of attendance in secondary school or beyond, a student must have passed 25% of the credits (30) required by the State of New Jersey for graduation (120), during the immediately preceding academic year.

(2) To be eligible for athletic competition during the second semester (February 1 to June 30) of the 9th grade or higher, a student must have passed the equivalent of 12 1/2% of the credits (15) required by the State of New Jersey for graduation (120) at the close of the preceding semester (January 31). Full-year courses shall be equated as one-half of the total credits to be gained for the full-year to determine credits passed during the immediately preceding semester. It makes good sense for all athletes to register with guidance for more than the minimum 30 credits. A Special Education student will be eligible if the Child Study Team certifies the student is functioning in school commensurate with his/her ability.

ATHLETICS (INELIGIBILITY): A student who is determined to be guilty by a court, or who pleads guilty in court to charges, may be ineligible to participate in sports for up to one full year beginning the day the administration is notified of the determination or plea.

ATHLETICS (NEW JERSEY STATE INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION – NJSIAA):

ELIGIBILITY RULES apply to all varsity, junior varsity, sophomore and freshman teams representing a high school (girls and boys).

STUDENTS: IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOU DO NOT PARTICIPATE ON A TEAM OUTSIDE OF YOUR SCHOOL under any circumstances until you have permission from the Director of Athletics.

1. **ELIGIBLE** if a student has not reached the age of 19 prior to September 1.
2. **ELIGIBLE** to represent eight consecutive high school semesters following a student's entrance into the ninth grade.
3. **ELIGIBLE** if in full residence.
4. **ELIGIBLE** if transfer because of change of residence by parents or because of hardship, as approved by the Executive Committee
5. **ELIGIBLE** if no influence used to retain or secure the student.
6. **NOT IMMEDIATELY ELIGIBLE** if a student transfers from one high school to another without change of residence by parents.
7. **NOT ELIGIBLE** if expelled from one high school and going to another.
8. **NOT ELIGIBLE** after the completion of eight semesters following the student's entrance into the ninth grade, regardless of the fact that a sports season may not be completed.
9. **NOT ELIGIBLE** after the class in which a student originally enrolled graduates.

ATHLETICS (PARENTAL/GUARDIAN CONSENT): No student may participate in a school-sponsored physical activity outside the regular physical education curriculum without a signed consent form from a parent/guardian naming the activity and acknowledging that the activity may be hazardous.

ATHLETICS (GREATER MIDDLESEX CONFERENCE SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARD POLICY): The following procedures will be adhered to in the selection of the male and female scholar athletes at South River High School.

1. In order to be eligible, the student must be a member of the senior class and must be ranked in the upper half of the class.
2. The student must have earned at least one varsity letter.
3. Ballots with the name of all eligible student athletes together with their scholastic rank and the sports in which they earned varsity letters will be distributed for each varsity coach and he/she may cast three votes for each sex.
1st choice - 5 points 2nd choice - 3 points 3rd choice - 1 point
4. It will be the Principal's responsibility to make up the ballot, distribute, collect and tabulate the final results. This will be done in consultation with the Athletic Director.

5. The male and female students who receive the most points will be designated as South River High School's Scholar Athletes at the Greater Middlesex County Scholar Athlete Dinner.

ATHLETICS (SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS): To participate in interscholastic competition, special education students must meet the same requirements as regular education in conformity with IEPs.

ATHLETICS (SPORT OFFERINGS): Listed below are the sports offered at South River High School for the fall, winter, and spring respectively:

Boys' X-Country, Boys' Soccer	Boys' Basketball, Boys' Bowling	Baseball, Boys' Tennis
Girls' X-Country, Girls' Soccer	Girls' Basketball, Girls' Bowling	Golf (Co-Ed), Boys' Track
Football, Girls' Tennis, Cheerleading	Wrestling, Cheerleading, Hockey	Softball, Girls' Track, Robotics
Girls' Volleyball	Robotics	Boys' Volleyball

Weight & Strength Conditioning is not considered a sport but is open to all students during the Fall, Winter, Spring, and Summer.

ATHLETICS (SPORTS REGULATIONS): A student who represents South River High School in interscholastic athletic competition must abide by the regulations that are listed below. These are in addition to the specific NJSIAA regulations which cover eligibility.

- Practice good sportsmanship at all times.
- Respect uniforms and equipment; payment for any athletic equipment or uniforms that are damaged or lost will be required.
- Be on time for practice and games; the coach must be notified if there is an emergency or legitimate reason for lateness.
- Do not engage in the use/possession or consumption of drugs, alcoholic beverages at any time during the season.
- Honor and abide with the Athletic Contract signed by the student athlete and parent/guardian.
- Always be aware of specific/additional rules designed by the coach for the individual sport.

ATHLETICS (VARSITY LETTER AWARD POLICY):

- BASEBALL and SOFTBALL: With the exception of pitchers, an athlete must play in one-half of all games.
- FOOTBALL: An athlete must play in one-half of the total quarters of the season schedule.
- SOCCER: An athlete must play in one half of the halves of the season schedule.
- TENNIS: An athlete must play in at least two varsity matches and be with the team for major varsity matches, including the state playoffs.
- CROSS-COUNTRY: An athlete must participate in half of the scheduled meets or qualify as a member of the team that runs in the state sectional meet.
- CHEER (fall): students will make Varsity roster by scoring in the top 25 of all Tryout attendees and will then attend/participate in 75% of all scheduled Varsity events
- CHEER (Winter and competition): students will attend and participate in 75% of all scheduled Varsity events.
- WRESTLING: An athlete must wrestle in half of the matches of the season schedule.
- BASKETBALL: An athlete must play in half of the quarters of the season schedule.
- GOLF: an athlete must participate in one-half of the matches as a regular or score in at least two matches. To score, an athlete must be one of the top four players if medal play is used.
- BOWLING: An athlete must participate in one-half of the Interscholastic matches.
- TRACK: An athlete must participate in half of the scheduled meets or score in half the meets or average one point per meet.
- VOLLEYBALL: An athlete must participate in one half of the scheduled matches.
- HOCKEY: An athlete must compete in at least 50% of the team's varsity games OR demonstrate significant contribution as a member of the varsity roster and must attend at least 80% of team events (practices, games, meetings, and team functions), unless excused by the coaching staff. Other requirements as per coach.

One letter will be awarded each year to the head manager of each varsity sport. If a person has served as an assistant manager in a varsity sport for two years, he/she will qualify for a letter with the coach's approval. A letter will be awarded to a statistician who performs his/her duties in a varsity sport for two years; coach's approval is required. Cheerleaders will be awarded letters based upon the coach's review and assessment of the participant's attendance and performance during the football and/or basketball seasons. At the discretion of the team coach, a special recommendation may be made in order to qualify a player for an award if circumstances prevent him/her from meeting any of the above requirements. A varsity letter is not automatically earned. If a coach feels that a player is not deserving or has failed to complete the season as a member in good standing, the coach can refuse to award a letter to that athlete. An athlete who is a senior and who has been a member of the team for two consecutive years will receive a letter provided he/she was active in his/her senior year. In the event that any doubt exists in reference to an athlete receiving a letter or a special award, a decision will be reached by having the head coaches of various sports, the high school principal, and the athletic director vote on the question. For his/her first varsity award, an athlete will receive a letter and a certificate. For each additional award, he/she will receive only a certificate.

ATTENDANCE Please read Board Policy #5113 – Attendance, Absences and Excuses – which is located in the Policy Manual on the District’s website. Click the “Our District” Tab, scroll to “Policies and Procedures” then click “Online Policy Guide.” Once there, go to “Click here to access the online policy portal.” In the upper right corner will be a tab labeled “Policies.” Click that for access to the district’s policies and procedures.

A student must be in attendance for 164 or more school days for a full year course, 82 or more days for a semester course in order to successfully complete the instructional program requirements of the grade/course to which he/she is assigned. In order for the Board of Education to fulfill its responsibility and provide a thorough and efficient education for each student, the complete cooperation of parents/guardians and students is required to maintain a high level of school attendance. Frequent absences from classroom learning experiences disrupt the continuity of the instructional process and limit the ability of students to complete the prescribed curricular requirements successfully. Please note that it is highly recommended that students do not miss school days for the purpose of vacation. If an absence occurs due to a vacation, teachers and staff will not provide independent school work as this is not comparable to regular school instruction. All attendance information is maintained and updated via Genesis/Parent Portal.

*Students that are considered chronically absent and/or tardy will have their schedules revised. Students will be removed from their block one class(es) and enrolled in our alternative program, running from 2:15-3:30. Chronically absent/tardy is considered to be 10% or more of the school year.

ATTENDANCE (ABSENCE WARNINGS):

8 unexcused full day absences: Notification shall be forwarded to the parent/guardian and student through the Genesis system.

10 unexcused full day absences: Assistant Principal will conduct a conference with student

13 unexcused full day absences: School counseling may be implemented along with interventions

17 unexcused full day absences: Loss of credit / Credit appeal process

ATTENDANCE (APPEALS): South River High School is responsible for providing a thorough and efficient education for each student and complete cooperation from parents/guardians and students is required to maintain a high level of school attendance. Frequent absences (17 or more) of students from classroom learning experiences disrupt the continuity of the instructional process and limit the ability of students to complete the prescribed curriculum requirements successfully. In an effort to provide students with frequent absences an opportunity to explain and provide relevant rationale for their absences due to extenuating circumstances, an appeal process exists. Once credit has been withdrawn and the student has been notified, the student and/or the parent may appeal for credit reinstatement by completing a credit appeal packet. This completed packet must be submitted to the Assistant Principal within ten days. An appeal meeting will then be coordinated. Regardless of credit status, the student is expected to continue to perform to their fullest in the class. If a credit appeal is granted, but a student’s final grade is not passing, he/she will not receive credit for that class. If additional unexcused absences are accrued after the credit appeal is granted or if there is a violation of the appeal, the student will lose credit and will not be afforded an additional opportunity to complete a second credit appeal.

ATTENDANCE (CALLING STUDENTS OUT OF SCHOOL): Parents/guardians are responsible for notifying the school by 8:30 AM when their child is absent and for providing the school the reason for the absence. **A parent/guardian phone call does not result in the absence being excused; proper documentation must be provided to the attendance office within 10 days of the absence(s).** Documentation of the nature and causes of these absences shall be the responsibility of the student and parent/guardian. These can include doctor’s notes, court records, college visit verification (applicable to Juniors and Seniors only and up to three visits), or funeral documentation. Written and official verification must be submitted to the Attendance Office, including appointment times or duration of visitation, in order to support the excused absences. Students are strongly encouraged to attend school for a portion of the day (either arriving late or leaving early) and signed in or out by a parent/guardian/emergency contact in order to attend a routine appointment, such as: bloodwork, dental exam, or physical. **THE SCHOOL RESERVES THE RIGHT TO VERIFY ANY AND ALL STATEMENTS REGARDING ABSENCES.** If the Attendance Office does not receive a call by 8:30 AM from the student’s parent/guardian, or a comment through Parent Access by 8:30 AM, the parent/guardian will receive a call from the attendance office at the parent/guardian’s residence inquiring about the absence. The Attendance Officer will be sent to the home if the parent/guardian cannot be contacted. The telephone number for the High School Attendance Office is 732-613-4024. If parental contact is not made, the student will be marked as truant.

ATTENDANCE (CREDIT LOSS): Students who exceed the sixteen day unexcused absence limit for a full year course (eight unexcused absences for a half-year course) will lose course credit for those impacted courses. In the event of credit loss, students will continue to attend class and have the opportunity to appeal for credit reinstatement via the attendance appeal procedure; students who have exceeded 16 unexcused absences will receive written loss of credit notification as well as attendance appeal paperwork from the Office of the Assistant Principal. Please note that excessive absences and tardiness may result in a student being placed on the exclusion list which will prevent that student from participating in events such as the Senior Class Trip and the Prom.

ATTENDANCE (EXTRACURRICULAR/SCHOOL SPONSORED ACTIVITIES ON DAYS OF ABSENCE): Students shall not participate in a performance, exhibition, practice, or athletic event unless he/she has been present in school that day or has been absent for an excused reason. As outlined in board policy 5131 Conduct and Discipline and the code of student conduct, consequences for absences may include:

- A. Students may be denied participation in co-curricular activities if their attendance fails to meet the standards set forth herein;
- B. Students may be denied participation in athletic competition if their attendance fails to meet the standards set forth herein;
- C. Loss of partial or total course credit;

ATTENDANCE (LATE ARRIVAL AND EARLY DISMISSAL): From time to time, compelling circumstances will require that a student be late to school or dismissed before the end of the school day. The school is to be notified in advance of such absences of the student's parent/guardian which shall state the reason for the tardiness or early dismissal. In order for a student to leave the school during the course of any school day, the parent/guardian or emergency contact person must sign that student out; all attendance recording procedures will apply. No student will be permitted to sign out of school within the last 20 minutes of the school day.

ATTENDANCE (STATE RECORDING PROCEDURES): A student will be recorded as present for a full day if he/she:

- is present at least four hours of instructional time

ATTENDANCE (TARDY WARNINGS): The orderly conduct of class activity depends upon the prompt and precise beginning of the program. Promptness is the responsibility of both the student and the parent/guardian. Tardiness hinders the proper conduct of school activity. Students are expected to arrive to school or join their class virtually on time while we are on remote instruction. A student who is tardy to any class will be subject to disciplinary action as outlined in board policy 5131 Conduct and Discipline and the student code of conduct. Tardiness will be excused for those reasons approved for an excused absence.

Students will be marked tardy if they report to school after the bell rings at 7:40 AM. Students arriving after 7:40, may face the following consequences:

1. **Five unexcused tardies:** Notification shall be forwarded to the parent/guardian and student indicating the status.
2. **Ten unexcused tardies:** Detention is assigned
3. **Fifteen unexcused tardies:** Detention is assigned; Meeting request; Parent Contact
4. **Twenty and above unexcused tardies:** Consequences may include: detention, intervention plan, exclusion list, suspension, and/or community service
5. Students will be placed on the exclusion list based on the number of lates if excessive in comparison with the number of days in the school year to date. This is indicated in the Exclusion list part of the handbook.

Block 1 begins promptly at 7:40 AM. If students arrive after this time, they will either be marked tardy or absent from the course(s). This determination will be made based upon arrival time. Please note that this procedure is for class attendance, *not daily attendance*. Daily attendance recording procedures are outlined above. Students may be subject to disciplinary action by the school administration for excessive cutting.

Please note that attendance notifications for attendance and tardies as well as notifications of detentions for tardies will be made through the Genesis computer system.

ATTENDANCE (TRUANCY): Truancy is defined as an unauthorized, unexcused absence from school including all full day absences from individual classes without the knowledge and consent of the student's parents/guardians. A student determined as truant will be assessed an unexcused absence for each missed class and be assigned disciplinary consequences; ten absences due to truancy may result in a referral to the Municipal Court of South River. A student under the age of 16 declared to be truant may be reported missing to the appropriate authorities. If a student leaves the school grounds without permission, he/she will be considered truant and marked absent for the day. All students, even those over the age of 18, are not permitted to call themselves out of school.

ATTENDANCE (VACATIONS): Excused absences will not be granted for travel/vacation plans. In addition, the school year is subject to extension due to circumstances beyond the control of South River High School or District. Travel and vacation plans, which are impacted by these school year extensions, will not be accepted as excuses/reasons for make-up examinations nor excused absences. Attention to attendance practices early on in the school year frequently positions the students and families to successfully navigate possible changes in the calendar.

BACKPACKS: To help ensure the safety of our school, students have the following choices to carry their belongings:

1. Do not bring a backpack/bag to school. Carry your belongings throughout the day.
2. Keep non-clear backpacks/bags in your locker when entering the school in the morning and leave it there all day long. It is recommended that students use a lock for their lockers.
3. Purchase a clear backpack/bag to carry with you throughout the day.
4. Purchase a clear backpack from our school. If purchasing a backpack is a financial hardship, please see your guidance counselor or a teacher.
5. Handbags for small personal items are allowed but may not exceed 8" x 5.5" (the size of a half sheet of paper).
6. Small lunch boxes are allowed.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM: Please be advised that the South River Board of Education offers a **breakfast program free** to all students eligible for Free or Reduced Lunch. Parents/guardians are advised that students not eligible for 'Free or Reduced' will pay a small fee for participation. Those costs are published by the company in charge of the program, "Chartwells."

BUILDING SECURITY: Class 3 Special Law Enforcement officers provide security in our district schools. The security of our children is a high priority. The following procedures will be strictly enforced to provide a safe environment for your children.

- All parents, students, and visitors must use the front door entrance. All exterior doors will be locked during school hours.
- All parents, students, and visitors will use the buzzer by the front door entrance for entry to the building.
- All parents, students, and visitors must have photo identification when entering the building for any reason.
- All parents, students, and visitors must sign-in at the front office and receive a visitor's badge. You will be required to leave photo identification with the main office until the conclusion of the school visit.

Parents and visitors must be buzzed out by main office personnel when leaving the school building – failure to do so will result in the sounding of a security alarm. Students are not permitted to open or prop open exterior doors. Students may not leave the building, unless there is an emergency, through any doors other than the front door by the main office. In addition, unfamiliar and suspicious persons/items are to be reported to a staff member immediately.

UNIT LUNCH RULES: Appropriate student behavior is essential for optimum learning experiences in all areas of the building including the cafeteria. In order to maintain a clean and attractive cafeteria and an educational atmosphere, the following rules must be observed:

- Students may sit at any table they wish subject to the supervising teachers' discretion
- Students must maintain an orderly line when waiting to be served and cutting into line is not permitted
- Food and beverages may not be taken into the bathrooms.
- Students may go outside of the cafeteria if permitted by the supervising teachers but must remain in the designated area
- Students may be excused to go to the lavatory at the teachers' discretion. At all times, normal rules of etiquette as well as proper and acceptable behavior shall prevail
- No panhandling/begging/borrowing/stealing/line cutting/pushing is permissible and activities which are deemed illegal, unsafe or disruptive, are not permitted
- Throwing food or trash is strictly prohibited and will be handled administratively.
- Students permitted to leave during lunchtime may not return to the cafeteria with food bought from the outside i.e. McDonald's, Wendy's, etc.
- Students may not sell food or other items at school, with the exception of allowed fundraisers as approved by administration.

Outstanding Debts: In the event that the student's school breakfast or school lunch bill is in arrears, the student's parent or guardian will be contacted and provided notice of the amount due. They shall be provided with a period of 10 school days to remit payment. If the student's parent or guardian has not made full payment by the end of the 10 school days, the parent or guardian will be contacted and provided notice that the student will be offered limited choice for breakfast and lunch until payment is made in full.

CARNEGIE UNITS: Colleges/universities use "Carnegie Units" in evaluating the strength of an applicant's high school background. A "Carnegie Unit" is a unit of credit given for the completion of one full year in a college preparatory, honors, or advanced placement high school subject. To be eligible for a competitive four-year college/university, a student should accumulate at least 20 Carnegie Units. Carnegie Units are usually considered to be those subjects taken in the areas of English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies and World Languages. Courses at South River High School are categorized as college preparation unless noted otherwise. **It should be recognized that the final determination of Carnegie Units is made within the college admissions offices.**

CELL PHONES/ELECTRONIC DEVICES:

As per state law, cell phone use is no longer permitted in schools. As such, students will be required to place their cell phones in pouches upon entering school which they may carry with them throughout the day and open them upon leaving school. Students are

responsible for the pouches given to them. Students found with cell phones in school are subject to disciplinary actions as in the conduct chart.

Utilized correctly, electronic devices can enhance the learning environment by allowing the district and its students to remain current with the various uses of technology for educational purposes. Conversely, the inappropriate use of such devices may constitute a disruption to the educational process and, in some cases, a violation of personal privacy. Instructors will exercise sound professional judgment when deciding how to incorporate and utilize student use of electronic devices in the classroom. When permitted by classroom instructors, the use of these devices for legitimate and educational purposes by students will be permitted, so long as students observe and abide by the conditions and guidelines of the instructor. Students may utilize electronic devices in the classroom and during the instructional day **only with the expressed consent/permission of the instructor** and only when such devices are utilized for legitimate educational and instructional purposes. The “instructional day” shall begin with the bell to report to first period and include passing times as well as any other structured or non-structured activity that occurs during the normal school day with the exception of lunch time in the cafeteria. In addition, students may only utilize the forms of communication and programs on the electronic devices that are permitted by the instructor (i.e. internet access, text messaging, posting, programs, Apps, etc.). If the classroom instructor does not provide consent for use, such devices must be turned off and stored away so that they cannot be seen (i.e. in pocket, purse, book bags, etc.) or heard. In the event a student is found using an electronic device in a classroom where the instructor has not provided consent, the classroom instructor may confiscate the device for the remainder of the instructional period or contact building administration for an extended confiscation period to be determined by building administration. Repeated offenses may result in further disciplinary consequences. In addition, please note the following:

1. Notwithstanding the permission granted by the classroom instructor, building administration reserves the right to prohibit access and/or the use of an electronic device by confiscation (for an extended period of time) if a student is found to have utilized the device in a manner that is not permitted by the classroom instructor or for a purpose deemed inappropriate. In this regard, the use of an electronic device will be inappropriate if the student’s use is relative to the list below:
 - Causes a disruption to the educational environment
 - Invades the rights of privacy of others (including staff) at school; i.e. videos, photos
 - Involves illegal or prohibited conduct of any kind
 - Violates any provision of the South River School District’s Student Code of Conduct or the Board of Education’s policies
 - Use of social media
2. Electronic devices may include, but are not limited to, laptops, netbooks, iPads, iPod Touches, electronic tablets, cell phones, e-readers, smart glasses, smart watches, and any other recording device. Electronic devices that are intended solely for gaming and entertainment are not permitted in the school building during the school day. At no time are head phones of any kind permitted in the school.
3. Any use or attempted use of an electronic device to capture, record, or transfer the image of an individual is strictly prohibited and will result in appropriate disciplinary action. Additionally, recording of any kind during a test, quiz, or other classroom assessment may be considered cheating and is strictly prohibited and consequences will be implemented.
4. Building administration reserves the right to examine any student’s electronic mobile device that is brought onto the school grounds and search its content if there is a reasonable suspicion that policies, rules, or regulations have been violated or if there is a reasonable suspicion that the electronic device contains information that may pertain to a school investigation. Students who use their electronic device to violate policies, rules, or regulations will be subject to the appropriate disciplinary action and any suspected violation of New Jersey law will be referred to law enforcement authorities.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS/CONTACT INFORMATION:

It is very important, for emergency and administrative reasons, that every student maintains an up-to-date address record at the school office. Immediately notify the school if you have a change of address and telephone number during the school year. You/emergency contact will be asked to provide an updated proof of residency for a new address.

CLASS PLACEMENT LEVELS & WEIGHTS: Each course has been designated with a CP, H or AP within the Program of Studies. These letters indicate the degree of course difficulty as outlined. Placement in an appropriate class level is based on total overview of the student’s needs and abilities. Decisions are based on scholastic record, teacher and counselor recommendations, and standardized tests. Consideration is also given to the amount of motivation the student expresses. Course designations are:

- College Preparatory (CP): This level is primarily for the college-bound student yet may be taken by any student in any curriculum who demonstrates ability.
- Honors Courses (H): Placement in an honors course is based upon prior evidence of superior academic achievement.
- Advanced Placement (AP): may carry college credit if the College Board Exam is taken and successfully completed at a specific level.

CLASS RANK: In order for a student to be eligible for selection as valedictorian or salutatorian, the student must have attended South River High School continuously since September 30th of his/her sophomore year. Class rank is determined by adding together all quality points accumulated from his/her completed courses. To determine a student's total quality points for a course, the following formula is used: credits x quality points = total quality points. The following points are assigned for each level.

	AP	HONORS	COLLEGE PREP	STANDARD
A+	5.83	5.33	4.83	4.33
A	5.50	5.00	4.50	4.00
A-	5.17	4.67	4.17	3.67
B+	4.83	4.33	3.83	3.33
B	4.50	4.00	3.50	3.00
B-	4.17	3.67	3.17	2.67
C+	3.83	3.33	2.83	2.33
C	3.50	3.0	2.50	2.00
C-	3.17	2.67	2.17	1.67
D	2.50	2.0	1.50	1.00
F	0	0	0	0

All students are ranked at the end of each school year. The final ranking for seniors is calculated at the end of the third marking period.

COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCEDURES: The college application process can be confusing, but your guidance counselor can assist and help you throughout the process. Adhering to deadlines and staying organized will help. The first task that you need to complete is to develop a list of colleges that you are interested in applying to. Once you have determined your list, look to see if the schools are part of the Common Application (www.commonapp.org). Over 450 universities and colleges participate with Common Application. If your schools do, then you can complete one application for all of those schools.

CONCERNS/COMPLAINTS/APPEAL PROCEDURE (STUDENTS): Students have the right to question and/or appeal the application of policies and administrative decisions affecting them through appropriate channels. The following procedures are available to initiate the problem solving process:

1. Seek parental guidance and support
2. Consult with a teacher, a guidance counselor, or other professional staff member to discuss the concern and probable resolutions
3. If no resolution is obtained, seek an appointment with the Principal

CONCERNS/COMPLAINTS/APPEAL PROCEDURE (PARENTS): Parents/guardians wishing to discuss concerns about the operation of the school or the High School's administration of the educational programs required by State and Federal law are to contact the Building Principal. If no resolution is attained, the concern may be brought to the Central Administration.

CONDUCT: Students at South River High School are expected to model and support the core ethical values of respect, responsibility, kindness, service, and honesty. Each of these values contributes to shaping school culture and environment for all members of the school community to develop a lifelong passion for learning and desire to strive and meet the highest expectations in personal, professional, and/or academic growth and achievement. By embracing these values on a daily basis, all members of the school community and the general community can be confident in themselves and feel secure in the learning environment. Noted below are offenses and types of misconduct that are prohibited at South River High School; the list is intended as a summary of common offenses and is not intended to be exclusive. Students suspected of being under the influence of a controlled substance will be referred for a medical examination in accordance with policy 5131.6R. Any student who is sent out of school for a medical examination may not return to school on the same day that he/she is sent for the evaluation. Proper medical documentation of this evaluation must be submitted on the day the student returns to school. Administrative discretion will be used in notifying the SRPD when warranted. Building administration reserves the right and discretion to impose disciplinary consequences on students to maintain the sound order and operation of the building consistent with board policy and state laws/regulations; progressive discipline will be imposed on a case-by-case basis, depending upon the facts, as well as frequency and severity of the incident. All incidents will be taken through the required due process. Discipline can include suspension from school, in-school suspension, detention after school, loss of privilege, and restorative practices among other items. Loss of privilege would include lunch detention during the lunch as well as Advisory period and includes turning over cell phones during that time.

Important to Note: This is an abridged version of the District Code of Conduct which can be found on the District Home Page at using the following link: https://www.srivernj.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=328394&type=d

SUSPENSION: Serious violations of the Discipline Rules and Regulations can result in Out of School Suspension. Depending on the infraction, this action may be from one to nine days. A phone call will be made, and a letter will be sent to parents informing them of

this action. Students may not be on school grounds if they are suspended out of school. Violation of this expectation will result in notification to the South River Police Department for trespassing. Students will not be admitted back to school without a parent/student conference with an administrator. While assigned OSS, students are excluded from participating or attending in all co-curricular and extra-curricular school activities. However, they are responsible for all lessons, homework assignments, and tests.

IN SCHOOL SUSPENSION: The purpose of in school suspension (ISS) is to provide a controlled and supervised environment in which the student participates in the academic process without losing school time. Students will be required to occupy themselves with school related work in this learning environment. For purposes of attendance, students must report to homeroom first and, after attendance, report to the ISS room.

- Students are excluded from participating in all co-curricular and extracurricular school activities
- Students will be assigned a specific seat; they are required to face forward
- Students are to bring all textbooks, other supplemental materials, and lunch (if applicable) into the room
- Students must complete the assigned work and be prepared to read or engage in another academically based activity upon completion of assigned work
- No talking or socializing at any time during the school day; this includes lunch time
- Students will only be permitted to leave the room at the discretion of the teacher
- Lunch may be brought from home or purchased from the cafeteria
- Students are not permitted to eat/drink during the school day other than the lunch period
- Use of cell phones, iPods, or other electronic devices is prohibited. Students may use computers in the ISS room only for class assignments
- All school rules apply; unsuccessful completion will result in additional days of suspension

BUS EXPECTATIONS: Safety practices must be utilized at all times while on the bus; if the reckless behavior of an individual poses the possibility of infringing on the safety of another passenger on the bus, disciplinary repercussions are possible. In order to ensure safety and protect the lives of all students riding the school bus to school as well as school sponsored events, the following rules exist:

- Do not ask the bus driver to stop at places other than the designated stop.
- Be on time at your bus stop and arrive 10-15 minutes before the bus is expected; wait until the bus stops before moving toward the door; do not destroy or damage property at the bus stop; and remain on the curb at least 3 feet back – never stand in or move into the roadway as the bus approaches.
- Once on the bus, move quickly to your seat; do not stand or move from your seat while the bus is in motion; do not open or close windows without driver's permission; keep hands, arms and other parts of the body inside the bus at all times; keep feet, legs and other objects out of the aisles; do not eat or drink on the bus; do not smoke; never throw anything out of the bus window; be courteous, talk softly, and use appropriate language. In case of an emergency, remain in your seat until instructions are given by the driver.
- All students are responsible for any damage they cause to the bus.
- After leaving the bus, move quickly away from the side of the bus up onto the curb or off the roadway.
- Any misbehavior on a school bus or bus transporting students to a school function is subject to school discipline as Code of Conduct Violations

CODE OF CONDUCT

Our schools strive to maintain conditions conducive to mutual respect for students and teachers alike, and to further the development of student self-discipline. Our teachers and staff are expected to communicate and reinforce our school rules. Students are expected to follow these rules and take responsibility for their behavior. This expectation applies to classroom activities, as well as school functions, field trips, athletic events, and extracurricular activities. School rules also apply to students while walking to and from school. Following these guidelines will help make a student's time at South River Schools rewarding and educationally significant.

We believe that students can learn and grow from their mistakes. We also understand that there are often underlying issues that lead to misbehavior, and that these need to be addressed and considered in order to eliminate ongoing discipline issues. The district is engaging in a restorative approach to its disciplinary response. This seeks to help students not only understand the consequences of negative actions, but to supplant those with actions that will enhance the educational environment for themselves and the school as a whole. The administration will apply a Restorative Community Service Program (RCS) to address some infractions through the use of service time and action. This approach, assigned at the discretion of school administration, may be assigned in lieu or in conjunction with the discipline listed in the code of conduct chart.

SRHS/SRMS Student Code of Conduct 2026-2027

Behavior/ Infraction	Consequence		
Assault on student	Immediate OSS, disciplinary hearing and police report		
Assault on staff	Immediate OSS, disciplinary hearing and police report		
Cell Phones/Electronic Devices	1st Offense- confiscated, picked up by parent, 5 days hand in to office	2nd Offense- same as 1st + 1 day ISS, 10 days turned in to office	3rd Offense- same as 1st, + 2 days ISS, 15 days turned in to office
Cheating/plagiarism	1st Offense- zero on assignment, probation from awards/honor society	2nd Offense- zero on assignment, removal from awards/honor society	3rd Offense- Zero on assignment, ineligible list for 1 month.
Class Disruption/General Misbehavior	1st Offense- parent contact/conference	2nd Offense- 1 day detention	3rd Offense- 2 days detention or 1 day ISS
Criminal Threat	Immediate OSS pending hearing and police report		
Cutting central/teacher detention	1st Offense- 1 day central det.	2nd Offense- 2 days detention	3rd Offense- 1day ISS
Class Cut	1st Offense- 1 day central detention	2nd Offense- 2 days central detention	3rd Offense- 3 days detention or ISS/community service
Cyber/social media offense	1st Offense- 1 day detention, turn in chromebook	2nd Offense- 2 days detention, turn in chromebook	3rd Offense- 1 day ISS, turn in chromebook
Disregard of School Rules	1st Offense- 1 day central detention	2nd Offense- 2 days central detention	3rd Offense- 3 days detention or ISS/community service
Defiance/Disrespect of Authority	1st Offense- Block of ISS and reflection or OSS	2nd Offense- 1 day ISS/OSS	3rd Offense- 2 days ISS/OSS
Drugs or Illegal Substances Under the influence/possession	1st Offense- Vaping/substance Educational Program/ Community service 10 hours, police notification	2nd Offense 1 day of ISS/OSS, police notification	3rd Offense 2 days ISS/OSS and mandatory parent meeting, police notification
Drugs or Illegal Substances (sale/distribution)	9 days OSS, SRPD, SAC referral, disciplinary hearing.		
Endangering the Safety of Others	1st Offense Block of ISS	2nd Offense 1 day ISS	3rd Offense 2 days ISS
Failure to Comply with Administration	1st Offense 1 day of ISS/OSS	2nd Offense 2 days of ISS/OSS	3rd Offense 3 days ISS/OSS and mandatory parent meeting
Fighting	1st Offense- 1 day OSS	2nd Offense- 2 days OSS	3rd Offense- 3 days OSS
Forgery of school materials	1st Offense- 1 day central detention	2nd Offense- 2 days central detention	3rd Offense- 3 days detention or ISS/community service
Gambling	1st Offense- Conference/parent contact	2nd Offense- 1 day detention	3rd Offense- 2 days detention
Gang related incidents	Immediate OSS pending hearing and police report		
Hate or Bias Crime	Immediate OSS pending hearing and police report		

Inappropriate language/actions at staff member	1st Offense 1 day of ISS/OSS	2nd Offense 2 days of ISS/OSS	3rd Offense 3 days ISS/OSS
Inappropriate language/actions	1st Offense 1 lunch det./ISS/OSS	1st Offense 2 lunch det./ISS/OSS	1st Offense 3 lunch det./ISS/OSS
Inciting a riot/food fight	Immediate OSS and discipline hearing		
Late to Class	1 to 3 teacher warning	4 to 5 teacher detention	6+ disciplinary referral
Late to School	at 5 tardies - notification to parents	at 10, 15, 20, detention	at 25 and above- detention, referral to I&RS
Leaving school/grounds without permission	1st Offense: Removal from early release and/or 5 days on ineligible list.	2nd Offense: Removal from early release and/or 10 days on ineligible list.	3rd Offense 1 day of ISS
Lockdown/Police Incident	1st Offense Block of ISS	2nd Offense 1-3 Blocks of ISS	3rd Offense 1 day of ISS
Physical contact	1st Offense- Block of ISS and reflection or OSS	2nd Offense- 2 blocks ISS or OSS	3rd Offense- 1 day ISS/OSS
Possession of firearm/weapon	Immediate OSS pending hearing and police report		
Smoking/Vaping/Possession of Tobacco Products	Vaping/substance Educational Program/ Restorative community service 5 hours 2nd 1 day ISS, 3rd 2 days ISS, subject to search by wandering.		
Threat to another student or school personnel	Suspension; Potential OSS; report to police		
Senior Privilege Violations	1st Offense 1 day central detention	2nd Offense Privilege revoked	
Theft	1st Offense 1 day of ISS/OSS, police report, restitution	2nd Offense 2 days of ISS/OSS, police report, restitution	3rd Offense 3 days ISS/OSS, police report, restitution
Truancy	1st Offense conference/parent call	2nd Offense 1 day lunch detention	3rd Offense 1 day detention
Unauthorized areas	1st Offense- 1 day central detention	2nd Offense- 2 days central detention	3rd Offense- 3 days detention or ISS/community service
Unauthorized recording of staff/students	1st Offense- 1 day ISS/ hold phone 5 days	2nd Offense- 2 days ISS/ hold phone 10 days/parent conference	Board Action
Vandalism	1st Offense 1 day detention and restitution	2nd Offense 1 day ISS and restitution	3rd Offense 2 days ISS and restitution
Intentional damage to school issued device	Restitution, device to remain at school		

CORE ETHICAL VALUES

The Core Ethical Values of the South River Public Schools are founded upon the cornerstones of respect, responsibility, kindness, service, and honesty. A **value** is a belief about what is good that transcends specific situations and that guides judgment and decision making. **Core ethical values** are at the heart of effective character education and they guide the process of creating a character education initiative to assist schools in making decisions about what happens in the classroom. Each of these values contributes to shaping school culture and environment in order for all members of the school community to develop a lifelong passion for learning and desire to strive to meet the highest of expectations in terms of personal, professional, and/or academic growth and achievement.

By embracing these values on a daily basis, all members of the school community and general community can be confident in themselves and feel secure in the learning environment.

“Strive for Five”

Respect

- Treat others as you would want to be treated and accept differences.
- Use appropriate language and manners.
- Honor the rights of others.
- Obey laws, school policies, rules, and authority.
- Cooperatively work with others to solve problems and maintain a positive attitude.

Responsibility

- Make informed and well thought out decisions by beginning with the end in mind and considering the consequences.
- Persevere and keep on trying when things become difficult by always doing your best.
- Be accountable for your actions.
- Serve as an active bystander by taking positive action against wrongdoing.
- Be punctual; arrive to school and class on time regularly.

Kindness

- Be compassionate, show you care, forgive others, and help those in need.
- Be patient.
- Be open-minded and listen to what others are trying to tell you.
- Deal peacefully with insults and disagreements; control your anger and frustrations by developing healthy coping strategies; use self-control and be self-disciplined.
- Consider others' feelings and communicate empathetically.

Service

- Volunteer and participate in the school and community.
- Take on positive leadership roles.
- Think win/win and constantly seek a mutual benefit in all human interactions.
- Be generous and give without expecting anything in return.
- Be dependable and reliable.

Honesty

- Be truthful at all times.
- When mistakes are made, admit them.
- Be proud of your own work.
- Model good citizenship.
- Use good judgment in difficult situations.

CONFERENCE DATES AND TIMES: Check the SRHS website for the most updated information.

COUNSELING: Our school counselors are available to assist students who have concerns regarding academic, personal, social, and emotional issues. Students are encouraged to make use of the counselor by arranging for an appointment through their teacher or the school secretary. As well, parents are encouraged to contact the counselor to discuss student concerns. A consent form must be signed by a parent/guardian to arrange for on-going counseling. (Ms. Lyons: A – F), (Ms. Santaniello: G – N), (Mrs. Montemurno: O – Z).

COVID-19: In our schools, we must recognize and prepare procedures and protocols to ensure the safety of our students, staff, and school community. Consequently, when pandemic related events occur that require action to be taken by the district and its schools, these are put into place in compliance with guidelines, protocols, regulations, and/or laws put forth by the State of New Jersey or its delegated authorities. These procedures and guidelines are also subject to change according to Federal/State mandates. South River Public Schools will continue to base its policies upon CDC, State, and County guidance. Please reference the Covid tab of the district website and Policy #3512 - Covid Considerations for further information.

CREDITS (BEYOND 40): Credits taken beyond the assigned 40 credits each year will appear on the transcript, but will not be calculated as part of the GPA / Rank.

DELIVERIES: Flowers, gifts, balloons, bears, commercial food, meals (frequent), etc. for students are not permitted. If delivery is attempted, it will be returned or stored in the Main Office until the conclusion of the school day. The District assumes no financial responsibility or obligation for these prohibited items. No commercial food may be delivered to the school without prior authorization unless previously approved by administration nor will that food be permitted to leave the Main or Attendance office area without authorization.

DETENTION (AFTER SCHOOL): Detention may be assigned by administration for failure to follow school rules and for misconduct; after school detentions are utilized as consequences for select infractions.

- Detention takes preference over other commitments such as working, participation in any extracurricular activities, etc.
- Students who wish to reschedule central detention must seek approval from the Assistant Principal.
- No food or drink may be taken to detention. Portable handheld electronic equipment and hats are not permitted in detention.
- It is the individual student's responsibility to remember the assigned detention.

DISMISSAL: Students are to leave the building in accordance with our bell schedule unless engaged in after-school activities. Parents/guardians picking up children prior to dismissal must sign the child out in the Attendance Office. All parents/guardians are responsible to provide or arrange for the supervision of their students after dismissal. Any special arrangements must be provided in writing to the building principal and such arrangements will be considered permanent for the school year. Parents/guardians may only alter the regular procedures for their children at dismissal upon providing ten days' written notice to the building principal. Parents/guardians are responsible for reviewing and complying with the school calendar, including days upon which the school will be closed or will be scheduled for early dismissal. Any adjustments to the school calendar will be announced via the building administration, eRam, and the District website.

DOGS/PETS: Dogs or pets are not permitted on school grounds without the explicit permission of the school principal.

DRESS CODE: The dress code applies during school hours, at school activities, on field trips, and all other occasions where the students represent South River High School. Students shall avoid extremes in appearance. Clothing that is inappropriate, unsafe, offensive to others, or which disrupts the educational process is not permitted. Students not conforming to the dress code may incur consequences. The following is not permitted on campus:

1. Strapless, backless, or see-through garments. Tops must fall reasonably close to the neckline and fall directly below the underarm to ensure the torso and undergarments are not exposed inappropriately; undergarments are required.
2. Headgear and/or hats should be left in the lockers until the end of the day (some examples are caps, bandannas, hairnets, do-rags, wave caps, headbands, picks or visors). "Hats" shall not include headwear of religious significance such as yarmulkes. Nothing shall be worn on the head unless it is the purpose of hair restraint. Bandanas, kerchiefs, scarves, hoods, and hats are never permitted. Additionally, no other items can be worn which cover the top of the head.
3. Shorts, skirts, and dresses must cover undergarments when sitting, standing, or bending. Recommended inseam is a minimum of three inches. At no time is skin to be seen between the bottom of the shirt/blouse/tops and the top of pants/shorts/ skirts.
4. Lycra and Spandex shorts may be worn if covered; they may not be worn as an outer garment. Dresses and skirts shall extend to at least the fingertips of the student when the arms are placed at the student's side.
5. Any clothing, makeup, hairstyle, or wig that attracts undue attention.
6. Clothing that portrays suggestive, derogatory, insulting pictures or writing that is in any way suggestive or can be construed to have a "double meaning" or symbolic meaning, is obscene or vulgar or carries a logo, words, picture of representation of alcohol or other illegal drugs.
7. Any footwear that is not appropriate or safe for normal activities. The following are not appropriate or safe: bedroom slippers, spiked heels, or barefeet. Sneakers are required for all Physical Education classes, unless they are replaced by footwear required for certain sporting events/activities. That determination will be made by the Physical Education teacher in charge of the activity.
8. Pants below the hips are not allowed. Sleepwear is not allowed.
9. No gloves may be worn in class or in the building.
10. Nonprescription sunglasses and/or tinted glasses except prescribed by the student's doctor.
11. Torn or dirty clothing.
12. The application of scented perfumes, lotions, sprays, etc. are not permitted on South River High School grounds, trips or activities, with the exception of locker rooms immediately prior to or following Physical Education class or other authorized activities. Due to health and safety concerns, the excessive application of these products is never permitted.

DRIVING ON SCHOOL GROUNDS: When driving on school grounds, students, parents, and visitors are expected to operate their vehicles appropriately and safely. Please exercise extreme caution when driving on our school grounds. Obey all traffic and speed signs.

EMERGENCY CLOSING OF SCHOOLS: If it is necessary to close school or have a delayed opening due to inclement weather or other emergency conditions, the information will be posted on the South River Public Schools District Website and an emergency notification will be delivered to phone numbers and emails on file via the Connect Ed emergency notification system beginning at 6:30 AM or as soon thereafter as is practical; refer to the bell schedule on the inside cover of this handbook for altered bell schedules. Students/parents/guardians are to access their email frequently and pay close attention to incoming phone calls during inclement weather in order to be advised as to whether school will be closed for the entire day, or in the case that school is in session, whether or not school will be dismissed early. It is imperative that contact information, telephone numbers, and email addresses be correct and current for utilization with South River School District's "ConnectEd" emergency notification program.

EMERGENCY DRILLS: Monthly drills are required and certain circumstances require legitimate lockdowns/evacuations of the high school. The safety of our staff and students is always our primary concern and if the building must be evacuated between periods, students are to remain silent and listen for further announcements from faculty and/or administration. Students evacuated during a class session are to remain with the teacher they have for that period's class. The evacuation site will not be announced until the actual evacuation begins. Students arriving late to school will be sent to a central location for "sign in" purposes. No students will be permitted to leave until all students are seated, supervised, and accounted for. Parents wishing to sign their children out will be directed to a central location where their child will be brought to them. The parent/guardian must be authorized to sign out the child as specified in the SRHS handbook and must have a picture ID. Students signed out must be signed out for the entire day and this day will be considered as an unexcused absence. The attendance and discipline practices followed by SRHS during the course of a normal school day are still in effect during the emergency situations unless otherwise determined by administration. Students may not leave the area for any reason, for any amount of time without administrative approval. Students who fail to return to school, unless signed out by an authorized parent/guardian, shall be in violation of this item. Use of cell phones/text messaging is prohibited during an emergency related event. There are red flashing lights at the building entrances that indicate a lockdown is in progress. No one will be allowed to enter or exit while the lights are flashing in accordance with required procedures.

EXTRACURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES: Students are encouraged to become actively involved in the school community by participating in extracurricular organizations; becoming involved will strengthen character as well as personal and social responsibility. In addition, these experiences will define students as well rounded individuals with enhanced chances for post secondary opportunities.

Adopt-a-Family Club	Art Club	American Sign Language
American Sign Language	Athletic Training Association	Automotive Club
Band	Bring Change 2 Mind	Business Honor Society
Board Games	Chess Club	Club Envirothon
College Club	Creative Writing	EARTH Club
Future Business Leaders of America	Future Healthcare Professionals Club	Interact Club
International Club	Jeopardy Club	Math/Science Honor Society
Multilingual Ambassador	Music Appreciation	National Honor Society
Pickleball/Table tennis	Robotics Club	Safety Ambassadors
School Spirit Club	Social Justice Club	Social Studies Honor Society
Stage Presence	Student Council	Unified Club
Weight Room	World Language Honor Society	

EXCLUSION LIST and OBLIGATIONS: Individuals who owe obligations to South River High School/South River Public School District are placed on this list which will permit those students to participate in the academic program but be excluded from extracurricular activities. Obligations include but are not limited to materials (books, uniforms, etc.), money, and required forms that have not been submitted. Once on this list, students are required to satisfy the obligation (payments cannot be made via a personal check; only cash or money order will be accepted) or to have the obligation excused and/or dismissed by administration. Students on this list will be notified, as will all advisors and coaches, and will be expected to 'self-monitor' their attendance/participation in those extra-curricular activities; students who participate while on this list are subject to disciplinary consequences.

If, in the opinion of the administration, any student's discipline, academic, or attendance record is of such a state that there is reason to believe that his/her conduct might be suspect in other situations or academic success is at stake, the administration has the right to prohibit a student's participation in school activities, including, but not limited to, pep rallies, spirit games, prom, assemblies and extracurricular activities. This includes students who are habitually late to school in comparison to the number of school days to that date. Students who have accrued the number of lates below by the date indicated or before will be placed on the ineligible list. Students can be removed from the list by being on time 10 consecutive school days in a row and then continuing to display acceptable on time arrival. Students who have accrued over 45 or placed on the list a second time will be permanently placed on the ineligible list, with only removal based on a meeting with the Principal under conditions set by them.

Number of lates	Date		Number of lates	Date		Number of lates	Date
5	Sept. 24, 2026		20	Dec. 9, 2026		35	Feb. 23, 2027
10	Oct. 16, 2026		25	Jan. 8, 2027		40	Mar. 16, 2027
15	Nov. 16, 2026		30	Feb. 1, 2027		45	Apr. 14, 2027

FIELD TRIPS: Student participation in extracurricular trips to be held during the course of the school day will be permitted if participation does not adversely affect him/her academically. Based upon the unique assembly of organizations at South River High School, various sets of participation criteria and permission slips will occur. However, the following basic guidelines will be addressed by all groups:

- Students must have a written permission slip from parent/guardian; this must be in the possession of the trip coordinator.
- Teacher concerns may result in a denial to participate if the student's absence will adversely affect his/her academic performance.
- Misbehavior on the part of the student or any action on the part of the student while on trip that brings discredit to the South River School District may be cause for disciplinary consequences and/or denial of trip participation for the remainder of the school year. That determination will be made by a school administrator.
- Students on the exclusion list are not permitted to go on extracurricular sponsored trip(s) outside of South River High School.
- Students who are found guilty of a drug or alcohol related incident or an incident involving a weapon are not permitted to go on extracurricular sponsored trip(s) outside of South River High School.
- If, in the opinion of the administration, any student's discipline, academic, or attendance record is of such a state that there is reason to believe that his/her conduct might be suspect in other situations or academic success is at stake, the administration has the right to prohibit a student's participation in trips.

FINAL EXAMS (EXCUSES): The school year is subject to being extended as a result of circumstances beyond the control of South River High School and/or South River School District. Travel and vacation plans which are disrupted due to these school year extensions will not be accepted as reasons/excuses for students to take make-up exams. Additionally, final examinations are not rescheduled to accommodate family travel plans which are constructed as a cost saving measure or in response to an unanticipated extension of the school year. When a final examination is missed due to an absence that is not deemed to be an excused absence, a grade of zero will be assigned for that examination. All requests for make-up examinations due to extenuating circumstances must be developed in writing and submitted to the Building Principal in advance.

FINAL EXAMS (EXEMPTIONS): Students with an assigned grade of "A" (with "A" being defined as an average numerical grade of 93 or better) for the four marking periods will be exempt from taking the final examination in the specific course wherein those grades were recorded. There are no examination exemptions for semester courses. To be exempt from a final exam, a student must be in attendance for at least 90% of the school days for that class.

Advanced Placement Examination Exemption:

A student in any Advanced Placement course may be exempted from taking the final exam, as long as the student has taken the Advanced Placement exam for that course and achieved a minimum overall average in the course of at least a "B-" at the time of the final exam.

FORGERY: Forged signatures of parents, legal guardians, school personnel, medical professionals and/or the alteration of a written document with the intent to deceive by a student is an offense that will result in disciplinary action(s) at the discretion of the administrator.

GRADING PROCEDURES (Full Year)

A+ 97-100	B+ 87-89	C+ 77-79	D 60-69
A 93-96	B 83-86	C 73-76	F 0-59
A- 90-92	B- 80-82	C- 70-72	

- The grades for each marking period shall be based upon a combined average of major assessments, minor assessments, participation and other measures of student progress. The weighting of a students' grade is established departmentally and is shared by the child's teacher.
- For the first and second marking periods only, a minimum failing grade shall be calculated as 45.
- A students' final grade will be calculated using the following formula:
 - o Marking Period 1 = 22.5%
 - o Marking Period 2 = 22.5%
 - o Marking Period 3 = 22.5%
 - o Marking Period 4 = 22.5%
 - o Final Exam = 10%
 - o Students' Grade = 100%
- Final grades for those students enrolled in semester classes will be calculated similarly.
- Both the marking period grades and final averages will be reported as letters.

Additionally, in order to pass for the year, the student **must** pass a minimum of two marking periods. Each student is required to take a minimum of 40 credits per year. A student may not drop a course if it reduces the number of credits to less than 40; this excludes the early release option for students entering their last year.

Grading Procedures (One Semester Courses)

- For the first marking period, a minimum failing grade shall be calculated as a 45.
- Final average will be calculated by averaging the two marking period grades and the final exam for the course.
- A students' final grade will be calculated using the following formula:
 - o Marking Period 1 = 45%
 - o Marking Period 2 = 45%
 - o Final Exam = 10%
 - o Students' Grade = 100%
- Both the marking period grades and final averages will be reported as letters.

GRADUATION CEREMONY (PARTICIPATION): South River High School students on track to graduate must comply with the following in order to be eligible for participation in the graduation ceremony:

- Successfully complete all academic graduation requirements (attendance, state testing, credits, courses) for graduation prior to the first day of graduation practice
- Satisfy all financial obligations to South River High School
- Attend all graduation practices and remain for the entire duration of the practice - attendance will be taken
- Maintain a satisfactory disciplinary record

Please also note the following:

- Only those students who have met all requirements to participate in the ceremony will be allowed to do so. The practice of issuing "Blank Diplomas" for students in doubt or who will be completing graduation requirements via summer school or some other remedial programs is not followed at South River High School.
- If, due to inclement weather or other unexpected circumstances, the ceremony is held within the confines of a structure of the South River School District, students will be limited to a small number of guests based on capacity of the space. These guests will only be allowed entrance when they are in possession of a valid ticket. There will be no replacement tickets in the event the tickets are lost by their students or families. Baby carriages, strollers, etc. may not be permitted in the building where the ceremony is being conducted. Balloon assortments, which impact fire codes and preclude adequate viewing for those individuals and/or families who sit behind the individuals with the balloons, are not permitted inside before or during the ceremony.
- Gowns and caps will not be issued to those students who are not participating in the graduation ceremony.
- Tassels and diplomas will be issued to those students who have met graduation requirements but are not participating in the graduation ceremony on the first regularly scheduled work day following the graduation ceremony.
- The graduation ceremony is recorded; while the ceremony is a time of high emotions and excitement, those are never acceptable reasons for inappropriate conduct during what many participants and fellow classmates and their families hope will be a formal occasion.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS (COURSEWORK): The itemized table below reflects NJ state minimum graduation requirements by content area and credit requirements in order to graduate from South River High School and receive a Board of Education diploma:

NJ High School Graduation Requirements	
NJ Department of Education Required Assessments	See the following page for further information.
English/Language Arts Literacy	4 years/20 credits

Health & Physical Education	5 credits per year in physical education, health & safety during each year of enrollment, distributed as 150 minutes per week.
Mathematics	15 credits including: Algebra I or the content equivalent; Geometry or the content equivalent; and a third year of math that builds on the concepts and skills of algebra and/or geometry and prepares students for college and 21st century careers
Science	15 credits with at least 5 credits in each: Laboratory biology/life science or the content equivalent Laboratory/inquiry-based science course (i.e., chemistry, environmental science, or physics) Laboratory/inquiry-based science course
Social Studies	15 credits including: 5 credits in world history Integration of civics, economics, geography and global content in all course offerings N.J.S.A. 18A:35-1 and 18A:35-2
World Languages	5 credits
21st Century & Careers	5 credits
Financial, Economic, and Entrepreneurial Literacy	2.5 credits
Technology	Integrated throughout all courses
Visual and Performing Arts	5 credits
Total Credits Needed	120 Credits
Credit Requirements	
Placement in....	Credits Required...
Grade 10	30
Grade 11	60
Grade 12	90

It is recommended that students participate in coursework that goes well above and beyond the minimum requirements noted above. Some colleges have unique requirements, and it is strongly recommended that each college/university's website/online admissions page is reviewed carefully.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS (TESTING):

ELA and Mathematics Assessment Graduation Requirements for the Classes of 2021, 2022, and 2023

The following chart reflects the high school graduation assessment requirements for the Classes of 2021 and 2022, pursuant to an amended Consent Order received by the NJDOE from the Appellate Division of the Superior Court of New Jersey on June 5, 2019. The course and credit requirements noted below represent the minimum graduation requirements from South River High School. It does not address the successful student's academic portfolio and planning in terms of college application and acceptance. For information in that aspect of the student's academic career, the students and parents/guardians are advised to speak with the student's guidance counselor prior to making any course selection decisions.

Pathways Available	English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA)	Mathematics
First Pathway: <i>Demonstrate proficiency in the high school end-of-course NJSLA/PARCC assessments in ELA-10 and/or Algebra I</i>	NJSLA/PARCC ELA Grade 10 $\geq$ 750 (Level 4)	NJSLA/PARCC Algebra I $\geq$ 750 (Level 4)
Second Pathway: <i>Demonstrate proficiency in English language arts and/or mathematics by meeting the designated cut score on one of the alternative assessments</i>	NJSLA/PARCC ELA Grade 9 $\geq$ 750 (Level 4), <i>or</i> NJSLA/PARCC ELA Grade 11 $\geq$ 725 (Level 3) <i>or</i> SAT Critical Reading (taken before 3/1/16) $\geq$ 400, <i>or</i> SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Section (taken 3/1/16 or later) $\geq$ 450, <i>or</i> SAT Reading Test (taken 3/1/16 or later) $\geq$ 22, <i>or</i> ACT Reading or ACT PLAN Reading ¹ $\geq$ 16, <i>or</i> ACCUPLACER WritePlacer $\geq$ 6, <i>or</i> ACCUPLACER WritePlacer ESL $\geq$ 4, <i>or</i> PSAT10 Reading or PSAT/NMSQT Reading (taken before 10/1/15) $\geq$ 40, <i>or</i> PSAT10 Reading or PSAT/NMSQT Reading (taken 10/1/15 or later) $\geq$ 22, <i>or</i> ACT Aspire Reading ¹ $\geq$ 422, <i>or</i> ASVAB-AFQT Composite $\geq$ 31	NJSLA/PARCC Geometry $\geq$ 725 (Level 3), <i>or</i> NJSLA/PARCC Algebra II $\geq$ 725 (Level 3) <i>or</i> SAT Math (taken before 3/1/16) $\geq$ 400, <i>or</i> SAT Math Section (taken 3/1/16 or later) $\geq$ 440, <i>or</i> SAT Math Test (taken 3/1/16 or later) $\geq$ 22, <i>or</i> ACT or ACT PLAN Math ¹ $\geq$ 16, <i>or</i> ACCUPLACER Elementary Algebra $\geq$ 76, <i>or</i> Next-Generation ACCUPLACER Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra, and Statistics (QAS) (beginning January 2019) ² $\geq$ 255, <i>or</i> PSAT10 Math or PSAT/NMSQT Math (taken before 10/1/15) $\geq$ 40, <i>or</i> PSAT10 Math or PSAT/NMSQT Math (taken 10/1/15 or later) $\geq$ 22, <i>or</i> ACT Aspire Math ¹ $\geq$ 422, <i>or</i> ASVAB-AFQT Composite $\geq$ 31
Third Pathway: <i>Demonstrate proficiency in English language arts and/or mathematics through Portfolio Appeals</i>	Meet the criteria of the NJDOE Portfolio Appeal for ELA	Meet the criteria of the NJDOE Portfolio Appeal for Math

GUIDANCE OFFICE SERVICES AND PROCEDURES: The school counseling department assists students in preparing for college and career readiness by addressing academic, personal/social/emotional, and post secondary planning needs. Counselors may meet with students individually or work in small groups to disseminate information or to facilitate developmental programs. Counselors will also send passes periodically to see students or students may request a pass whenever they need to see a counselor. Students are asked to make an appointment with the Guidance Secretary before school, after school, or during their lunch period. Every attempt will be made to see the student the day following a “request for a counseling appointment,” or if an emergency exists, clarify that information with the secretary, and an appointment will be attempted promptly. Parents/guardians may arrange a meeting by calling the office at 732-613-4014 ext. 6229. Please visit the student services portion of the South River High School website for scholarship information and updates.

HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION, AND BULLYING: The South River Board of Education believes that a safe and civil environment in school is necessary for students to learn and achieve high academic standards. Board of Education Policies are available online. Please visit that site (www.srivernj.org) to review the contents of this requirement. (Board of Education Policy # 5131.8). Contact information for these individuals is noted below:

District Anti-Bullying Coordinator (ABC)

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South River, NJ 08882
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Amanda Montemurno
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HEALTH SERVICES: We are dedicated to helping each student achieve optimal development mentally, physically, socially and emotionally. The South River Board of Education recognizes its role to help parents recognize and carry out their basic responsibility for the health of their children. To put this philosophy into practice, the following health procedures are practiced:

1. New Jersey State Law requires that all students attending school present proof of immunization for the following diseases: three (3) Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus (DPT) and a booster, two (2) Polio and one (1) booster, one (1) Rubella, one (1) Mumps, two

- (2) Measles, one (1) Varivax, three (3) Hepatitis B and (1) Meningococcal (entering 6th grade) immunization. All students are required to receive such booster shots for the above diseases as required by State regulations.
2. All new students entering South River Public Schools are required to have documentation of a physical examination within the past 365 days. In addition, it is recommended that students in grades 5 and 10 receive a physical exam through their own doctor. Each student participating in the athletic program is required to have a physical examination within the 365 days of the start of sports tryouts. A health history update of medical problems experienced since the last medical examination shall be completed by the parent/guardian for each subsequent sport the student participates in.
 3. All students entering the district from certain countries are required to have the Tuberculin Mantoux Test or documentation of such within 6 months of admission.
 4. Visual screening is done annually on all students in grades preschool through 9 and 11.
 5. Hearing tests are done on all students in grades preschool to 6, 8, 10 and 12.
 6. Scoliosis screening is done biannually on all students ages 10-18 years.
 7. Heights, weights and blood pressure checks are done annually on all students.

Students who attend South River Public School are considered to be in good health and able to withstand the academics and physical rigors of a typical school day. There is a small group of students who have medical conditions that may require a medical emergency plan developed with the student and his/her parents/guardians. It is reviewed annually and distributed to the student's teacher(s) on a need to know basis. The school nurse will review these emergency plans with each student's teachers and leave a copy with the teacher. In addition, the School Nurse performs height, weight, blood pressure, vision, hearing, and scoliosis screenings on students utilizing the schedule noted above. Children who fail screenings are referred to the appropriate specialist via written referrals sent home to parents/guardians. Health information cards are also sent home with each student at the beginning of the school year; they are to be returned to the school within the first five days of school. They are filed in the Health Office for use by the School Nurse and staff for parent/guardian contact. The Health Office is open to students throughout the day and all medication for students are kept in the office. No medications are given out without a doctor's order and parental consent. The School Nurse is the only individual allowed to administer medication. The Health Office must be contacted if a child has any unusual health problems or is absent from school due to a communicable disease or other serious illness. All medications, whether prescribed or over the counter, must come with a doctor's written order and parental/guardian permission; these forms can be obtained in the School Nurse's Office. If your child has a communicable disease and you have a question about exclusion, please contact your School Nurse. Where indicated, a doctor's certificate **must** be presented to the School Nurse prior to student's readmittance.

Advisory - Medical Insurance Coverage: At times, students sustain injuries during the school day or while participating in district sanctioned after school activities. Occasionally, medical emergencies warrant transporting students to the hospital via the local rescue squad, thus, resulting in the costs associated with the transport and/or hospital visit. Please be advised that parents/guardians are responsible for their children's health care, including emergency costs. When a crisis situation necessitates the use of emergency medical services, the resulting costs must be borne by the parents/guardians.

MEDICATION: The administration of prescribed medication to a student during school hours will be permitted only when failure to take such medicine would jeopardize the health of the student or the student would not be able to attend school if the medicine were not made available to him/her during school hours. Medication shall include all medicines prescribed by a physician for the particular student including emergency medication in the event of bee stings, etc. Before any medication may be administered to or by any student during school hours, a written request must be provided from the parent/guardian that shall give permission for such administration. In addition, the written order of the prescribing physician must be provided and shall include the items noted below:

- Purpose of the medication, the dosage
- Time at which or the special circumstances under which medication shall be administered
- Length of time for which the medication is prescribed
- Possible side effects of the medication

All medications, whether prescribed or over the counter, shall be administered by the school nurse or the parent/guardian. Medications shall be securely stored and kept in the original labeled container. The school nurse shall maintain a record of the name of the student to whom the medication may be administered, the prescribing physician, the dosage and timing of medication and a notation of each instance of administration. All medications shall be brought to school by the parent/guardian or adult student and shall be picked up at the end of the school year or the end of the period of medication, whichever is earlier. The one exception for administration of medications is the "Self-administration of Medication in Potentially Life-threatening Situations (i.e. asthma inhalers, insect sting kits)". A form is required by Board policy to be completed by the student's physician and signed by the parent. This is to be returned to the nurse and kept on file in the nurse's office.

In the event of illness or injury in school, the nurse will make every effort to ensure immediate care and comfort of the child in question. The school nurse will render first aid care only and parent/guardians will be notified if it is necessary for the child to go home. The child must be signed out by the parent/guardian; parents or individuals assigned by the parent are responsible for transporting ill children home to a physician or medical facility. If emergency medical treatment is necessary, the parent/guardians will be contacted. If these individuals are not available, 911 will be called. Sports medical forms can be obtained from the School Nurse's Office; these must be fully completed and submitted to the School Nurse. Physicals are not performed by the School Physician.

HOMELESS STUDENTS: The District's Homeless Coordinator is Ms. Kamila Miazio who may be reached at 732-613-4073 x7206 for assistance in acquiring services that are available to homeless students.

HONOR ROLL: Those students who earn (A) in at least three subjects and nothing less than a (B+, B) in other subjects are eligible for honor roll status. Students who have received a "WP" or "WF" on their report card are not eligible for this acknowledgement. Those students who earn an A in all of their classes will be named to the High Honor Roll for that marking period. Principal's Honor Roll is achieved by students who have earned High Honor Roll and have been present in school 95% of the school days to date for that marking period in both A and B days.

IDs: To help identify and provide access to enrolled students, IDs will be required to be worn throughout the school day. Student IDs will include the student's name, grade, picture, and ID number. If students lose their ID, they should notify the main office immediately. There will be a cost associated with the replacement of any student ID card.

INCOMPLETE GRADES: If approved by the school principal, students will be given ten school days from the end of the first, second, or third marking period of the receipt of an incomplete grade to rectify the situation. If the incomplete work is not handed in, the grade for the incomplete test or assignment will become an F on the eleventh day (barring medical excuses) and that F would be averaged into the final grade for the marking period. One week prior to the end of the fourth marking period, students will be informed of incomplete/outstanding assignments. During that final week, students will be afforded the opportunity to complete the work. If the work is not done, a zero will be averaged in for all incomplete assignments.

INTERVENTION AND REFERRAL SERVICES: Intervention and Referral Services (I&RS) Teams are available to provide interventions and program modification assistance to students experiencing difficulty in their classes. Chaired by a building administrator, any staff member may refer a student to the I&RS Team. Parent involvement is encouraged and supported. Parents wishing to seek this assistance may discuss their concerns directly with the child's teacher or the building principal. Through the I&RS Team, students experiencing difficulty are discussed and strategies for maximizing student success are developed.

LOCKER SECURITY/THEFTS: Students must exercise great care to see that all lockers are properly secured to protect public and personal property from theft; never leave belongings unprotected. It is the responsibility of the student to place a lock on his/her assigned locker. In addition, sharing of lockers is prohibited. Students and parents/guardians are advised that all student lockers must be emptied with locks removed by the last day of final examinations. It is strongly recommended that backpacks and large tote bags be placed in lockers at the beginning of the school day. Students must exercise great care to see that all lockers are properly secured to protect public and personal property from theft. Keep your locker locked at all times. Keep your belongings in your locker and do not give your combination to other students. Lockers are the possession of the Board of Education and at the discretion of the administration, a search of locker contents can be undertaken. The school accepts no responsibility for lost or stolen articles. Anything found in lockers after the end of the school year will be considered abandoned and will be disposed of.

LOST AND FOUND: Lost and found is located in the Main Office and is managed by the Main Office Secretary. To avoid accumulation of unclaimed items, the lost and found is periodically emptied. Textbooks and class related materials will be returned to the subject area teachers and all other materials shall be disposed of or donated to local charities and organizations.

MARKING PERIOD DATES / TIMELINES: SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO SCHOOL CLOSURES.

	<u>DATES</u>	<u>PROGRESS REPORT NOTICES</u>	<u>REPORT CARDS ISSUED</u>
1 ST MARKING PERIOD	SEPTEMBER 3, 2026 TO NOVEMBER 16, 2026	OCTOBER 6, 2026	NOVEMBER 24, 2026
2 ND MARKING PERIOD	NOVEMBER 17, 2026 TO FEBRUARY 3, 2027	DECEMBER 22, 2026	FEBRUARY 9, 2027

3RD MARKING PERIOD	FEBRUARY 4, 2027 TO APRIL 20, 2027	MARCH 5, 2027	APRIL 22, 2027
4TH MARKING PERIOD	APRIL 21, 2027 TO JUNE 23, 2027	MAY 18, 2027	JUNE 24, 2027

MILITARY RECRUITMENT: Periodically, branches of the armed forces ask for names and addresses of our students for recruiting purposes. Under the policy allowing access to student recruiting information from the General Education Provisions Act (Sections 444(a)(5)(B)), each school district receiving this request must comply with the student lists. However, a secondary school student or parent/guardian of the student may request that the student's name, address, and telephone number not be released to the recruiter without prior written consent. Please return the military exclusion form (sent home over the summer) to the Guidance Office if you wish to have your child's information withheld from recruiters. Upon receipt of this form, your child's name will be removed from the lists. Please respond by September 30th; no response will be an indicator of participation in the military recruitment program.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY: Available to students in eleventh and twelfth grades with a minimum grade point average of 4.0; students who meet this basic criterion are invited to apply. Selection is based upon equally weighted criteria in four areas of the student's life; character, leadership, scholarship, and service:

Character:

- Consistently exemplifies desirable qualities of behavior.
- Upholds principles of responsibility, ethics, honesty, and reliability.
- Observes instructions and rules, punctuality, and faithfulness both inside and outside of the classroom.

Leadership:

- Demonstrate initiative in promoting school activities:
- Hold 1 position of responsibility, conducting business efficiently and effectively
- Lead by example, create and encourage leadership throughout your life.

Scholarship:

- Uphold high standards of academic excellence
- Demonstrate academic initiative by taking rigorous courses
- Manifests truthfulness in acknowledging obedience to rules, avoiding cheating, and showing an unwillingness to profit by the mistakes of others.

Service:

- Volunteers dependable and well-organized assistance to out-side nonprofit organizations.
- Represents the school cheerfully and enthusiastically
- Shows courtesy while assisting others

Each year, a faculty council reviews all of the information provided by each candidate as well as recommendation letters. Additionally, an individual interview is scheduled for each candidate. Students accepted into the National Honor Society (NHS) are expected to complete at least twenty hours of documented community service their first year and at least thirty hours each year afterwards. In addition, NHS members must maintain a GPA of 4.0 or higher, attend all meetings, and perform voluntary services for the school. Once selected, members have a responsibility to continue to demonstrate the four pillars. Members who resign or are dismissed relinquish eligibility for membership or its benefits and may not reapply for membership. The following is to be included in the application:

1. Student resume listing and briefly describing accomplishments, awards, and membership in school as well as external organizational evidence
2. Transcript
3. A leader organizes and motivates others to achieve a common goal; demonstrates initiative in promoting school activities; holds at least 1 position of responsibility, conducting business efficiently and effectively; leads by example, creates and encourages leadership throughout their life. Student leaders are those who are resourceful, good problem solvers, and idea contributors. Leadership experiences can be drawn from school or community activities while working with or for others. Designation as a team captain cannot be used to fulfill this pillar unless the coach specifically describes the leadership activities performed by the student - a title alone does not make you a leader. Please note that the same organizations cannot be used for both Service and Leadership.
4. Service log with a description of the activity, proper signatures, and reference numbers; students are required to serve a minimum of 50 service hours; 30 of the 50 hours are to be with one service organization, and these hours must have been

served over the course of a minimum of 4 months. Hours of service will demonstrate a long term commitment to an activity or interest. Ideally, a student should be able to show a commitment to some form of community service during the entirety of their high school experience.

5. One (1) teacher/staff member and one (1) community member letter of recommendation describing character of the student; please note that additional faculty feedback will be utilized to assist in the determination of membership eligibility. All application materials must be typed (except for signatures) and presented in a professional and neat manner as grammar, spelling, sentence structure, and syntax will all be evaluated.

NEW JERSEY'S YOUTH HELPLINE, 2NDFLOOR

The New Jersey Youth Helpline, 2NDFLOOR, is a toll-free, anonymous and confidential helpline available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year to all New Jersey young people, ages 10 to 24. Youth can call 2NDFLOOR at 1-888-222-2228 to speak with professionals and trained volunteers who listen attentively, non-judgmentally and compassionately to issues and problems they are facing. Visit <https://www.2ndfloor.org/> for more information.

NO SMOKING: Smoking by students is strictly prohibited at all school-sponsored events, including but not limited to field trips, prom and graduation events, and other district functions. Any violation of this prohibition, whether a first offense or subsequent offense, will subject the student to discipline consistent with the Code of Discipline, Student Handbooks, and the legal authority of the Administration and Board. "Smoking" means the burning of, inhaling, exhaling the smoke from, or the possession of a lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe, or any other matter or substance which contains tobacco or any other matter that can be smoked, including the use of smokeless tobacco and snuff, or inhaling or exhaling of smoke or vapor from an electronic smoking device (i.e. vaping, Juules). "Electronic smoking device" means an electronic device that can be used to deliver nicotine or other substances to the person inhaling from the device, including, but not limited to, an electronic cigarette, cigar, cigarillo, or pipe. "School buildings" and "school grounds" means and includes land, portions of land, structures, buildings, and vehicles, owned, operated, or used for the provision of academic or extracurricular programs sponsored by the district or community provider and structures that support these buildings, such as school wastewater treatment facilities, generating facilities, and other central facilities including, but not limited to, kitchens and maintenance shops. "School buildings" and "school grounds" also includes athletic stadiums; any associated structures or related equipment tied to such facilities including, but not limited to, grandstands; greenhouses; garages; facilities used for non-instructional or non-educational purposes; and any structure, building, or facility used solely for school administration. "School buildings" and "school grounds" also includes other facilities as playgrounds; and other recreational places owned by local municipalities, private entities, or other individuals during those times when the school district has exclusive use of a portion of such land. "School functions" means all events operated in full or in part by the South River Public School District, including but not limited to field trips, student proms and dances, and graduation events. The Superintendent, Principal or designee may order the departure and removal of any person who continues to smoke in violation of this Policy and the law after being ordered to stop smoking in school buildings or on school grounds. The Superintendent, Principal or designee may request the assistance of law enforcement to accomplish this departure and removal. In the event a person is found to have violated this school policy and the law, the Superintendent, Principal or designee may file a complaint with the appropriate Municipal Court or other agency with jurisdiction.

PARKING: Students may not park in staff or visitor parking during school hours. Violators may be towed at their own expense and/or ticketed. In addition, students, parents/guardians, and guests are advised that parking on private properties such as, but not limited to parking lots, is prohibited without special permission. Students are not to return to their cars during the school day without permission.

PAYMENTS: Payment by check is authorized however some clubs, activities, etc. may not be able to take payment in any form but cash or money orders. That is because the High School Administration does not function as a collection agency and some organizations may not be able to absorb the cost of a bounced or bad check. Please check with the organization you are interacting with as to what forms of payment are acceptable.

PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOTAPING OF STUDENTS: Taking pictures/videotaping of District staff as well as students and buildings for commercial purposes is prohibited without written approval of the Superintendent of Schools. "Commercial purposes" in this context is defined to mean for sale or for use in connection with the advertisement or promotion of goods or services. Photographs/videotaping for such purposes as newspaper coverage of school activities must be authorized in advance by the Superintendent of Schools. Parents/guardians may request that their child/children not be included in any photographs/videotaping taken for publication; unless requested to do so in writing by parents and/or guardians of the student, that permission will remain in effect until the student graduates. School personnel may take photographs/videotape students for instructional purposes and/or documentation of school events with approval of the building principal or his/her designee, and/or the Superintendent of Schools.

Notice: All Public Areas of South River High School Are Subject to Video Surveillance.

PRIMARY/ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL GROUNDS: High school students waiting for siblings at the Primary, Elementary and/or Middle Schools are expected to maintain appropriate decorum and are subject to school consequences if violations occur.

PROM: Any South River High School student wishing to attend the prom must comply with the following requirements:

- All students attending the prom must travel to and from the prom location on buses provided by South River School District; students arriving at the prom location via any other conveyance will be denied entry
- Students leaving early will be subject to disciplinary repercussions
- Students with outstanding obligations or on the ineligible list will not be allowed to attend
- Once at the prom location, students are required to stay within the confines of the prom location
- No visitors are permitted at the prom location
- Students attending the prom are subject to having bags and purses checked before boarding the buses; alcohol, tobacco, vaping, drugs, and weapons are strictly forbidden
- If a student appears to be or is under the influence of drugs or alcohol while attending the prom, a parent/guardian/emergency contact will be contacted to pick up the student from the event; disciplinary action will be taken
- A student's disciplinary record for the school year will be reviewed and considered when granting or denying permission to attend the prom
- Students on the exclusion list are prohibited from attending the prom
- Tickets purchased for the prom are not subject to refund regardless of the reason the purchaser or their guest was unable to attend
- Students attending the prom must be grade 11 or 12 SRHS students or be the invited guest of a SRHS grade 11 or 12 student
- Students attending the prom may be excused after 11:00 am on the day of the event

RECORDS:

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students over 18 years of age ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records. These rights are:

1. The right to inspect and review the student's educational records within 45 days of the day South River School District receives a request for access. Parents or eligible students should submit to Ms. Miazio, the Director of Planning/Research, Evaluation a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The South River School District official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.
2. The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes is inaccurate. Parents or eligible students may ask South River School District to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate. They should write the Director of Student Services, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate. If the South River School District decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the South River School District will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.
3. The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the South River School District as an administrator, supervisor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the South River Board of Education; a person or company with whom the South River School District has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); A parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee; or a parent or student assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.
4. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the South River School District to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the office that administers FERPA are:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20202-4650

SCHEDULE CHANGES: The changing of schedules will be determined by building administration and school counselors. If permitted, a counselor will help a student change classes if placed at the wrong ability level, if a class is passed, if there is an error in a schedule, or if an addition is necessary. A counselor will NOT help switch from one teacher to another for the same course. A WP (withdrawn passing) or WF (withdrawn failing) will be posted to the permanent record if approval is granted to withdraw at a later date.

SCHOOL PROPERTY: Students are issued textbooks and other school materials to use in the educational program. Students are responsible for returning texts, instruments, library books, and/or school materials in satisfactory condition. If materials are damaged, you and your child are responsible for the cost of repair or replacement. Students who do not return school property will be responsible for replacement costs. If items are found at a later date, the money will be returned. Students using school instruments or renting them through the school vendor are financially responsible for their return in satisfactory condition. Report cards and schedules may be withheld from students who do not fulfill their financial obligations by the end of the school year.

SEARCH AND SEIZURE: A student and his/her possessions may also be searched by a school official if reasonable suspicion exists that there is evidence of a school rule or law violation. The extent or scope of the search shall be reasonably related to the objectives of the search and not excessively intrusive in light of the age and sex of the student and the nature of the infraction. Searches for controlled dangerous substances/tobacco/drug paraphernalia/alcohol/firearms/other deadly weapons will be conducted as needed. When law enforcement officials conduct the search, the more stringent restrictions required by law must be applied. Random locker searches may be conducted during the school year. When circumstances indicate that there may be a violation of the smoking/tobacco possession policy, a search may be conducted to determine whether that policy has been violated. All students and parents/guardians are cautioned that, while searches are conducted based upon specific reasons, all illegal items/materials discovered during the course of the search are subject to action/repercussions in accordance with the South River High School and/or South River Board of Education, and/or the laws of the State of New Jersey. In addition, school lockers remain the property of the District even when used by students; lockers are subject to administrative search in the interests of school safety, sanitation, discipline, enforcement of school regulations, and search by law enforcement officials.

Handheld Metal Detectors

The safety of our students and staff remains a top priority. South River High School is equipped with handheld metal detectors as part of our ongoing commitment to maintaining a safe and secure learning environment. School administrators and/or authorized staff may use handheld metal detectors from time to time when a safety concern or specific situation arises. These procedures will be conducted respectfully, appropriately, and in accordance with district policies and applicable laws.

SENIOR CLASS TRIP (PARTICIPATION): In order for students to participate in the senior trip, they must meet the following criteria:

1. Maintain a satisfactory disciplinary record
2. Successfully work towards graduation requirements and be on the path to graduate at the end of the current school year; students in danger of failing a course(s) for the fourth marking period and/or final grade that is required for graduation will be deemed ineligible to participate.
3. Maintain a satisfactory attendance record; students who have lost credit are ineligible to participate.
4. Satisfy all financial obligations prior to the last payment.
5. Pose no safety concerns to self and/or others. If, in the opinion of the administration, any student's discipline, academic, or attendance record and/or word/deed is of such a state that there is reason to believe that his/her conduct might be suspect in other situations or academic success is at stake, the administration has the right to prohibit a student's participation in trips.

If a student is excluded from the trip due to failure in meeting the criteria outlined above and they have passed the date for refunds for any deposit they have provided, the High School will not be held responsible for that loss. Students are encouraged to be both proactive and positive in their approach and expectations from these events so that they do not suffer financial loss. Students and parents/guardians are advised that circumstances may arise that preclude the South River Public School District from allowing the trip to take place. When and if this situation arises, all efforts will be made to publicize that decision as soon as possible. If, in the opinion of the administrator on the trip, the behavior of an individual student warrants it, the student may be sent home immediately. The cost of that trip will be the responsibility of the parent/guardian of that student.

SKATEBOARDS: Students may not use skateboards in school. If in use, skateboards will be confiscated and held until the last day of school or until a parent/guardian reports to school to retrieve the item. (This also includes sneakers with wheels.)

SPECIAL EDUCATION: A full continuum of special education programs are provided by South River Public Schools to meet the needs of students that are classified as eligible for special education and related services. We are committed to ensuring that programming decisions are informed by data. Additionally, understanding the research related to placing students in more restrictive programs, we ensure that all students are placed in the least restrictive environment.

STUDENT SURVEYS/RESEARCH: The South River Board of Education recognizes that educational research can be a valuable tool in identifying and applying strategies to enhance student achievement and in identifying factors that could prevent students from becoming contributing members of society. Surveys among student populations can be an important part of this research. Students

and parents/guardians retain certain rights in the administration of student surveys. The Board shall ensure that prior written consent is obtained from parents/guardians or emancipated students before any survey is administered. Parents/guardians shall be given the opportunity to inspect any survey, analysis or evaluation that solicits information in any of the above areas. If parents/guardians object to their child(ren)'s participation in the survey, the child(ren) shall be allowed to opt out. Anyone seeking approval of a proposed survey must provide the superintendent with details of the survey methodology, its specific educational purpose and a description of how results will be disseminated and applied. Reasonable timelines shall be provided by those conducting the survey for parents/guardians to access and review surveys of this nature. Student privacy shall be protected in the administration of a survey. The Board may conduct surveys that are in the best interest of the District; for all surveys, the identity of the respondent shall remain confidential.

SUMMER SCHOOL: Students are eligible to take a course if they failed it during the school year and remained in the course for the full year. Students who drop a course or are withdrawn from a course may not take it during the summer session. Students may take a course for grade improvement; however, the grades will be averaged for a single grade. Summer school will only provide credit for courses taken in the school year immediately preceding the summer school session.

Credit Recovery - South River High School offers a "credit completion for failure/makeup" program during the summer. Families wishing to take advantage of this opportunity need to complete the Educere summer contract and the Educere Permission Form prior to registering for a course. The courses are completely online with assignments and assessments given at varied points during the class. In order to be eligible for an abbreviated Educere course, the student must have a final grade between 50% and 59% in the course for which they are seeking credit completion. The cost for this course is due at the time of registration. Students seeking credit in a course where the final grade was below 50% will need to complete the full course and not the abbreviated course. The cost for this course is substantially higher and payment is due at the time of registration. There are no exceptions. *Enrollment in such programs is at the expense of the student/parent.*

TESTING (NJSLA): Students are required to complete the New Jersey Student Learning Assessments for ELA, math and science (NJSLA-ELA/M and NJSLA-S) exams which are administered for students enrolled in Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, and English I. There is no opt out option. The NJSLA-S (science) is administered to students enrolled in the 11th grade. This assessment must be taken with the utmost attention and seriousness as results are used to gauge student strengths and areas for growth, guide instruction, and provide valuable practice and exposure for other standardized and college placement exams.

VAPING: As per Policy 5131.6: According to the Center on Addiction, "vaping is the act of inhaling and exhaling an aerosol, often referred to as vapor, which is produced by an e-cigarette or similar device. The term is used because e-cigarettes do not produce tobacco smoke but rather an aerosol often mistaken for water vapor that actually consists of fine particles. Many of these particles contain varying amounts of toxic chemicals which have been linked to cancer as well as respiratory and heart disease. A vaping device consists of a mouthpiece, a battery, a cartridge for containing the e-liquid or e-juice and a heating component for the device that is powered by a battery. When the device is used, the battery heats up the heating component which turns the contents of the e-liquid into an aerosol that is inhaled into the lungs and then exhaled."

To promote the health and safety of all students and staff, the board prohibits vaping in all school facilities, all school grounds, and at all school sponsored activities at all times. Definitions of "school facilities" and "school grounds" shall be in accord with definitions in the administrative code.

Students violating this policy shall be subjected to all guidelines for the prevention and intervention of students using tobacco including resources and materials on the dangers of vaping. Students in violation of this policy shall also be subjected to discipline in accordance with the code of student conduct. Students suspected of inhaling controlled and dangerous substances through electronic smoking devices shall be subjected to all the guidelines for the suspected use and possession of controlled and dangerous substances as described in the board policy and regulation.

WORKING PAPERS: Schools no longer handle working papers, it is all done online through nj.gov.

Alma Mater

Here's to our Dear Alma Mater

Which we ever praise.

Such a friendly spirit shall live

On in future days.

All her noble sons and daughters

Shall ne'er break the tie

That has ever strongly bound them

To dear old SR High.

*Written by
L. Silverman and F. Cohn
Class of '32*



SCHOOL SONGS



RAM SONG

South River Rams, all hail,
On to the fray,
Once more our foes assail in strong array,
Once more the old maroon waves on high,
We sing our battle song, we do or die.



DOWN THE FIELD

March, march on-down the field
Fighting for - - SR High
Break through that - - line
Their strength to defy
We'll give a long cheer for - - Marchesi's men
We're here to - - win again
-- will fight to the end
But SR High will win.

EYES RIGHT

Eyes right, watch us fight
SR's going to score
We've licked this gang before
We have never known defeat
We would rather fight than eat
We're the heroes of the Gridiron Grenadiers
Roll that score - - way up
Roll that score - - way up
They'll never want to play us
Anymore - - or - - or - - or
Yah-ha, ha, ha, ha
Yah-ha, ha, ha, ha
We're the heroes of the Gridiron Grenadiers

TELL ME WHY

Tell me why the stars do shine
Tell me why the ivy twines
Tell me why the sky's so blue
Tell me South River
Just why we love you.

Because God made the stars to shine
Because God made the ivy twine
Because God made the sky so blue
God made South River
That's why we love you.

BOOLA, BOOLA

Boola, Boola, Boola, Boola
Boola, Boola, Boola, Boola
We will rough house - High School
Til she hollers Boola, Boo.

MISTER TOUCHDOWN

They always call him Mister Touchdown
They always call him Mr. T.
He can run, and kick, and throw
Give him the ball, and just look at him go;
Hip, hip hooray
For Mister Touchdown
He's gonna win 'em today
So give a great big cheer
For the hero of the year
Mister Touchdown - S. R. High

VIVA LA S.R. HIGH

We did it before and we'll do it again
Viva la S.R. High
You've got to have guts when you're
called Marchesi's men
VIVA LA VIVA LA VIVA LA MORE
Viva la, Viva la, Viva la more,
Viva la S.R. High - Hey!

KI YI

Ki-yi-ki yi Kus
Nobody like us
We are the gang from S.R. High
Always a winnin'
Always a grinnin'
Always a felling s pry-
Ki Yi (Repeat)

CHEER BOYS, CHEER

Cheer, Boys, Cheer
Watch our foemen fall
Hoo rah hoo
We'll teach them all football
And when we win this game
Just like we win them all
There'll be a hot time in the old town
Tonight, my dearie