

Weiser High School

Student Handbook



2026-2027
Academic Year

GREETINGS

Welcome to Weiser High School! WHS is a great place for students to learn and for teachers to teach. The teachers and administration have created a variety of educational opportunities for students that, when successfully completed, will enable students to be prosperous no matter what their post-high-school plans include. Students, staff, and the administration at WHS continually work to achieve the goal of being THE HIGHEST ACHIEVING RURAL HIGH SCHOOL IN IDAHO.

PHILOSOPHY

High Achievement and Responsible Citizenship are expected of everyone at WHS and have resulted in a proud tradition of performing above preconceived expectations. Weiser Wolverines are known for their grit, determination, sportsmanship, passion, compassion, and competitiveness, no matter the task. These and many other characteristics define what WE all enthusiastically define as doing everything the WEISER WAY! Remember:

“It’s a great day to be a Wolverine!”

Larry Hansen

Teacher, Coach, Counselor, and “Voice of the Wolverines” 1973-2008

GOALS

It is the goal of Weiser High School:

1. To strive for academic excellence and to provide a curriculum that emphasizes student proficiency in the basics such as reading, writing, and mathematics.
2. To meet the individual needs of each student and to promote the concept of education as a lifelong process, encouraging students to realize their potential and to develop confidence and self-esteem through creativity and self-expression.
3. To develop an understanding of the principles, responsibilities, and benefits of living in a democratic society.
4. To assist students for their future by helping them to develop the ability to make independent and rational decisions.
5. To stimulate moral and ethical behavior; to foster tolerance and understanding; to be concerned and considerate of the rights of others; to respect the accepted values and teachings of home, church, and community; and to promote leadership and cooperation through student-centered activities.
6. To help students become aware of career opportunities; to provide vocational programs which will afford a base for future earning potential; to provide a working understanding of consumer economics; and to promote an appreciation for the free enterprise system.
7. To emphasize health, physical fitness, productive use of leisure time and to provide a basis for appreciation of the fine arts.

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

Students can use their ASB card for admittance to home athletic events and ASB-sponsored events. It also allows students to vote in WHS elections. Student body cards do not entitle a student admission into specially scheduled activities such as district playoffs, school plays, or concerts.

All who participate in athletics must have an ASB card.

Activity Card Breakdown

Athletics/Game Admission	\$18.50
Class Dues	\$ 1.00
ASB	\$ 5.00
Subtotal	<u>\$ 24.50</u>
Tax	<u>\$ 1.50</u>
TOTAL FEE	\$26.00

Lost ASB cards can be re-issued for a small fee.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council is an important part of the student body. It is the method through which students have a voice in the operation of the school. The Student Council is made up of the elected student body officers: President, Vice-President, and Secretary; the class officers of the Senior, Junior, Sophomore, and Freshman classes; and representatives from any club or organization that is sanctioned by the Student Council.

WEISER HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Class of 2026 and 2027

Total Credits required:	48	
Courses	Semester Credits	
English	8	(4 yrs)
Math	6	(3 yrs)
Science	6	(3 yrs)
Am. History 10	2	(1 yr)
Am. History 11	2	(1 yr)
Am. Government	2	(1 yr)
Economics	1	
Health	1	
Oral Communications	1	
Humanities	2	(1 yr)
PE	2	
Core Required	33	
Elective	<u>15</u>	
TOTAL	48	

WEISER HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Class of 2028 and beyond

Total Credits required:	48	
Courses	Semester Credits	
English	8	(4 yrs)
Math	6	(3 yrs)
Science	6	(3 yrs)
Am. History 10	2	(1 yr)
Am. History 11	2	(1 yr)
Am. Government	2	(1 yr)
Economics	1	
Health	1	
Oral Communications	1	
Humanities	2	(1 yr)
PE	2	
Digital Literacy	1	

Core Required	34
<u>Elective</u>	<u>14</u>
TOTAL	48

Additional Graduation Requirements include:

ISAT in ELA, Mathematics and Science

Pass Civics Exam

Complete a Future Readiness Project (formally referred to as the Senior Project)

Idaho requirements for IRI, ISAT, and WIDA;

Student achievement reports will be provided to parents along with their student's report card. These will be provided by mail and sent no later than June 15th.

ONLINE COURSES

Students have the option to take some online courses for high school credit and/or dual credit. Students and parents need to be aware that **ALL** grades earned in online courses will be added to the student's transcript and that these grades will be assigned according to the Weiser High School grading system. See current District policy and/or your counselor for additional guidelines and specific qualifications.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COLLEGE

Colleges, universities, and technical schools vary in their entrance requirements. Minimum WHS graduation requirements do not necessarily satisfy these unique admission requirements. Consult the specific college admissions office for information about the entrance requirements for the institutions that you are interested in. Four year colleges may require applicants to take the ACT, or the

SAT. Two year colleges typically have their own placement exams, but could use ACT or SAT scores. For further details, contact your counselor.

Students going into an out of state college may need two years of a foreign language (no longer required for Idaho college entrance). Students will meet with their counselors every year to maintain or to revise their four-year plan.

CLASS CHANGES

Class changes will only be considered when graduation is in jeopardy, when special program placement is necessary, or when extenuating circumstances necessitate the change. These changes will be made during the first week of each semester. Approval must first be obtained from a counselor, the instructors involved, and the student's parents.

After the first four days of a semester, dropping a class will result in a failing grade being recorded on a student's transcript for the class dropped. The state requires 70 clock hours per credit; therefore, after the first four days, the clock hour requirement could not be met for a class in which the student wishes to enroll.

EARLY GRADUATION

Students contemplating early graduation should meet with their counselor and make plans prior to the completing of their fourth semester, or sophomore year, of high school. The board of trustees of Weiser School District must approve a plan for early graduation.

WITHDRAWAL

All students must have parental permission before they are allowed to withdraw from school.

To withdraw from Weiser High School, a student must meet with the registrar so that a withdrawal form can be issued, completed, and returned to administration prior to his/her departure. The student must return all school owned materials and pay all outstanding fees before his/her withdrawal can be finalized.

GRADING SYSTEM

Weiser High School has adopted the following grading standards for all of its courses:

- A- 90-100
- B- 80-89
- C- 70-79
- D- 60-69
- F-Below 60
- I- Incomplete

An incomplete is given in cases of illness, emergency, or by pre-arrangement when students are not able to complete their assignments. An incomplete on the report card becomes an "F" 2 weeks from the date it is issued. Make-up work is

the responsibility of the student. No incompletes will be given the last grading period of the school year.

SEMESTER FINALS

1. Final exams will not be given at any other time than those scheduled by the school. Any exceptions to this policy will be considered only after a written request by a parent or guardian is made and approval is granted by the principal.
2. As an incentive for exemplary attendance, students who have three or less absences per class period during the semester will not be required to take the final exam. Absences for district approved curricular, extra-curricular, or athletic events shall be classified as school activities and will not be included in this total. However, all other absences will be.
3. Semester final exams, which consist of an end of course assessment and semester final exam, shall count for no less than 10% and no more than 20% of an individual's final grade in each class. Every student is required to take the End of Course Assessment which will be administered before final exams week.

GUIDANCE AND TESTING

All students are welcome in the counseling offices to discuss problems of any nature. Students and parents are welcome to stop by the counseling offices at any time. Particular services available to the students include: information on colleges, military service, scholarships, college admission requirements, trade and technical school information, and curriculum planning. The counselors are always willing to review materials with students or parents. In addition, counselors may also provide student and parents with information to health service providers and other community agencies.

STUDENT RECORDS

Students may request that an official transcript be sent to a college, university, or other educational institution by visiting with the registrar, a counselor, or the principal. Students may also request an unofficial transcript for personal use.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

WHS students are expected to be in school and on time to class every day much as they will be expected in their future careers. Students missing school must be excused by a parent or guardian. Students turning 18 while still in school must have parental authorization to clear their own absences. They are still responsible for adhering to the attendance policy.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Except in extraordinary cases, as determined by the local Board of Trustees, credit will not be given to any student in a subject when the student was not in attendance at least 90% of the time that the subject was being taught. (9 absences or fewer per semester)

Absences from class for any reason shall be counted when the percentage of attendance and consequent eligibility for credit is calculated.

Eligibility for credit shall be calculated by semester.

Excluded from calculations for attendance percentages will be extraordinary absences. Extraordinary absences shall be those absences beyond the control of the local Board of Trustees, students, or parents. Extraordinary absences are generally non-repetitive in nature. Absences for district-approved activities shall be classified as extraordinary and therefore will not be counted in figuring the attendance percentage. Other extraordinary absences may include: extended illnesses, funerals, doctor or dental appointments (where documentation is provided), or other emergencies that may arise. Not included as extraordinary absences are hunting trips, shopping trips, work, absences of family convenience, or other non-sanctioned group activities. Full details of the District Attendance Policy can be found in the policy manual (No. 501.1).

A student who accrues 10 or more days of absences in any class will be declared habitual truant and shall lose credit for the semester and will be provided written notification.

Parents of high school students who have been declared habitual truants, will be given an opportunity to meet with the Credit Review Committee at the high school if they feel the accounting for absences is incorrect or to present documentation that absences used in attendance are extraordinary and should not be included in the attendance calculations.

The **Review Committee** will generally include an administrator, a counselor, and a certified teacher. The Credit Review Committee, at their discretion and with the approval of the principal, may establish rules and conditions for reinstatement of denied credits in classes that a student was passing, but who violated the 90% attendance policy and was declared a habitual truant in. One established rule, is that the student is required to take and pass the End of Course Assessment and Semester Final Exam for each class period in attendance violation in order to be eligible to receive credit. The Credit Review Committee and the principal will ensure that all such conditions are uniformly applied to all students with similar attendance issues.

TRUANCY

Truancy is an absence without the permission of the parents or school. Single class period skips will result in an On-Campus truancy, which may result in a suspension. **A student who leaves the school grounds without checking out through the office will be considered truant.**

Upon the first truancy, parents will be notified and the student will be in-school suspended for one day. For a second truancy, parents will be notified, and the student will be in-school suspended for three days. **A third truancy may be referred to the Board of Trustees with a recommendation of expulsion.**

TARDIES

A tardy will be assigned to any student who is not in class, ready to work, before the bell rings. A tardy becomes an absence when the student is more than 15 minutes late. The following bulleted list details what students will be expected to do if tardy to a class:

- Any students who are not in class at the bell will not be admitted unless accompanied by a pass from the office.
- Tardy students must report to the office and sign-in. **If tardy students do not report to the office, they will be considered truant.**
- A tardy student may be excused by a parent/guardian up to three times per semester. (Tardy totals reset at semester)
- Students who report to the office without a staff member pass or contact from parent, will be tardy swept. Tardy swept students will spend the entire class period in the library.
- Students receiving a second tardy sweep will serve one lunch detention; a third tardy sweep will result in two lunch detentions; a fourth tardy sweep will result in immediate ISS for the rest of the day; a fifth tardy sweep will result in immediate ISS for the rest of the day; a sixth tardy sweep will result in 3 days of ISS.
- Excessive tardy sweeps (more than 6) will require a parent/guardian conference with school administration and possible out of school suspension or removal from class.
- Students have the right to make-up all missed work and are responsible for getting their work from their teachers after school on the day of the tardy or before school the next day.
- Students are not considered absent from school as long as they report to the office and sign-in.
- **No excuses accepted for 5th Period tardies!**

ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENT FOR ACTIVITIES

A student must be in school **all day** to be eligible to participate in any school-sponsored activity on that same day. **Any absence, for such things as doctors' appointments, must be cleared through the office prior to the day of absence.**
This attendance requirement applies to all school-related organizations.

A student who is absent due to an out of school suspension will not be eligible to participate in any school-sponsored activity for the length of the suspension. This includes, but is not limited to: sports or other extracurricular activities, driver's education, dances, and/or graduation activities.

MAKE-UP WORK FOLLOWING ABSENCE

Students are responsible for getting all of their make-up work from their teachers. If students are absent from school, they are allowed the number of days equal to the length of their absence to make up the work, plus one day to turn in their completed assignments. It is the responsibility of the student to make-up work outside the normal class day.

Students have 48 hours from an absence to clear it with the office before they are charged with an unexcused absence.

Assignments or exams missed due to an absence not cleared, truancy, or an out-of-school suspension CANNOT be made up, unless arrangements have been made with the instructor to complete the assignment outside the normal school day. Work assigned before an out-of-school suspension and due during the suspension may be turned in upon return.

STUDENTS LEAVING SCHOOL DURING SCHOOL TIME

Students leaving school during school hours **must sign out through the office.** Leave will only be granted to students after contact with a parent or guardian has been established and permission to leave school confirmed. Students leaving school on a school-related activity do not need to sign out when accompanied by a teacher.

VISITORS

All visitors to Weiser High School must report to the office. Students will not be allowed to have visitors on campus while school is in session. Any exceptions to this rule must be cleared with the administration.

Law prohibits loitering in the school building or on the school grounds. Sec. 33-512 "A person who disrupts the educational process or whose presence is detrimental to the morals, health, safety, academic learning or discipline of the pupils or who loiters in school buildings or on school grounds, is guilty of a misdemeanor."

STUDENT RIGHTS

In considering procedures that are designed to insure that the majority of students will not be hampered in their educational pursuits and that school activities will not be disorganized, it shall be the policy of the Weiser School District to recognize that:

- The right to academic freedom in the classroom, which is a recognized freedom, under certain conditions, for teachers, has a corollary in the students' right to learn, to know, and to have access to all points of view.
- Students are entitled to freedom of expression of their view, so long as the expression of their views does not contribute to uncontrolled student behavior or disruption of the school.
- The right to know is relative and is based upon the students' ages and maturity.
- Students may engage in those legal activities which do not substantially disrupt the ongoing program of the school, do not invade the rights of others, or do not present a clear, present, or potential danger to the health, safety, and welfare of others.
- With these rights, there follow corresponding responsibilities for students to uphold regulations designated by the Board of Education, administration, and staff to protect the rights of other students and to insure the equitable pursuit of educational objectives.
- The student shall accept the primary responsibility for maintaining acceptable standards of decorum in the classroom and on the school premises. Beyond that, it shall be the responsibility of teachers and administrators to enforce reasonable rules in regard to student conduct.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

1. To attend school, to arrive on time to class, and to be prepared
2. To respect the learning environment
3. To respect other people and their property
4. To demonstrate acceptable behavior patterns

Any violation of the above will result in the following consequences:

Step 1 Teacher-Student conference, teacher contacts parent by phone or email, and documents incident with administration.

Step 2 student sent to office for class period, Student-Administrator conference and notification of parent, student issued 1 lunch detention.

Step 3 Student sent to office. Student-Admin.-Parent-Teacher conference, student issued 1-3 days of in-school suspension.

Step 4 Student referred to office. Student-Admin.-Parent-Teacher conference, student issued 1-3 days of out-of-school suspension, or permanent removal from class or school

This procedure does not preclude additional disciplinary action by the teacher, such as detention at any of the steps. **Severe misconduct may require elimination of some of the steps and immediate, appropriate consequences.** An in-school suspension is an alternative to out-of-school suspension. It allows students to do their homework while staying in an enclosed environment. In order for students to complete their term in the suspension area, they must diligently work to complete all of the schoolwork assigned by the teachers while they are in-school suspended.

HALLS AND CLASSROOMS

1. Be prompt to class; be ready for work when the bell rings.
2. The teacher, not the bell, dismisses the class.
3. **No backpacks or bags of any kind allowed in classrooms.**
4. **Food and drink are not allowed in the hallways or classrooms.** Water is the only exception in sealed container. Food and drink are only allowed in classrooms for club and athletic meetings with administrative approval.
5. Students are not to leave the classroom without permission from the teacher.
6. There shall be no running, scuffling, or yelling in the halls or restrooms.
7. Classes in session are not to be disturbed. If it is necessary to contact someone, notify the office.
8. Couples shall exhibit proper behavior while at school or school activities. Intimacy shall be limited to holding hands. Violation may lead to disciplinary actions.

Academic Integrity

First offense

A student caught cheating on course assignments or exams at W.H.S. will lose any credit for that assignment or exam. Student may be allowed to redo the assignment at the teacher's discretion. Parents will be notified, and a conference may be held. If you are enrolled in a dual credit course at the high school, the college's plagiarism policy may also be applied.

Second offense

A student caught cheating a second time will lose any credit for that assignment or exam. It will result in a one day in house suspension, a conference with the student, parent, teacher and administrator.

Third offense

A student caught cheating a third time will result in an F in the class, removal from the class, three days out of school suspension and will lose the ability to participate in school activities to include but not limited to athletics, FFA, band and choir.

FERPA

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a federal law that affords parents the right to have access to their children's education records, the right to seek to have the records amended, and the right to have some control over the disclosure of personally identifiable information from the education records. When a student turns 18 years old, or enters a postsecondary institution at any age, the rights under FERPA transfer from the parents to the student ("eligible student"). The FERPA statute is found at 20 U.S.C. § 1232g and the FERPA regulations are found at 34 CFR Part 99.

COMPUTER VIOLATION

All students and parents must sign a computer agreement with the school district before students will be allowed on any computer. Any student(s) who is/are found to be in violation of this agreement will be removed from the system in accordance with the terms of the agreement. Students in a computer class caught violating this code may be removed with a "Fail" and given no credit for the class. They will also be given a release for that period.

DRESS CODE

It is the position of the Weiser School District that the appropriate and acceptable appearance of students is essential to a positive learning environment. Students are expected to dress in a manner that is suitable for school and appropriate for the weather. Students are expected to take pride in their dress, grooming, and general appearance. In all areas of the school, students must dress modestly and in good taste.

Violations: Wearing clothing that is immodest, detracts from, or disrupts the educational environment or that may jeopardize the safety of the individual or others is considered inappropriate. Inappropriate attire includes but is not limited to:

- **Hats, hoods**, bandannas, and face coverings are not to be worn in the main building.

- Clothing with logos, words, or pictures that are vulgar, disrespectful, sexually suggestive, or profane; or that advocate violence, prejudice, or tobacco, alcohol, or other drug use
- Tube-tops, half-shirts, and shirts that have cutouts or expose the midriff; tank-tops (straps must be at least three fingers flat width wide, show no cleavage, and must be full length covering the midriff.) Shirts must be full length and cover the midriff when arms are raised above your head.
- Blankets, slippers, miniskirts, and shorts (Hemlines are to be no higher than six inches from the center of the knee—or must have material beyond extended fingers while standing straight.)
- Clothing that may be gang-related. Gang-related attire includes but is not limited to: hats, bandannas, or articles of clothing with writing, markings, or symbols of gang affiliation. Flying “colors” or wearing a single color of gang affiliation. Sagging pants, extra-long belts, or other paraphernalia. Building administrators will follow recommended guidelines as set by local, state, and federal law enforcement.

Consequences for Dress Code Violations:

Building administrators may use their discretion to determine inappropriate dress and to administer appropriate consequences based on building level policy.

First offense: Students will receive a warning and be asked to change to school appropriate dress before they will be admitted to class.

Second offense: Student will serve one day of in-school suspension. Parents will be contacted.

Third offense: Student will be suspended out of school for three days. Parents will be contacted.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Weiser School District believes that Personal Electronic Devices create distractions from the educational process.

Devices with restricted uses include, but are not limited to: cell phones, smart watches, mp3 players, laptops, tablets, Chromebooks, personal game platforms, any device with two-way messaging capabilities and any wireless (Bluetooth) ear buds or ear phones.

Weiser School District reserves the right to define the educational value of any new electronic device that may become available in the future. Weiser School District also reserves the right to prohibit their use.

Use of Devices on School Grounds

In grades 9-12, students may use Devices before and after school, and at lunchtime, as long as they do not create a distraction or disruption. **Use of Devices during the school day (8:00am to 12:12pm and 12:42pm to 3:50pm) is prohibited.** Devices must be turned off completely (not in silent or vibrate mode)

and kept in lockers. If parents need to reach their child, they should call the front office at 208-414-2595.

Students who violate the above restrictions shall be deemed to have created a disruption to the instructional environment and are subject to disciplinary action including suspension as well as confiscation and return of the Communication Device to the student's parents or guardians.

1st Offense: Student is sent to the office and device is confiscated and may be returned to the student at the end of the day with parents'/guardians approval.

2nd Offense: Student sent to the office and device is confiscated and returned only to the parents/guardians

3rd Offense: Student sent to the office and device is confiscated and returned to parents and a three-day suspension.

*After 3rd offense, student will be placed on a behavioral plan that requires student to check in their communication device to the office each day of school and device will be returned to the students at the end of the school day.

****Communication Device violations reset at the end of each semester.***

Students shall be personally and solely responsible for the security of their Communication Devices. Weiser School District shall not assume responsibility for theft, loss, or damage of a Communication Device, or unauthorized calls made on a cell phone.

PROFANE/ABUSIVE LANGUAGE and INSUBORDINATION

No profane or abusive language or insubordinate action will be tolerated at W.H.S. Violation may result in suspension or possible expulsion.

PHYSICAL ALTERCATION/FIGHTING

Students engaged in fighting at school or at any school function shall be suspended, and a parent conference shall be held. The Weiser School District considers any individual involved in a physical altercation with another student, even if he/she claims the other individual(s) involved initiated the aggression to be involved in a fight and will be disciplined accordingly. Students involved in a fight will be suspended for a minimum of three days. Law enforcement will be notified of any fight between students, and a citation may be issued as well as a suspension.

ASSAULT

WHS expects that students and staff will be safe from bodily harm. No assault or battery will be tolerated including but not limited to threat of violence that creates a well-founded fear of harm or an attempt to commit injury to another. Battery includes but is not limited to willful use of force or violence on another or causing intentional harm to another. These actions will result in immediate suspension, referral to law enforcement, and possible expulsion.

BULLYING/HARASSMENT

Our students and staff have the right to learn and to work in a safe and respectful atmosphere without fear of being tormented. Violations: Harassment of students or staff will not be tolerated, including but not limited to

- Unwelcome touching which is repeated or suggestive
- Unwelcome comments or noises which are repeated or suggestive
- Sexual Harassment- comments and touching of a sexual nature
(See Weiser School District Policy 502.10A)
- Repeated threats, implied threats, or abusive remarks
- Repeated inappropriate language, insults, or obscene gestures
- Hazing - any act which intends to injure, degrade, or disgrace
- Bullying- treating others abusively; using force or coercion; using intimidating language or behavior.

These acts include any violations in which computer or cell phone use is involved. Violation of these will result in suspension, referral to law enforcement, and possible expulsion.

WEAPONS POLICY

Students are forbidden to knowingly and/or voluntarily possess, handle, transmit, or use any instrument that can be used as a weapon to harm or to injure another person at school, at a school activity, on school grounds, or in school-provided transportation.

For the purposes of this policy, a weapon is defined as any deadly or dangerous item commonly referred to as a knife, firearm, explosive, metal knuckles, or other items associated with the martial arts, or whose design, function, or intent is to inflict pain or to injure another person.

Possession, transmission, use, or attempt to use anything described above as a weapon will result in that student being referred to the Board of Trustees for expulsion.

GANG-RELATED ACTIVITY

A gang is any group identifying itself through the use of a name, unique appearance, or language including hand signs, the claiming of geographical territory, or the espousing of a distinctive belief system that frequently results in criminal activity.

Violations: Students are not to make signs, to wear items of clothing or accessories, or to display materials relating to gangs including but not limited to: hats, bandannas, items with markings/symbols/ writing, flying "colors" or wearing a single color/sagging pants/an unhooked suspender/extra-long belts or other paraphernalia.

Violation of this policy on gang-related activity will result in suspension, conference with parent, and possible expulsion.

THEFT

Theft of school property or of items while at any school function will not be tolerated. Violation will result in suspension or possible expulsion and will be turned over to law enforcement for prosecution.

VANDALISM

Vandalism of school property or facilities will not be tolerated and, depending upon the severity of the incident, may lead to restitution, suspension, or expulsion.

INITIATIONS OR HAZING

Initiations of all kinds are forbidden at Weiser High School except those formal inductions into national groups such as National Honor Society, Future Farmers of America, and where other formal inductions are specifically mentioned in the organization's constitution. All unauthorized initiations will be investigated by the administration and may lead to suspension or expulsion.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY

The Board of Trustees believes that all students have the right to learn in an atmosphere that is conducive to their success, that the abuse of chemicals by students has a detrimental effect on their ability to learn and on the ability of the staff to provide a meaningful educational program, and that the use of chemicals is not a normal stage of adolescence. District policy and regulations are based on the laws of the State of Idaho and recognize that the violation of those laws can subject violators to the process of law.

A student shall not possess, use, transmit, traffic in, or be under the influence of illegal/controlled substances such as amphetamines, barbiturates, marijuana, narcotic or hallucinogenic drugs, alcohol, or intoxicants of any kind on the school grounds or off the school grounds, while attending a school activity, or on school-provided transportation. This also includes drug paraphernalia.

The Board of Trustees of the Weiser School District recognizes chemical dependency as being a treatable health problem, which does not respect any group or age. In keeping with the goal of maintaining its schools as substance free as possible, the following regulations have been approved:

I. VOLUNTARY REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

If a student voluntarily requests assistance from school officials with regard to an alcohol or substance use problem, there shall be no disciplinary action, provided that:

1. The student is not under the influence or in possession of an illegal controlled substance at the time help is requested.
2. The student and his/her parent/guardian are willing to submit to an appropriate agency for assessment and therapy, or counseling should it

prove to be necessary. This will be at the expense of the family and must occur within two weeks of the initial request.

II. REFERRAL TO SCHOOL OFFICIALS

If a student exhibits signs of potential substance abuse, any staff member of the school, student, parent, or significant person may refer this student to the school's administration, who will work with qualified personnel to determine necessary action. School administration will notify parents/guardians of their concern.

III. A STUDENT UNDER THE INFLUENCE OR IN POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL OR AN ILLEGAL CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

A. First Offense within an academic calendar year:

If a student is found to be in possession of or under the influence of alcohol or an illegal/controlled substance while on school grounds, while attending a school activity, or while riding in school-provided transportation, the following steps will be taken:

1. The administration of the school will be notified and the condition of the student evaluated to ascertain any immediate danger to the health and safety of the student, other students, staff, or the general public.
2. The parents or legal guardian will be notified.
3. The police or sheriff's office will be notified.
4. The student will be out-of-school suspended for a minimum of three school days.
5. The student will submit to a substance abuse assessment at his or her expense, administered by an appropriate agency licensed to administer substance abuse assessments. Written verification of the completion of the assessment shall be provided to school officials within one (1) week of the original incident or their knowledge of such an incident.
6. Failure to provide written verification may lead to additional days of out-of-school suspension.

B. Second Offense within an academic calendar year:

If a student is found to be in possession of or under the influence of alcohol or an illegal/controlled substance while on school grounds, while attending a school activity, or while riding in school-provided transportation for a second time during an academic calendar year, the following steps will be taken: Repeat of steps 1-3 from first offense.

4. The student will be out-of-school suspended for a minimum of five school days.
5. The student will submit to a second substance abuse assessment at his or her own expense, administered by an appropriate agency licensed to administer such assessments. Written verification of the completion of

- the assessment shall be provided to school officials within one week of the second infraction or the school's knowledge of it.
6. Failure to provide written verification may lead to additional days of out-of-school suspension.

The student(s) will be expected to be enrolled in a licensed intervention program. Failure to comply with any of these requirements will result in the school administration's request for an expulsion hearing before the Board of Trustees of the district.

C. Third Offense in an academic calendar year;

If a student violates the above substance abuse policy for a third time, the parents will be notified, law enforcement authorities will be contacted, and a request for expulsion shall be made to the Superintendent and Board of Trustees. The student will be suspended pending the outcome of the hearing.

DISTRIBUTION OF ILLEGAL/CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

If a student is involved in transmitting, trafficking in, or distributing illegal/controlled substances on the school grounds, in school buildings, at any school-sponsored activity, or in school-provided transportation, parents will be notified, law enforcement authorities will be contacted, and a request for expulsion shall be made to the Superintendent and Board of Trustees. The student will be suspended pending the outcome of the hearing.

TOBACCO/CIGARETTES/VAPING/NICOTINE

Possession, use, or distribution of nicotine in any form at school, at a school activity, or in school-provided transportation is not allowed. If a student voluntarily requests assistance from school officials with regard to a nicotine use problem, there shall be no disciplinary action, provided the student is not in possession of or was found to be in use of nicotine at the time of his/her request for assistance.

1. **First Offenses and/or Subsequent Offenses: Law enforcement will be contacted to write a citation. The parents will be notified and the student may be suspended for up to three days out of school.**

DISTRICT-PROVIDED TRANSPORTATION

Good behavior on buses is essential in order for student safety to be maintained. Students who refuse to maintain discipline will receive a warning. If this is ineffective, the pupil may be deprived of bus transportation for a specific period of time or for the remainder of the school year at the discretion and direction of the school administration.

STUDENT DRIVING

Students driving vehicles or motorbikes to school must, upon arrival, park their vehicle or bikes in the student parking area.

All law enforcement regulations are to be respected; if not, the student will forfeit his/her right to drive a vehicle on campus. **Students must adhere to the 15 mph speed limit in the parking lot.**

High school students should neither loiter at nor visit the other schools in the district unless they have official business and have checked in with the school's administration.

STUDENT PARKING

Students must park in designated student parking areas. If the privilege is abused, the student will receive a warning for the first offense. Upon a second violation, the student will be ticketed by the school SRO, and a fine will be placed in his/her student file. A third violation will result in the loss of parking lot privileges for a designated period of time as determined by the school administration. Students will not be allowed to park beyond the gates at Ag shop ending at the emergency exit behind the Aux gym, unless special permission has been granted by the shop instructors.

Students are not allowed to sit in or loiter in parked vehicles during the lunch break. Abuse of this rule will also result in loss of parking privileges.

The administration will periodically contact local law enforcement and request that they bring their drug-identification dogs to the HS for random monitoring of cars parked on campus. If the dog indicates on a vehicle, parents will be contacted prior to the vehicle being searched.

STUDENTS TRAVELING TO OUT-OF-TOWN CONTESTS

Students traveling to out-of-town contests as a member of an athletic team, cheerleading team, band, or any other school-sponsored organization **must use the transportation provided by the school in order to participate.** Students shall be released only to parents, and when possible, prior arrangement must be made with the school administration.

Students riding buses to school activities are required to return on the bus unless parents or guardians have made special arrangements. The arrangements must be made 24 hours in advance to the event with the Athletic director and written agreement signed by both guardian and athletic director submitted for approval.

PEP BUSES

Throughout the school year, there are pep buses to various sporting events. Pep buses may be ridden at a minimal charge, plus the cost of admission. Students must sign up in the office by noon of the day the activity is scheduled. All fees must be paid in full at that time. Students who do not sign up will not be allowed to ride the bus to the scheduled activity.

Students riding the pep bus must return by the pep bus unless released directly to their parents or guardian.

FACILITIES, SERVICES, & INSURANCE

Health/accident insurance is recommended for all students taking P.E., Chemistry, Physics, and/or Shop. All students engaged in athletics must have health and accident insurance.

Every student who checks out a book when he/she enters class must check the book in when he completes the course. In the event the book is not checked in, the student is charged a replacement fee. Furthermore, if a book is returned but has excessive damage, a damage fee will be assessed.

Students enrolling in CTE and Art classes are required to pay for all materials used for personal projects.

LOCKERS

Lockers are for your convenience and are issued to you during registration. You may have a locker partner of your choosing, or you will be assigned a partner. For your protection, any locker changes must be made through the Assistant Principal or office staff.

Lockers should never be left set or fixed for quick opening. **If any item is taken from your locker, you will be responsible.** Any locker that is damaged must also be replaced or repaired by the guilty student. Lockers will be inspected the first week of June. Necessary cleaning and repair costs will be assessed to the student.

Lockers are school property and are issued to you for your convenience.

They are subject to search and inspection at any time. The administration will periodically contact local law enforcement and request that they bring their drug-identification dogs to the HS for random monitoring of campus lockers. If the dog indicates on a locker, parents will be contacted.

SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

The school lunch program is for the health and convenience of the entire school. Payments to student accounts shall be made before school and between classes in the cafeteria. Students are expected to put all of their garbage into the available garbage cans. No food items are to be purchased during class time.

Students shall not purchase lunch for other students who are not members of W.H.S. unless approved as a guest by the administration.

Students eating outside during lunch are expected to put their garbage in the garbage cans. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action.

LIBRARY

The library at W.H.S. has been established for quiet study and reference work.

The library is available to all students. Books loaned may be kept for two weeks and are renewable for a second two-week period. Overdue books result in student fines (25 cents per day). The library is open before and after school. Students who wish to use the library during a class hour must have a pass from their teacher for admittance.

SCHEDULING OF FACILITIES

The building or facilities of the school will not be open to students at any time unless there is a faculty member or an authorized adult supervisor present. All facilities, materials, and equipment must be approved for use by the school administration.

SCHEDULING OF ACTIVITIES

Any scheduling must be submitted at least two weeks in advance of the proposed date. This proposal must be approved by the office administration. Scheduling of activities in the gymnasiums must have pre- approval from the High School Athletic Director. Scheduling of the auditorium must have pre-approval from the High School Choir Instructor.

SCHOOL DANCES

Dances are sponsored by organizations of W.H.S. and are considered school activities. All regulations that govern student conduct are to be followed at dances. A student who is not a member of our present student body must obtain prior approval before attending W.H.S. dances. Students taking a guest to the dance must sign the person up in the office on the guest list before the end of school on the day of the dance. Guests may be granted or denied permission by the school administration. All dances will end no later than 11:00 p.m. Once you leave, you will not be re-admitted unless an advisor has granted previous permission.

PROCEDURE FOR HOSTING A DANCE

1. Obtain administrative approval
2. Contact band or record D.J. (Administrative approval required)
3. Obtain signed contracts from band or D.J. (pick up contract forms in the office). Students may not sign contracts.
4. Obtain a minimum of two faculty chaperones
5. Obtain three sets of parents/guardians for chaperones
6. Assign personnel to take tickets
7. Non-WHS students must fill out a guest form and have it approved by administration.
8. All information must be turned in to the administration two or more days before the dance, or the dance will be canceled.

FUNDRAISERS

All fundraising by school-related groups must be approved by the administration. No student or sponsor is authorized to make any contracts or agreements with any salesman or vendor without approval from the principal. While fundraising is at times necessary, it is believed that the school has a responsibility to the community to keep such activity at a reasonable level.

ACTIVITIES AND ATHLETICS ORGANIZATIONS SPONSORED AT WEISER HIGH SCHOOL

Students at Weiser High School are fortunate to have a large variety of clubs and organizations available to them. Students are encouraged to become active members of all organizations that interest them.

Newspaper staff	Fellowship of Christian Athletes
Auto Mechanics Club	Future Farmers of America
Band	Science Club
Choir	Speech & Debate
Future Hispanic Leaders of America	Red Wave
“W” Club	National Honor Society
Girls Health Association	Health Occupations Students of America
Robotics	Idaho Drug Free Youth

PEP ASSEMBLIES

Pep assemblies are scheduled in the gymnasium for the improvement of school spirit. Students are required to attend and expected to participate - any exceptions must be cleared through the office. At the beginning of each sports season, the ASB will submit a schedule for pep assemblies to the Student Council and the administration.

ATHLETICS

Weiser High School is a member of the Idaho High School Activities Association (IHSAA) and, as such, is bound by the rules and regulations of that body in all activities between schools. Weiser High School is also a member of the Snake River Valley Athletic (SRV) Conference and must adhere to the policies of that organization in all activities between member schools.

The athletic and activity program at Weiser High School is a vital part of the educational system. Its primary purpose is to help young people to grow and to mature into respected members of society. The ideals that individuals aspire to in high school athletics and activities will contribute to their success later in life. These ideals will also be transmitted to those who watch these events and will be reflected in a constructive way in the lives of others.

ATHLETIC PROGRAMS:

Basketball—Boys’ and Girls’	Volleyball Girls’
Cross Country—Boys’ and Girls’	Softball – Girls’
Track—Boys’ and Girls’	Baseball- Boys’
Tennis—Boys’ and Girls’	Football—Boys’
Golf—Boys’ and Girls’	Wrestling—Boys’ and Girls’
Soccer-Boys’ and Girls’	

ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY

In order to participate on any Weiser High School athletic team, a student must:

- Be in school the semester immediately preceding the season
- IHSAA Rule 8-1 will be used to determine athletic eligibility.
- Grade checks will also take place at the midterm of each quarter with notification of failing grades and academic guidance. If failing any class

at the end of each quarter, athletes will be suspended for 1 calendar week starting the Monday after the end of the quarter.

Have the following forms signed and filed in the office:

- Physical examination
- Proof of insurance
- Acknowledgement of receipt of concussion guidelines
- Activities Code
- Purchase an ASB card and be a member in good standing of the associated Student Body of Weiser High School
- Agree to abide by the rules and regulations set forth by the Administration of Weiser High School

Subsequent violations may lead to the loss of eligibility for the remainder of the season.

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