

High School Student Handbook Revisions June 2017

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G. Two days of college visits (for juniors and seniors only). **Must be approved through the Guidance Office.**

H. Two days of job shadowing (for juniors and seniors only). **Must be approved through the Guidance Office.**

Note: Through the “I Have a Plan” and other kinds of career guidance and planning students are being encouraged to explore careers of interest to them by doing a job shadow(s). Consequently we added that under excused absences.

Student/Parent/Guardian notification **via JMC** that the absence is considered unexcused

Note: For various reasons it is not always possible for us to get calls placed to parents regarding their son or daughter’s unexcused absence from a class so this is a reminder to students and parents that they can always find an up to date record of attendance, including excused and unexcused absences, in JMC.

First Truancy---Conference between **administrator** and student.

Note: This used to read “counselor and student”. However, it’s more likely a conference will get done if it is done by the administrator.

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However, beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, students participating in extracurricular activities and athletics will be allowed one tardy per semester if they sign in by 9:00 a.m. in the high school office. By doing so they will be allowed to practice and/or compete on that date.

Note: For probably the past 25 years students have had to be on time and in school all day if they were going to be allowed to practice, perform, or compete in any extracurricular activity or athletics. This past year or two we have had a couple of our best student athletes oversleep and arrive on campus just a few minutes late and consequently were penalized by not being allowed to compete. The High School Leadership Team along with our Athletic Director and Guidance counselor met on Monday, June 5, 2017 and decided we should give some allowance for even our very best students to not have to be perfect. Hence the change.

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The use of language (direct, implied, or third person) that would indicate a potential, or a desire, to harm others, or a desire for others to do self harm. This includes “failed attempts to be funny or humorous.

Note: During the past school year there have been at least three or four times when students have said or placed on social media that “so and so needs to just kill herself”. A student stating or posting a comment of this nature one time would not constitute harassment or bullying but is still totally unacceptable. At the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year we will put all students on notice that language of this kind will not be tolerated and will be dealt with in the most serious of responses possible, including suspension.

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The hem of shorts (including athletic shorts).....

Note: It appears some girls think that just because they are popular athletic shorts they can be shorter than what is defined as acceptable length within the Dress Code.

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Updated the dates or “1st legal competition date” and “Eligibility resumes at 12:01 a.m. on this date” as provided annually by the IHSAA.

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Student visitors are permitted only if approved by the principal and may be restricted to **location** and a specified period or amount of time to be in the building or on school grounds. All visitors are required to check in at the office.

Note: The addition of the word “location” provides additional control over visitors on our campus and within our building and enhances building management and security.

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***Ineligible / Ineligibility: Ineligibility as a result of failed citizenship or academic ineligibility must be served prior to a student serving their ineligibility assigned for their first or second violations of the district’s Good Conduct Policy. Ineligibilities for failed citizenship, academics, and Good conduct violations must be served consecutively and not concurrently.**

Note: This statement is being added just for clarification purposes.

All 2017-2018 proposed revisions are noted in red. The revisions made in June of 2016 are in blue.