I. DISTRICT INFORMATION

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Struthers City School District Mission Statement

Struthers City Schools will serve our community by offering rigorous, diverse and quality learning opportunities while developing the abilities of each child so they become independent, life-long learners who positively impact society.

2018 – 2019: ACADEMIC CALENDAR – 1ST SEMESTER

August 20, 21  Staff Report Day
August 22  1st Day of Classes
August 30  No School Staff PD
August 31  No School
September 3  Labor Day- No School
October 11  P-T Conference Night
            Early Release 12:45
October 12  NEOEA - No School
October 26  End of 1st Nine Weeks
Nov. 21, 22, 23  No School-Thanksgiving
November 26  No School Staff PD
November 27  Classes Resume
December 10  Last Day of Classes Winter Break
            Early Release 12:45
Dec.22– Jan. 2  No School
January 3  Classes Resume
January 11  End of 1st Semester
January 14  Start of 2nd Semester
January 21  MLK Day - No School
February 14  P-T Conference Night
            Early Release 12:45
February 15  No School
February 18  Presidents Day - No School
March 15  No School – Staff PD
March 22  End of 3rd Nine Weeks
April 17  Last Day of Classes Spring Break
April 18  No School- Staff PD
Apr. 18 - 23  Spring Recess - No School
April 24  Classes Resume
May 22  Senior Last Day (tentative)
May 26  Commencement
May 27  No School- Memorial Day
May 29  Last Day of Classes/End of 2nd Semester
            Early Release 12:45

II. SCHOOL HOURS

Students walking and transported by car are not to arrive at school earlier than 7:45 AM. Students wishing to participate in the breakfast program should arrive after 7:30 AM. The school will not be responsible for students arriving earlier than the designated times. High school hours:

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For the first 2-3 days of school, students will report to their Temporary Homeroom, which will be for distribution of information and papers. NOTE - Throughout the school year there are days in which students will be required to go to their temporary homerooms and also there may be times in which an adjusted bell schedule may need to be followed due to early dismissal or a pep rally. Below are the bell schedules for those days:

EARLY DISMISSAL

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5th Period  11:15 – 11:43  5th Period  12:00 – 12:42
7th Period  12:18 – 12:45  7th Period  1:32 – 2:14

2 HOUR DELAY – There may be times when the school district will be on a 2 hour delay. Hence, school will start 2 hours later (homeroom will start at 10:00 am), and students will follow an adjusted bell schedule throughout the day.

NOTE: During State Testing in April and May, the students may follow an alternative schedule.

III. GENERAL INFORMATION

INTRODUCTION
High school is a very important part of your future. Educationally, it is the first step in preparing and training of career choices.

The high school curriculum provides many opportunities to develop your skills and abilities for a prosperous future. Extracurricular programs and activities are provided to serve the many interests you may have. It is hoped that all of you will use the resources available to reach your full potential.

It is very important that in this environment the freedoms and rights of all individuals pursuing a quality education are protected. The administration and staff of the Struthers City Schools believe that guidelines for behavior are essential in order to establish a positive climate for learning, to foster good relationships among students, to assure that the rights of all members of the Struthers community will be respected, and to prevent the instructional program from being unduly disrupted. We believe that students need to understand that what they say and what they choose to do can affect the lives of others with whom they share their lives and work.

The ultimate purpose of education is to help the student to become an effective citizen in a democracy. In accepting the responsibilities and obligations of good citizenship, students will be able to participate in the varied activities offered.

Remember: Success in school is directly proportional to effort.

EQUAL EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY
It is the policy of the Struthers School District to provide an equal opportunity for all students. In the pursuit of equal opportunity, the Struthers School District will not discriminate against a student on the basis of race, color, creed, disability, religion, gender, ancestry, national origin, place of residence within the boundaries of the District, sexuality, or social or economic background.

FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act)
Student records are subject to the regulations outlined in FERPA. In general, the federal law provides “eligible pupils and their parents a right to inspect and review the pupil’s educational records, to challenge the accuracy of information contained in the records, and to prohibit the disclosure of records in some circumstances.”

Parents need to opt out specifically if they don’t want military (or any other recruiters) to have access to their directory information.

STUDENTS’ RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:
Students have a right to the best education that Struthers High School is capable of providing. Students also have a right to be made aware of what behaviors will be expected as they relate to classroom instruction and general conduct. All students must assume personal responsibility for their actions and know the disciplinary measures to be taken should they fail to show this personal responsibility.

Basic student responsibilities include:

1. Be in school every day that it is scheduled.
2. Be on time to school and to class.
3. Bring all necessary materials to class.
4. Respect the rights and dignity of fellow students, staff, and others with whom you may come in contact.
5. Be a positive contributing member of the student body.
6. Always do your best and give each task your best effort.
7. Develop good learning and study habits.
8. Respect and take pride in the property of the Struthers City Schools.

EIGHTEEN YEAR-OLD STUDENTS
Students who are 18 years of age or older are subject to the same rules/regulations as all other students - including attendance policies. 18 year old students are not permitted to call themselves off from school if they are absent, and parents will be held responsible for their children not attending school.

PARENTAL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES
Parents/Guardians have a right to expect that their children will attend school in an environment that is safe and provides the optimal learning experience. The instruction provided will be according to the state of Ohio requirements, State academic content standards, and approved courses of study. Opportunities for correspondence between the school and home will be provided periodically to discuss and inform parents regarding students’ academic progress, disciplinary measures, school-related activities and information.

Basic parental responsibilities include:
1. To insure that your child is in attendance, and on time to school every day that school is in session;
2. To be aware of the acceptable reasons for student absence from school, and to notify the school when your child is absent;
3. To assume the primary responsibility for the discipline of your child(ren);
4. To acknowledge your child(ren)’s responsibilities as a student and recognize and respect school personnel;
5. To provide documentation of legal residency in the district upon request of the administration or board office; and
6. To cooperate with school administration and related agencies to ensure the mental and physical well-being of children.

FACULTY/STAFF RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES
The faculty and staff of Struthers High School have a right to expect cooperation and respect from students and parents in all matters related to the education of their students. Therefore, they shall have the authority necessary to maintain a proper learning climate using reasonable enforcement to prevent and stop any act of interference of the scholarly disciplined atmosphere of the school.

Basic Faculty and Staff Responsibilities Include:
1. To provide instruction consistent with the approved course of study or content standards;
2. To be fair, honest, reasonable and consistent in their dealings with students;
3. To establish, explain, maintain, and enforce classroom rules consistent with the Board of Education policy;
4. To communicate periodically with parents and students with regards to matters related to the student’s academic progress and, if necessary, the conduct of the student;
5. To participate in the effort to maintain an atmosphere conducive to promoting academic excellence; and
6. To provide a safe environment both mentally and physically for all students.

IV. ATTENDANCE

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE- Parents should notify the school office to report their child’s absence between 7:30-8:30 AM on the day the child is the absent or anytime in advance. Punctual and regular attendance is extremely important. Students who are 18 years or older will be treated the same as all other students and conform to all school rules and regulations. Should they decide not to…they may exercise their option to leave school and pursue education elsewhere.

Note: Students will be considered tardy up to 11:00 AM. Also - When school is delayed for any reason, the tardy to school time still remains at 11:00 AM. Students not in attendance by 11:00 AM must have either a doctor’s excuse or prior administrative
approval in order to attend or participate in any school-related activity that evening. If this occurs on a Friday, students are not permitted to attend or participate in any school related activity/functions over the weekend.

For each absence, a student must be called off. This absence will still be an unexcused absence unless a doctor’s note is provided, or unless it meets one of the required excused absence criteria listed below. The student has 48 hours from the time he/she returns to school for the parental or doctor’s note to be accepted. (Pharmacy receipts are not accepted as a medical excuse).

A. TYPES OF ABSENCES

1. Excused
   An excused absence will be documented when the office was notified the day of the absence and the student brought in a signed dated note from a physician, a document indicating a court appearance, or evidence of one of the following reasons for absence from school as permissible by the Ohio Revised Code:

   The Ohio Revised Code and Board Policy permit students to be absent from school for the following reasons:
   a. Illness with written verification from a parent (maximum 5 days)
   b. Illness with medical verification
   c. Recovery from an accident
   d. Required court appearance
   e. Death in the family
   f. Observation/celebration of a bona fide religious holiday
   g. Quarantine
   h. Other urgencies to be determined by the administration, or school nurse.

   • If a student is absence because of personal illness, family illness, or other reasonable situations, the parent/guardian must notify the attendance office the day of the absence and the student must bring in a signed and dated note from the parent or guardian within 48 hours of his/her return to school.
   • Struthers City Schools will allows a maximum of (5) parental notes to be counted as verifiable documentation each school year.

2. Unexcused
   An unexcused absence is identified as missing class or school without a legal reason or failure to present verifiable documentation with (48) hours of a student’s return to school.

3. Truancy
   Truancy is defined as being absent from school or any portion of the school day without parental consent. Ohio Revised Code 2151.011 defines “Habitual Truancy” as any child of compulsory school age who is absent without legitimate excuse for absence from the public school the child is supposed to attend for thirty (30) or more consecutive hours, forty two (42) or more hours in a school month, or seventy-two (72) in more hours in a school year.

A. OTHER RELATED ABSENCES

• Attendance and Extra-curricular Activities: Pupils who wish to attend any extra-curricular activities either as a participant or spectator must be in attendance in school by 11:00 AM on the day the event is held (see Excused Absences). If the activity occurs on a weekend day, the pupil must be in school the last day prior to the weekend. Violators of this will be considered truant and subject to disciplinary action.
• College Visits: (High School Only) College visits are defined as scheduled visits for the purpose of gaining information regarding course and program selection. An unscheduled visit to a campus for a tour is not an acceptable visit and will be considered truant. Generally, a student may schedule 2 college visits per school year. More than 2 visits may only be scheduled with the permission of the Principal. Students are to fill out a “Request for College Visit” for at least 3 days prior to the day of the scheduled visit. Note: A college visit is an excused absence.

• Medical Appointments: Parents, doctors, and dentists are encouraged to schedule medical appointments and procedures outside of school hours. In the event that this cannot be done, it is preferred that the appointment be scheduled the last period of the day. If the appointment is in the middle of the school day, we expect the student to report to school, be excused for the appointment, and report back to school. Upon their return, all students must show a valid excuse from the doctor verifying the time/date of the appointment. Failure to submit an excuse may result in disciplinary action. **EXCUSES MUST BE RETURNED WITHIN 2 SCHOOL DAYS (48 HOURS)!**

• Prolonged Absence: For an absence in excess of two or more days, call the office for assignments. The office will only request assignments from teachers after 2 days of student absence.

• The taking of senior pictures should be scheduled for “after school hours”. Seniors will not be released to have their pictures taken. If a senior misses any time due to having his/her picture taken, it will be considered unexcused and the senior will receive zeros for class work missed. Students who arrive for school at the normal starting time in the morning and sign out “ill” before the end of the 1st period, will be charged with an entire day of absence.

B. VACATIONS
Vacations that cause students to miss school are discouraged. The school does, however, understand that such situations may occasionally occur. In that event, parents must utilize the vacation form (located in the office)—thus notifying the building administrator and staff in advance, of the vacation and the dates the student will be absent. **A two-week advance notice is required, and a maximum number of 5 days will be excused.** Students are required to make arrangement with each respective teacher as to when the class work will be made up. Students will be responsible to get their work BEFORE leaving for vacation and are expected to work on it while on vacation. **NOTE: Excusing student absences due to vacation is not automatic, nor guaranteed.** Administrative discretion will be used; therefore it is vital that parents follow proper procedure!

**RECOMMENDED PROGRESSION OF DISCIPLINE FOR UNEXCUSED ABSENCES**
In accordance with H.B. 410, the following guidelines will be used by the Struthers City Schools. The district attendance policy allows for 5 parent notes to count as excused absences. Excused absences will count in the total hours toward the excessive absence classification. **Early excusals and being tardy to school are considered “minutes/hours” toward absences.**

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**ACTIVATION OF THE LAW REQUIRING AN ATTENDANCE INTERVENTION PLAN WHEN A STUDENT REACHES THE HABITUAL TRUANCY THRESHOLD.**

1. Student, Parent, and School officials will make-up an attendance team.
2. The team will develop an intervention plan for student absences which includes mandated involvement in the Early Warning System.
3. If the student does not make progress, a complaint can be filed with the Mahoning County Juvenile Court, a referral to Mahoning County Children Services for parental neglect, and Parents/Guardians of students can also be referred to Struthers Municipal Court for violation of the Struthers Parental Responsibility Ordinance.

Note: When a student meets the excessive absence threshold administration has the discretion to activate an attendance intervention plan.

*The Administration maintains discretion in the application of these consequences.*

**MAKE-UP WORK**

MAKE UP WORK IS SUBJECT TO THE ATTENDANCE POLICY REGARDING EXCUSED OR UNEXCUSED ABSENCES.

- **Students with excused absences are permitted to make up work.** It is the responsibility of the students to see the teacher for work that needs to be made up. Students must make-up work in a time frame equal to the number of days plus one. (Example: A student who misses 2 days of school will have 3 days to make up the work upon returning to school). No make-up work will be given to truant or out-of-school suspended students. Students receiving an “incomplete” on their grade cards have 2 weeks to complete the work and have the “incomplete” removed or will receive and “F”. If a student knew about a test or assignment before an absence, the teacher may require a student to complete the work immediately upon return to school.

**ATHLETIC GUIDELINES**

Student athletes are expected to attend school in order to participate in all practices and contests. Consequently, students must adhere to each of the following guidelines:

- The student must arrive at school no later than 11:00 AM.
- The student must be present at the time of dismissal from school.
- Students who receive **advanced administrative approval** may not be subject to the above guidelines (i.e. fieldtrips, funerals, college visits, etc).

**NOTE:** The above guidelines apply in reference to the final weekday when practices/contests are scheduled over the weekend.

**TARDINESS**—After FOUR (4) days tardy to school per semester, and thereafter, disciplinary action will result. Tardy to school is defined as anytime a student is not in class or homeroom at the time of the tardy bell. Anytime a doctor’s excuse, religious event documentation, or pre-approval by administration is provided, no disciplinary action shall occur.

**A. PROGRESSION OF INTERVENTION FOR TARDINESS**

The standard progression of intervention for tardiness to school without a medical or legal verification includes the following:
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<td>Sixth</td>
<td>Overnight Suspension – Requires a parent to come to the school and sign a notification, or ISR will be issued.</td>
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<td>1 day ISR, 2 days ISR, 3 days ISR</td>
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<td>Parent/Administrative attendance meeting with potential recommendation into the Early Warning System (EWS): Possible OSS to begin</td>
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<td>Parent/Administrative attendance meeting to develop a Truancy Plan. Student is mandated into the EWS 60 day attendance program. Possible recommendation for expulsion.</td>
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<td>Referral to court. Referral to Mahoning County Children Services for parental neglect</td>
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A. CLASSROOM TARDIES
The classroom teacher keeps track of tardiness to class. Teachers may assign classroom detentions for tardiness to class. NOTE: Due to the fact that classroom tardies accumulate throughout the entire school year, students who accumulate FOUR (4) tardies to any one class during the course of the entire school year will be referred to the high school office.

B. STUDY HALL TARDIES
Students will receive a central detention.

C. CAFETERIA TARDIES
Students will receive a central detention.

V. STUDENT PROCEDURES AND PROTOCOL

ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL: All students may go to the cafeteria or gymnasium until the 7:53 AM bell rings, including bus students who arrive early. No student should be standing outside. Students arriving at any time after the tardy bell MUST SIGN IN at the designated area. Failure to sign-in immediately following arrival will result in disciplinary action.

All students are to be out of the building and off school grounds immediately, unless they are participating in a school related activity.

ASSEMBLIES: Different types of assemblies are an important part of the school program and contribute to the development of the community within the school. Students will not be dismissed from school to avoid an assembly. Students are to sit in their designated sections, and all school rules apply.

ATHLETICS: Athletes should refer to the Student and Parent Athletic Handbook which is distributed to all student athletes prior to their season. OHSAA mandates athletic meetings prior to all sport seasons.

CAMPAIGNING SCHOOL ELECTIONS/DANCES: Campaigning for class office and running for Homecoming and Prom King and Queen is not permitted at school.

CLASSROOM ATTENDANCE: Students are permitted a maximum of 15 Unexcused days* per year (8 days for a semester class), either full-day or from individual classes per year. For each unexcused absence beyond 15 per year (8 per semester)
students are not permitted to make-up missed work unless the missed assignment counts for 20% or more for the respective nine week period.

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**For each absence, a student must be called off.** This absence will still be an unexcused absence unless a doctor’s note is provided, or unless it meets one of the required excused absence criteria listed in the attendance section of the handbook. The student has **48 hours** from the time he/she returns to school for the parental or doctor’s note to be accepted.

**CELL PHONES:**
Students who bring cell phones to school, are to keep them in their lockers during school hours. (8:00 am – 2:57 pm). The board assumes no responsibility for theft, loss, damage, or vandalism to cell phones brought onto its property.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS, TELEPHONE, or LEGAL CUSTODY:** Any student who changes his/her address or telephone number must report this to the main office. Legal custody papers must be provided upon request. If an emergency arises, it is vital that the school has this information on hand.

**COMPUTERS:** Computers and software are the property of the Struthers City School District. Students may not use computers unless the **Acceptable Use Policy** is signed and on file in each school. Any work done on a school computer or appears on a school computer is the property of the Struthers City School District and is subject to all school district policies.

**DANCES/SOCK HOPS:** Admission to sock hops is limited to Struthers students only. Students will not be admitted to the dance if they arrive 30 minutes or more after the doors open. Students are not permitted to leave and return for any reason. Once a student leaves the building, he/she may not return to the event. All school rules apply to sock hops and dances. Students are expected to follow the dress code at dances; however in the case of formals such as homecoming and prom, the following guidelines have been adopted:

1. Girls may not wear dresses that are low-cut in the front or the back (nothing lower than the middle of the back).
2. Girls are not to wear two-piece dresses that expose the midriff.
3. Girls are not to wear one-piece dresses that have cut-out areas.
4. Dresses may not have slits that extend higher than the girl’s fingertips.
5. If any girl has a question about the appropriateness of a dress, she should check with the administration before making a purchase for any dance.
6. Boys should wear a suit or tuxedo.
7. Dress shoes, not athletic shoes are to be worn.
8. Boys are not permitted to wear baseball hats.
9. Dress shirts must stay on the entire evening.
10. Absolutely no jeans.

**PERSONS WHO REFUSE TO COMPLY WITH THE ABOVE DRESS CODE (THIS INCLUDES DATES THAT ATTEND ANOTHER HIGH SCHOOL) WILL NOT BE ADMITTED TO THE DANCE AND WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO REMAIN AT THE DANCE. STUDENTS DANCING INAPPROPRIATELY WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE.**
Students wishing to bring a guest that is not a Struthers student need to be aware of the following:

a. The student guest must be currently enrolled in a public, parochial, or private school. Students who are enrolled in an “online” or who are “home schooled” school are not permitted to attend, unless the on-line school is Struthers Virtual Academy. All students attending from outside schools must be able to prove good academic standing through an administrator.

b. Only graduates from Struthers High school from the past 2 years may attend with a Struthers High student (c/o 2017 or 2018)

c. Students attending homecoming must be in grade 9 or higher.

d. Prom is a Junior/Senior prom – students lower than Junior status are not permitted to attend

Violations of any school rules are subject to disciplinary action and may result in the suspension of privileges to attend future events. This includes but is not limited to attendance to school. Juniors and Seniors missing 12 or more days of school unexcused may be denied permission to attend Prom or other school dances. Also, all students in grades 8-11 may be denied permission to attend Homecoming 2018, if they have missed 12 or more days unexcused during the entire school year. Students must be in school the entire day of the dance in order to attend. For dances scheduled on Saturday, the student must be in school the Friday (or the last scheduled school day) before the dance. NOTE: Breathalyzers may be used at dances. In addition, students attending other extracurricular activities (such as sporting events, school concerts, etc) who are suspected of consuming alcohol may be breathalyzed at the event.

EARBUDS/HEADPHONES/LISTENING DEVICE: Students are not permitted to have ear buds/headphones etc. to listen to electronic devices in the hallways at any time. The ear buds/headphones should NOT be visible i.e. hanging on their shirts, tucked into their shirt pocket. Students who violate this can expect the teacher to confiscate the listening device and send it to the office with a Discipline Referral Form. See the grid for the corrective measure.

ELEVATOR: Students must have permission to use the elevator.

EMERGENCY CLOSING: The Superintendent will determine if and when adjustments or cancellations will occur due to inclement weather. All local TV stations will be notified under the guidelines set forth by the County Board of Education. If Struthers is not listed among the schools that are cancelled, all students are expected to report to school. In the event that school is cancelled, students are not permitted on grounds unless authorized and extracurricular activities will be cancelled (unless otherwise noted). Also the superintendent will make an all call, and all closures and delays will also be posted on Drund and the Struthers Facebook page.

FALSE REPORTING: A student shall not make a false statement, a false accusation, or provide false information that in any way defames or damages the reputation of another student or staff member. False reporting will be subject to disciplinary measures which may include suspension.

FEES: The district has a right to assess fees in classes that use consumable materials. Students must pay all fees by the end of the 2nd week of class. Failure to do so may result in transcripts being held at each grade period; and may also result in the suspension of privileges to dances and extracurricular events.

FINES: Students acquiring fines because of destruction of school property are required to pay in a timely manner. Failure to pay fines may result in the district turning the family over to collections or the court system. Failure to pay may also result in the suspension of privileges to extracurricular events.

FIELD TRIPS: Parents/Guardians are required to sign permission slips anytime students leave the school grounds as part of a school function. Students are not permitted to provide their own transportation without consent of the administration and parents/guardians.
GRADE REPORT AND PROGRESS REPORT: Parents and Students have access to view grades 7 Days a week year round on parent assist. Parents/Guardians or students not having a progress book account should contact the high school office. Paper copies will be provided to all students at the conclusion of the first three nine weeks.

GUIDANCE SERVICES: The guidance offices are open to all students during the school day and after school. Students may use the guidance office for vocational or educational planning and information. The guidance office exists to help students with a variety of problems including school, home and/or social concerns. Respect of privacy and confidentiality is understood. Students must complete a request slip to schedule an appointment with a counselor or see any staff member.

High school students are assigned alphabetically:
- Mrs. Micco: “A” – “L”
- Miss Ross: “M” – “Z”

HALL PASSES: During class-time, students are not permitted to be in the hallways without an appropriate pass signed by the teacher. Students should only be excused from class when absolutely necessary.

HAZING: Hazing, threatening, intimidation, assaulting, causing, or attempting to cause mental or physical injury or harm to any student, employee or any other person is prohibited.

LIBRARY: The librarian has complete authority in the library. In the high school, each student is issued a library card at the beginning of the school year. In the event that a student loses a card, the cost is $.50 for the first replacement and $1.00 for subsequent replacements. Each student is permitted to go to the library once a week on his/her library card. He/she must sign the library slip that is sent to each study hall. Failure to do so may be considered truancy. Classroom teachers may give permits to students to visit the library to do assigned work. Substitute teachers are not permitted to issue passes to the library. Books are checked out for 2 weeks. Magazines to be used for reports are checked out for 3 days, and special material is checked out overnight only. Library passes must accompany students going to the library. Verbal passes will not be honored!

LOCKDOWN: State law requires schools to hold a “Lockdown” drill every year. Procedures for this drill will be reviewed by staff.

LOCKERS: Lockers are the property of the Struthers Board of Education and are subject to search at any time that the administration has reason to believe that the health, safety, and/or welfare of any student may be at risk.

Each student is assigned a locker for the storage of books and equipment. It is the student’s responsibility to see that his/her locker is locked at all times. For the safety, security, and practical reasons, each student should use only the locker assigned to him/her. Each student is responsible for the contents in his/her locker, as well as the cost of replacing or repairing lost, stolen, or damaged books. Keeping lockers locked at ALL TIMES will help insure that items will not be stolen and unwanted items placed in a student’s locker. Students are permitted to use lockers only during designated times. Students are not permitted to put signs or stickers inside or outside of their lockers. Rigging lockers in order to disable the locking mechanism is prohibited. Students who rig their lockers will be subject to disciplinary measures.

LUNCH/BREAKFAST: All lunches and breakfasts are closed. Free or reduced lunches/breakfasts are available to students who qualify under federal program guidelines. Applications can be obtained from school offices. Students are permitted to charge a lunch in emergency situations. Abuse of this privilege may be revoked by administration at any time. Students who have checks/money to put on their account are to take the checks or money to the cafeteria in the morning before school begins. Checks brought to the cafeteria during lunch will not be accepted until the end of the lunch period.

MAKE-UP WORK: MAKE-UP WORK IS SUBJECT TO THE ATTENDANCE POLICY REGARDING EXCUSED OR UNEXCUSED ABSENCES. Students with excused absences are permitted to make up work. It is the responsibility of the students to see the teacher for work that needs to be made up. Students must make up work in a time frame equal to the number of days plus one. (Example: A student who misses 2 days of school will have 3 days to make up the work upon
returning to school). Students receiving an “incomplete” on their grade cards have 2 weeks to complete the work and have the “incomplete” removed or will receive an “F”. If a student knew about a test or assignment before an absence, the teacher may require the student to complete the work immediately upon return to school.

**MEDICATION:**
Students requiring medication during school hours must contact the school office and provide proper documentation. School Board policy regarding medication will be followed.

**NURSE:**
The nurses are scheduled at each school on certain days. Services include screening for eyes, hearing, and general health. Students must have a “Nurse Referral Form” signed by the teacher to go to the nurse’s office. If the nurse feels you are too sick to remain in school, parents will be notified and a permit issued to sign out of school. Students (who have a substitute teacher) needing to see the nurse, should report to the high school office. The office personnel will write the student a permit to see the nurse. No student is permitted to go to the nurse between classes. All medical information must be supplied on each child’s Emergency Medical Form and filed in the school office.

**RESTRANST:**
Struthers High School believes that the school environment should be one that ensures the care, safety, and welfare of all students and staff members. Efforts to promote positive interactions and solutions to potential conflicts should be exhaustive. In the event that an individual’s behavior presents a threat of imminent harm to self or others, the use of approved physical intervention strategies to maintain a safe environment may be used as a last resort. District personnel may use reasonable physical force upon a student necessary to maintain a safe learning environment. They may also use reasonable physical force upon a student necessary to protect: a staff member’s personal safety; the safety of another staff member or visitor; the safety of the student or other students; school property from damage or destruction; and themselves and others from danger arising from a dangerous weapon or object which is in the possession of /control of a student.

**RESTRICTED LIST:**
Any student on the restricted list is not permitted out of any class or study hall unless excused by the school administration. Students may be placed on the restricted list for committing offenses deemed necessary for this restriction. Students may only be removed from the list by an administrator.

**SCHOOL BUS:**
All school and bus rules apply. The bus driver is authorized to maintain safety and discipline. Students must ride assigned buses only unless prior approval from the administration is given.

**NOTE:**
**Students may be given assigned seats. Failure to sit in assigned seats may result in further disciplinary action.** Only authorized students are allowed to ride buses. Students must sit while the bus is in motion. Students should only move from their seats when the bus comes to a complete stop at their departure point. Students are not to extend heads, arms, or any objects through windows. Students are not to throw objects of any kind. Students are responsible to keep the bus clean, and should not place things in the aisles. Students should not talk to the driver while the bus is in motion, and are to walk in front of the bus when crossing a street or highway. (See infraction grid).

**MCCTC STUDENTS SHOULD NOT LINGER IN OR AROUND THE SCHOOL UPON RETURNING FROM THE MCCT&C. FURTHERMORE, MCCT&C STUDENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED IN THE BUILDING (INCLUDING THE FIELD HOUSE AND WELLNESS CENTER) UPON RETURNING FROM THE MCCT&C IN THE AFTERNOON. If The MCCT&C student needs to attend a meeting – the student must report to the high school office immediately upon getting off the bus and entering the building. VIOLATIONS OF THESE RULES WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE APPROPRIATE DISCIPLINE MEASURE(S).**

**SCOPE OF JURISDICTION:**
This code of conduct is in effect while students are under the authority of school personnel or involved in any school activity. This includes but is not limited to school buses and property under the control of school authorities, and while interscholastic competitions, extracurricular events, or other school activities or programs. In addition this Code of Conduct includes:

- Misconduct by a student that occurs off school district property but is connected to activities or incidents that have occurred on school district property.
- Misconduct by a student that, regardless of where it occurs, is directed at a district official or employee or the property of an official or employee.

The MCCTC is an extension of our school program; therefore, students who elect to attend the career center are subject to disciplinary action based upon the Student Code of Conduct of both Struthers High School and the MCCTC.
Consequently, conduct an/or involvement in any activity that may or does result in disciplinary action by one school may be grounds for disciplinary action by the other school.

**STUDENT SCHOOL INSURANCE:** Annually, the Struthers City School District offers low cost Student Insurance in case of accident or injury. Traditionally, these plans provide cash benefits to help meet the cost of medical and hospital expense. If you have other insurance, these plans will provide low cost, basic coverage. Furthermore, these plans will cover your child for the entire school year and throughout the summer months – up to the day school re-opens for the new school year.

**SCHOOL PROPERTY/MATERIALS:** Students are responsible for all school property loaned or issued to them by the district. The district has the right to assess fines for damaged or lost property.

**SEARCH AND SEIZURE:** Student lockers, desks, cabinets and similar property are the property of Struthers Board of Education and are provided to students for their use. Lockers and other such property carry no expectation of privacy for the students who occupy them. When an administrator has REASONABLE SUSPICION, he/she may search a student and the materials within this property. Student refusal is insubordination and is subject to suspension.

**SIGNING OUT:** Students authorized to sign out of school early, must do so in the school office at the time permitted. No student may sign another student out of school.

**SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS:** For student’s safety and welfare, video surveillance cameras are placed throughout the building and school grounds and on busses. Actions recorded on these devices will result in disciplinary action and possible referral to local law enforcement. Only school personnel (and local law authorities if necessary) may view these surveillance tapes.

**TARDINESS:** After FOUR (4) days tardy to school per semester, and thereafter, disciplinary action will result. Tardy to school is defined as anytime a student is not in class or homeroom at the time of the tardy bell. Anytime a doctor’s excuse, religious event documentation, or pre-approval by administration is provided, no disciplinary action shall occur.

A. Classroom tardies: The classroom teacher keeps track of tardiness to class. Teachers may assign classroom detentions for tardiness to class. **NOTE:** Due to the fact that classroom tardies accumulate throughout the entire school year, students who accumulate FOUR (4) tardies to any one class during the course of the entire school year will be referred to the high school office.

B. Study Hall tardies: Students will receive central detention.

C. Cafeteria tardies: Students will receive central detention.

**TELEPHONE:** Students are not permitted to use classroom phones. Students are to come to the office and ask permission to use an office phone. We also ask that students not be called at school to come to the telephone except in cases of emergency. Students using a school phone without permission are subject to disciplinary action.

**VACATIONS:** Vacations that cause students to miss school are discouraged. The school does, however, understand that such situations may occasionally occur. In that event, parents must utilize the vacation form (located in the high school office) – thus notifying the building administrator and staff in advance, of the vacation and the dates the student will be absent. **A two-week advance notice is required, and a maximum number of 5 days will be excused.** Students are required to make arrangements with each respective teacher as to when the class work will be made up. Students will be responsible to get their work BEFORE leaving for vacation and are **expected to work on it while on vacation.** **NOTE:** Excusing student absences due to vacation is not automatic, nor guaranteed. Administrative discretion will be used; therefore it is vital that parents follow proper procedure!

**VISITORS:** Anyone entering any building in the district that is not a student or staff member of the Struthers City Schools must register in the school office to receive a visitor’s badge. **Showing your identification is required as a visitor to the building.** Visiting Students will be kept to a minimum and will only be allowed for educational purposes.

**VENDING MACHINES:** All vending machines are accessible only during lunch.
WALKERS AND TRANSPORTATION: Students who walk or are transported by car are not to arrive at school earlier than ten (10) minutes prior to the entry bell. Students arriving early are expected to go either to the student dining area or the field house seating until the entry bell dismisses them to go to homeroom. There will be no students permitted to stand outside of the building before school. Students walking must go directly home after the dismissal bell. Students are encouraged to walk home in small groups. *Loitering around school property is not permitted.* Students who are regular walkers will not have bus privileges for special situations. Other parental arrangements must be made.

A. High school students who drive to school must register in the high school office. Students must park in the assigned lot and assigned space. Students are not permitted to park on any street or in any lot other than designated.
B. STUDENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO PARK IN THE STAFF PARKING LOT.
C. The Board reserves the right to implement its drug testing program for all extracurricular activities, programs, and privileges, including but not limited to student parking passes.

Violations of any of the above parking/walking/transportation procedures may result in disciplinary action, or the loss of privileges.

NOTE: Any Student driving to school may have privileges revoked if they accumulate 15 or more unexcused absences to school. Parking without a permit or permission may result in the car being towed at the owner’s expense.

VI. STUDENT DRESS CODE

NOTE: STUDENTS DO NOT HAVE THE OPTION TO PHONE HOME FOR PROPER CLOTHING ON THE FIRST (OR SUBSEQUENT) OFFENSES. FIRST OFFENSES WILL BE SENT TO ISS FOR THE DAY. REFER TO THE INFRACTION GRID FOR DISCIPLINE FOR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSES.

All students are expected to dress in a fashion that will not interrupt the established educational objectives.

A. Struthers Board of Education dress code policy will apply. The dress code is posted at the school and copies may be obtained at the high school office.
B. Students are expected to dress appropriately for the weather.
C. Students are to come to school neat and clean in all respects. Parents as well as the school must encourage children to develop lasting habits of proper dress and proper grooming.
D. The Principals or designee will determine infractions of the dress code and proper measures to correct violations. In general, school dress should be such that it ensures the health, welfare, and safety of the members of the student body. It should enhance a positive image of our students and school. Any form of dress or grooming that attracts undue attention or violates the previous statement is unacceptable. Therefore:
   1. Dress and grooming will be clean and follow proper health, sanitary, and safety requirements.
   2. Clothing must cover undergarments at all times.
   3. When a student is in school or involved in school activities, his/her dress and grooming will not disrupt his/her performance, or that of other students.
   4. Students are required to dress appropriately at all school events - including extra-curricular activities and athletic events. Failure to adhere to dress policy may result in removal from and/or exclusion from further extra-curricular activities; or possible In-School Restriction/Out of School Suspension
   5. Student dress and grooming will not be such as to disrupt the teaching learning process.

The student dress code has not been formulated to create hardships on parents or students, nor to discriminate in any way, but simply to try and keep in effect the outstanding student appearance and pride that has been established (and is readily apparent) in the Struthers City Schools. We ask the cooperation of parents and students in helping us maintain the fine standard of dress and high degree of respect our school system has earned.

DRESS AND GROOMING: Students shall be required to wear clothing that does not disrupt the educational process or cause any health or safety problem. Further, clothing that is either too tight or so loose as to create a body-form fit or expose body areas other than arms, lower legs, or head is prohibited. If the attire causes a substantial distraction to educational process, the student may be asked to change or be in violation of the dress code. A cap sleeve or longer is required on all tops or dresses. The cap sleeve must be intact and may not have a slit, lacing, or any other form of openness. Shoulders MAY NOT be exposed. In addition tank tops and/or basketball jerseys worn alone are prohibited. Proper footwear will be peds, socks, or hose worn with shoes. Shoes must be determined safe by the administration. Hairstyles shall not cause a disruption of the
educational process nor create a health or safety problem. Hair should be washed regularly and should be well groomed at all times. Hair should not be arranged in any style or color that causes distraction from classroom activity or creates unusual attention by other students or adults. This includes, but is not limited to dyed hair and streaks.

PROHIBITED TO ALL:
1. Any eccentric type of dress or grooming that distracts from the purpose of school. This includes (though not limited to) the wearing of “fishnet/netted sleeves and abnormal hair styles and abnormally colored hair”. Hair should be of a natural color.
2. Extreme hair styles which are disruptive / distracting to the educational process, or pose a safety hazard.
3. Hair should not hang over the eyes or face.
4. There shall be no designs shaved into the head.
5. Colored contacts should be on a natural eye color. Contacts that are distracting to the educational environment are not permitted.
6. Students must be clean shaven. Moustaches are acceptable, but long sideburns and beards are not permitted. Students who have a medical excuse allowing facial hair due to beard dermatitis – must keep the beard neatly trimmed.
7. Clothing bottoms may not be worn below the hip or have the appearance of the “sag look”.
8. Skirts, dresses, skorts, and shorts shorter than approximately three (3”) inches above the kneecap.
9. Halter tops, tank tops, V-neck or low cut tops are especially forbidden. ANY APPAREL THAT EXPOSES THE MIDRIFF IS PROHIBITED
10. Any “gang: style clothing or accessories.
11. Students are NOT to have any holes in any clothing that reveals skin. Distressed clothing is acceptable, provided. The skin does not show.
12. NO sunglasses, hats or head coverings permitted.
14. Hospital-type clothing.
15. Any clothing articles containing illustration or words that
   a. are obscene or sexually explicit - including “Hooters” T-shirts
   b. have derogatory statements toward ethnic, racial, religious, or political groups
   c. promotes the use of alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or illegal behavior
   d. are offensive to administration or staff.
16. Transparent or translucent clothing.
17. Body piercing: Small nose piercings are acceptable. Ear gauges are NOT permitted, nor are any other facial piercings such as eye brows, lips, etc.
18. Coats or outer garments are not permitted in class. Students should have a sweatshirt or “hoodie” to put on in the event that they are cold. THE HOODS MAY NOT BE PULLED OVER THEIR HEADS.
19. Backpacks, book bags, or extremely large purses may not be carried during the school day. They are to remain in lockers.
20. Pajamas/ Pajama bottoms are prohibited.
21. Backless shoes such as flip – flops and shower shoes are not permitted.

VII. SCHOOL VIOLATIONS
These rules and regulations apply to students at all times while on school grounds; at school related activities that occur off school grounds; or while being transported to and from these events. The school safety zones are determined to be a 1,000-foot perimeter from the school property. All rules and regulations apply within these zones. In addition, this Code of Conduct includes misconduct by a student that occurs off school district property but is connected to activities or incidents that have occurred on school property and misconduct by a student that, regardless of where it occurs, is directed at a district official or employee or the property of an official or employee.
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OHIO REVISED CODE (ORC 3313.661):
“The authority to regulate and control pupil conduct does not necessarily end at the schoolhouse door. Thus, out-of
school misconduct which may be regulated is that misconduct which is connected to activities or incidents that have
occurred on school-owned or school-controlled property or which ‘is directed at a district official or employee, regardless
of where it occurs’. The conduct of the pupils en route to and from school has historically been the subject of regulation,
and in some cases criminal conduct outside the school has resulted in suspension or expulsion where the conduct would
pose a threat to the safety of pupils inside the school.”

CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS AND CONDUCT: The general code of student conduct is intended to address student
behavior generally unacceptable in all cases with a uniform standard corrective action. Corrective actions with regard to student
behavior that may violate individual teacher’s specific course requirements or classroom management policy (i.e. homework,
make-up work, talking, chewing gum, forgetting books/pencils, etc.) are the responsibility of the respective teacher to address.
Examples of disciplinary actions which teachers can use may include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Verbal reprimand
2. Special assignments that are constructive
3. Classroom detentions before or after school
4. Oral or written notification to parent(s)
5. Conference with student and/or parent(s)
6. Loss of class privileges
7. Administrative referral.

DEFINITIONS OF OFFENSES:

ASSAULT - Any physical or verbal attack on a person or group.

BLATENT DISRESPECT (treated as insubordination) - The failure to comply with directions of teachers, student teachers,
school aides, secretaries, bus drivers, principals, or other authorized personnel.

BULLYING, CYBER-BULLYING, HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION: Ohio Revised Code 3313.666/HB 116 as used in
this section, “harassment, intimidation, or bullying” means either of the following:

1. Any intentional written, verbal, or physical act that a student has exhibited toward another particular student more than
   once and the behavior both: (a) Causes mental or physical harm to the other student; (b) is sufficiently severe,
   persistent, and pervasive that it creates an intimidating, threatening, or abusive educational environment for the other
   student.
2. Violence within a dating relationship

Harassment, Intimidation, bullying, or cyber-bullying of any student on school property or a school bus, at school sponsored
events, or if the harassment, intimidation, bullying or cyber-bullying materially or substantially disrupts the educational
environment and discipline of the school, off school property and expressly providing for the possibility of suspension of a
student found guilty of harassment, intimidation, bullying, or cyber-bullying by an electronic act. “Electronic Act” means and
act committed through the use of a cellular phone, computer, personal communication devise or any electronic means.

Any student who believes that he/she is a victim of any of the above actions or has observed such actions taken by another
student, staff member, or person associated with the district should promptly report the incident to an administrator. Each report
will be investigated in a timely manner and as confidentially as possible. The District will respect the privacy of the complainant,
the individual(s) against whom the complaint is filed, and the witnesses as much as possible, consistent with the Board’s legal
obligations to investigate and to take appropriate action. In compliance with HB 116: Students may place anonymous reports
of bullying incidents. Students who make false reports will be subject to disciplinary action which may include suspension from
school. The school district will annually issue a written anti-bullying policy statement to be sent home to parents. The school
district will also ensure that the student’s custodial parent or guardian will be notified of, and have access to reports of a bullying
incident. Finally, the school district will provide training on their anti-bullying policies as part of in-service training required for
all teachers, administrators, counselors, nurses, and school psychologists.
NOTE: When applied here, the phrases “on school property”, and “at school events” is not limited to where the bullying originates but also includes where it is communicated, if there is a disruption in the learning environment in the school setting. The Struthers Board of Education has policies (5516, 5517, & 5517.01) that specifically prohibits harassment or bullying of students.

DRUGS/ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION - Evidence of possession or having consumed alcoholic beverage and/or drugs or narcotics (including “look-alike”), over the counter drugs, supplements, vitamins, prescription drugs or counterfeit controlled substances including marijuana – Possession of drug paraphernalia or any of the above mentioned substances are prohibited and may result in suspension or expulsion from Struthers High School. NOTE: Any drug, alcohol and/or tobacco violation may include an optional/voluntary testing diversionary program for control or testing these substances. Drug and alcohol offenses require the district to notify the department of motor vehicles.

DRUGS - Distribution or sale of drugs, narcotics (including “look-alike”), over the counter drugs, prescription drugs, or counterfeit controlled substances including marijuana - Violators are subject to criminal action and school corrective action. (H.B. 535 amended section 2929.01 and enacted section 2925.37, O.R.C. prohibits making, selling, and possessing counterfeit drugs and related tools).

Extortion - The act of borrowing or attempting to borrow from another person by use of “strong arm” methods, or by implied or expressed threat. This includes hazing which is defined as doing any act or coercing another, including the victim, to do any act of initiation to any student or other organizations that causes or creates a substantial risk of causing mental or physical harm to any person. (This complies with section 2307.44 of the Ohio Revised Code).

Fighting - Anytime physical contact between students may be considered a fight.

Forgery - The act of falsely using in writing the name of another person, or falsifying and/or altering times, dates, grades, addresses, phone numbers, or other data on school forms or correspondence directed to the school.

Inducing Panic - Any act that implies intent to harm or create unrest.

Plagiarism - The passing off of another person’s ideas, writings, work, etc., as one’s own work is plagiarism. Any plagiarized material, written or otherwise, which is handed in as all or part of a class assignment by a student, will automatically receive a grade of zero. This applies to all subjects in all classes.

Sexual Harassment - Defined by the Ohio Civil Rights Commission as “Any unwanted attention of a sexual nature from someone in the workplace that creates discomfort and/or interference with the job.” This may include “unwelcome physical contact, sexually explicit language or gestures, uninvited or unwanted sexual advances, or an offensive overall environment including the use of vulgar language, the presence of sexually explicit photographs, or other materials, and the telling of sexual stories.” This definition is extended to cover student-to-student harassment.

Student Parking - Parking at Struthers High School is a privilege and not a right. Students must have a parking pass issued by the school in order to park in the lots. Students will be subject to drug testing and may have their privileges revoked for failure to adhere to the rules and regulations listed on the parking permit, including refusing to take the required drug test. Parking on school grounds without a permit or in non-authorized areas may result in your car being towed at the owner’s expense. Students are not to park in the Staff lot.

Tardiness - When a high school student arrives after the tardy bell up to 11:00 AM, the student is considered tardy. The only excused tardies are those listed in the attendance policy. After 11:00 AM students will be considered absent for the entire day.

Tobacco - Use or possession of tobacco or related paraphernalia – Anytime a tobacco product or related paraphernalia (including Vapes and Juuls) is found on a student or in any student’s property. This includes the student’s locker and car.
Violations will be referred to the district’s Student Resource Officer. NOTE: Any drug, alcohol and/or tobacco violation may include an optional/voluntary testing diversionary program for control or testing these substances.

**Truancy** - Truancy is defined as being absent from school or any portion of the school day without parental consent. Ohio Revised Code 2151.011 defines “Habitual Truancy” as any child of compulsory school age who is absent without legitimate excuse from the public school the child is supposed to attend for thirty (30) or more consecutive hours, forty two (42) or more hours in a school month, or seventy-two (72) in more hours in a school year.

**Vandalism and theft** - Defacing and damaging SCHOOL DISTRICT property and personal property of school employees or students are considered vandalism. **DAMAGES MADE AFTER SCHOOL HOURS – INCLUDING WEEKENDS - FALL INTO THIS CATEGORY.** Theft is defined as unauthorized possession of school or personal property. Violations will be judged at the discretion of the administration as to the proper disciplinary action to be taken. **CRIMINAL CHARGES MAY BE FILED. - RESTITUTION MUST BE MADE FOR ALL DAMAGES.**

**WEAPONS** - Use or possession of weapons or dangerous instruments including “look-alikes”. Using or transmitting any object that in fact, or under the circumstances can reasonably be considered to constitute a weapon (gun, knives, firecrackers, explosives, mace/pepper spray, or other such instruments capable of inflicting bodily injury, etc.). Weapons offenses require the district to make a referral to the bureau of motor vehicles.

**BEHAVIORAL DETERRENCE FOR OFFENSES**

**Central Detention and Classroom Detention:** Central detentions are held at 7:15 am, Tuesday and Thursday mornings - A 24-hour notice will be given. Classroom teachers may issue a detention to be served in their class either before or after school (with a 24-hour notice). Inappropriate behavior in detention may result in further disciplinary action.

**Over-Night Suspension (ONS)** – Over-Night Suspension means that a student has been suspended until such time that a parent meets with an administrator to reinstate the student. This can be done before the school day begins so there will not be an interruption of the academic process. If the parent does not appear for a reinstatement hearing, the student will be officially suspended until a hearing does occur. Students receiving ONS are not permitted on school grounds or at any school related activity while the ONS is in effect.

**In-School Restriction (ISR)** - This refers to the removal of a student from his/her regularly scheduled classes for a period of at least one (1), but not more than three (3) school days. During this period, a student will remain in a specified area and perform his/her studies. **Prior to working on school work, students will be required to work on a writing assignment.** Work not completed during in-school will result in a grade of “F” or “0” (zero) percent. Students assigned to ISR will only be allowed to leave the room for scheduled restroom breaks and to purchase lunch. Students assigned to ISR will be counted present in school. Misbehavior in ISR may result in further disciplinary action (see infraction grid).

**NOTE:** OWE STUDENTS/EARLY RELEASE STUDENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO REMAIN IN THE ISR ROOM THE ENTIRE DAY.

**Saturday School (SS)**- This refers to the student being required to attend school on Saturday morning from 8am-12pm. Saturday school may be offered on an “as needed” basis in an attempt to keep students from being suspended from school. **Failure to appear at Saturday School without prior administrative approval will result in a 2 Day OSS.**

**Out of School Suspension (OSS)** – This is the removal of a student from school and all related school activities including extra-curricular activities and athletics for a period in excess of 24 hours, but not to exceed 10 school days. During this time, the student is not to be on the school premises at any time unless brought in for counseling or conference with his/her parents. The student will receive a “0” (zero) for all assignments missed. The student is also to remain at home during school hours. Students
in work-related programs are prohibited from working during the suspension. A student MAY NOT attend nor participate in any school activity while suspended. Attendance or participation in activities will result in additional disciplinary action including but not limited to that described in the chart as “Insubordination”.

If the school is closed for any emergency reason, students suspended (either in-school or out-of-school) will be required to serve their previously assigned days.

20-Day Rule - Any student that has accumulated 20 total days of suspension and/or in – school restriction in a school year may be recommended for expulsion. Note: The 20 days are a combination of both days spent in ISR and days of OSS.

Expulsion - Expulsion shall be understood to mean the expulsion from all school attendance and related activities (both curricular and extra-curricular) according to Ohio School Laws.
1. An expelled student is not permitted on school grounds at any time for any reason with the exception of counseling/conference with parents. No credit shall be given for work accumulated prior to expulsion: Current semester and grades of “0” (zero) shall prevail and appear on a student’s transcript for that current grade period.
2. The expulsion period may be up to 80 days, however, in accordance with Ohio law, severe infractions may result in expulsion of up to 180 days.
3. Student due process, as prescribed and required by Ohio Law will be followed when an out-of-school suspension or expulsion becomes necessary.
4. Any student that is expelled may not attend another school including a technical school or receive college credit from any university.
5. A student’s expulsion will be reported to the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles at which time the student’s driving privileges will be suspended.

DIVERSION: The Struthers Juvenile Diversion Program is designed to provide interventions for at-risk youth. Diversion can be mandated or voluntary, based on the discretion of the administration. Diversion can also be used as a substitute for other behavioral deterrence. Intervention Programs such as: Anger Management, Conflict Resolution, etc., are offered through the Diversion program. Enrollment is on referral basis and is mandatory. Referral to the Diversion Program is at Administrators’ discretion and enrollment requires the cooperation of either the parent(s) or guardian and the student. Interventions may include referrals to community services, educational programming offered directly through the Diversion Program, home and/or school behavior modification plans, etc. Students may be required to participate in the Diversion Program in conjunction with the Struthers School District in one of the following ways:
1. Students disciplined for verbally/physically aggressive offenses or that otherwise demonstrate need, may be required to attend the Anger Management Program.
2. Students may be granted the opportunity to participate in Diversion in lieu of suspension, expulsion, or other behavior deterrents at the discretion of the Administrators/Superintendent.
3. Students demonstrating other risk factors (i.e. drug use, accumulation of suspension days, delinquency) may be required to participate in Diversion.

Students referred for Diversion in lieu of criminal charges or by other community service providers that, through a formal risk assessment, meet criteria for school-based or related interventions will be required to adhere to the guidelines set forth within Struthers City Schools Student Handbook relating to the Struthers Juvenile Diversion Program.

Diversion requires the full cooperation of the student and the parent(s)/guardian(s). Noncompliance with the opportunity to participate in Diversion may result in the use of other behavior deterrents.

Early Warning System (EWS): Struthers City Schools in conjunction with the Mahoning County Judicial System have developed an Early Warning System to recognize and respond to students who are exhibiting at-risk behaviors as it relates to graduation from High School. The main components that are monitored through the system include: Attendance, Behavior, and Curriculum (grades). We are now better able to easily identify and intervene on the behalf of students that are struggling in one or more of the above mentioned areas. When they are identified they may be required to participate in the Early Warning System which consists of small group and/or individual counseling in the student’s area of need. Failure to participate in the program may result in further disciplinary action by the school.
VIII. GRADES: SEMESTER AND YEARLY

Grades are determined by the student’s percentage grade in the respective class.
Percentages are as follows:

90-100 = A  80-89 = B  70-79 = C  60-69 = D  0-59 = F

ELIGIBILITY: Students must meet the following eligibility requirements each grade period in order to participate in all extracurricular activities including interscholastic athletics, school-sponsored clubs and organizations, and student aide positions in accordance with Board Policy 2430. This includes nominations for homecoming and prom courts.

1. SCHOLARSHIP

Grades 9-12: To be eligible, you must be currently enrolled in school and have received passing grades in a minimum of five (5) one credit courses, or the equivalent in the immediately preceding grading period.

For eligibility purposes:

A. Summer school grades may not be used to substitute for failing grades received the final grading period of the regular school year or for lack of enough subjects taken the final grading period.
B. Semester and yearly grades have no effect on eligibility
C. Those taking post-secondary school courses must comply with OHSAA scholarship requirements

RESIDENCE AND TRANSFER OF SCHOOLS – INCLUDING STUDENTS ENTERING UNDER OPEN ENROLLMENT

(Open enrollment rules apply for athletics only. Athletes who transfer in after their freshmen year (5 day rule) will be ineligible for the period established by the OHSAA.

A. Freshmen entering will be granted eligibility provided they have passed five one credit courses, or the equivalent in the immediately preceding grading period.
B. Underclassmen will be eligible provided they pass 5 one-credit classes or equivalent. P.E. will count for ¼ credit, as each is a semester class and, when factored by two, will equate to ½ credit.

To be eligible for co-curricular activities as an open enrollment student, the student must meet Struthers guidelines: taking and passing 5 one-credit courses, or the equivalent

Students who are ineligible for sports may continue to practice with the team provided they attend a study table which will be set up with the coach and approved by an administrator. Travel to games with the team will be permitted if the above standard is being met.

You may attend any public or non-public high school in which you are accepted when you enter high school (grade 9) from a 7th – 8th grade school.

Eligibility at that school is established by:

A. Participating in a contest (scrimmage, preview or regular season game) prior to the first day of school, or
B. Attending the first day of school at any high school
C. According to OHSSA bylaw 4.72 – incoming 9th grade students have 5 days of school attendance to declare their eligibility

Once eligibility at a high school is established, a transfer to a different school will mean you will be ineligible for athletics for one year from the date of enrollment in the new school.

A. There are 8 exceptions to this regulation. To see if you qualify for an exception, you and your parents should arrange a meeting with your principal or athletic administrator and review the document entitled “The OHSAA Transfer Bylaw” which is found online at the OHSSA website prior to transferring to another school.
B. If your parent or legal guardian lives outside Ohio, you are ineligible unless one of the four (4) exceptions for the regulation is met. These exceptions to the out-of-state residency rules are found in Bylaw 4-6.

C. If a student moves into the Struthers school district, the parent is required to meet with the administration and complete an \textbf{AFFIDAVIT FOR BONA FIDE LEGAL CHANGE OF RESIDENCE}. This application must then be sent to the OHSAA (by the school administration) and approved by the commissioner.

D. If additional questions concerning these regulations remain, the school principal or athletic administrator should contact the OHSAA.

\textbf{1. SEMESTERS OF ENROLLMENT}

After establishing ninth-grade eligibility, you are permitted eight (8) semesters of athletic eligibility.

A. The semesters are taken in order of attendance once ninth-grade eligibility has been established.
B. Semesters are counted toward eligibility whether you participate in interscholastic athletics or not.
C. Those with a disability may qualify for an exception to this regulation and should arrange a meeting with the principal or athletic administrator to review the exception.

\textbf{GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA)}: Students’ GPA’s are determined by accumulating all final grades and are based on a 4 point scale:

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A &= 4.0 & B &= 3.0 & C &= 2.0 & D &= 1.0 & F &= 0.0
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The following formula is used to calculate GPA:

1. Five (5) grades will determine a final grade for the course.
2. The four “nine-week” grades and a final assessment grade will comprise the five grades.
3. Each grade will be worth 20% of the final grade.

For Semester courses:

4. Three (3) grades will determine a final grade for semester courses.
5. The two nine-week grades and a final assessment grade will comprise the three grades.
6. Each grade period will be worth 40% and the final exam will be worth 20% of the final grade.

\textbf{HONOR ROLL}: Students receiving A’s and B’s in all subjects during a nine-week grade period will make the honor roll.

\textbf{NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY}: In order to be eligible for National Honor Society, a student must have a 3.5 GPA or higher, and community service. NHS members are required to maintain the expected GPA, attend monthly meetings and be involved in on-going community service in order to keep their NHS status.

\textbf{ACADEMIC LETTER}: Students entering their senior year are eligible for this. The academic letter will be determined based on the following:

1. At the end of the students’ junior (11th grade) year, the students’ cumulative grade point average will be used to determine eligibility for the academic letter. The top 15% of the class will be issued an academic letter, provided that the student has a 3.3 cumulative GPA. \textbf{NOTE}: The number of students receiving the letter may vary from year to year, depending on the number of students in the class.
2. The students receiving the academic letter would receive it at the beginning of their senior year.

\textbf{VALEDICTORIAN/SALUTATORIAN CRITERIA}: Students wishing to be eligible for valedictorian or salutatorian status must follow the appropriate academic progression of classes and criteria which are outlined in the curriculum guide.
IX. ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Students are encouraged to participate in clubs, organizations, and or interscholastic athletics. Following is a summary of regulations governing all organizations:

1. All organizations must file a financial report form including means of revenue and disbursements. This must be submitted in September and approved by the Board of Education.
2. No meeting shall be held without a sponsor present.
3. All money collected will be turned into the school treasurer as soon as possible (with a “pay-in voucher”).
4. All purchases will be made according to school procedures, including proper forms and sponsor approval.
5. All programs are available to everyone without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, age, gender, or handicap.

NOTE: Students will adhere to their club’s/organization’s code of conduct.