

Greenway Middle/High School Handbook Updates 2026–2027 School Year

The following updates have been made to the Greenway Middle/High School Handbook.

Format Updates

- The handbook will be formatted as a PDF with:
 - A live links table of contents
 - Live links to district policies
 - Live links to other pertinent documents and resources for families

Part I – Information

- Bell Schedule - Bell Schedule updated to reflect a 5-day-a-week advisory.
- Class Schedule Changes
 - **Previous Language:**
No class can be dropped or changed without approval of administration after the first two weeks of the term. If a course is dropped after the first two weeks, an “F” grade may appear on the student’s permanent record.
- Public & Media Information/Opt-Out - Added “and social media pages.”
- Employment Background Checks
 - Removed Employment Background Checks section.
 - With guidance, if there is a district policy, this information is not necessary to include in the handbook.
 - Reference: Policy 404

Part II - Academics

- Eligibility – MSHSL Academic
 - PSEO Grade Reporting
 - Added: Students enrolled in the Postsecondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) program must submit their current grades to the Activities Director every Monday.
 - Added this to make sure our PSEO athletes are in good standing academically and take accountability for their academic progress.
- Fee Schedule - To be updated to reflect 2026–2027 fees.
- Graduation Ceremony
 - Added: Students must apply to speak at commencement ceremony, students must be on campus at least part of the day - 3 student speakers will be selected.
- Leaving School
 - Added: Students in grades 5th–6th must have a parent/guardian come into the attendance office and sign them out unless there is a pre-approved parental agreement on file.

Part III – Discipline/Rules

- Attendance
 - Overhauled/Revamped Attendance section.
 - Clearer interventions and accountability measures.
 - Increased follow-up and communication.
 - Provide additional learning opportunities and support for students.
 - Better support the Truancy Liaison with clear and consistent language.
- Truancy Policy
 - Added stronger language and expectations to provide more support in helping students, teachers, and families get students attending classes consistently.
- Bullying Statement
 - Added: *This policy strictly covers all forms of misconduct, including malicious and sadistic bullying, as well as cyberbullying or social media activity that negatively influences a student's well-being or mental health during the school day.*
 - Added with guidance from MASSP/MSBA.
- Buses - added consequences that reflect what is in district policy
 - 1st offense – Warning
 - 2nd offense – 5 school-day suspension from riding the bus
 - 3rd offense – 10 school-day suspension from riding the bus
 - 4th offense – 20 school-day suspension from riding the bus/meeting with parent
 - 5th offense – Suspended from riding the bus for the remainder of the school year
- Credit Recovery
 - Removed the procedure to make up seat time when absences are excessive.
 - We do not currently use this practice.
 - Withholding credit from students due to attendance is not a practice supported by state statute.
 - Hopefully, strengthened attendance procedures and consequences will help curb excessive absences.
- Detention
 - Changed wording.
 - Added loss of privileges for school activities and further consequences.
- In-School Suspension (ISS)
 - Shift from a punitive consequence to a structured intervention with accountability, academic support & behavioral reflection.
- NonExclusionary Disciplinary Policies - added in Non-Exclusionary Interventions & Support Strategies - reworded to list the positive interventions & supports we have at Greenway.
- Student Behavior & Discipline Matrix - reformatted & cleaned up.

Part IV - Health & Safety

- Removed Pandemic Response Section