

## **2025-2026 Student Handbook Changes for Board Approval**

### **1. New Noon Hour Policy- Open Campus 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>\*\* Seniors only**

Seniors with 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> hour study hall would be eligible for Open Campus if they meet the following criteria: If this has 0 impact to student funding.

- Must not be failing any classes
- Must not be on the “No Pass List” or have more than 3 tardies in any given class.
- Must check in and out through the main office
- Students would need to either report to study hall or leave the building. They are not able to wander the building during that time.
- If they leave without signing out, they will have one day of ISP.
- Eligibility runs week to week with grade checks.

Current Noon Hour policy

### **Closed Noon Hour**

There will be a closed noon hour in effect for students in grades 9 - 12. Students are not allowed to leave the commons area or the building. If it is necessary to leave the building, a leave school permit is required. Leaving the building at noon without a “Leave School Permit” is an unexcused absence. Students will not be allowed to go to their cars or the parking lot unless authorized by school office or administration.

### **2. New to the handbook- will be in the Cheating and Plagiarism section**

#### **Acceptable Use of AI Tools and ChatGPT Policy**

The use of artificial intelligence (AI) tools, including but not limited to ChatGPT, is permitted at school only under guidelines that support ethical use, academic honesty, and alignment with learning goals.

#### **Purpose**

AI tools can support learning when used responsibly. They may be used to enhance understanding, generate ideas, or support assignments when explicitly allowed by a teacher. However, using AI to complete work dishonestly is considered a violation of academic integrity.

#### **Acceptable Use**

- Students may use AI tools **only when a teacher gives permission** and for purposes that directly support educational objectives.

- AI may be used to:
  - Brainstorm ideas or explore concepts.
  - Check grammar, spelling, or writing mechanics.
  - Support revision of drafts with teacher guidance.
  - Research topics under teacher direction (not as a replacement for source material or citations).

### **Unacceptable Use**

- Submitting AI-generated content as one's own original work is **considered plagiarism**.
- Using AI to complete assignments, essays, or tests **without teacher permission is cheating**.
- Copying or pasting full AI-generated responses into an assignment without citation or teacher consent is prohibited.
- Using AI to bypass the learning process or produce responses in place of personal effort violates academic expectations.

### **Consequences**

Any misuse of AI tools, including cheating or plagiarism, will result in:

- A **failing grade** for the assignment.
- **Disciplinary action** consistent with the school district's "Student Discipline" policy (Appendix 5).
- **Loss of access** to school-provided AI tools if applicable.

### **Student Responsibility**

Students are expected to:

- Ask questions if unsure about when or how AI can be used.
- Be honest about the role of AI in completing their work.
- Understand that ethical use of technology is part of becoming a responsible digital citizen.

### **3. Weighted Grades**

PSEO and CIS classes will no longer be weighted. Only AP classes will be weighted for GPA. This is a change from last year.

#### **4. Cell Phone Policy**

##### **Current Policy/Practice**

The first violation, students will turn their device into the classroom teacher to be picked up at the teacher's discretion. The second violation, the student will turn their device into the classroom teacher and can be picked up from the building administrator at the administrator's discretion. Parents will be emailed with each violation. The third violation will result in after school detention. The fourth violation will result in a day of ISP (Individual Student Plan) and the 5th violation will be ATS (Alternative to Suspension), a 6th or any additional violations will be a referral to wRight Choice, another ATS program. Violations will reset each semester.

**In order to possess these devices at school the student and their parent/guardian must sign the Internet Use Agreement. Students bring these devices "at their own risk". The School will not be responsible for lost, stolen or damaged devices. No student shall use a device to take photographs or video of students or staff without their prior consent while in school or on the school grounds, including the school bus. The use of any electronic device in restrooms and locker rooms is strictly prohibited.**

##### **New Policy/Practice**

Students will have phones confiscated by staff if they have them in the classroom or the hallway during class times. Students will pick up their phones from the main office at the end of the day. Phones must be in their lockers from 7:55-3:00 pm for all students, including those in the building for PSEO courses.

#### **5. Tardy Policy**

Students who acquire more than 3 tardies in a class will receive detention at the 4<sup>th</sup> and every following tardy. If tardies are not made up by the end of the semester, the grade will be downgraded by the number of tardies not made up.