

2026-2027

Statesboro High School



Student Handbook Supplement

Statesboro High School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities.

The following persons have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies:

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Statesboro, GA 30458
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150 Williams Road, Suite A
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For further information on notice of non-discrimination, see list of OCR enforcement offices for the address and phone number of the office that serves your area, or call 1-(800)-421-3481.

Statesboro High School



Kelia Francis, Asst. Principal
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Rigor, Relevance, Relationship...Every Student, Every Classroom, Every Day

Keith Wright, Principal

August 3, 2026

Dear Parent and Student,

Our faculty and staff would like to take this opportunity to extend to each of you a sincere welcome. We are pleased to have each of you as a part of our school. As school opens, there will be many things you will want to know about your studies and other phases of school life. As the year passes, questions will continue to arise. Many of the answers can be found in this handbook or the Bulloch County Student Handbook. Reading these materials carefully will give you a better understanding of your school.

We hope the new school year will be a successful one for all. During the months ahead, your abilities will increase and your interests will widen. Splendid opportunities in education and friendship with others will be offered to you. Please be sure you have registered for Parent Portal. This valuable web-based services will provide you updates on your child's grades and attendance. Visit the SHS website (shs.bulloch.k12.ga.us) to register today.

If you have any questions which are not answered, please feel free to call upon any member of our staff. We want to see each student at Statesboro High School succeed. It is our belief that this can be best achieved if students, parents, and teachers work together. Best wishes as we begin this successful journey.

Sincerely,

Keith Wright

Keith Wright
Principal



Collective Commitments

At Statesboro High, we commit to:

Provide a safe place for students to grow

- Implement an evolving comprehensive safety plan to address safety concerns
- Closely monitor students in the building by being on duty stations to ensure their safety
- Provide a welcoming and safe environment for students, parents, staff and community members. Our school will not only recognize, but also celebrate the cultural diversity of our student body and community.
- Promote and model kindness and respect throughout the building
- Create a well-managed, safe, and orderly classroom environment that is conducive to learning and encourages respect for all

Provide a place where all students can grow academically at their highest levels

- Make every minute of classroom instruction engaging (Bell-to-Bell Instruction)
- Make instruction tied to meaningful content (Learning targets driving instruction)
- Provide support to all students to ensure that they are able to meet their full potential
- Make assessments accurate representations of what all students should know (teachers giving common assessments, student's grade a direct representation of their mastery of the content)
- Use assessment information not only to monitor student growth, but also to guide instruction and to inform parents
- Work to help improve our own teaching practices and the teaching practices of our colleagues (actively participate in PLCs and peer observations)
- Ensure that students are encouraged to achieve at their highest levels (actively participate in SLCs)

Provide students opportunities to develop life skills that help them grow into productive citizens

- Provide opportunities for students to connect the curriculum to real world applications
- Teaching real work skills in all areas
- Provide extra-curricular opportunities for students to excel (athletics, fine arts, CTAE, clubs, etc)
- Help grow a sense of pride in what they are a part of (homecoming activities, school / social activism)

MOST FREQUENTLY USED CONTACT INFORMATION

The administrative offices are for conducting the business of SHS. Office hours are from 7:30am – 4:00 pm each school day.

Location	Contact	Telephone
Front Office	Ms. Margaret Colley	212-8862
Principal's Office	Keith Wright, Principal Ms. Windy Womack, Secretary Ms. Brooke Green, Bookkeeper Admin Office Fax	212-8860 212-8889
Attendance Office	Ms. Juqueta Boatwright Ms. Shana Banks Attendance Office Fax	212-8862 212-8888
Bulloch County BOE	Central Office	212-8500
Ninth Grade	Ms. Kelia Francis, AP Ms. Elaine Bradley, Secretary Mr. Jared Simonin, Counselor	212-8860 212-8863
Tenth Grade/PLP	Mr. Bradley Ward, AP Ms. Elaine Bradley, Secretary Ms. Laquanda Love, Counselor	212-8860 212-8863
Eleventh Grade	Ms. Tiffany Weathers, AP Ms. Missy Morgan, Secretary Ms. Concella Holder, Counselor	212-8860 212-8863
Twelfth Grade	Ms. Shannon Hinson, AP Ms. Missy Morgan, Secretary Ms. Retta Bland, Counselor	212-8860 212-8863
Athletic Office	Dr. Liz Driggers, AD Ms. Missy Morgan, Secretary Athletic Fax	212-8860 212-8889
Guidance Office	Counselors/Registrar/Records Ms. Tammie Washington, Secretary Ms. Linda Evans, Registrar Guidance Fax	212-8863 212-8887
Lunchroom	Ms. Dinah Nelson (Manager) Ms. Patti Cooper (Head Cashier)	212-8867 212-8867
Nurse	Ms. Brittney Lord Ms. Tara Knight	212-8863
Pre-Kindergarten Program	Ms. Bridget Gordon Ms. Alexandra Wright	212-8877
Yearbook	Ms. Kimberly Kaiser	212-8876
Band	Mr. Lee Collins	212-8875
Media Center	Ms. Amy Altman Ms. Joni Aycock Mr. Ethan Garrigus	212-8866

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ACADEMIC INFORMATION

ACCELERATED/ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) PROGRAM

Why Participate?

Requirements include a strong curiosity about the subject you plan to study, a willingness to work hard, and proper preparation through previous curriculum (prerequisite courses). Through AP Exams, you have the opportunity to earn credit or advanced standing at most of the nation's colleges and universities. Because AP courses are taught at the same level as college courses, students experience a level of rigor they might not otherwise encounter in regular high school courses. Students who take AP courses stand out in the college admission process by showing maturity and a willingness to push themselves academically.

How can I participate?

(Preparation) Classes

Honors courses offer a challenging curriculum designed to prepare students for enrollment in Advanced Placement (AP) courses. These courses are offered in all academic areas. **The decision to take Honors or AP courses should not be made lightly.** Parents and students should consider the amount of work and time commitment required of these courses. Students who make A's in regular coursework may make a B or C in Honors or AP. For this reason, the BOE assigns a weighted grade to these courses – for class ranking ONLY (see Bulloch County BOE handbook for more information). First priority for subsequent Honors and AP courses will be given to students who remain in the accelerated sequence. Student achievement criteria will be analyzed to recommend students for placement in these courses. Parents may request that their student be placed in Honors and AP classes. However, these requests will be honored based on the space available in the course.

Advanced Placement (AP) Classes:

AP gives students an opportunity to take college-level courses and exams while still having the support structure of high school. Statesboro High School offers (some on a rotational basis):

English:	AP Language/Composition (11 th), AP Literature/Composition (12 th)
Math:	AP Calculus AB (11 th & 12 th), AP Pre-Calculus (11 th & 12 th); AP Statistics (11 th & 12 th)
Science:	AP Biology (10 th ,11 th ,or12 th), AP Environmental Science (10 th ,11 th ,or12 th), AP Chemistry (10 th ,11 th ,or12 th)
Social Studies:	AP Government & Politics: United States (10 th), AP U.S. History (11 th)
Fine Arts:	AP Studio Art (2D and 3D), AP Drawing

****All AP Courses are subject to a minimum participation.***

Program Expectations

- A desire to be challenged
- Enrichment assignments
- 30-45 minutes of homework, preparation per night per course (2-3 hours per night, maximum)
- Cooperative learning
- Strong work ethics
- Good organizational skills
- Time management skills
- Good writing skills
- Higher-order thinking skills

Other Information

AP Exams

Students who sign up for AP courses are required to take AP exams in May. Bulloch County Schools will pay the fees for AP Exams. Schools will continue to apply for fee reductions on eligible students. If a student signs up for an AP Exam and does not take it, the student is responsible for the \$40 cancellation fee. Students who take the AP exam will receive a 100 as the AP Incentive Score. This AP Incentive Score will be weighted as 10% of the course. Students who are failing at the end of the course will not be eligible for the AP Incentive Score and will not earn credit for the AP course. For each AP course, an AP Exam is administered at participating schools worldwide. Except for AP Studio Art, which is a portfolio assessment, each AP Exam contains a free-response section (either essay or problem-solving) and a section of multiple-choice questions. Each AP Exam is given an overall grade of 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, with 5 indicating a student who is extremely well qualified to receive college credit and/or advanced placement based on an AP Exam grade.

Students can earn credit, advanced placement, or both at more than 90 percent of four-year colleges and universities in the United States, as well as colleges and universities in more than 40 other countries, through qualifying AP Exam grades. At many of these institutions, students can earn up to a full year of college credit (sophomore standing) through a sufficient number of qualifying AP Exam grades.

Individual colleges and universities, not the College Board or the AP Program, grant course credit and placement. Because policies vary across institutions, students should obtain a college's AP policy in writing.

Encourage your students to find this information by using the AP Credit Policy Info search tool at www.collegeboard.com.

DEBT LIST

Students on the debt list are encouraged to clear all outstanding balances yearly. Prom tickets cannot be purchased until student debt is cleared. All debts must be cleared in order to participate in the graduation ceremony. Textbooks are supplied for student use and remain the property of the Bulloch County Board of Education. Textbooks will be checked out through the media center with their Infinite Campus student number. The school will also maintain a K - 12 debt list for lost or damaged textbooks, along with other fees, dues, or fines imposed upon students for participation in other school activities (i.e. band fees, late fees, etc.). Fees for lost library books or textbooks may be found in the student's Destiny account, while all other fees may be found in the student's Infinite Campus portal account.

DUAL ENROLLMENT

Dual Enrollment is Georgia's program that allows high school students (grades 11-12) to earn college credit while working on their high school diploma. For more information, visit the Guidance page of the [Statesboro High School website](http://StatesboroHighSchool.com)

GRADING PROCEDURES

Students' grades will be posted regularly and can be viewed on Student Portal. The student must have an average of 70 (including the EOC) or above to earn credit for courses.

There are up to four courses with state-mandated End of Course Assessments (EOCs). For these courses, the student's final grade will be calculated using the Final Average as 80% and the EOCT score as 20%. The following courses may have EOC assessments: Algebra 1, U.S. History, Biology, and Lit and Comp II.

At the high school level, Major Grades will count 60% of the Final Average and Minor Grades count 40% of the Final Average.

All College Board courses will follow the College Board Guidelines.

Teachers will provide re-teaching and reassessment opportunities for students who do not demonstrate mastery (scoring at 80 percent or higher) on major assignments. These opportunities will be provided until mastery is reached. Advanced Placement courses are more rigorous in nature and may have different re-teaching and reassessment guidelines.

When a student demonstrates mastery (scores at least 80 percent) on a major assignment but wishes to reassess, he or she may request re-teaching and one reassessment opportunity in a timely manner (generally within five days of the score being entered in Infinite Campus) regardless of the student's original score.

In order to participate in a reassessment opportunity, the student must first take part in some type of re-teaching as determined by the teacher. Re-teaching and reassessment opportunities should be provided during the school day. Re-teaching and reassessment, by nature of its intended purpose, will only improve the student's level of content mastery. Only the student's highest grade should be recorded in the gradebook. Gradebooks will be updated as mastery is achieved.

Students who are caught cheating will be disciplined in accordance with the Bulloch County Student Handbook.

Students who fail a course must attend a form of credit recovery or summer school to obtain credit. Students who fail an EOC course MAY have to retake the course in a face to face classroom.

GRADUATION EXERCISES

Graduation exercise will be held at the Statesboro High School football stadium. Tickets will be distributed on the day of graduation practice. Students will NOT be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony if they are on the debt list.

HONORS NIGHTS

Students are recognized based on their yearly grade point average. Other honors include departmental awards and special local, state, and national awards. See the Bulloch County Student Handbook for more information on Honors Night awards.

STUDENT / PARENT PORTAL ACCESS

All parents and students are granted access to the online Parent/Student Portal. This online service provides a communication point to students and parents for grades, attendance, and other student information. Progress reports, report cards, unofficial transcripts, schedules, and more can also be printed from the portal. Access is free. Please see Joni Aycock, Media Specialist, if you cannot log in or have technical issues with your portal account.

STUDENT PROGRESS/ PARENT PORTAL

Students and parents will have online access to student progress through Parent Portal and Student Portal. Grades should be updated regularly. Please contact your child's teacher with questions.

TEST SCHEDULE

It shall be the practice of Statesboro High School to avoid scheduling more than two (2) major tests on any given day. Efforts will be made between grade level teams to avoid conflicts. Any student scheduled to take more than two (2) tests on any given day should notify his/her teachers. If no resolution is found, he/she should contact his/her administrator in writing.

WORK-BASED LEARNING (WBL) ELIGIBILITY / GUIDELINES

Work-Based Learning (WBL) placements represent the pinnacle of the Career-Related Education experience by allowing qualified students who have mastered skills in CTAE programs the opportunity to work at an approved work site and receive CTAE class credit. WBL provides work experience that will help students develop a successful career. A work site can be a placement arranged by the work-based learning coordinator or an **approved** part time job arranged by the student. Applications for WBL must be filled out online. Any questions can be directed to Ms. Kristen Rogers, WBL Coordinator.

Student Requirements:

- o parent approval to apply to the program
- o a clearly defined career goal
- o a good attendance record
- o a good academic record and be on track for graduation
- o All students must have passed all academic classes
- o a good discipline record
- o reliable transportation to and from the workplace
- o a junior or senior and at least 16 years of age
- o a good attitude
- o good grooming habits
- o secure a job by the first day of school

WBL Job Requirements:

- WBL job placements must be either **arranged or approved** by the WBL Coordinator. For a student to be placed at a family-owned worksite, the business must be recognized in the community as a legitimate enterprise which meets all of the legal requirements of operation; there must be a non-family member worksite supervisor, and placement CANNOT be in a home office or private residence.
- WBL job placements must be within a 30-mile radius of the school to accommodate visits by the WBL Coordinator.
- WBL job placements must align with CTAE courses taken and/or a clearly defined career goal.
- All WBL students must have taken at least one CTAE course.
- A WBL student must work a minimum of 5.0 hours a week for one block of WBL release, a minimum of 10 hours a week for two blocks of WBL release, and a minimum of 15 hours a week for 3 blocks of WBL release.
- WBL job placements must be one where the WBL Coordinator may visit.
- WBL job placements CAN NOT be through a temporary employment service.

Explanation of Point Values for WBL Eligibility Score:

ATTENDANCE (25% of score)-total unexcused absences by block for the semester of application to WBL

- 0 unx abs = 25 pts
- 1-4 unx abs = 20 pts
- 5-8 unx abs = 15 pts
- 9-12 Unx Abs = 10 pts
- 13-16 Unx Abs = 5 pts
- more than 16 Unx Abs = 0 pts

TARDIES (25% of score)-total tardies for the semester of application to WBL

- 0 tardies = 25 pts
- 1 tardy = 20 points
- 2 tardies = 15 points
- 3 tardies = 10 points
- 4 tardies = 5 points
- 5 or more tardies = 0 points

DISCIPLINE (25% of score)-total referrals during the last two years

- 0 referrals = 25 points
- 1 referral = 20 points
- 2 referrals = 15 points
- 3 referrals = 10 points
- 4 referrals = 5 points
- 5 or more referrals = 0 points

GPA (25% of score)-cumulative GPA

- 100 = 25 points
- 90-99 = 20 points
- 80-89 = 15 points
- 70-79 = 10 points
- 60-69 = 5 points
- <60 = 0 points

SCHOLARSHIP/RECOMMENDATION GUIDE

A scholarship guideline is posted and updated on the SHS website. **It is the student's responsibility to acquire scholarship applications and to meet all deadlines stated.** *Students should turn in their applications/letter of recommendation request at least two weeks in advance of any deadline to allow sufficient time for counselors/teachers to process them.*

STANDARDIZED TESTING SCHEDULE

Grade	Test	Purpose	Target Group	Prerequisite	Date
9-11	End of Course Assessments (EOC's)	Assess content learned in various academic subjects	Alg I, Bio, Lit & Comp II, US History	None	End of each semester
9-10	PSAT	Prepare for SAT	All 10 th grade students	None	Mid-October
10-11	PSAT/NMSQT (JR's for eligibility for Nat. Merit Scholarship)	Prepare for SAT	CP Juniors	None	October
10-12	Advanced Placement (AP) Exams	Receive college credit	Students enrolled in AP courses	None	May
10-12	End of Pathway Assessments	Technical credentials	CTAE pathway completers	Pathway completion	April - May
11-12	ACT- (Students participating in Accel should test no later than January of year prior to participation)	College admissions	CP Juniors, Seniors	Attending a 2 year or 4 year university	October-June
11-12	SAT (Students participating in Accel should test no later than January of year prior to participation)	College admissions	CP juniors, seniors, any others who wish to take a college admissions exam	PSAT Attending a 2 year or 4 yr. univ.	October-June
10-12	ACCUPLACER	Technical College Admissions	OTC MOWR, EGSC Enrollment	None	By request
12	ASVAB	Assess career interests and aptitudes	Juniors/Seniors interested in the military	None	Fall Senior yr

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES

Attendance regulations as addressed in the Bulloch County Handbook. Students who participate in the work-based learning program and/or are dual-enrolled MUST sign in and out at the Front Office. The doors by the Student Parking Lot / Varsity Gym entrance are NOT an entrance and will remain locked throughout the school day.

STUDENTS MISSING AT LEAST 45 MINUTES OF ANY PERIOD (whether at the beginning, middle, or end) WILL BE MARKED ABSENT. A STUDENT WHO IS ABSENT HALF OR MORE OF THEIR SCHEDULED DAY WILL BE COUNTED ABSENT FOR THE ENTIRE DAY. UNLESS A NOTE IS PRESENTED AND EXCUSED WITHIN 5 DAYS OF THE STUDENT RETURNING TO SCHOOL, THE ABSENCES WILL REMAIN "UNEXCUSED."

NO EXCUSES OR NOTES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE 5 DAY WINDOW SET BY THE BULLOCH COUNTY HANDBOOK. Per the BCS Handbook, parents are limited to 5 excuses per semester.

BELL SCHEDULE

STATESBORO HIGH SCHOOL		
BELL SCHEDULE		
2026-2027		
Teacher Take In	7:40 A.M.	
Student Take In	7:53 A.M.	
First Block	8:00-9:45	
	8:05-8:15	Devil Pride Time
	8:15-9:45	1st Block
Second Block	9:50-11:20	
Third Block	11:25-1:25	
	11:30-11:55	1st Lunch
	12:00-12:25	2nd Lunch
	12:30-12:55	3rd Lunch
	1:00-1:25	4th Lunch
Fourth Block	1:30-3:03	
	3:03	Release A200, B100, C100 halls, gyms
	3:07	Release A500, B200, C200 halls
Teacher Release	3:40 P.M.	

Certificate Of Enrollment

Certificate of enrollment forms required by the Georgia Department of Public Safety for issuance of driver's license will be issued by the attendance office. Completed certificate of enrollment forms will be notarized and available for pickup 48 hours after the request has

been completed. Records will be kept on students receiving certificate of enrollment forms. There is no charge for the first form but there will be a \$5.00 charge for each additional form. Certificate of enrollment forms are good for 30 days after the issue date.

CLASS / DAY & TIME

During the 2026-2027 school year, students are expected to move expeditiously to their next class on the right side of the hall. Students should NOT linger or congregate in between classes.

If arriving on campus before 7:53 a.m., students are to report immediately to the **gym** or to the **cafeteria using the student parking lot entrance ONLY. Front doors will be opened at 7:20 a.m. each morning.** Students are NOT allowed into other areas of the building before 7:53 a.m. **unless they have a pass written by a teacher.** All students **MUST** exit the building by 3:15 p.m., **unless they are with a teacher.** All students are asked to wait for rides outside on the front porch. The halls need to be cleared for maintenance purposes. Students found unsupervised in the building after 3:45 will face disciplinary consequences.

CLASSROOM ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES

Teachers will take attendance within the first 5 minutes of each class. Any student not physically in class will be marked absent.

- Any student arriving to class after 8:15 must sign in at the attendance window. If applicable, teachers will impose consequences according to the tardy policy. If a student has an authorized note, he/she should report directly to class. Students will not be admitted into class without a note.
- Students missing at least 45 minutes of any period (whether at the beginning, middle, or end) will be marked absent.
- Students/parents should present notes regarding absences and early dismissals to the **ATTENDANCE OFFICE WITHIN 5 DAYS OF THE ABSENCE.**
- Students are required to check in or out of school through the attendance office. **Failure to do so will be considered as skipping and may result in assignment to In-School Suspension or Out-of-School Suspension.** Students may not leave campus before the end of the regular school day without checking out.
- **ONCE STUDENTS ARRIVE ON CAMPUS, THEY ARE NOT TO LEAVE UNLESS THEY DO SO WITH ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL THROUGH THE ATTENDANCE OFFICE.**
- **Students who are Dual Enrollment or WBL must sign in and out through the Front Office Entrance. Students who are not scheduled for a class on the campus of SHS should not be on campus without an administrator's, guidance counselor's, or media specialist's permission.**
- **Illness** - during the school day, a student should report to a teacher, secure a pass, and go to the nurse's office. No student who is sick shall stay in the restroom unsupervised but shall report to the nurse's office. After the nurse assesses the situation, she may determine if a student needs to go home and/or to the doctor, and, if so, the absence will be coded "excused" with a note presented from the nurse's office.
- Students are discouraged from checking out of school unless it is an emergency. Students who wish to check out during the school day **must bring a note** from a parent/guardian stating the reason for the checkout and a telephone number where a parent/guardian may be reached for verification. **If a note is not provided, or if a note cannot be verified, students will not be allowed to leave campus.** Checkouts will be marked excused or unexcused using the guidelines set forth in the attendance policy regulations (BOE High School Handbook).
- It is a parent's responsibility to update student records to include ANY person authorized to pick up his/her child.
- **If a note is not provided, the parents and/or guardian must come to the school to sign the student out. No phone calls will be accepted for early dismissals.**
- There may be consequences for absences/tardies (loss of parking privileges, discipline procedures, loss of eligibility for certain school programs, loss of eligibility for extracurricular activities, etc.).

EXAM EXEMPTION

Students can exempt semester exams (one in December and one in May) IF they

- Five or fewer absences to the class for that semester (all absences except School Related Absences)
 - All day ISS and OSS assigned by an
 - administrator will count as an absence.
 - Doctor's notes count as an absence
- Be passing the course with at least an 80%.

Students can choose to take the exam, if they desire. **Students who are exempt and choose to take the exam WILL receive a grade, whether it helps or hurts their average.** The cutoff date (grade and absences) is the day before exams start. Students must take the exam during their designated time, unless approved by admin.

HALL PASSES

Anyone in the hallway during class must have a teacher issued pass. You are expected to report directly to that location and return directly to your class. Students who abuse hall pass privileges will find their privileges revoked.

TARDY POLICY

A student is considered tardy to class when he/she is not inside the classroom when the tardy bell begins to ring. Each semester stands alone. Students have five (5) minutes between classes. **Traffic must be continuous.** Tardies will be handled class by class. When the tardy bell rings, classroom doors will be locked. Tardies:

ALL teachers must be consistent with marking accurate attendance in Infinite Campus.

- Students who arrive after the 8:00am take-in bell, will enter the building through the front office and check in through Checkmate. They will receive a tardy slip and proceed to class.
- **Late to school = tardy slip from Attendance (already marked in IC), allowed to enter class.**
- **Late to class = no tardy slip, teacher will mark a mark tardy in IC, allowed to enter class.**
- Dual Enrollment and Work Based Learning students arriving and leaving after the 8:00am take-in bell, will check in and out through the front office.
- Students will be allowed 8 free tardies a semester. Every tardy after 8 will result in one lunch detention.
- Students who do not attend lunch detention will receive an Office Discipline Referral in IC, submitted by the lunch detention coordinator
- . Students must report directly to the assigned lunch detention once their lunch bell rings. During lunch detention, students will eat a sack lunch from the cafeteria OR a lunch brought from home. Sack lunches will be brought to the classroom.

COMMUNICATION INFORMATION

AUTOMATED PHONE SYSTEM

Statesboro High School utilizes an automated phone system to deliver important messages to parents throughout the year. Such messages will include, but are not limited to, absence notifications, progress report and report card pickups, testing dates, etc. If there are any changes in contact information, please contact the guidance department at 212-8863.

DELIVERIES

Statesboro High School will not allow or accept non school-related deliveries for students (balloons, flowers, gifts, etc.). Service deliveries for students will also not be accepted. However, any food delivered must be delivered to the front office by a parent, guardian, or emergency contact listed in Infinite Campus. One meal per student. Office staff will not sign for any deliveries from delivery services. Office employees will not call the classroom to inform your child that their lunch is in the office.

MESSAGES

Students will not be called from class for any messages. ONLY parents/guardians will be allowed to see students during the school day for emergencies. Students will not be called out of class without administrative approval.

PARENT NOTIFICATION

Communication between parents and SHS is critically important. We encourage parents to keep in contact with teachers concerning students' progress and conduct. Periodically formal reports are available upon request to notify you of your child's progress (See Student Progress). For inappropriate conduct, a formal discipline report will be completed and a copy sent home by your child, upon request. This is the legal and official notice to parents. However, out of courtesy, an attempt will be made to contact parents by phone regarding the incident in question. We ask that parents keep the school informed of changes in contact information.

STUDENT RECORDS / ACCESS

As custodian of student records, Statesboro High School must abide by the following guidelines:

- Parents of students have the right to any information contained in a student's permanent file (a photo ID and written request must be submitted);
- Students age 18 or older have the right to any information contained in their permanent file (a written request must be submitted);
- No requests will be honored by telephone or email;
- A minimum turn-around time of 48 hours may apply; longer periods may be required during seasonal activities such as report cards, registration, etc.

PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Cell Phones must be placed in the students book bag or the designated area in the teacher's room upon entering the classroom. Failure to comply will result in administrative intervention. Students are not permitted to use their personal devices (phones, iPads, etc) during class. However, they may be used during breakfast or lunch.

Administrators will not investigate lost or stolen cell phones.

REMINDER: Administrators have the right to confiscate phones.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES INFORMATION

Parents may elect to opt their child out of extracurricular participation by completing the Infinite Campus update.

ATHLETIC HANDBOOK

All athletic activities are subject to the policies set forth in the Bulloch County Student Handbook, the SHS Student Handbook, and the SHS Athletic Handbook.

CLUBS / ACTIVITIES

Extra-curricular activities are provided to build academic, athletic, social and leadership skills. For a complete listing, visit the SHS website, <http://shs.bulloch.k12.ga.us>.

ELIGIBILITY

All students should be aware of eligibility criteria. Please ask any academic or athletic coach for further information. You must also meet eligibility requirements to participate in a school-sponsored activity. (See SHS Athletic Handbook).

Any student who holds an elected position in a school organization and/or club or any position that represents SHS must be on-track for graduation, and have no major discipline referrals (ISS assignments [excluding tardies] or OSS assignments) for the current year and preceding semester. Teacher recommendations may be required. This includes student government officers, pageant contestants, etc. Any office or title can be revoked during the academic year if a student fails to continue to meet the eligibility requirements.

The SHS Queen homecoming court will be composed of 4 freshman representatives, 4 sophomore representatives, 6 junior representatives, and 8 senior representatives. The SHS King homecoming court will be composed of 8 senior representatives. The court must meet the eligibility requirements below:

- Representatives for both King and Queen will be nominated by the Faculty and Staff of SHS to appear on a ballot. The student body will vote from this list. Students should not “campaign” to be on the Homecoming Court. This could result in disqualification.
- Homecoming King and Queen finalists must present a speech to the student body (video broadcast)...“What Does it Mean to Represent SHS”. The Homecoming King and Queen will then be voted on by the junior and senior class members.
- Selection will be based on the highest number of votes. If a tie for the Homecoming Queen exists, the student with the highest GPA will be selected as the winner.

PROM

1. Prom will occur from 7:30 PM -10:30 PM
2. A prom ticket and formal clothing are required for admission.
3. Only registered active members of Statesboro High will be allowed to purchase tickets for the Prom. The purchase of a ticket indicates agreement to abide by school policies and procedures.
4. The purchase price of a ticket includes admission to the prom and refreshments.
5. During a prom event, students will be expected to represent Statesboro High School in a positive way. Students will abide by all rules established by Statesboro High School, the Bulloch County Board of Education, and the State of Georgia.
6. Students are not to go to their cars for any reason unless they have permission from the principal or prom sponsor. Students who leave the prom will not be readmitted.
7. Alcohol, tobacco, and drugs are strictly prohibited. For the protection of all students and guests, faculty and police reserve the right to deny admission or expel from prom any student who is *suspected* to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Other disciplinary actions may be taken.
8. Open containers and/or outside containers may not be brought into the prom.
9. Administration reserves the right to dismiss any attendees based on inappropriate dress or conduct.
10. Any student bringing a non-SHS student guest must complete and have approved a Guest Form turned in by the Wednesday prior to prom. Guests must meet eligibility requirements.
11. There are no refunds for tickets.
12. Contracts must be signed by students prior to the prom and students must be cleared from the debt list.
13. These rules and the Bulloch County Code of Conduct will be enforced regardless of the location of prom.

HEALTH / SAFETY / SECURITY INFORMATION

IMMUNIZATION CERTIFICATE

All students will have a Certificate of Immunization showing that they have had those shots required by the State of Georgia on file with the school. A student will be withdrawn from school if he/she fails to present a certificate of immunization within 30 days of enrollment.

VISITORS

All Bulloch County Schools use an electronic visitor check in system called Checkmate. All visitors to our school must show a Bulloch County approved ID to do the following but not limited to:

- Check out a student for early release
- Have a parent teacher conference
- Register a new student
- Meet with a counselor or administrator

We cannot allow students to have visitors during the school day including lunch. This is a safety precaution. Students will not be called from class unless there is an emergency.

Please see the section on visitors addressed in the BOE County Handbook.

STUDENT CONDUCT INFORMATION

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

We ask that concerns and/or questions specific to a class or a teacher be handled through a telephone call or appointment with your child's teacher(s). In order to provide a timely response, any other concerns should be handled through the appropriate assistant principal before contacting Mr. Keith Wright.

ASSEMBLY ETIQUETTE

Movement into and out of the assembly should be in a quick, orderly fashion, with no running, pushing, loud talking, or crowding.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Students' behavior shall be based on respect and consideration for the rights of others. Students have the responsibility to know and respect the rules and regulations of the school as stated in the BOE Student Handbook and SHS Student Handbook.

Students who consistently refuse to do classroom assignments, misbehave, and/or will not cooperate or comply with school policies to assure a safe learning environment will be disciplined appropriately, and parents will be notified. Then, if academic progress and attitude do not improve, measures that are more stringent will be taken. **Each disciplinary case will be treated independently in accordance with the circumstances of that case; however, students are reminded that disciplinary records are kept throughout the year. These records will be considered in repeated violations.** The beginning of a new school year should be motivation to have a fresh start. Rules apply to everyone. It is expected that each student will make a good faith effort to do his or her best in academic achievement and behavior for each class, everyday. **Disciplinary consequences will not start over each year, except for tardies. A student accumulating 5 (five) disciplinary infractions or more may be considered a willful and persistent discipline problem and may be subject to alternative placements.**

HEADPHONES, AIR PODS AND EAR BUDS

Headphones, airpods, and earbuds are not to be worn in the building without teacher permission. In the hallway, wearing of these items is not permitted due to safety considerations.

DISCIPLINE CLARIFICATION

All discipline referrals are handled at the administration's discretion as directed by the Bulloch County Board of Education. All students sent to an administrator for disciplinary reasons are to report directly to their administrator's office. Do not leave the area until dismissed by the appropriate authorities. Do not go to any other office to see an administrator.

DRESS CODE

The dress code, as addressed in the BOE County Student Handbook, shall be enforced. All students are expected to dress in an appropriate manner befitting the school setting. Clothing that appears to be too revealing, too damaged, offensive, suggestive, or otherwise distracting to the learning environment is not permitted.

Procedures

Dress code infractions will be handled by the classroom teacher. Students will be asked to correct the dress code violation (i.e. tighten belts, secure waist lines, or be given a t-shirt to wear) or report to ISS. Refusal to correct the violation may result in OSS.

ISS PROCEDURES

Students may be assigned to ISS for disciplinary reasons. Dress code violators will remain in ISS for the entire day, or until the violation has been corrected.

- Teachers may place students in the ISS Room for a Time Out.
 - o If the same incident occurs after this, the teacher should submit a discipline referral.
- Administrators may place students in ISS.
 - o Students may be placed by period and/or all day.
 - o Parents will be contacted if students are placed in ISS.

Once students are sent to ISS, they will not be allowed to leave the room. No sleeping, no food, no talking, sitting in cubicles, no cell phones/IPODS, etc. Extra work (character building, content review, etc.) will be provided to keep them busy. Students who cannot follow the ISS guidelines may be suspended out-of-school for the remainder of assigned days.

Students will be escorted to the restrooms at designated times each period. At the end of the day, students in ISS will not be released until the 3:07 bell.

STUDENT SERVICES INFORMATION

BUS REQUESTS

Students who need to ride a different bus than the one to which they are assigned must submit a bus note by 10:00 a.m. to Ms. Bradley (9th/10th) or Ms. Morgan (11th/12th). The note must include the student's name, parents' names, parent contact number, date, bus number, and address. Notes must be verified via phone in order for a student to ride.

GUIDANCE PROCEDURES

RECORDS REQUEST

Transcript and/or record requests must be completed online through the SHS website (Student Records Request). **Allow 72 hours for processing all record requests, including Certificate of Enrollment for driver's license requirements.**

WITHDRAWALS

The parent /legal guardian must come in to complete the withdrawal process. The student must return all books and be cleared of any debt in the media center and cafeteria **before records are released.**

PE Lockers

Locker rooms should be secured during class. Students have the option of renting a storage locker within the PE locker rooms for \$3.00 or leaving items in their student lockers.

LUNCH

In order to maintain an atmosphere that will be enjoyable for all students, we ask that each student abide by the following procedures:

- High School students will not be allowed to charge meals.
- Do not run to lunch or break in line ahead of other students.
- When the student finishes eating, he/she is to clean up the area, properly dispose of waste, and return the tray to be washed (students found in violation of this will be required to stay behind and help clean the cafeteria).
- **During lunch, students should be in the cafeteria or designated area. Students will not be allowed to be in the halls during lunch. This includes going to other classrooms.**
- When going to and from lunch, students are to follow the designated route. Anyone found in other areas during this time will be considered to be in an unauthorized area.
- No student should eat anywhere outside the lunchroom without admin permission

MATERIALS & SUPPLIES

Students are expected to bring, at least, one #2 lead pencil, a blue or black ink pen, and notebook paper every day to each class. Various school supplies are available for purchase in the SHS media center.

STUDENT INTERNET/EMAIL ACCOUNTS

Access to Statesboro High School's internet is provided for educational purposes and research consistent with the Statesboro High School's educational mission and goals. The use of Statesboro High School's Internet is a privilege, not a right. Inappropriate use may result in the cancellation of those privileges. The Principal or designee(s) shall make all decisions regarding whether or not a user has violated these policies and procedures and may deny, revoke, or suspend access at any time. Please see the Bulloch County Schools Student Handbook for a complete list of inappropriate and unacceptable uses of internet and email.

- **Students should not use their school email (@bullochschools.org) to sign up for any social media or business accounts.**

MEDIA CENTER

The media center is a resource for the students enrolled at Statesboro High School. The nature of the media center is always changing, but there are certain overarching behaviors which must be maintained: Courtesy, respect for others, and the ability to maintain an atmosphere conducive for individual studying is always expected.

- The media center will be open from the morning take in bell until 3:45 p.m. each school day.
- Students visiting the media center before school and/or after school should obtain a pass from a teacher or media specialist the previous day.
- Students visiting the media center during class time will need a pass created through Securly.
- Students may check out two books in addition to their textbooks.
- Students check out textbooks through the media center. Students may check their account and the books they are responsible for through the SHS website. Their account log-in information matches the account information used for their student portal. Lost books are the responsibility of the students.

SCHEDULING

Students are urged to confer with their parents and to give careful consideration to their request for classes. The master schedule will be developed from advisement sessions; therefore, requests to change will be held to a minimum – only those with a justifiable academic reason submitted on the schedule change request form by August 7, 2026 for first semester and by January 13, 2027 for second semester (last day for changes will be considered). Changes made to move a student from one teacher to another will not be allowed.

STUDENT PARKING

The Bulloch County Board of Education provides transportation services for all students. We encourage students to use this service as much as possible. Parking on the campus of SHS is a privilege afforded to you by the Bulloch County BOE. Therefore, all students are required to adhere to the policies stated in the BOE County Handbook to ensure the safety of all students and their property. Decals, required for parking on the SHS campus, must be purchased from Ms. Joni Aycock in the Media Center of Statesboro High School at a cost of **\$25.00** per year, no matter the purchase date or the amount of time the student is on campus during the school day. These decals must be properly displayed. A student parking agreement must be signed at the time of decal purchase. Vehicles parked on campus without the proper decal displayed can be towed at the owner's expense. Students who park on campus without a decal will have a parking fee added to their debt list. Monitoring will be done by the SHS staff. Vehicles without the proper decal will get a bright orange sticker placed on their windshield as a warning.