



JACKSON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL

2026-2027 STUDENT HANDBOOK

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

THIS STUDENT HANDBOOK IS TO BE REVIEWED BY BOTH PARENTS/GUARDIANS AND STUDENTS. PARENTS WILL SIGN OFF VIA THE [PARENT PORTAL](#) THAT BOTH THE PARENT AND CHILD HAVE REVIEWED IT AND UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS.



PLEASE PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE IMPORTANT UPDATES ON THE NEXT FEW PAGES.



THE POLICIES AND RULES CONTAINED IN THIS HANDBOOK SUPPLEMENT THE BROAD DISCRETIONARY POWER OF ADMINISTRATION TO MAINTAIN SAFETY, ORDER AND DISCIPLINE IN OUR SCHOOL.

OUR SCHOOL BUILDINGS USE DOOR ACCESS TECHNOLOGY AND A CLOSED CIRCUIT CAMERA MONITORING/SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM.



IMPORTANT NOTICES

FOR 2026-2027

CELL PHONE AND SMARTWATCH USE REGULATIONS

“OFF AND AWAY FROM BELL-TO-BELL”

On January 8, 2026, Governor Murphy signed legislation concerning student use of internet-enabled devices in New Jersey public schools during regular school hours, on a school bus, or during school-sanctioned events when the student is under the direct supervision of a teaching staff member or an employee of the Board.

To ensure a safe, respectful, and distraction-free learning environment, the following requirements (under district Policy and Procedures 5516) apply to all students in grades 7 and 8 regarding internet-enabled devices devices, including **cell phones, “Smartwatches,” tablets, and any other internet-enabled devices**. This does NOT include school-issued devices.



EXPECTATIONS

BELL-TO-BELL EXPECTATIONS

- To support a focused learning environment, all personal electronic devices must be secured in students' assigned lockers or backpacks during the instructional day. **THEY MAY NOT BE ON THEIR PERSON.**
- Following the final dismissal bell, students may retrieve and use their personal electronic devices.
- Students may not access personal electronic devices during lunch, passing periods, restroom breaks, or any other portion of the instructional day.

AT OTHER TIMES

- Is usage permitted on the bus? **YES**
- Is usage permitted before and after school? **YES**
- Is usage permitted on school-sponsored trips/events off school grounds during the school day (field trips) **YES** - Under Teacher / Staff Member Direction
- Is usage permitted at school-sponsored events OUTSIDE of the school day (e.g. clubs)? **YES**
- In the event of a crisis/emergency? **YES, if available and under the direction of a staff member**



In the event of a family emergency, parents **should contact the main office directly**. Students will NOT be permitted to use personal devices to communicate during the school day.



PROGRESSIVE DISCIPLINE

First offense:

Device confiscated by school staff and held in the main office for the remainder of the day (student can retrieve at the end of the day); parent contacted first violation of policy; **EXCEPTION:** Teachers hold it and give it to the student at the end of the class.

Second offense:

Device confiscated by school staff and held in grade level vice principal's office; **Parent/guardian required to pick up device prior to the end of the school day** and sign off that this is the second offense

Third offense:

Device confiscated by school staff and held in grade level vice principal's office; Parent/guardian required to pick up device prior to the end of the school day and sign off that this is the third offense; lunch and/or after school detention

Fourth offense:

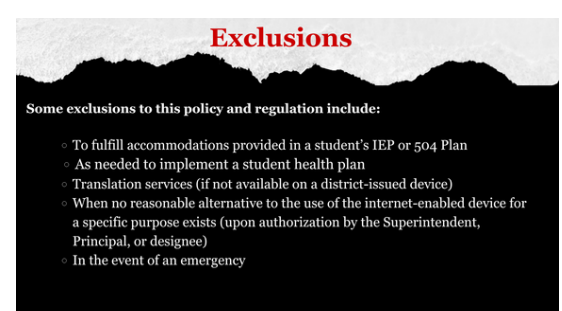
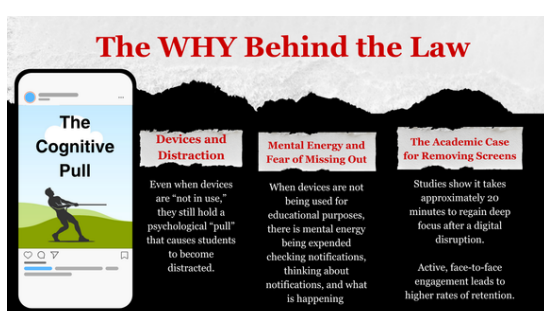
Device confiscated by school staff and held in grade level vice principal's office; Parent/guardian required to pick up device prior to the end of the school day and sign off that this is the fourth offense; parent conference, guidance referral, progressive discipline including detention, administrative period, and/or ISS

Beyond Four Offenses:

Prohibited from bringing device on school grounds; Progressive Discipline (ISS to OSS) and/or loss of privileges; Parental Conference with Administration

THE “WHY” BEHIND THE LAW

PLEASE take a moment to learn more about this policy, including **WHY this law emerged and HOW this will advance student learning.**



All Info on Policy / Regulation 5516 - www.jacksonsd.org/5516



IMPORTANT NOTICES

FOR 2026-2027

FREE AND REDUCED MEALS APPLICATIONS AND MEAL PRICING

We strongly encourage families to investigate whether they are eligible for Free/Reduced Lunch through the National School Lunch Program. **The income thresholds have been raised significantly this year and many more families may be eligible!** Please consider applying immediately so there are no disruptions in services.



Think you don't qualify?

You might! Income limits have increased, and [New Jersey's limits](#) are even higher than the federal limits – meaning many more families are eligible!
(Example: A family of four with an income of \$73,920 or less is eligible!)



Don't eat school lunch?

Still apply! If eligible, you may qualify for other benefits e.g. Internet discounts, reduced SAT/ACT, free AP testing, scholarships, grants).



Don't think it matters?

It does! The district receives additional funding based on the number of eligible students – and those funds support ALL students!

You Must Reapply Every Year



See the [Free and Reduced Meal Application Page](#) for more information and links/forms to apply.



See our [NEW online menus!](#) These menus feature pricing, nutrition/allergen information, and links to applications and forms for our parents.

2026-2027 MEAL PRICING		
	Breakfast	\$2.50
	Lunch	\$4.25
	Milk	\$1.00

Prices are subject to change.

HOLDING CENTER INFORMATION

While there will NOT be subscription busing this year, there will be a holding center for students that stay after for clubs or extra help. It will be a supervised waiting area in the Auditorium until 4:00 pm. Stay tuned from communication from the school for the start date, calendar, and pick up instructions. This will provide flexible timing for parents and guardians to pick up their child if they stay after school.

USE OF GENERATIVE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI)

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is rapidly reshaping the educational landscape, offering powerful tools that can enhance teaching, personalize learning, and streamline administrative tasks. In the Jackson School District, we recognize both the opportunities and challenges that AI presents. As such, the District has adopted [Policy 2365](#) to govern its use in tandem with the [Jackson School District AI Plan](#). As we integrate these technologies into our classrooms, this plan provides clear, thoughtful guidelines that promote ethical use, academic integrity, and equitable access.

TRAFFIC PATTERN AT JACKSON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL



We are a large campus with many new drivers navigating to and from school daily. Please take a few minutes to watch this video and review the traffic pattern utilized at JTHS. Video can be found [HERE](#) or clicking on the video to the left.



HIB (Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying)

The Jackson School District is committed to creating a safe learning environment for ALL of our students. When an organization responds quickly and consistently to bullying behavior, it sends the message that it is not acceptable. Therefore, we are deeply committed to preventing bullying, harassment, and intimidation in our schools. More information can be found on our district website. If you wish to report an incident of HIB, please complete a 338 form linked ([HERE](#)).



Linewize: Chromebook Monitoring

The district actively monitors student Chromebook activity both during the school day and after school hours. Please remind your child that any inappropriate searches or activity conducted at home or outside of school hours will still be flagged and may be reported to district security and, if necessary, the Jackson Police Department. We appreciate your partnership in helping students use their devices responsibly and safely.



Transportation Safety

The safety of our students and staff is our most important responsibility. It is vital that all parents and students understand that the expectations for good behavior and adherence to our Code of Conduct in school INCLUDE behavior on the school bus. Our bus drivers are dedicated to the safety of our students and must be able to focus on safely navigating their routes.



PARENTS AND GUARDIANS - WE NEED YOUR HELP!

- Please speak to your children about the proper way to behave on the bus and bus stop.
- Please review all the information on this page with your children.
- Please remind them that RIDING THE BUS IS A PRIVILEGE and that in accordance with the procedures we have in place to monitor and report poor bus behavior, it is possible to lose that privilege.



BUS RULES, PROCESSES and EXPECTATIONS

Violations can result in forfeiture of bus riding privileges.

1. Students are expected to respect each other and the bus driver and obey the driver at all times. Riding the bus is a privilege.
2. Students should be at their assigned bus stop 10 minutes prior to time shown on pass.
3. Students should wait 20 feet away from the road while at the bus stop and cross 10 feet in front of the bus.
4. While waiting for the school bus, be careful not to damage property at the bus stop.
5. Students must use their Student ID to scan on and off the bus.
6. Students must wear seat belts at all times while on the bus.
7. Students must be able to fit belongings on the lap and under the seat - nothing may be in the aisles.
8. The driver will assign seats - all passengers must remain seated while on the bus and keep their body inside the bus.
9. No eating, drinking or smoking on the bus.
10. Smoking or vaping on the school bus is not tolerated and will result in discipline.



Important Transportation Reminders

- Parents are always encouraged to accompany their children to the bus stop and supervise children.
- Students must use their Student ID to scan on and off the bus. If your child loses his/her ID, they should alert their assistant principal of their grade level and a replacement will be made (\$5 replacement fee).
- Students should carry their Bus Pass with them when on the bus.
- The Jackson School District's bus stops are created so that students do not have to cross busy roads. If you see your bus go past your child on the other side of the street - it means the driver is operating his/her route and will be picking up your child on YOUR SIDE of the road, by design. Please do not cross the road or wave the driver down to stop and cross the street to attempt to board the bus.



STUDENT ID CARDS

In order to continue to strengthen school safety, students are issued student identification cards. Students who were in district last year should have and use their ID cards and lanyard from the previous year. New students will receive their new Student ID cards in their homerooms. Please reinforce with your child the need to take care of this ID and to utilize it when directed to do so by their teachers and bus drivers.

- **All high school students are expected to wear their ID cards at all times while in school and on the bus.** Students will use the ID card to sign-in in school offices such as guidance and the nurse and be used to purchase lunch.
- If an ID card is lost the student needs to notify the appropriate assistant principal's office, so the card can be replaced. A \$5.00 replacement card fee will be applied.
- Any questions about the student identification card should be directed to the appropriate assistant principal's office.
- Students will NOT be stopped from riding the school bus if they have forgotten their card on a particular day. Bus drivers will have the ability to check them on and off the bus manually, but this will slow down the onboarding process, which could cause delays. Please know repeated instances of students forgetting their ID may result in parental contact and discussion.

DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT

The Jackson School District is a partnership of dedicated staff, learners and community members committed to developing the unique abilities of each student through compelling learning experiences in a safe and nurturing environment.

Our comprehensive, engaging and technology-enriched programs inspire, educate and motivate students to become independent, creative and critical thinkers who will thrive in a diverse, evolving global society.

We are resolved that through commitment to scholarship, character and initiative, our students will succeed beyond the expectations of the New Jersey Learning Standards as they excel in their life-long pursuit of knowledge.

DISTRICT VALUES AND BELIEFS

We believe that:

- 1 All students can learn.
- 2 Students learn best in an atmosphere of acceptance, tolerance and mutual respect.
- 3 All staff will set high expectations for themselves and for their students.
- 4 Education is most successful when individual learning styles, needs, and talents are respected and utilized.
- 5 It is our responsibility to provide an environment that fosters creativity, develops critical thinking and promotes academic and personal growth.
- 6 Attendance is essential to motivate students to learn.
- 7 Current and relevant technology is an integral part of enhancing instruction.
- 8 Offering diverse instructional opportunities in core subjects and in the fine and performing arts is essential to providing an effective and well-rounded education.
- 9 Athletics and extracurricular activities are valuable to a student’s collective educational experience and to creating a culture of leadership, sportsmanship and initiative.
- 10 Collaboration among highly qualified educational staff, students, families and the community will maximize the potential of all students.

WELCOME TO JACKSON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL

The administration, teachers and staff at Jackson Township High School would like to welcome both the students and parents to the high school. This handbook has been prepared as a guide to familiarize the students and the parents with valuable information regarding the policies and procedures which will make your experience at Jackson Township High School successful and rewarding.

We ask the students to take pride in their work and help our school to restart safely. Good luck and best wishes for a successful school year.

Principal:
Geoffrey Brignola
Assistant Principals:
Kyle Brunson
Mark Lax
Kevin McCann
Thomas Tarver

GENERAL EDUCATION GOALS - JACKSON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL

Students will be offered the opportunity to:

- Acquire and use skills in obtaining information, solving problems, thinking critically and communicating effectively.
- Develop sufficient skills and knowledge to select and take advantage of either career or advanced educational opportunities necessary for a lifetime of continuous learning.
- Learn to make independent decisions through analysis and creative thought so as to allow them to adapt to a changing society and world. Be able to recognize their own strengths, talents, and potentialities.
- Understand that ethical principles and values are the foundation of responsible citizenship in our democratic society.
- Acquire an understanding of the skills required to allow them to assume a responsible role in a producer-consumer oriented society and technological world.
- Develop habits, interests, and attitudes that promote physical, mental, social, personal and community well-being within the traditional curriculum and through alternative educational experiences.
- Become effective and responsible contributors to the decision making process of community institutions.
- Acquire basic information concerning the principles of the mathematical, physical, biological and social sciences; the historical record of human achievements and failures along with current social issues.
- Develop skills in reading, writing, speaking and listening in English and world language studies to communicate more effectively with others in a global society.
- Form cooperative skills to develop relations in a multicultural society.
- Develop technical and creative skills to promote vocational success and to encourage effective use of vocational and leisure time.



The poster features the Jackson Township School District logo on the left, which includes a shield with a book, a compass, and a torch, surrounded by the text "JACKSON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT" and "SCHOLARSHIP • CHARACTER • INITIATIVE". The main title "ATTENDANCE MATTERS" is in large, bold, red and black letters. Below it, the phrase "Be Here. Be Ready. Be Your Best." is written in a cursive font, followed by a red heart. A banner below reads "WHEN STUDENTS ARE IN SCHOOL, THEY...". Below this banner are five icons in red circles: an open book (Learn More), a lightbulb (Stay Engaged), three people (Build Strong Relationships), a graduation cap (Achieve Their Goals), and a star (Prepare for a Bright Future). On the right, a black box with white text says "PARENTS & STUDENTS— **YOU** ARE THE DIFFERENCE!". Below this are three bullet points with checkmarks: "Good attendance leads to better learning.", "Missing even a few days can make it harder to keep up.", and "Let's build habits today that lead to success tomorrow!". At the bottom, a black banner with white and red text reads "EVERY DAY. ALL DAY. ON TIME. **TOGETHER, WE CAN DO IT!**".

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Be Here. Be Ready. Be Your Best. ♥

WHEN STUDENTS ARE IN SCHOOL, THEY...

- LEARN MORE
- STAY ENGAGED
- BUILD STRONG RELATIONSHIPS
- ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS
- PREPARE FOR A BRIGHT FUTURE

PARENTS & STUDENTS— **YOU** ARE THE DIFFERENCE!

- ✓ Good attendance leads to better learning.
- ✓ Missing even a few days can make it harder to keep up.
- ✓ Let's build habits today that lead to success tomorrow!

EVERY DAY. ALL DAY. ON TIME. TOGETHER, WE CAN DO IT!



JTHS BELL SCHEDULE

REGULAR DAY BELL SCHEDULE

	HOMEROOM	7:10 - 7:15
1	PERIOD 1	7:15 - 8:35
2	PERIOD 2	8:41 - 10:01
3	PERIOD 3	10:07 - 12:07
4	PERIOD 4	12:13 - 1:33
	DISMISSAL	1:33 - 1:40
5	PERIOD 5	1:40 - 2:00

(Period 5 is for Extra Help if Invited by a Teacher)

★ JAG TIME ★

MONDAY
8:11 - 8:35

TUESDAY
9:37 - 10:01

WEDNESDAY
DEPENDENT ON
LUNCH PERIOD

THURSDAY
12:13 - 12:37

	DELAYED OPENING BELL SCHEDULE (NO LUNCH PERIOD)	
1	PERIOD 1	9:15 - 10:15
2	PERIOD 2	10:21 - 11:21
3	PERIOD 3	11:27 - 12:27
4	PERIOD 4	12:33 - 1:33
	DISMISSAL	1:33 - 1:40
5	PERIOD 5	1:40 - 2:10

	EARLY DISMISSAL BELL SCHEDULE (NO LUNCH PERIOD)	
1	PERIOD 1	7:15 - 8:19
2	PERIOD 2	8:25 - 9:29
3	PERIOD 3	9:35 - 10:39
4	PERIOD 4	10:45 - 11:51
X	NO PERIOD 5	X



LUNCHES ON SHORTENED SESSION DAYS

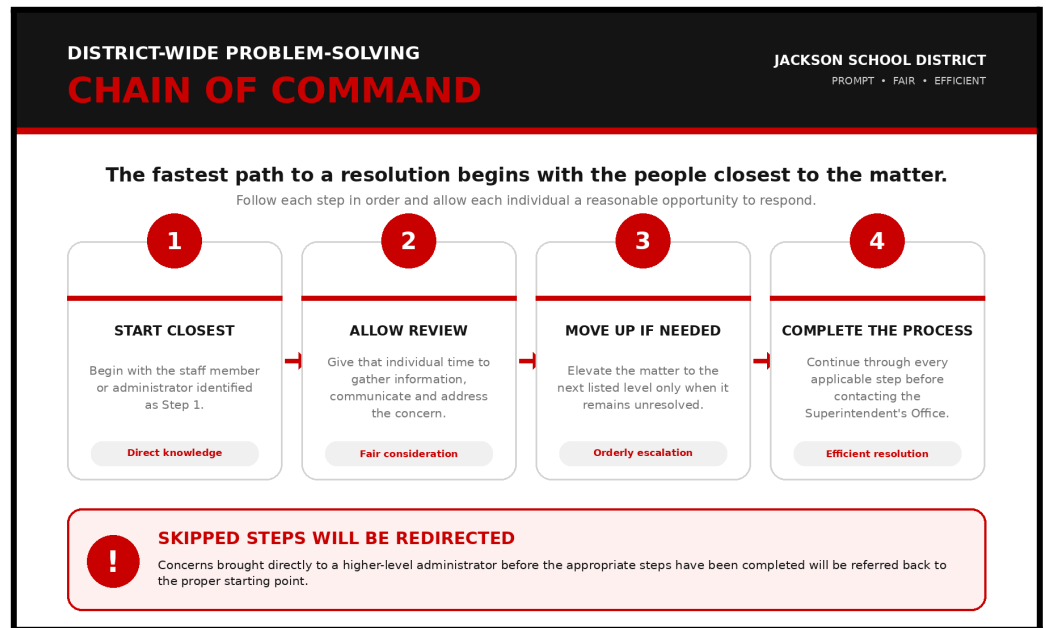
The cafeteria will be serving grab and go lunches on delayed openings and early dismissals. Food will be distributed in the kiosks at the bus ramp and at the concession stand by the bell. Please plan accordingly.

District-Wide Problem-Solving Chain of Command

The Jackson School District is committed to addressing questions and concerns **promptly, fairly and at the level closest to the matter.**

The individuals listed at each step are best positioned to gather the relevant information, communicate directly with those involved, and work toward an efficient resolution.

Concerns brought directly to a higher-level administrator before the appropriate steps are completed will be referred back to the proper starting point. When escalating, please be prepared to share your previous contacts.



This process PREVENTS DELAYS, AVOIDS DUPLICATION, and SUPPORTS THE MOST EXPEDITIOUS RESOLUTION.

Curriculum (Academic concerns, including grades, student performance, teacher concerns)

1. Teacher
2. Subject Area Supervisor
3. Principal
4. Assistant Superintendent - either Elementary (PreK-6) or Secondary, depending on grade

Student Discipline (Code of Conduct violations)

1. Assistant Principal
2. Principal
3. Assistant Superintendent (either Elementary or Secondary, depending on grade of student)

Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying

1. School Anti-Bullying Specialist
2. Coordinator of Mental Health
3. Principal
4. Director of Security
5. Assistant Superintendent for Elementary

Transportation or Cafeteria

1. Principal
2. Director of Transportation/Director of Food Service
3. Business Administrator

Publications or District Website

1. Coordinator of Communications & Technology
2. Superintendent

Special Education

1. Teacher
2. Child Study Team
3. Supervisor of Special Education
4. Principal
5. Director of Special Education
6. Assistant Superintendent for Elementary

504 Plans

1. School 504 Case Manager
2. Principal
3. Director of Guidance
4. Director of Special Education (Appeal)
5. Assistant Superintendent - either Elementary (PreK-6) or Secondary, depending on grade

Athletics

1. Head Coach
2. Director of Athletics
3. Principal
4. Assistant Superintendent for Secondary

District Affirmative Action

1. Assistant Superintendent for Secondary
2. Superintendent of Schools

Building Affirmative Action

1. Principal
2. Assistant Superintendent of Secondary

Technology

1. Director of Technology
2. Assistant Superintendent for Elementary

Section I - PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES

This handbook has been prepared so you may be aware of the opportunities and expectations of Jackson Township High School. Parents are expected to read the entire handbook to better understand the school's role in establishing the best education for your child.

ORDER OF CONTACT PROCEDURES

<u>Discipline</u>	<u>Academics</u>	<u>Extra Curricular</u>
Teacher	Teacher	Coach/Advisor
Asst. Principal	Guidance/CST	Athletic Supervisor
Principal	Supervisor	Asst. Principal
Asst. Superintendent	Asst. Principal	Principal
Superintendent	Principal	Asst. Superintendent
	Asst. Superintendent	Superintendent
	Superintendent	

PORTAL SYSTEM

Parents/Guardians are strongly encouraged to view their child's grades and averages and report cards on the computer via the Parent Portal. You will be assigned a [Parent Portal](#) login ID and password when you register with the district. The following steps will allow you to obtain your Portal password if you have forgotten it or if you are locked out of the system.

Go to the district website at www.jacksonsd.org and look for the PORTAL button or use this [Parent Portal](#) link. When you come to the login page, look for the "Forgot My Password" item. Follow the instructions and put in the email address that we have on file for you and that you use as your Portal Login ID. You will receive a new temporary password, which will allow you to enter the system and change it to a new password.

If you have difficulty, you can send an email to portalsupport@jacksonsd.org. Please be sure to include the student's full name, the full name of both parents, the child's address, school and grade and your contact information. If you send the email from the account we have on file in the Parentlink system, your login information will be emailed back to you. If you are sending the email from another email address, we will have to contact you.

PARENT CONFERENCES

Parents are encouraged to discuss and confer with teachers when it seems necessary or desirable. Appointments may be made through the guidance counselor at a mutually convenient time. Appointments may also be made with the counselor or appropriate administrator to discuss general progress. It is requested that visits for these purposes be made by appointment.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT

Each fall the high school faculty and administration conduct a Back-to-School Night. On this evening parents are invited to the school to meet teachers and discuss the overall educational program for the upcoming year. Parents are highly encouraged to attend. **The Jackson Township High School Back to School Night for this year will be held Thursday, Sept. 17, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.**

PARENT-TEACHER-STUDENT NETWORK

Jackson Township High School is proud to support an excellent PTSN which affords all concerned citizens an opportunity to become actively engaged in their schools. Our parents do an amazing job supporting our students, and would love to welcome new members. Refer to the school website for more information!

VANDALISM AND PARENT LIABILITY

The parent or guardian of any pupil who vandalizes school property shall be liable for the amount of the damage to be collected by the Board of Education of the district in any court competent jurisdiction, together with civil suit. (18A:37-3). Adult pupils shall be accountable for their own actions while attending public school. Financial responsibility for vandalism of school property rests with the adult pupil rather than his parent or guardian.

PUPIL RECORDS

In accordance with requirements set forth in the New Jersey Administrative Code, Title 6A, Chapter 32, Subchapter entitled “Pupil Record”, local school districts are mandated to notify parents individually at least annually of their rights in regard to pupil records and shall make copies of the applicable state and federal laws and local policies upon request. Pupil records shall contain only such information relevant to the education of the pupil. Mandated pupil records are those pupil records which the schools have been directed to compile by New Jersey statute, regulation or authorized administrative direction.

Examples are:

- Identifying pupil’s name;
- Address;
- Date of birth;
- Citizenship and sex of pupil;
- Records of daily attendance;
- Description of pupil progress;
- History and status of physical health compiled in accordance with state regulations, and;
- All other records required to be kept by the state regarding the education of handicapped pupils.

Permitted pupil records are those which a local Board of Education has authorized the district to collect by resolution adopted at a regular public meeting to promote the educational welfare of the student. Examples are:

- Group achievement and intelligence tests and interest inventories;
- Systematically gathered teacher or counselor ratings, and;
- Observations and verified reports of serious or recurrent behavior patterns.

As parents, you and your student have a right to individual privacy and the right to know concerning information gathered by the school. If you have any questions or desire to examine your child’s records, you must arrange to do so by making an appointment with the Guidance Office.

SIGNING STUDENTS OUT OF SCHOOL

Student sign-outs take place in the Main Office only with parent/guardian consent. Individuals signing out a student must be listed as a contact in Genesis, be at least 18 years of age, and must provide identification.

VISITORS

Upon entering the building, visitors must surrender identification and sign in with the appropriate receptionist to obtain a visitor identification badge. Visitors will be escorted to their desired location. Visitors must sign out with the receptionist upon departure.

STUDENT GUESTS

It is acknowledged that some schools may be closed on days when Jackson Township High School is in session and that you might have a friend or relative who would like to visit our school during such a time. We cannot accommodate such requests.

FINAL EXAMS

Students are required to take a final exam at the conclusion of each subject. There will be no final exam exemptions. Final exams must be taken on the assigned date unless prior administrative approval is granted. Vacations and other activities must be arranged after the close of the exam schedule. No exceptions or requests will be honored. **During the final exam, students are required to stay for the entire exam period and there will be no sign-outs during the exam.**

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS - IF YOU ARE MOVING, WE MUST BE INFORMED

If you are moving from one house to another within Jackson:

You must provide proof of address change to the school registrar so we can update your records and alter your bus stop (if applicable). **It is your responsibility to let us know of any address change immediately.** You can reach one of our school registrars on the [Registering Your Child webpage](#).

If you are moving out of Jackson during the school year and have a child in 12th grade:

- Students in 12th grade whose parent or guardian has moved away from the school district on or after July 1st may have the opportunity to finish their Senior Year in Jackson **with a discounted cost of tuition**. These rates appear on the [District Tuition Program webpage](#). If you are moving and want to explore this option, please reach out to Assistant Superintendent Mr. Rob Rotante at 732-833-4604 rjrotante@jacksonsd.org for an application. You will need to provide your own transportation.

Section II - SCHOOL SERVICES

HEALTH SERVICES

A nurse is available for assistance at all times during the normal school day. The correct procedure to handle all medical problems or illnesses is to report to the appropriate health office. If the nurse is out of the office on an emergency, you should report to the main office. Students will not be admitted to the health office without a pass from the teacher except in cases of emergency. ***Students should not report to the health office between classes. Students must go to their scheduled class and obtain a pass to the health office from that teacher.***

Screenings for height, weight, vision, hearing and scoliosis will be performed as per state guidelines. Nurses are available for health counseling and education on an individual basis but no diagnosis will be given. State law mandates that all public school students meet current immunization requirements to either be enrolled or to remain in school. The nurses will notify parents or guardians one month before an immunization is required.

All students who are injured or ill must report to the health office. If students are going home due to injury or illness they are to be signed out by their parent or guardian in the health office.

PE MEDICAL EXEMPTIONS

All students are required by state law to participate in physical education classes so long as they are physically capable. A student who is to be excused from participation in physical education class is required to present a doctor's note explaining the reason for the medical excuse. No student is excused from participation in physical education class without the consent of the nurse. *Medical notes excusing students from physical education must be renewed yearly.*

MEDICINES AND DRUGS

*Students taking any medications must provide a completed form signed by the doctor and the parent and presented to the school nurse. **This must be renewed each year.** All prescriptions, medicines, and over-the-counter drugs must be placed in the care of the nurse who will dispense them in accordance with the directions of the prescribing physician.*

ORTHOPEDIC ASSISTIVE DEVICES

For the purposes of this policy, the following devices are considered orthopedic assistive devices: Wheelchairs, crutches, canes, walkers and any orthopedic weight supportive device. Procedure is as follows:

1. Parents must provide the Health Office with a physician's prescription to use any device while on school premises. This prescription is to include the diagnosis supporting the use of the device and the time frame for usage.
2. The physician must certify that the student has been instructed in proper usage and safety concerning the prescribed device. The device is to remain with the person using it at all times.
3. The school shall not be responsible for providing the assistive device.
4. The school will not be liable for any injury incurred while the above person is operating said device.
5. The school will not be responsible to provide a personal assistant to the individual utilizing the device.
6. Only approved district personnel may assist in transporting the student.

Jackson Township Schools adhere to the requirements as stated by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

MEDIA CENTER

The Jackson Township High School Media Center offers students resources for their coursework, their own interests and needs, as well as materials for recreational reading. Books, magazines, maps, computers and online databases are available for student research. Students are encouraged to ask the librarian for assistance.

A student must have a valid pass from a teacher to use the library. Students may borrow books from the library for a period of two (2) weeks with the option to renew books for an additional two (2) week period. Overdue notices are delivered to homerooms for distribution to students. Those who do not return books on time are subject to penalties as determined by the administration. **Students are reminded to review the district's computer use policy, AI Policy, and plagiarism policy.**

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

The basic responsibility of the guidance department is to assist each student in making his/her school experience as enriching as possible. Each student is assigned a counselor whose services are available to the student, his/her teachers and parents. Guidance is a shared responsibility between the home and school and most effective when all work together in the best interest of the student. The main function of the counselor is to establish a relationship with the student that will help him/her to interpret and evaluate information and make better present and future decisions about his social, educational, and career plans.

GUIDANCE STAFF

Joe Palumbo	Director of Guidance Services
Jean Ciner	Counselor
Catherine Ferrera	Counselor
Kelly Hobbs	Counselor
Susan Kratz	Counselor
Signe Myres	Counselor
Gregg Patterson	Counselor
Dawn Siegle	Counselor
Maryann Stenta	Counselor
David Tedeschi	Counselor
Laureen Caggiano	Student Assistance Counselor
Lisa Cleary	Student Assistance Counselor

PUPIL CUMULATIVE RECORDS

Pupil records are maintained by the guidance department and may be reviewed upon request by parents, legal guardians and adult pupils. A parent or legal guardian has access to student records unless there is a court order in the student's file prohibiting this access.

STANDARDIZED TESTING

- Students participate in a variety of required and voluntary testing during the course of their high school years. For a full understanding of our assessments, see the [“Understanding Assessments and Grading”](#) page on the district website. Below is a summary of some of the testing in which your child will participate (some are mandatory, others are optional and scheduled by students directly).
- NJSLA - The primary purpose of the New Jersey Student Learning Assessments (NJSLA) is to provide high quality assessments of students' progression toward postsecondary readiness and success. Each semester, course-specific NJSLA assessments are administered to students taking courses covering English 1 & Alg 1 curriculums.
- NJSLA-S Assessment - The New Jersey Student Learning Assessment for Science (NJSLA-S) measures student proficiency with the New Jersey Student Learning Standards for Science. The three-dimensional nature of the standards requires more complex assessment items and tasks. The NJSLA-S is only one component of a system of assessments that provide evidence about student learning.
- ACCESS Testing - Students who are identified as English Learners (ELs) or Multilingual Learners (MLLs) take the assessment each year until they meet the state's criteria for exiting ESL services. Students are assessed in the following domains: listening, speaking, reading, and writing.
- Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM)- The alternate assessment for students with the most significant intellectual disabilities in English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science is called the Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM). The DLM test specifications and Essential Elements skill statements, used for instruction and assessment, are currently available and accessible via the DLM website. For information on the DLM, go to the [Dynamic Learning Maps New Jersey website](#).
- ACT-The ACT test is a college readiness assessment and standardized test for high school achievement used by many colleges to evaluate applicants. Typically students will take the ACT during spring of their junior and fall of their senior year. Please consult with your school counselor for specific questions about the ACT. Additional information as well as registration information can be found at www.actstudent.org.
- PSAT/NMSQT—The Preliminary SAT, also known as the PSAT/NMSQT (National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test), is a practice version of the SAT exam. If you earn a high score on the PSAT your junior year, you could qualify to receive a National Merit Scholarship or other privately sponsored scholarships. The PSAT is 2 hours and 45 minutes long and tests your skills in reading, writing, and math.
- PSAT 10- 10th grade students will take the PSAT 10 in March of their Sophomore year. It contains the same content as the PSAT/NMSQT
- SAT-The SAT is a standardized test that many colleges use to evaluate applicants. Typically students will take the SAT during spring of their junior and fall of their senior year. Please consult with your school counselor for specific questions about the SAT. Additional information as well as registration information can be found at collegeboard.org.
- Armed Services Vocational Assessment Battery (ASVAB)- The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery is the most widely used multiple-aptitude test battery in the world. The ASVAB measures a student's strengths, weaknesses and potential for future success in four domains: verbal, math, science and technical, and spatial.

2ND FLOOR HELP LINE (888-222-2228)

Parents: In operation since 2008, the 2NDFLOOR Youth Helpline is operated by 180 Turning Lives Around, Inc. out of Monmouth County. The NJ Department of Education has encouraged districts to inform their young people about the helpline as it serves students seeking guidance with a crisis or simply needing an immediate place to talk.

Students: The 2NDFLOOR Youth Helpline is a safe place to call when you need help with ANY problem. 2NDFLOOR is free, confidential and anonymous (except if you say you are going to hurt yourself or others). 2NDFLOOR is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You can call 888-222-2228 anytime! 2NDFLOOR's phone counselors are caring, supportive and friendly. 2NDFLOOR also has a website at www.2ndfloor.org. You can anonymously write a message on the online message board and receive a response from 2NDFLOOR.

What types of problems do people talk about when they contact 2NDFLOOR? Problems with friends, peer pressure, dating, substance abuse, school stress, dating violence, bullying, eating disorders, family problems, depression, anxiety, abuse, suicide, worry about a friend, and any other problem, question or concern. The Helpline is here to support you! Additional mental health resources and a directory are available by contacting your student's counselor, or by viewing the mental wellness and crisis resource tabs on the district's website.

988: Suicide & Crisis Lifeline." 988 is available by call, text, or chat 24 hours a day, every day of the year.

Section III - POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR STUDENTS

ATTENDANCE

All students must report to his/her 1st period class by 7:15 AM. Attendance will be taken by teachers at this time. Anyone reporting to school after 7:20 AM must sign in with the receptionist.

LOST AND FOUND

Lost and found is located in the Main Office and the Assistant Principal Offices.

TELEPHONES—MESSAGES—DELIVERIES

Students may use office phones for *LEGITIMATE REASONS*. Phone calls and messages to students will be honored only for emergencies. Other than school essentials, deliveries to students will NOT be accepted. Flowers, singing telegrams, balloons, food orders, etc. will NOT be permitted.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Every parent/guardian has the responsibility to make sure his/her child attends school regularly. NJ State Law requires that we document all days when a student is absent from school. As such, the school will monitor your child's attendance and timely arrival throughout the year. Parents are encouraged to monitor their child's attendance through the parent portal. Children between the ages of 6 and 16 must attend school regularly. Completing the curriculum requirements and participating in class activities are mandatory to pass the class and receive credits. A student who has nine (9) absences during a semester or eighteen (18) for a full year class does not meet the minimum instructional requirements. **Those students will be denied credit for all courses taken and passed that semester as well as labeled as 'chronically absent' by the State of New Jersey.**

Students must be present in school for a minimum of 4 hours in order to attend and/or participate in a team practice, competition, activity group meeting or function. Exceptions to this rule include absences due to the following: driver's education examination, court, school sponsored activity, religious obligations, medical obligations and bereavement, or any absence which receives prior administrative approval. For high school this means the student must be signed into school by

9:30 a.m., and if they are signing out of school early, they must stay until at least 11:30 a.m. Written documentation for absences must be submitted to the attendance office within five days of occurrence. Failure to bring a note in a timely manner will not be considered for an excused absence during the appeal process if requested.

ATTENDANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

In order to achieve academic success, students need to know the importance of attending school on a regular basis. The Attendance Review Committee was established in order to assist our students with chronic absenteeism. Students who are in jeopardy of losing credit will be contacted by this committee to review the district policy and to determine credit status. Excessive absences will result in referral to the District Attendance Officer for possible court action.

The following is the procedure regarding absences and loss of credit:

Absence Milestone	Actions & Interventions
3 Absences <i>(Before Oct 15)</i>	Phone call to the parent/guardian.
6 Absences	Phone call to the parent/guardian based on student program.
9 Absences	Phone call to the parent/guardian. Student referred to the I&RS team . I&RS meeting with the parent/guardian to develop an attendance plan. Student subject to Credit Withdrawal for semester classes.
12 Absences	Mandatory in-person conference with the parent/guardian, building administration, and guidance counselor.
15 Absences	Phone call to parent/guardian to inform the parent/guardian of the 18-day threshold consequences.
18 Absences	• Truancy Mediation through the CDRP. • Formal Truancy Charges filed.

WITHDRAWAL OF CREDIT APPEAL

- A written appeal must be presented to the ARC by the parent(s)/guardian(s) within five (5) school days of receiving the credit withdrawal letter.
- The ARC will consider such criteria as the nature of the absences, supporting documentation, etc., in determining whether to excuse or not to excuse certain absences. Upon final determination, absences deemed excused and/or unexcused by the committee will be indicated as such in Genesis by the District's Attendance Secretary.
- The ARC, at their discretion, may also draft an "Attendance Contract" for those students they feel have not met the minimum "attendance requirements" for course credit.

Guidelines for Withdrawal of Credit Appeal

1. The appeal must cover a specific date;
2. The appeal must be based on a specific reason for the specific date;
3. Reasons for appeal (documentation required):
 - Death in immediate family;
 - Religious observance;
 - Legal obligations;
 - Illness, verifiable by medical note or other documentation;
 - Extenuating circumstances “considered”—does not mean automatic approval.

Absentee Note procedure: Students should bring in notes for absences within five (5) days of occurrence. Failure to bring a note in a timely manner will not be considered for an excused absence during the appeal process if requested. Absences with note will no longer be marked as excused in Genesis; however, in keeping with the NJ State Education Code, the following will be listed as excused:

- Bring Your Child to Work Day (BCW)
- Religious Holidays recognized by the State of New Jersey (see <http://www.state.nj.us/education/genfo/holidays.htm> for further information)
- Three (3) college visits per year for Juniors and Seniors
- I.E.P. or 504
- Suspensions
- Medical Note From a Doctor

Once the semester has concluded, the automated letters generated by Genesis will be reset. It will be up to the ARC to continue to monitor those students who have already been identified as an attendance risk for any future violations of the Attendance Policy.

NOTICE TO ALL STUDENTS

School District Policy 5700 provides, “a pupil who has reached the age of majority and is emancipated possesses the full rights of an adult and may issue authorizations previously delegated to his/her parent(s) or legal guardian(s).” Therefore, if a student is not emancipated he/she does not possess all the rights of an adult, i.e. the right to sign himself/herself out of the school for the day, the right to sign consent forms for field trips, etc. It is important that all students within the high school follow the same procedures, unless otherwise documented through emancipation.

TRUANCY

Truancy is the failure to report to and remain in school when the parent/guardian is under the impression that the student is in school. Consequences for truancy will be consistent with the Code of Discipline.

“CUTS” - UNAUTHORIZED CLASS ABSENCE

Any late to class in excess of twenty (20) minutes, without a valid pass, is considered a cut and an absence from class and will result in disciplinary action; this includes period 1 class. A cut is defined as an “unauthorized absence from class.” A student should not expect any teacher to excuse them from another teacher’s class.

FIELD TRIP NOTIFICATION – SPONSORED ACTIVITIES

Students must have each subject teacher sign the Field Trip Notification Form indicating approval. This form must be returned to the teacher in charge of the trip. Failure to receive approval will be considered a class cut. It is the responsibility of the student to make up the work missed.

INCOMPLETE SCHOOL DAY

Students must be in school for 4 hours to be considered present for the day. Students who sign in after 9:30 AM will be counted absent for the AM session. Students leaving before 11:30 AM will be marked absent for the PM session. An initial notification is sent to the parents or legal guardians as a warning that their child is jeopardizing his/her ability to satisfactorily complete the prescribed courses of study. Withdrawal of course credit will occur at the 9th absence.

RECORDKEEPING—REPORTING ABSENCES

Absences and tardiness from school shall be recorded in Portal. Letters of notification will be available to parents or guardians in the Parent Portal alerting them of the danger of non-compliance with the attendance requirements. Letters will be posted in the parent portal upon the occurrence of the 3rd, 6th, and 8th absence. In addition, the school's attendance review chairperson may meet with the student for a verbal consultation on the 3rd, 6th and 8th absence.

ANTICIPATED ABSENCES

It is strongly suggested that parents do not plan to take their family vacations when school is in session. *Absences for vacations are not excused.*

MAKE-UP WORK

Work missed for absences must be made up. Students must contact their teachers for the missed work and it must be made up on a day for day basis. In the case of an extended absence, teachers must have 24 hours notice to gather the missed work.

TARDY

It is vitally important that all students arrive at school/class on time. Excessive lateness to school/class has a direct impact on academics and may result in progressive discipline and/or loss of credit in a particular class. As a student accumulates lates, a referral will be made to a school-based committee to implement a plan supporting arrival to school/class on time. Tardiness from school/class shall be recorded in Portal. Letters of notification will be mailed to parents or guardians alerting them of the danger of non-compliance with the attendance requirements. See pg. 35 for more information.

EARLY RELEASE

Legitimate reasons for early release are:

- Sent home ill by school nurse;
- Written documentation of doctor or dental appointment;
- Written documentation of court appointment.

Student will have to provide proper documentation. With parent/guardian consent, individuals signing out a student must be listed as a contact in Genesis, be at least 18 years of age, and must provide identification. *No current student can sign out another current student.*

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Students who move during the school year must report change of address and phone number to the Guidance Office.

TRANSFERS AND WITHDRAWALS

Students who are leaving school or transferring to another school must complete a Student Transfer form, which is available through the District Registrar. If the student is transferring, a transfer report is then prepared and processed, recorded and approved in the school office, and forwarded to the pupil's new school. All student obligations must be fulfilled before the transcript process is completed.

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSING

In the event of “snow days” or other emergency closings, announcements are made on our district website, through automated calls and emails, and on over radio stations WOBN, NJ 101.5 and their websites. Please do not call the school. In the event the district is closed due to weather conditions, there is NO transportation to any school, either in district or out of district.

EVACUATION DRILLS

Evacuation drills are used for all emergency evacuations of the building. Evacuation drills will be conducted regularly in accordance with state law. These drills are serious exercises designed to protect life and should be conducted in such a manner. Students are to follow the directions of the staff without hesitation. Absolutely no detours, trips to the locker, etc., will be allowed.

HALL PASSES

It is absolutely necessary that the student use a pass whenever he or she is excused from class. It is mandatory that the following be observed in the use of passes:

- Teachers will not issue a pass to excuse a student from another teacher’s class;
- Passes will not be issued for the cafeteria or gym;
- Passes (except lavatory passes) will not be issued by cafeteria staff except in emergencies. Students may leave the cafeteria only upon presentation of a valid pass.

ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

Early Dismissal - The school will not be able to accommodate any student sign outs after 1:30 PM. Therefore, all appointments must be scheduled before this time period.

Unauthorized Dismissal - Under no circumstances may a student leave school without the permission of the main office or school nurse. Students claiming illness during any period are required to report to the nurse. Students failing to comply with this procedure will be considered cutting or truant. Students who are ill and must leave school must be signed out by a parent, guardian, or parent designee. Bus transportation will not be provided

TRANSPORTATION

During the course of the school year, many students will desire to remain after the regular school day to participate in our extracurricular program. Bus safety is a concern of both students and school personnel. In order to insure the safety of all students who ride the bus to and from school, the following should be observed:

- Students on the bus must remain in their seats at all times unless entering or exiting the vehicle.
- Students should be self-controlled at all times so as not to cause any disruptions for the driver or one’s fellow students.

All students must ride on their assigned bus unless given permission by an administrator. A parent/guardian must submit a request in writing in advance.

Any vandalism or disruptive behavior on the part of any student will result in removal from his/her bus for a specified period of time. Restitution will be made in cases of vandalism. Habitual or chronic misbehavior on the bus may result in permanent loss of bus transportation.

A pupil may be excluded from the bus for disciplinary reasons by the principal or designee. The pupil’s parents shall provide for his/her transportation to and from school during the period of such exclusion (N.J. Statute 18A:25-2).

STUDENT LOCKERS

Each student will be offered a locker and is responsible for its contents. The locker remains the property of the school district and may be opened for inspection at any time, whether or not the student is present. The student is to keep the locker clean and orderly. Students are expected to secure the locker door and lock it as this is the best deterrent against loss. The school

district is not responsible for any losses that occur from using a locker, therefore it is highly recommended that students do not bring large amounts of cash or valuables to school. In addition, students should not share their locker or give their combination to anyone. Locker assignments will be distributed by the homeroom teacher. Locker difficulties are to be reported in writing to an assistant principal's office or main office immediately.

LOCKER SEARCHES

Lockers are the property of the Board of Education and are subject to search. In no pupil storage place provided by the Board of Education, including but not limited to their lockers, desks, and other storage facilities, shall pupils have an expectation of privacy. These storage areas may be searched at any time by school officials for any reason they deem appropriate with or without cause. Students are held responsible for the contents of their assigned locker. The school Principal or designee is directed to conduct, without further notice, the regular inspection of such facilities provided to pupils for the storage of property.

LUGGAGE

The school reserves the right to search any and all student luggage associated with school sponsored trips, events or activities.

USE OF VIDEO CAMERAS/CELLPHONE CAMERAS

The use of video cameras/camera cell phones is strictly prohibited. Any use of such devices must be authorized by administration only. Device may be confiscated and turned in as possible evidence.

CANINE SEARCH

A canine search may occur on school premises. Certain classrooms may be cleared of all students and the dogs will enter for the search. Students will be expected to leave personal belongings such as book bags, pocket books, outer garments, etc., in the classroom. Vehicles parked in the student parking lot may also be inspected by the dogs. The areas to be inspected will be supervised by certified school personnel.

TEXTBOOKS/SCHOOL MATERIALS

Each student is responsible for the care and protection of assigned books and materials, and will be required to reimburse the school for damage beyond normal wear or for loss.

WORKING PAPERS

Students no longer obtain working papers in the Guidance Office. Now, students complete the working papers completely online using the following steps:

1. Create an account. Enter your name and email address at myworkingpapers.nj.gov. You will get a link to confirm your email address.
2. Complete the application. You'll need your employer's unique 8-digit code and your caregiver's name and email address to submit your part of the application.
3. Track your progress. You may need to follow up with your caregiver and employer, who need to submit their parts of the application before you can start working. If your application is rejected for any reason, you can't work until you submit a new application that is approved.
4. Get to work! You can start working after your application is approved. Don't forget: If you add or change jobs, you need to submit a new Working Papers application.

SCHOOL DISCIPLINE - PHILOSOPHY

Good school discipline begins with a sound instructional program and a dedicated, involved professional staff. The teacher is by far the best and prime disciplinarian in any given situation, whether it is in the classroom, hallway, cafeteria, athletic event or other such area where the teacher may be present. The effectiveness of the educational program at Jackson Township High

School relies heavily upon each individual faculty member professionally handling routine matters of discipline. The staff members' actions may include one or more of the following:

- Individual student conferences;
- Counselor/teacher conferences;
- Parent conferences;
- Supervisor/teacher conferences, etc.

The role of the school administration and other authorized personnel is one of support to the individual teacher in these matters. It is believed that the consistent enforcement of those regulations will affect a positive learning atmosphere where teachers can teach and students can learn. A student of Jackson Township High School:

- Shows respect for his fellow students, for faculty and staff, and for all others;
- Expresses himself/herself in respectful language;
- Maintains high personal standards of integrity;
- Dresses neatly and appropriately for school (see dress code below);
- Respects public, private and school property;
- Refrains from the use of intoxicants and narcotics;
- Obeys all school regulations, school board policies, and state laws.

STUDENT DRESS CODE

We at Jackson Township High School believe that each individual should strive for personal cleanliness and good grooming. Standards of dress are an important part of personal pride which can result in higher academic achievement, better behavior and greater school spirit. Students who wear attire which is obscene, indecent, or unsafe, will not be permitted in school. The final interpretation and enforcement of proper school dress resides with the faculty and administration. Restrictions on student dress will be imposed whenever the mode of dress in question is:

- Unsafe either for him/her or those around him/her;
- Disruptive of school operation and the education process in general. Specifically:
 - No wearing of hats, caps, sweatbands, hoods, visors, bandanas, and do-rags inside the building;
 - Picks and combs placed in the hair are not allowed.
 - No clothing or jewelry that promotes violence, profanity or use of restricted substances. Jewelry and clothing should not restrict movement, be distracting, or cause a safety hazard to self or others;
 - Shirts/blouses must cover all areas in front from the shoulder to collarbone and collarbone to the pant waistline; the back should cover from the shoulder blade to the pant waistline; not expose the rib panel. Bra sides should not show.
 - Shirts should be free of graphics or wording describing or suggesting any of the following:
 - Drugs, alcohol/beer, and tobacco products, violence, racial, or ethnic slurs, sexual language, profanity, or symbols, anything deemed inappropriate by the school administration.
 - No excessively short skirts or shorts will be permitted. Use the 'fingertip rule' when deciding if shorts/skirt is too short to wear to school. No boxer or spandex shorts will be allowed;
 - Pants must be worn at the waistline. No sagging is allowed;
 - No spandex and/or stretch or revealing clothing;
 - All students must wear shoes at all times for safety and health reasons; athletic shoes, loafers, and sandals are allowed;
 - No slippers are allowed;
 - Shoes with wheels are not allowed;
 - Shoelaces must be tied properly for safety;
 - Attire that protects the health and safety of the student must be worn;
 - Book bag size and usage should be at the discretion of the building principal;
 - Students are not permitted to have chains or chain wallets;

- Specific classes may require additional clothing limitations for reasons of safety.
- Other Items That Will Not Be Accepted:
 - o Attire which may be used as a weapon. This includes, but is not limited to chains, wallet chains, and items with spikes or studs.
 - o Sleepwear of any type.
 - o Tinted/sunglasses or non-prescription contact lens, except for health purposes.

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Educational institutions have the duty and authority to protect the student body through the establishment of standards of conduct. The Jackson School District is required by law to provide proper facilities and to maintain an appropriate educational program. School age residents have a right to attend the Jackson Schools in an atmosphere which is conducive to learning. Disruption shall not be condoned nor tolerated. The teachers and staff of Jackson Township High School want all students to succeed in their academic programs. To attain that goal, positive, appropriate, and safe behavior is necessary. Student conduct that in any way disrupts classwork or involves substantial disorder or impedes the rights of others will not be tolerated. Such behavior may be cause for suspension or expulsion. Parents will be notified as promptly as possible. A parent conference may be scheduled during the suspension period.

SUBMISSION OF PUPIL'S AUTHORITY

N.J.S.A. 18A:37-1 *"Pupils in public schools shall comply with the rules established in pursuance of law for the government of such schools, pursue the prescribed course of study and submit to the authority of the teachers and others in authority over them."*

STUDENT SEARCH

A student search and search of belongings (such as backpack, pocketbook, etc.) are subject to a warrantless search as long as there is reasonable suspicion.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

The sexual harassment of individuals is a violation of law and public policy. It is viewed as a form of illegal sex based discrimination.

Definition: Sexual harassment shall consist of unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other inappropriate verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when made by any member of the school staff to a student, or when made by any student to another student when:

1. Submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of a pupil's education, or when:
2. Submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as the basis for academic decisions affecting that individual, or when:
3. Such conduct has the purpose or effect of substantially interfering with an individual's academic performance or creating intimidating, hostile, or offensive education environment.

Sexual harassment, as set forth in Section IIA, may include, but is not limited to the following:

- Verbal harassment or abuse;
- Pressure for sexual activity;
- Repeated remarks to a person with sexual or demeaning implications;
- Unwelcome touching;
- Suggesting or demanding sexual involvement accompanied by implied or explicit threats concerning grades, job, etc.

Procedures: Any person who alleges sexual harassment by any staff member or student in the school district may use the procedure detailed in the Sexual Harassment Policy #5751 or may complain directly to the building principal. Other building managers for informal complaints may be designated at the annual sexual harassment prevention meeting held for students

and staff. Filing of a grievance or otherwise reporting sexual harassment will not reflect upon the individual's status nor will it affect future employment, grades, or work assignments. The right to confidentiality, both of the complainant and of the accused, will be respected consistent with the school district's legal obligations, and with the necessity to investigate allegations of misconduct and to take corrective action when this conduct has occurred.

Sanctions: A substantiated charge against a staff member in the school district shall subject such staff member to disciplinary action, including discharge. A substantiated charge against a student in the school district shall subject that student to disciplinary action including suspension or expulsion, consistent with the student discipline code.

Notifications: Notice of this policy will be circulated to all schools and departments on an annual basis and incorporated in teacher and student handbooks. It will also be distributed to all organizations in the community having cooperative agreements with the public schools. Failure to comply with this policy may result in termination of the cooperative agreement. Training sessions on this policy and the prevention of sexual harassment shall be held for teachers and students in all schools on an annual basis.

SMOKING POLICY

No smoking or possession of tobacco products is permitted by any student anywhere on school property or at a school sponsored event. Students who violate this regulation will be subject to disciplinary action as defined in the discipline code. Smoking on school grounds violates NJ Code NJSA 26:3D-58 and is subject to a police complaint and a \$250 fine.

ELECTRONIC VAPOR DEVICES

Any electronic device that vaporizes a liquid or any other substance is subject to confiscation by administration. Any student found in possession of or using such a device(s) will receive disciplinary action and may be subject to a drug screening, as defined in the discipline code. Enhanced measures will be utilized to address this issue. Smoking on school grounds violates NJ Code NJSA 26:3D-58 and is subject to a police complaint and a \$250 fine.

USE OF DRUGS AND ALCOHOL

Students are not permitted to possess, use or consume any alcoholic beverage, drug, or dangerous substance, including anabolic steroids, on school grounds, school buses, or any school sponsored event or activity at any time. Prescription and nonprescription drugs must be kept at the health office and administered under the supervision of the nurse only. Students who violate these regulations will be subject to the strictest disciplinary action, as well as legal action, and/or expulsion hearing.

DRUG POLICY (Board Policy)

In cases where reasonable suspicion is found, the student shall be required to have an immediate urinalysis and breath/ blood test, as well as a medical exam. This test must be at district's cut-off values. If the student refuses to have the test, the school administration will conclude that such refusal is taken to circumvent state law and board policy and will carry the same discipline as a positive drug test. If the test is administered and results are positive or indicate adulteration, appropriate disciplinary action will be issued. An adulterated test will carry the same discipline as a positive drug test.

Drug paraphernalia such as, but not restricted to, roach clips, hash pipes, rolling papers, etc., are not to be possessed on school property. All drug related incidents shall be handled according to the current Board Policy and in accordance with New Jersey Statutes and Regulations.

SENIOR STUDENT DRIVING AND PARKING

Jackson is a district which supplies nearly 100% busing to its students, thus driving privileges are not viewed as a necessity for student attendance. Parking permits will be issued on the basis of the guidelines stated in the Parking Permit Application. Application may be made at any time by filling out an application in the Assistant Principals' offices. Further, any student

who accumulates excessive discipline or lateness to school may lose his/her parking privileges. At the time of application, student drivers are issued further information regarding driving stipulations and infractions. Any student who parks on campus but has not gone through the proper procedure for obtaining a parking permit will be subject to suspension of parking privileges upon the submission of their application.

VEHICLE SEARCH

Student vehicles parked on school property are subject to a warrantless search as long as there is reasonable suspicion. Failure to allow a search of a vehicle will result in discipline and police notification.

FIREWORKS

Students are not permitted to possess or set off fireworks or other explosive devices anywhere on school property. Students who violate this regulation will be referred to the Assistant Principal for immediate disciplinary action.

CERTAIN DEVICES AND OTHER ITEMS

Devices deemed by administration to interfere with the educational process such as electronic gaming devices, skateboards, water guns, sound equipment, two-way radios, etc... are not permitted on school grounds. Students who bring such equipment to school will have it confiscated, and will be released only to the parent/guardian, and may receive discipline.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES/CELL PHONES/HEADPHONES

Devices such as cell phones, airpods, smartwatches and headphones are not permitted to be used during the school day, unless permission has been authorized by administration for educational or medical purposes. Please refer to the Student Code of Discipline under Cell Phones, for disciplinary action for infractions associated with these devices. These devices should not be brought into the bathrooms.

The school district assumes no responsibility for any privately-owned technology, including cell phones, brought to school by a pupil. The pupil shall be responsible for the proper operation and use of any privately-owned technology brought to school. School staff members shall not be responsible for the effective use and/or technical support for any privately-owned technology.

1:1 CHROMEBOOK INITIATIVE

Students and parents/guardians participating in the 1:1 Chromebook Initiative must adhere to the Student Code of Conduct, as well as all Board policies, particularly the Acceptable Use of Computer Network/Computer Resources Policy and the Pupil Use of Privately-Owned Technology Policy. In order to receive a Chromebook, parents and students must sign off on our 1:1 Chromebook Initiative Form, which is done through the Parent Portal.

The Jackson School District will provide each student with a loaned Chromebook for use at home and in school for the duration of the school year.

Students will be expected to bring their **charged** Chromebook back and forth to school everyday. If students forget to bring their Chromebook to school (or if it lacks a charge), then the school will lend the student a Chromebook for the day (and require it be returned at the end of the school day). The daily lending of a Chromebook will be a function of the school library, where surplus Chromebooks will be stored and accounted for on a daily basis. The responsibility is on the students to come to school with a charged Chromebook every day.

WEAPONS (Policy)

Students are forbidden to carry any type of weapon or simulated weapon to school. Strict disciplinary action and legal actions will result if this occurs. N.J.S.A.2C:39-5 is amended to read as follows: N.J.S.A.1C:39-5. Unlawful Possession of Weapons:

“Any person who knowingly has in his possession any imitation firearm in or upon any part of the building or grounds of any school, college, university or other educational institution, without the written authorization of the governing officer of the institution, or while on any school bus is a disorderly person.”

Students are encouraged to notify a teacher, guidance counselor or principal if a classmate makes a statement leading them to believe that the classmate may do some harm to himself/herself or to anyone else. Student confidentiality will be guarded to the greatest degree possible. For further details regarding prohibited weapons and consequences for various weapons-related offenses and other assaults, please view Board Policies 8467 and 5611.

SCHOOL SECURITY

Security personnel have been included in the staff of Jackson Township High School. Their official designations as set down in Title 18A is “School Law Enforcement Officers” and are called “Jackson School L.E.O.’s” or simply “L.E.O.’s”. Students are directed to respect the L.E.O.’s and to follow their instructions in the same manner that teacher instructions are followed.

CONDUCT PROBATION

As part of disciplinary consequences, a student may be placed on conduct probation. Students who are on conduct probation will not be permitted to practice or participate in any sport, attend any school social event, participate in any club or other activity, or function in any capacity in the extracurricular program. This includes such things as proms, formals, driving privileges and graduation.

Any student, who is on conduct probation and participates in any of the above activities will be disciplined accordingly. This may result in ISS or OSS and additional time on Conduct Probation.

TEACHER DETENTION

Students will be assigned a Teacher Detention for behavior problems. Students assigned to Teacher Detention are to report to the room designated by the teacher directly after school on the date specified. Failure to attend teacher Detention will result in further discipline in accordance with the code of conduct.

ADMINISTRATIVE PERIOD

Students may be assigned Administrative Period by either the administration or other such designated person for certain types of behaviors. The student, when so assigned, will report to the assigned room for the period specified **WITH SUFFICIENT STUDY MATERIALS TO KEEP BUSY**. Failure to attend this Administrative Period will result in additional discipline. Students must attend the day assigned, and must follow all Administrative Period procedures as posted in the Administrative Period room. Failure to do so will result in additional discipline.

The proper way to avoid this difficulty is through proper school behavior. Should a student be absent on any day for which Administrative Period or Teacher Administrative Period is assigned, time will be fulfilled on the next available date.

SUSPENSIONS FROM SCHOOL

A student on Out-of-School Suspension (OSS) is not permitted on Jackson School District school grounds at any time for any reason. Students on OSS may not attend any school related function on or off campus. In-School Alternative Program (ISS), is a disciplinary option used by administration according to the Code of Discipline. A student absent from school on the day of an assigned ISS will be re-assigned an ISS. When a student is assigned ISS, he/she is not allowed to partake in any athletic/extracurricular activities after school. Students must follow all ISS procedures as posted in the ISS room. Failure to do so will result in additional discipline.

GANG ACTIVITY OR ASSOCIATION

The organization, formation or participation in any gang or group activity that initiates, advocates or promotes activities which threaten the safety or well-being of persons or property in school or on grounds or that disrupt the school environment is prohibited. The appropriate law enforcement authority will be notified. Affiliation with colors is not acceptable and will be

addressed by administration and law enforcement. Detailed school rules regarding gang activity or association are located in District Policy 5615.

CODE OF DISCIPLINE

Certain kinds of behavioral problems will be handled at the Assistant Principal's level, while other infractions may be handled at the teacher level or through the Assistant Principal's office. Cases referred to the Administration will be handled on the merits of the particular facts. The Code of Discipline contains the guidelines that will be used to govern the actions of the Assistant Principal and Administration. Each student will have an individual discipline record which will contain an account of any problem and all actions that were taken. It should be noted that under Title 18A, the Principal in his/her responsibility for the health, safety and welfare of the building, has the power to respond to any given situation in a manner he/she judges best.

PROTECTION OF PUPILS' RIGHTS AMENDMENT

All instructional materials, including teacher's manuals, films, tapes, or other supplementary material that will be used in connection with any course taught shall be available for inspection by the parents or guardians of the students.

Protection of Pupils' Rights requires written consent from parents/legal guardians and pupils who are eighteen years old or emancipated minor pupils before minor students are required to participate in a survey, analysis, or evaluation funded in whole or in part by a program of the United States Department of Education that concerns one or more of the following eight areas referred to as "protected information surveys":

1. Political affiliations or beliefs of the pupil or pupil's parent;
2. Mental or psychological problems of the pupil or pupil's family;
3. Sex behavior or attitudes;
4. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating or demeaning behavior;
5. Critical appraisals of other with whom respondents have close family relationships;
6. Legally recognized privileged or analogous relationships, such as with lawyers, physicians, and ministers;
7. Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or parents; or
8. Income (other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such a program).

Section IV - ACADEMIC INFORMATION

PROMOTION AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Graduation requirements, as defined by law, fall into four categories:

- Number of credits
- Courses required
- Pass state mandated tests
- Attendance requirements
- Students must complete all discipline time.

To graduate, a senior must have a minimum of 120 credits. Required subjects are:

1. English I, II, III, IV;
2. Physical Education and Health I, II, III, IV;
3. World History, US History I and II;
4. Math— Alg 1, Geometry, and Alg. II;
5. Science— Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Environmental Earth
6. Visual and Performing Arts—one course;
7. Career Education and Consumer, Family Life Skills, or Career Technical Education (21st Century Life and Careers Education) one course.
8. World Language—one required, two sequential courses recommended for college bound students;
9. Technology - Integrated throughout all courses
10. Passing scores on state mandated tests;
11. Financial Literacy

Students transferring into Jackson Township High School in their senior year may be declared eligible for graduation if they meet all graduation requirements of their former school and all state requirements.

Appeals of any decisions about graduation may be made to the building principal in writing stating the reasons. Decisions by the building principal may be appealed to the Superintendent of Schools in writing. His/her decision may be appealed to the Board of Education. Appeals of Board of Education decisions may be made to the State Department of Education.

CLASS LEVEL ELIGIBILITY

There are many activities, privileges, etc. that are class specific and only those students who have reached the necessary credit requirements will be able to partake in any of the activities or privileges of that class. Credit requirements include:

- Freshman – must obtain 15 credits by the end of semester 1
- Sophomore – must have a minimum of 30 credits
- Junior – must have a minimum of 60 credits
- Senior – must have a minimum of 90 credits

Some of the class specific activities or privileges include; however, it is not limited to this list:

- Athletics
- Homecoming
- Class Offices
- Junior Prom
- Senior Prom
- Driving to School
- Any grade related events such as Powder Puff

SCHEDULE CHANGES

Schedules for Semester I and II are developed at the end of the preceding year through the cooperative efforts of the Guidance department, home and students. All students will receive a copy of their requests in May of the preceding year for final review and consent. Therefore, the only schedule changes that will be honored will be those with an error in level, omission of required course or missing course prerequisite. All requests for schedule changes must be made in writing and signed by both the student and parent. The Director of Guidance will review each request to see if it meets the acceptable criteria.

HIGH HONOR ROLL/HONOR ROLL RECOGNITION

Honor Roll and High Honor Roll are student achievements that will be recognized at the end of each semester. Students will be recognized by a letter of recognition posted on the student portal.

- Semester Honor Roll—3.75
- Semester High Honor Roll—4.0

ACADEMIC RECOGNITION AWARDS

STUDENTS (9, 10, 11, 12)

- Students will be invited to the End of Year Academic Recognition Awards Ceremony based on the criteria of 4.0 average for marking periods 1 - 5.

SENIOR END OF YEAR SPECIAL AWARD RECOGNITION CEREMONY

- Senior Recognition - Seniors will be invited to the End of Year Special Award Recognition Ceremony based on the criteria of a 4.0 average for each of the seven semesters (high honor roll) and in addition a 4.0 average for marking periods 1-5 of their senior year.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Physical education is a participation class and absences may affect grades. Therefore, it is important that students take the responsibility to make up the time missed due to any absences, daily nurse's excuses, or being unprepared for class.

At the beginning of each semester the PE teachers will distribute attendance and grading policies and procedures to all students.

GRADING SCALE / GRADING POLICY / GRADING PERCENTAGE

Information about the grading scale and grading percentages can be found in the [Program of Studies](#) on the Guidance Page of the high school website.

MARKING PERIODS

Each semester consists of three (3) marking periods, each 30 days in duration.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Membership in the National Honor Society is open to juniors and seniors who have met specific qualifications in the areas of scholarship, leadership, character and service. It is conferred upon those students who are outstanding in these areas. In order to be academically eligible for membership the junior or senior must have a cumulative grade point average of 4.0.

After meeting the academic qualification, the candidate is asked to submit a list of at least three school or community activities in which he or she has participated on a regular scheduled basis (yearly or seasonally). Confirmation of regular participation must be verified by the advisor of the activity. Three teacher recommendations are also required as is a candidate essay on a topic selected by the Honor Society Council.

A five-member council consisting of faculty members reviews the completed application. The Honor Society advisor sits on the council but does not vote. If a student wishes to appeal the decision of the selection committee he or she must submit a written appeal to the Honor Society Advisor no later than five (5) days after the receipt of the letter of rejection. The reasons for the appeal must be clear and specifically stated.

Section V - STUDENT ACTIVITIES

STUDENT ACTIVITY PROGRAM

The student activity program is designed to give students the opportunity to apply classroom knowledge in their own activities, to develop the habit of involvement as a citizen, and to provide recreation or hobby activities.

STUDENT ACTIVITY FEE

Each student participating in a school sponsored athletic or co-curricular program will be required to pay an activity fee. Students participating in school sponsored athletics (regulated by the NJSIAA) will pay a \$100 activity fee for each sport. Students participating in school sponsored co-curricular activities will pay a \$50 activity fee for each activity. There will be a \$350 maximum cap per family, and activity fees for families that qualify by the New Jersey standards for free and reduced price meal programs will be prorated accordingly. Payment will be made prior to the student's participation in the sport or activity, and refunds will only be granted in cases where a student is not accepted into a program or activity due to lack of available space or opportunity within the program or activity (i.e. cut from an athletic team, deemed ineligible for participation, does not receive a role in a drama production, etc.). Once accepted into a program or activity, a student who leaves a program or activity for a reason other than the above mentioned cases is not eligible for a refund of the activity fee, including voluntarily leaving the program or activity or being removed from the program or activity by a coach, advisor, or administrator.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT POLICY

The Board of Education recognizes that the student body should have a meaningful role in the formulation of ideas which influence their school environment including the school operation and curriculum. The Board of Education recognizes the Student Council as the official representative of the student body of the high school.

STUDENT APPEAL

A student appeal shall mean a complaint by a student that there appears to have been a misrepresentation, misapplication, or violation of policies.

FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

Any club or organization wishing to operate a fundraising activity must follow district regulations (R9191). They first submit a request form to the Administrator responsible for Student Activities. If the fundraiser is approved, the dates will be entered into the fundraising calendar and scheduled so as to avoid similar activities being run at the same time. Students are NOT permitted to participate in fundraising activities during class time. Due to problems of litter and healthful nutrition, candy sales are permitted on a limited basis only with prior written administrative approval. Fundraising sales from non school groups are not permitted.

CLUBS, SPORTS & ACTIVITIES & ATHLETICS

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Art Club	Marching Band
Art National Honor Society	Math League
Baseball	Math Honor Society
Basketball - Boys/Girls	Mock Trial
Bowling - Boys/Girls	Model Congress
Business Honor Society	National Honor Society
Cheerleading	Nations Among Nations/LEAD
Chorus	Outdoor Track - Boys/Girls

Color Guard	Pals
Creative Writing Club	Percussion Club
Cross Country - Boys/Girls	Student Cheer Section (Name TBD)
Dance Team	School Musical
DART Youth Coalition	Science League
DECA Club	Science National Honor Society
Drama Club	Ski Club
Field Hockey	Soccer - Boys/Girls
Football	Social Studies Honor Society
Future Business Leaders of America	Softball
Girls Who Code Club	Spirit/Pep Band
Golf	STEM Club
Flag Football (Girls)	Student Council
Indoor Track- Girls	Swimming - Boys/Girls
Indoor Track - Boys	Technology Student Association
Interact Club	Tennis - Boys/Girls
Jazz Band	TV/Movie Production
Key Club	Tri-M Honor Society
Lacrosse - Boys/Girls	Volleyball - Boys/Girls
Lighthouse	Weightroom
Newspaper Club	Woodwind Choir
Literary Magazine	Yearbook
World Language Club	3C Club
World Language Honor Society	Wrestling- Boys/Girls

DANCES

Dances at Jackson Township High School are often sponsored by classes and clubs to provide social experiences for our student body and as fund raising events. All such functions must be cleared through the Administrator responsible for Student Activities and applications for use of the building processed. The following apply to all school sponsored dances:

- Chaperones shall be in full and total control of the building facilities and students;
- Students may not enter any part of the building other than that which has been designated for the event;
- No one is permitted to attend any school function under the influence of alcohol or drugs;
- Students who leave the function may not return;
- Students must show obedience, respect and cooperation with all adults supervising the activity;
- Students on suspension or conduct probation may not attend any social function;
- School dances are for Jackson Township High School students only;
- Students should be suitably dressed for all dances;
- In order to attend a dance, students must attend school on the day of the dance;
- No dance will be permitted to continue past 10:00 PM, unless authorized by the building Principal

ASSEMBLIES

Certain special events or presentations will require an assembly to be held. During these events students are to attend only with their teacher and sit in their assigned section. The success of any program relies heavily on the mature and courteous behavior of the spectators. Inappropriate or unruly behavior will result in disciplinary action, including but not limited to removal from the assembly up to suspension.

THE ATHLETIC PROGRAM

The information contained in this section is intended to assist you in making your son's/daughter's participation in the athletic program at Jackson Township High School a safe and enjoyable experience. If you should need clarification at any time, you may call the Office of Athletics 732-833-4635.

A message to our prospective athletes: As participants in the Jackson Township High School athletic program you should familiarize yourself with the material contained in this section. This serves as the athlete's supplement to the handbook. Rules and procedures contained in this document do not supersede information found in other sections of the handbook.

PURPOSE OF ATHLETICS

The Jackson Athletic Program is intended to offer the students of the High School a wide variety of athletic activities. The various teams we field have been determined by a combination of many factors some of which are student demand, available facilities, availability of coaches, budgetary factors, and availability of local competition.

Jackson Township High School's athletic program is governed by the State Department of Education, the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA) and the Shore Conference. Athletes must meet the academic standards set by the NJSIAA and the Jackson Board of Education.

ATHLETIC RULES

- Misconduct or violation of school rules or regulations that constitutes a suspendable offense will result in immediate suspension of a student from athletic competition for the entire term of the suspension, as well as the length of conduct probation.
- All students who participate in interscholastic athletics must have the following:
 - (1) Parental permission, completed and signed;
 - (2) Emergency and conduct forms, completed and signed;
 - (3) NJSIAA Steroid Testing Policy signed;
 - (4) Concussion and Sports Related Eye Injury Information Acknowledgement form;
 - (5) Sudden Cardiac Death in Young Athletes Information Acknowledgement form;
 - (6) Use and Misuse of Opioid Drugs Facts sheet;
 - (7) Students and parents must read and sign off on the Opioid Awareness video;
 - (8) Permission to Administer Impact (Immediate Post Concussion Assessment Testing);
 - (9) Passed a physical examination given by the school physician or by the student's private physician. If a private physician is used, this physician must fill out the forms used by the school with the school physician then reviewing and approving these forms.
- A student must be in legal attendance in school on the day of an athletic event in order to participate in that event. The definition of "legal attendance" is completing a total of 240 minutes.
- Students must use district transportation when traveling to and from athletic events.
- Any violations of school rules and regulations may result in notification to the Administrator of Athletics and the coach of that sport.

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

Athletic eligibility will be determined at the start of each semester. At that time an athlete will be deemed eligible or ineligible for participation for the semester.

To be eligible for athletic or co-curricular activities for the fall and winter seasons a student must have earned 30 credits during the immediate preceding academic year. Any student interested in participating on an athletic team in the fall and/or winter is responsible for determining and/or securing their own credit standing. Passing failed classes in summer school will make a student eligible providing all other conditions of the policy are met.

To be eligible for athletic or co-curricular activities for the spring season a student must have earned 15 credits during the first semester.

EXPECTATIONS OF ATHLETES

Athletes are expected to abide by the rules and regulations set forth in both the Student and Athletic Handbook. Infractions of these rules can cost you your privilege to participate which, in turn, can be costly to your team. Further, as a member of a team, your actions should be beyond reproach when you are with your teammates and coaches.

In addition to adhering to the school dress code, athletes should be mindful that what they wear to games/matches is a reflection on the school, the team, and themselves. Athletes must refrain from wearing anything indecent, obscene or unkempt. Additionally, coaches may suggest dress guidelines for away events. Athletes are required to sign a statement declaring they will comply with school policy regarding drug/alcohol use, possession, and distribution.

AN ATHLETE'S RESPONSIBILITIES

An athlete accepts enormous responsibilities when he/she is a member of a team. In addition to his/her academic load, the athlete commits himself/herself to great blocks of time for practices and contests. During practice and games/matches, an athlete is required to exert himself/herself both physically and mentally. Because of these demands a student must be committed to keeping himself/herself in prime physical condition. In addition to Board of Education policies and Jackson Township High School rules and regulations, coaches sometimes develop reasonable rules and regulations for their teams. Student athletes are expected to abide by these codes. Athletes are responsible for all equipment issued to them. This equipment must be returned to the coach at the end of the season. You CANNOT give it to another student to return for you. Athletes will be responsible for lost or damaged equipment. If something was issued by the athletic trainer it must be returned to the trainer.

SAFETY

Athletes must refrain from "horseplay" for safety reasons. Participants must remain constantly aware of unnecessary actions that can cause injury to themselves or others. An act of flagrant misconduct often results in injury. Injuries must be reported to the coach and trainer so that necessary precautions can be taken to eliminate further damage. Those who circumvent the trainer's office may have to forfeit insurance benefits when filing a claim.

If a student has received medical attention, he/she must provide written medical clearance from said doctor to be allowed to return to action. A parent/guardian's note or athlete's request will NOT be accepted in place of a doctor's note.

Additionally, if an athlete is seen by a physician and he/she states your son/daughter can return to the team in 48 hours, this clearance must be in writing.

SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT FOR INTERSCHOLASTIC EVENTS

The NJSIAA requires districts to establish policies and procedures related to sportsmanship and to identify responsibilities of administrators, coaches, and students to ensure their observance. This policy details what is considered unsportsmanlike conduct of a fan or spectator, the disciplinary framework if actions are determined to be prohibited by the policy, the appeals process and the way the policy will be implemented.

Students and Parents are required to view the [Jackson School District Policy 9163 - Spectator Code of Conduct for Interscholastic Events](#) and acknowledge through our Annual Notice Form on the Parent Portal that you have reviewed it, understand it and agree to be bound by its terms.

SECTION VI - CODE OF CONDUCT

The following is a general guide for disciplinary action. **All disciplinary actions are subject to determination by the administration and are not limited to the rules in this book.**

Internet Enabled Device Policy

Cell Phone (glasses, watches, earpods, etc...) in School

1st Offense	Device confiscated by school staff and held in the main office for the remainder of the day (student can retrieve it at the end of the day); parent contacted first violation of policy; EXCEPTION: Teachers hold it and give it to the student at the end of the class.
2nd Offense	Device confiscated by school staff and held in grade level vice principal's office; Parent/guardian required to pick up device prior to the end of the school day and sign off that this is the second offense
3rd Offense	Device confiscated by school staff and held in grade level vice principal's office; Parent/guardian required to pick up device prior to the end of the school day and sign off that this is the third offense; lunch and/or after school detention
4th Offense	Device confiscated by school staff and held in grade level vice principal's office; Parent/guardian required to pick up device prior to the end of the school day and sign off that this is the fourth offense; parent conference, guidance referral, progressive discipline including detention, administrative period, and/or ISS
5th Offense and more	Prohibited from bringing device on school grounds; Progressive Discipline (ISS to OSS) and/or loss of privileges; Parental Conference with Administration

Internet Enabled Device - Refusal (glasses, watches, earpods, etc...)

1st Offense	1 OSS
2nd Offense	1 OSS & Conduct Probation. Referred to Guidance.
3rd Offense	1 OSS & Conduct Probation. Administrative review with disciplinary action to be determined on a case-by-case basis.

CUTS AND LATES

A cut is defined as any unauthorized absence from class, lunch, or assigned area. Twenty minutes or more missing from class equals a class cut. (Administration may review exceptions, for example, "in discipline office, nurse's emergency", etc.)

CLASS CUT

1st Cut and 2nd Cut	Warning. Teacher Phone Call Home.
3rd Cut or more	ISS. Credit Withdrawal & Administrative review with disciplinary action to be determined on a case by case basis. This may include Teacher Detention, Administrative Period, ISS, or OSS.

LATE TO SCHOOL/CLASS (EACH SEMESTER)

1st & 2nd Late	Teacher Warning
3rd Late	Warning Letter for Loss of Credit
4th & 5th Late	Teacher Warning
6th Late	2nd Warning Letter & Guidance Referral
8th Late	Loss of Parking Privileges
9th Late	Loss of Credit Contract & Admin Review

GENERAL MISCONDUCT

Abusive Language/Obscene Gestures	Administrative review with disciplinary action to be determined on a case by case basis. This may include Teacher Detention, Administrative Period, ISS, or OSS.	
Possession of Pornographic Materials	Administrative review with disciplinary action to be determined on a case by case basis. This may include Teacher Detention, Administrative Period, ISS, or OSS.	
Behavior Problem in Administrative Period	1st Offense 2nd Offense 3rd Offense 4th or more	1 Administrative Period 2 Administrative Periods 1 ISS 1 OSS
Cafeteria/Food Area Misconduct	Administrative conference with disciplinary action to be determined on the basis of each. Throwing food results in a minimum of 1 OSS.	
Failure to follow proper procedure	1st offense 2nd offense 3rd offense or more	Teacher Warning, 1 Teacher Detention; Teacher notify home. Administrative review with disciplinary action to be determined on a case by case basis. This may include Teacher Detention, Administrative Period, ISS, or OSS.
Defiance/Disrespect/Disruptive/Di sobedient	1st 2nd offense 3rd or more	Teacher Warning 1 Teacher Detention; Teacher notify home. Administrative review with disciplinary action to be determined on a case by case basis. This may include Teacher Detention, Administrative Period, ISS, or OSS.
Head Coverings (hats, bandanas, visors, sweatbands, hoods, etc.)	Administrative conference with disciplinary action to be determined on the basis of each case. Refusal to surrender such items will result in OSS pending parent conference.	
Horseplay	1st offense 2nd offense 3rd offense Or more	Teacher Warning 1 Teacher Detention; Teacher notify home. Administrative review with disciplinary action to be determined on a case by case basis. This may include Teacher Detention, Administrative Period, ISS, or OSS.
Dress Code Violation	1st offense 2nd offense 3rd or more	Parent notification/change of clothing Parent notification/change of clothing, 1 Administrative Period Parent notification/change of clothing, 2 Administrative Periods
In Unauthorized Area	1st offense 2nd offense or more	Warning Administrative review with disciplinary action to be determined on a case by case basis. This may include Teacher Detention, Administrative Period, ISS, or OSS.

NOTE: "Unauthorized Area" includes outside of building, any unassigned area, or in the building after school hours without proper supervision.

Leaving School Grounds	1st offense 2nd offense	1 ISS 1OSS Seniors/Juniors leaving school grounds will have their driving privileges revoked: 1st offense - 10 school days 2nd offense - 30 school days 3rd or more - remainder of school year
Left Room without Permission	1st offense or more	Administrative review with disciplinary action to be determined on a case by case basis. This may include Teacher Detention, Administrative Period, ISS, or OSS.
Misconduct	Administrative conference with disciplinary action to be determined on the basis of each. This may include Administrative Period, ISS, or OSS.	
Academic Dishonesty	Administrative conference with disciplinary action to be determined on the basis of each case.	
Parking/Driving Violation	1st offense 2nd offense 3rd offense	Loss of Parking 10 school days. Loss of Parking 30 school days. Loss of parking privileges.

NOTE: Cars that are illegally parked or have no visible hang tag may be towed at the owner's expense without warning. A list of driving infractions and consequences are distributed to students who receive a parking pass. Any student not approved for parking that is in violation of the driving policy will be subject to suspension of parking privileges upon application.

SERIOUS/GROSS MISCONDUCT

Any conduct, behavior, or action of a student judged to be unacceptable, disruptive, and inconsistent with good order and discipline will result in disciplinary action determined on a case-by-case basis in an administrative conference. Administrative conference with disciplinary action to be determined on the basis of each case.

Falsification of Official/School Document	1st offense 2nd offense 3rd or more	1 OSS 2 OSS 3 OSS
False ID; Refusal to Give Name; False Name	1st offense 2nd offense 3rd or more	1 OSS 2 OSS 3 OSS
Physical Assault	1st offense 2nd or more	10 OSS; Parent conference; 9 weeks conduct probation starting from the date of the infraction. 10 OSS; Parent conference; conduct probation
Physical/Verbal Threat	Administrative conference with disciplinary action to be determined on the basis of each case. Special services, guidance, security, nurse and authorities notified in ALL cases. Board Policy 5141.5 may apply in life threatening situations.	
Sexual Harassment	1st offense 2nd offense 3rd or more	2 OSS; parent conference. 5 OSS; parent conference. 10 OSS; parent conference.
Harassment of any kind	1st offense 2nd offense 3rd or more	2 OSS; parent conference. 5 OSS; parent conference. 10 OSS; parent conference.
Spitting on, at or in the general direction of another person	1st offense 2nd offense	5 OSS; conduct probation 4 weeks. 10 OSS; 9 weeks conduct probation
Inciting a Fight- Physical/Verbal	1st offense 2nd offense 3rd or more	1 OSS; parent conference; security notified. 2 OSS; parent conference; security notified. 5 OSS; parent conference; security notified.

Inciting remarks of a Racial, Religious or Ethnic Nature	1st offense	1-2 OSS; parent conference; security notified.
	2nd offense	2-3 OSS; parent conference; security notified.
	3rd or more	5 OSS; parent conference; security notified.
NOTE: Above offense will be reported to appropriate authorities.		
Inappropriate Touching of another Student	1st offense	1 ISS
	2nd offense	1 OSS
	3rd or more	2 OSS
Inappropriate Touching of a Staff Member	Referral to Central Administrative Office for disciplinary action; arrest/conduct probation.	

Fighting	1st offense	5 OSS; conduct probation from date of infraction; Parent conference.
	2nd offense	10 OSS; conduct probation from date of infraction; Parent conference.
	3rd or more	10 OSS; conduct probation from date of infraction for the remainder of the school year; Parent conference.

Fighting infractions are cumulative throughout the student's high school career.

Avoidance of Fights: It is recognized that one student may initiate a fight situation and another may defend, but all students who fight will be suspended. Students are strongly advised to avoid a fight situation, to walk away and to seek the assistance of a teacher, counselor, or administrator when threatened or when a fight appears imminent.

In School while on Suspension	1st offense	1 additional OSS
	2nd offense	2 additional OSS
	3rd or more	Refer to Principal <i>*Each offense carries a Trespassing Citation</i>

Pulling Fire Alarm / Bomb Threat	5 OSS minimum; Parent conference required and authorities notified. NOTE: Student will be escorted to the office. Security and/or Police may be summoned if necessary; parent notified.	
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Insubordination	1st offense	1 OSS
	2nd offense	2 OSS
	3rd or more	3 OSS NOTE: Security and/or police may be summoned if necessary; parent notified.

Gambling/ Possession of Gambling Items	Administrative review with disciplinary action to be determined on a case-by-case basis. This may include Administrative Period, ISS or OSS. Security and/ Police may be summoned if necessary.	
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Theft	1st offense	3 OSS; notify authorities; possible complaint filed; Parent conference.
	2nd offense	5 OSS; notify security and authorities; prosecution; Parent conference.
	3rd or more	10 OSS; notify security and authorities; prosecution; Parent conference.

Truancy	1st offense	1 ISS; notify home/Parent conference.
	2nd offense	1 OSS/2 ISS; notify home.
	3rd or more	2-3 OSS; Parent conference; referral to Attendance Committee.

Vandalism/ Defacement/ Graffiti	Administrative actions based on each individual case. Payment for restitution; security notified; administrative conference.	
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Computer Tampering	1st offense	2 Administrative Periods; notify home.
	2nd offense	1 ISS; notify home.

	3rd or more	1 OSS
Improper Use of Internet Access	Administrative review with disciplinary action to be determined on a case-by-case basis. This may include Administrative Period, ISS, OSS and/or removal of computer privileges.	
Participation in a Food Fight or other disturbance	1st offense 2nd offense	5 OSS; Police notified/possible arrest 10 OSS; Police notified/possible arrest
Incitement to Riot/Cause Public Alarm	Referral to Central Administrative Office for disciplinary action; arrest/conduct probation.	

POSSESSION, USE, OR DISTRIBUTION OF:

Possession/Use of Tobacco Products/Electronic Vaping Devices/Possession of Paraphernalia	1st offense	- Three (3) days of Detention which can be reduced to two (2) days by the completion of online tobacco education program - Notify home - Refer to SAC for assessment and recommendations - Notify Law Enforcement
	2nd offense	- One (1) day of ISS - Fourteen (14) days conduct probation, which can be eliminated by the completion of a cessation program as determined by the SAC - Refer to SAC for assessment and recommendations - Notify Law Enforcement - Notify home
	3rd or more	- One (1) day of OSS - Thirty (30) weeks conduct probation, which can be reduced to four (4) weeks by the completion of a cessation program as determined by the SAC - Referral to SAC for assessment and recommendations - Notify Law Enforcement - Parent conference required
Distribution of Tobacco Products/Electronic Vaping Devices (possession of 5 or more tobacco products or found in the act of selling)	1st offense	- Two (2) days of ISS - Fourteen (14) days conduct probation - Completion of an online tobacco education program - Referral to SAC for assessment and recommendations - Referral to Law Enforcement - Notify home
	2nd offense	- Four (4) days of ISS - Four (4) weeks conduct probation - Referral to SAC for assessment and recommendations - Referral to Law Enforcement - Notify home
	3rd or more	- Two (2) days of OSS - Nine (9) weeks conduct probation, which can be reduced to four (4) weeks by the completion of a cessation program as determined by the SAC - Referral to SAC for assessment and recommendations - Referral to Law Enforcement - Parent conference required

DEFINITIONS

School Detention (SD)	NOTE: Notes to be excused from SD MUST be submitted to the discipline office 24 hours in advance. Students who cut SD repeatedly will be put on conduct probation until the hours are satisfied. Any personal or job related obligations are not reasons for an SD to be excused.
In-School Suspension (ISS)	ISS rather than OSS may be assigned at the discretion of an administrator and space availability.
Out-of-School Suspension (OSS)	Students may not attend school or any school function while on OSS. OSS begins at the conclusion of the academic school day and carries through until the morning of the re-entry date.
Notify Law Enforcement	Law Enforcement to determine appropriate legal action necessary.
Student Assistance Coordinator (SAC)	School-based prevention, intervention & referral services for MS & HS students.
Tobacco/Nicotine Cessation Program	A program designed to aid an individual in quitting tobacco/nicotine conducted by a professional trained in tobacco/nicotine cessation.
Online Tobacco Education Program (ASPIRE)	An evidence based online tobacco education program that helps to educate the individual about the dangers of smoking/vaping /using tobacco products. Will be completed as part of ISAP and/or ASD.
Substance Use Assessment	An assessment provided by an appropriately licensed/certified professional to determine the likelihood of a substance use disorder.
Substance Use Program	A program designed to aid an individual in quitting substance use which is conducted by a professional licensed/certified in substance use treatment.
Conduct Probation (CP)	Students suspended are subject to exclusion from participation in extracurricular activities, including but not limited to athletic events, clubs, social activities, driving privileges, prom, graduation, etc.

WEAPONS

Devices will be confiscated and turned into the office. Administrative conference with disciplinary action to be determined on the basis of each case. Student will be referred to the Superintendent. Authorities will be notified and legal action may be taken.

SCHOOL BUS CONDUCT

Effective September 1994, New Jersey law requires that students use the seat belts if they are installed in a school vehicle. On June 28, 1994, the school board approved adding "Failure to Use Seat Belts" within the discipline guidelines.

Transportation for students on a school bus is a privilege. No behavior by a student or group of students which infringes upon the rights of other individuals who might be riding on the bus at the same time or which endangers the lives of all passengers by interfering with the bus driver's ability to maintain control of his/her vehicle, will be tolerated. School bus misconduct includes, but is not limited to, abusive language, fighting, standing on the bus, throwing items in or out of the bus, pushing, tripping, smoking, possession of drugs or weapons, and destruction of school property (seats, windows, etc.).

Disciplinary actions will be determined on a case-by-case basis. The school administrator, according to Board Policy, with the guidelines of the school policy and New Jersey Administrative Code, depending on the severity of the infraction, will make the final determination of disciplinary action to be taken.

A pupil may be excluded from the bus for disciplinary reasons by the principal or designee. The pupil's parents shall provide for his/her transportation to and from school during the period of such exclusion (N.J. Statute 18A:25-2).

DEFINITIONS

Administrative Period	Administrative Period will be held each period of the school day. Students are to follow the additional Administrative Period classroom rules. Students should complete assignments during this time.
In-School Suspension	ISS is assigned for the academic school day. Lunch will be made available during this time. Students are to follow the additional ISS classroom rules. Students should complete assignments during this time.
Out-of-School Suspension (OSS)	Students may not attend school or any school function while on OSS. OSS begins upon assignment and carries through until the morning of the re-entry date.
Conduct Probation (CP)	Students suspended more than once during the school year are subject to exclusion from participation in extracurricular activities, including but not limited to athletic events, clubs, social activities, driving privileges, prom, graduation, etc., as indicated below:
2nd OSS	Loss of Privileges for 10 days.
3rd OSS	Loss of Privileges for 20 days.
4th OSS	Loss of Privileges for 40 days.
5th or more	Loss of Privileges for the balance of the school year.
5 and 10 day suspensions will result in the following conduct probation:	
5 OSS	4 week conduct probation
10 OSS	9 week conduction probation

JACKSON SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICIES - SUMMARIES 2026-2027

The following pages contain summaries of key policies that must be read and understood by parents and students.

They can be read in full in the [Student Handbook Appendix](#) on our district website, or by clicking on the link for that policy below.

All district policies are also available on the [BOE Policies Page](#) of the district website.

[Policy 2361 - Acceptable Use of Computers Policy](#)

The Board provides access to computer networks/computers for educational purposes only. The Board retains the right to restrict or terminate pupil access to computer networks/computers at any time, for any reason. School district personnel will monitor networks and online activity to maintain the integrity of the networks, ensure their proper use, and ensure compliance with Federal and State laws that regulate Internet safety. An Acceptable Use Policy Parent/Guardian Acknowledgement Form is required to be submitted at the beginning of the school year.

Any individual engaging in the following actions when using computer networks/computers shall be subject to discipline or legal action:

- A. Using the computer networks/computers for illegal, inappropriate or obscene purposes, or in support of such activities. Illegal activities are defined as activities that violate Federal, State, local laws and regulations. Inappropriate activities are defined as those that violate the intended use of the networks. Obscene activities shall be defined as a violation of generally accepted social standards for use of publicly owned and operated communication vehicles.
- B. Using the computer networks/computers to violate copyrights, institutional or third party copyrights, license agreements or other contracts.
- C. Using the computer networks in a manner that:
 - 1. Intentionally disrupts network traffic or crashes the network;
 - 2. Degrades or disrupts equipment or system performance;
 - 3. Uses the computing resources of the school district for commercial purposes, financial gain, or fraud;
 - 4. Steals data or other intellectual property;
 - 5. Gains or seeks unauthorized access to the files of others or vandalizes the data of another person;
 - 6. Gains or seeks unauthorized access to resources or entities;
 - 7. Forges electronic mail messages or uses an account owned by others;
 - 8. Invades privacy of others;
 - 9. Posts anonymous messages;
 - 10. Possesses any data which is a violation of this Policy; and/or
 - 11. Engages in other activities that do not advance the educational purpose for which computer networks/computers are provided.

[Policy 3283 – Electronic Communications Between Teaching Staff Members and Students - See Online or Appendix for Full Policy](#)

The Board of Education recognizes electronic communications and the use of social media outlets create new options for extending and enhancing the educational program of the school district. Electronic communications and the use of social media can help students and teaching staff members communicate regarding: questions during non-school hours regarding homework or other assignments; scheduling issues for school-related co-curricular and interscholastic athletic activities; school work to be completed during a student's extended absence; distance learning opportunities; and other professional communications that can enhance teaching and learning opportunities between teaching staff members and students. However, the Board of Education recognizes teaching staff members can be vulnerable in electronic communications with students.

In accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:36-40, the Board of Education adopts this Policy to provide guidance and direction to teaching staff members to prevent improper electronic communications between teaching staff members and students.

[Policy 5350 - Student Suicide Prevention and Policy 5351 - Student Homicide Prevention – See Appendix or Links for Full Policies](#)

Students are encouraged to notify a teacher, guidance counselor or principal if a classmate makes a statement leading them to believe that the classmate may do some harm to himself/herself or anyone else. Student confidentiality will be guarded to the greatest degree possible.

As you may or may not be aware, childhood suicide is a growing national concern. We in the Jackson School District are fortunate to have a policy in place, which utilizes the expertise of our professional staff. These personnel will intervene in the event that a child makes statements or takes action that may imply that these thoughts are present. After a child has been seen, parents will be notified. Further intervention may be necessary.

[Policy 5512 - District Policy Against Sexual Harassment, Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying - See Appendix or Link for Full Policy](#)

The Board of Education prohibits acts of harassment, intimidation or bullying. A safe and civil environment in school is necessary for pupils to learn and achieve high academic standards. Harassment, intimidation or bullying, like other disruptive or violent behaviors, is conduct that disrupts both a pupil's ability to learn and a school's ability to educate its pupils in a safe environment; and since pupils learn by example, school administrators, faculty, staff and volunteers should be commended for demonstrating appropriate behavior, treating others with civility and respect, and refusing to tolerate harassment, intimidation or bullying.

It is important to note that this policy applies to all acts of harassment, intimidation and bullying that occur on school property, at school-sponsored functions, on a school bus and, as appropriate, acts that occur off school grounds pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:37-14. The complete policy (Policy 5512) can be found at the Administrative Office, 151 Don Connor Blvd., Jackson, NJ, or on the district website. **It is also included in the Appendix of this Handbook.**

Contact: [Dr. Laura Godlesky](#) – Assistant Superintendent and Affirmative Action Officer

Address: [Jackson School District](#), 151 Don Connor Blvd., Jackson, NJ 08527

Telephone: 732-833-4604

[Policy 5516 - Student Use of Internet-Enabled Devices– See Appendix or Link for Full Policy](#)

The Board of Education prohibits student use of internet-enabled devices on school grounds during the school day in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:36-40b. The Board adopts this Policy and Regulation 5516 pursuant to N.J.S.A.

18A:36-40b. and the guidelines developed by the Commissioner of Education concerning student use of internet-enabled devices during regular school hours, on a school bus, or during school-sponsored events when the student is under the direct supervision of a teaching staff member or employee of the Board.

[Policy 5519 - Dating Violence at School - See Appendix or Link for Full Policy](#)

Acts or incidents of dating violence at school whether they are verbal, sexual, physical, or emotional will not be tolerated and will be dealt with in accordance with the school's pupil code of conduct.

[Policy 5530 – Substance Abuse - See Appendix or Link for Full Policy](#)

The Board prohibits the use, possession, and/or distribution of alcohol or other drugs on school grounds according to N.J.S.A. 18A:40A-9, 10, and 11. A student who uses, possesses, or distributes alcohol or other drugs will be subject to discipline in accordance with the district's Code of Student Conduct. School authorities also have the authority to impose a consequence on a student for conduct away from school grounds in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 6A:16-7.5. Discipline may include suspension or expulsion. The Board will establish consequences for a student not following through on the recommendations of an evaluation for alcohol or other drug abuse and related behaviors.

[Policy 5600 – Pupil Discipline/Code of Conduct – See Appendix or Link for Full Policy](#)

[Policy 5610 – Suspensions - See Appendix or Link for Full Policy](#)

Extreme misconduct or multiple violations of basic school rules and regulations may result in the student being suspended from school. In this case the student may not enter the school, and parents or guardians will be notified when a student is being suspended from school, and parents or guardians must meet with the Principal before the student may return to school. He/she is also forbidden to attend any school function held during the time he/she is under suspension.

The State of New Jersey, under Title 18A, Chapter 37, identifies student behavior which constitutes good cause for suspension or expulsion of a student guilty of such conduct, but not be limited to any of the following:

- a. Continued and willful disobedience
- b. Open defiance of the authority of any teacher or person, having authority over him
- c. Conduct of such character as to constitute danger to the physical well-being of other people
- d. Physical assault upon another pupil or upon an employee of the district
- e. Taking or attempting to take, personal property or money from another pupil, or from his presence, by means of force or fear
- f. Willfully causing, or attempting to cause, substantial damage to school property
- g. Participation in an unauthorized occupancy by any group of pupils or others of any part of any school or other building owned by the school district, and failure to leave such school or other facility promptly after having been directed to do so by the principal or other person then in charge of such building or facility
- h. Incitement which is intended to and does result in unauthorized occupation by any group of pupils or others of any part of a school or other facility owned by any school district
- i. Incitement which is intended to and does result in truancy by other pupils
- j. Knowing possession or knowing consumption without legal authority of alcoholic beverages or controlled dangerous substances on school premises, or being under the influence of intoxicating liquor or controlled dangerous substances while on school premises
- k. Possession of a weapon (gun, knives, etc.) on any school property, on a school bus, or at a school sponsored function

[Policy 5611 - Removal of Students for Weapons or Firearms Offenses – See Appendix or Link for Full Policy](#)

Students are forbidden to carry any type of weapon or simulated weapon to school. Strict disciplinary action and legal actions will result if this occurs **“Any person who knowingly has in his possession any imitation firearm in or upon any part of the building or grounds of any school, college, university or other educational institution, without the written authorization of the governing officer of the institution, or while on any school bus is a disorderly person.”**

Students are encouraged to notify a teacher, guidance counselor or principal if a classmate makes a statement leading them to believe that the classmate may do some harm to himself/herself or to anyone else. Student confidentiality will be guarded to the greatest degree possible. For further details regarding prohibited weapons and consequences for various weapons-related offenses and other assaults, please view Board policies 8467 and 5611. **See the Appendix for the Full Policy.**

[Policy 5612 - Assaults on District Board of Education Members or Employees – See Appendix or Link for Full Policy](#)

Any student who commits an assault, as defined under N.J.S.A.2C:12-1(a)1, not involving the use of a weapon or firearm, upon a teacher, administrator, other school district employee, or Board member acting in the performance of his or her duties and in a situation where his or her authority to act is apparent, or as a result of the victim's relationship to the school district, shall be immediately removed from school pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:37-2.1 and N.J.A.C. 6A:16-5.7.

[Policy 5701 – Plagiarism – See Appendix or Link for Full Policy](#)

Pupils are expected to be honest in all of their academic work. The following acts will not be tolerated by any pupil in any subject: Attempting to use or using unauthorized material or information as study aids in any academic exercise. Visually or verbally receiving or giving information during tests, quizzes, or examinations. Turning in work as one's own that was created, researched, or produced by someone else. Turning in a report of another's research, or submitting a paper researched or written by someone else. Using words and ideas of another person as if they were one's own. Communicating all or any part of tests or answer sheets. Turning in the same work to more than one class. Falsifying or altering school documents.

[Policy 5751 – Sexual Harassment – See Appendix or Link for Full Policy](#)

The Board of Education will not tolerate sexual harassment of pupils by school employees, other pupils, or third parties. Sexual harassment of pupils is a form of prohibited sex discrimination. School district staff will investigate and resolve allegations of sexual harassment of pupils engaged in by school employees, other pupils (peers), or third parties. The Board shall establish a grievance procedure through which school district staff and/or pupils can report alleged sexual discrimination, including sexual harassment which may include quid pro quo harassment and hostile environment.

[Policy 7441 – Electronic Surveillance in School Buildings and on School Grounds – See Appendix or Link for Full Policy](#)

The Board of Education authorizes the use of electronic surveillance systems in school buildings and on school grounds to enhance the safety and security for school district staff, pupils, community members, and other building occupants and to protect the school district's buildings and grounds.

[Policy 8431 – Preparedness for a Toxic Hazard – See Appendix or Link for Full Policy](#)

The Board of Education is concerned for the safety of the pupils and staff members assigned to district schools and will take reasonable steps to protect pupils and staff members from hazards that may result from industrial accidents beyond the control of school officials.

[Policy 8500 - Food Services / Including Information on Outstanding Meal Balance Charges - See Appendix or Link for Full Policy](#)

[Policy 8601 Supervision After Dismissal- See Appendix or Link for Full Policy](#)

The Board of Education adopts this Pupil Supervision After School Dismissal Policy as a result of the New Jersey Supreme Court's decision. It requires parents to submit a form to the district to designate if they wish their child to be released at dismissal to only certain individuals. This form is distributed at the beginning of the year to all parents and is available under the Annual Notices section of the district website.

Only those parents or legal guardians requesting the school or program not release their child(ren) to walk home after school dismissal unless the child(ren) is released to the parent(s)_ or legal guardian(s) or designated escort need to complete the Request Form.

[Policy 8690 – Monitoring Devices on School Vehicles – See Appendix or Link for Full Policy](#)

To maintain the safe and secure conditions for all pupils transported on school owned or contracted school vehicles, the Board may use devices to monitor and/or observe pupil behavior, teacher and support staff behavior, school bus driver discipline procedures and/or school bus driver driving techniques. The device may be a sound video camera, a voice monitoring device or other appropriate devices. Each school vehicle will have a sign clearly posted in the school vehicle stating that: "Video And/Or Audio Monitoring Devices Are Used On School Owned And Contracted Vehicles And This Vehicle May Be Monitored At Any Time."