

**Brecksville Broadview Heights High School
Student Handbook Revisions 2026-2027**

Student Handbook Front Page: (Pg. 1)

- **Update:** Formatting was updated to include the new school year.

Attributes of a Bee Insert (Pg. 2)

- **Update:** The attributes of a Bee Graphic has been included in alignment with the Strategic Plan and the BBHMS and BBHES Handbooks.

Table of Contents: (Pg. 3)

- **Update:** Table of Contents with new Page Numbers and Digital links to the items as the Handbook.

Principal's Message: (Pg. 4)

Updated for the 2026-2027 School Year.

School Calendars: (Pg 5)

- **Update:** School Calendar links have been updated for the 2026-2027 School Year.

Academic Dishonesty and Plagiarism Policy: (Pg. 6-7)

- **Change:** An Academic Dishonesty policy was added in alignment with Board Policy and the Staff Handbook. This policy was also reviewed by the HS and MS handbook committees.

Academic Dishonesty and Plagiarism Policy

At BBHHS, academic honesty and integrity are foundational to a student's educational growth. This policy is designed to help students learn from their mistakes and understand the importance of original work, while still holding students accountable.

First Offense

If a student commits plagiarism or academic dishonesty for the first time in a course, the incident will be treated as a classroom behavioral issue. Students can expect the following steps:

- **Discussion & Notification:** The teacher will talk to the student directly about the incident and contact the parent or guardian.
- **Administrative Notification:** The teacher will notify the administrator of the incident.
- **Grading & Resubmission:** The teacher will issue a classroom consequence, this could be consequences such as asking the student to **resubmit the assignment for reduced credit**, completing an alternative assignment, or issuing the student a "0" for the assignment in the gradebook.

Subsequent Offenses

If a student violates the academic dishonesty policy for a second time, the consequences will escalate to reflect the pattern of behavior and may include the following:

- **Loss of Credit:** A student may receive a **zero (loss of credit)** for the assignment, with no opportunity for resubmission.
- **Progressive Discipline:** The student may face additional school-level consequences that may include Saturday Detention, Loss of Open Campus/Student Privileges, In-School Detention, or Out-of-School Suspension (OSS).

Student Academic Honors and Recognitions (Pgs. 8 & 9):

- **Addition:** An academic honors and recognition statement was added to clarify how student accomplishments are highlighted and recognized. The breakdown of the Board approved Latin Honors System used to recognize academic success at graduation was also added along with the Ohio State Recognition Programs such as the *Governor's Merit Scholarship*.

Student Academic Honors and Recognitions

BBHHS is proud of the many accomplishments of its students and is committed to recognizing their achievements in a variety of ways. Student accomplishments may be highlighted through school and district publications, social media, honor societies, awards ceremonies, academic and extracurricular recognition programs, Senior Awards Night, Commencement, and other school-sponsored events and communications.

Students and families are encouraged to share significant achievements with the school. If a student or parent/guardian believes an accomplishment has not been recognized or shared by BBHHS or the District, they are encouraged to contact the school administration. Administrators will review the achievement and consider appropriate opportunities for recognition.

Latin Honors System

BBHHS uses the Latin Honors System to recognize the academic success and well-rounded engagement of our seniors. Instead of ranking students numerically, we honor high achievements using three categories based on **cumulative GPA, standardized test scores, advanced coursework, and school involvement**. The following table explains the standards that need to be met for each category of Honor Level.

| <i>Latin Honors Requirements</i> | | | | |
|---|--------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| Honor Level | GPA | SAT/ACT | Extracurriculars | Adv. / CTE Courses |
| Summa Cum Laude | 4.2 or above | SAT - 1360+ ACT - 30+ | 4 or more school activities | 4 or more AP, Dual Credit, Honors, or CTE |
| Magna Cum Laude | 3.7 - 4.19 | SAT - 1200+ ACT - 25+ | 3 school activities | 3 AP, Dual Credit, Honors, or CTE |
| Cum Laude | 3.5 - 3.69 | SAT - 1060+ ACT - 21+ | 2 school activities | 2 AP, Dual Credit, Honors, or CTE |

***Transfer Student Disclaimer:** *grades of students transferring to the high school from a chartered community or nonpublic school will be recognized; however, such students shall have no established class rank for purposes of graduation honors such as Cum Laude, Summa Cum Laude, and Magna Cum Laude, until such time as they have completed two (2) semesters prior to the final semester of graduation. No student shall be eligible for graduation honors unless they have been enrolled for two (2) consecutive semester(s) prior to the final semester utilized for purposes of determining such honors.*

Ohio State Recognition Programs

The State of Ohio recognizes high-achieving students through the Governor's Merit Scholarship (GMS) program. The scholarship is awarded to students whose academic achievement and GPA place them among the top 5% of their graduating class. Specific information about GMS can be found in ***Board Policy 5430***.

Eligibility and Selection

- Eligibility is determined using a student's Grade Point Average (GPA) and academic achievement as calculated in accordance with the district approved grading scale and in accordance with Ohio law and guidance from the Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE).

- Students attending District Success Academies and students who graduate early may be considered for nomination in accordance with the state requirements.
- The number of students nominated is limited by the allocation established by the Ohio Department of Higher Education based on school enrollment.
- Post-secondary plans will not be considered when determining eligibility or nominations.
- Eligible students will be reported to the Ohio Department of Higher Education, which will provide information regarding scholarship opportunities.

Report Card, Interim, and Conference Dates Updated (Pg. 11):

Report Cards will be posted to PowerSchool on the following dates:

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| 1st Quarter..... | October 30, 2026 | 3rd Quarter..... | March 26, 2027 |
| 2nd Quarter..... | January 20, 2027 | 4th Quarter..... | June 4, 2027 |

Interim Progress Reports

Student’s progress may be monitored throughout the year by logging into PowerSchool. When a student is failing or in danger of failing a class at interim time, the student’s teacher(s) will reach out to their parents via phone or email to notify them of their poor progress. Students who have provided little evidence of growth or adequate progress in class will meet with their Teacher/Counselor/Assistant Principal to develop a plan for improvement. Parents are encouraged to contact the Teacher, Counselor, or Assistant Principal throughout the year to receive descriptive and prescriptive feedback.

Interim Progress Reports will be posted in PowerSchool on the following dates

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| Qtr. 1 - 9/25/2026 | Qtr. 2 - 11/20/2026 |
| Qtr. 3 - 2/19/2027 | Qtr. 4 - 5/7/2027 |

Parent / Teacher Conferences

Communication between the home and school is viewed as extremely important. Parent-teacher conferences are held formally on one evening during the first and third nine weeks of the school year. Other conference times can be scheduled throughout the year by teacher or parent request.

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| 10/1/2026 | 2/18/2027 |
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High School Exam Policies Statement (Pg. 11):

- **Addition:** A statement on the high school exam policies was added to the handbook. This statement clarifies BBHHS exam policies for midterms and finals as well as outlining the exam waiver opportunity for students taking EOC or AP tests.

High School Exam Policies

All courses at BBHHS include a midterm examination and a final examination or culminating assessment **including senior level courses in May***. Midterm and final examinations are important components of the instructional program and are each included in the calculation of a student’s course grade. Collectively, the midterm and final assessments will account for 20% of the student’s final calculated course grade.

The school may provide opportunities for students to earn a final examination waiver through established criteria. Such opportunities may include successful completion of advanced coursework, demonstrated proficiency through state End-of-Course assessments, or approved portfolio, performance, or project-based assessments developed by teachers and approved by the administration.

Information regarding final examination waiver opportunities, eligibility requirements, and application procedures will be communicated to students and families in a timely manner.

Students who earn a final examination waiver will always have the option to take the final examination if they believe doing so may improve their final course grade.

College Admission Tests (Pg. 12):

- **Removal and Update:** The specific dates for all SAT and ACT test dates were removed and replaced with a link to the dates on each testing groups website. This will allow students and parents to access the most current information.

Advanced Placement Tests (Pg 13)

- **Update:** The AP Test dates for Spring of 2027.

Advanced Placement Tests

Advanced Placement Tests enable students to receive college credit for courses taken in high school, based on their performance on the national standardized Advancement Placement Tests. All students enrolled in AP courses are required to take the AP tests. Fees for AP tests are included in class fees. Failure to take the AP Test will result in a Final Exam grade of “0” which counts toward 20% of the student’s grade. ~~loss of weighted credit for the course.~~ Making-up an AP test requires prior approval and possibly medical documentation.

Advancement Placement (AP) Examination Dates: May 3-14, 2027

Registration materials for all of the above tests are available in the School Counseling Office.

Board Approved Student Fees (Pg 17):

- **Update:** The Information on Board Approved student fees including a Fee table for the HS was updated to reflect the 2026-2027 school year.

Board Approved Student Fees

The chart below contains the Board of Education approved Student Fees for the 2026-2027 School Year. Student fees should be paid regularly and accounts should be kept up to date to avoid large balances. Activities such as, participation in extracurriculars, school dances, and student privilege opportunities (open campus and driving privileges) may be withheld from students until student fees are brought up to date and previous years balances are paid.

| HS Student Fees For 2026-2027 | | | | | | |
|---|----------------------|----------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------------|
| Grade | General | Tech | TOTAL | Parking (Opt) | Parking CVCC | Instrument Rental* |
| 12 | \$ 80.00 | \$ 30.00 | \$ 110.00 | \$ 60.00 | \$ 30.00 | \$ 70.00 |
| 11 | \$ 80.00 | \$ 30.00 | \$ 110.00 | \$ 60.00 | \$ 30.00 | \$ 70.00 |
| 10 | \$ 80.00 | \$ 30.00 | \$ 110.00 | | | \$ 70.00 |
| 9 | \$ 80.00 | \$ 30.00 | \$ 110.00 | | | \$ 70.00 |
| CCP | \$ 50.00 | \$ 30.00 | \$ 80.00 | | | |
| CCP fee(above): is in lieu of the general fee. Reduced to accommodate students attending classes off campus. Must take 3 more CCP classes per semester. | | | | | | |
| CCP Failure Fee: If a student fails a CCP course, the District charges student for the total cost of the course. | | | | | | |
| AP Fee: The District charges the amount assessed from the College Board + \$1 | | | | | | |
| Parking Fines: | 1st thru 4th offense | \$10 | each offense | | | |
| | 5th or more | \$20 | each offense | | | |
| *Instrument rental fee is per instrument if student rents a district owned instrument. | | | | | | |

Clinic (Pg. 19):

- **Add/Update:** Update language on how the clinic is to be utilized by students and parents. This statement was provided by the district pupil services director as a way to make all 3 buildings uniform in how the clinic will be managed.

All students are required to have an Emergency Medical Authorization form completed through FinalForms. A school clinic's purpose is to manage minor illness and injuries.

Medication Taken at School

If possible, all medications should be given to all students at home. If it is necessary for a student to take medication during school hours parents/guardians may come to school and administer medication to their student OR the following conditions must be met:

- Prescription medication authorization forms need to have the physician section completed, including name of medication, dosage, and time of administration. There is a section for parents/guardians to complete. *These forms are available under the Health Services section of the District website.*
- Non-prescription medication authorization forms do not contain a physician section. Non-prescription medication authorizations are filled out entirely by the parent/guardian.
- Any medication must come to school in its original sealed container with the child's name on it. Pharmacies will provide 2 bottles when asked.
- An adult needs to bring the medication to the clinic. Students must not carry medications on the bus.
- The FIRST dose of any medication must be administered at home.
- Medication authorization forms must be completed each year or as medical needs arise.
- Asthma inhalers, epinephrine autoinjectors, and medication to treat diabetes may be carried and used by students with an Emergency Action Plan on file. Emergency Action Plans provide written authorization for self administration of these medications from the physician and the parent/guardian. (BOE 5330, 5336)
- Medication must be picked up at the end of the year or it will be discarded. (BOE Policy 5330)

Illness/Fever

A student will be sent home from the clinic if they display a temperature of 100.0 degrees or higher. Note that the child should be fever-free for 24 hours without taking fever-reducing medication before returning to school. A student will be sent home from the clinic if they are vomiting. Twenty-four hours should pass from the last episode of vomiting before returning to school. If a child is started on an antibiotic for a communicable disease, they need to receive 24 hours of the medication before returning to school.

Vision/Hearing

The Brecksville-Broadview Heights City School District does not plan or conduct non-emergency invasive physical examinations or screenings. This does not include vision and hearing screenings.

Vision and hearing screening is offered for all students in Kindergarten, first grade, third grade, fifth grade, seventh grade (vision ONLY), 9th grade, 11th grade.

Injury/Health Care Needs

Students with specific health care needs should deliver written notice about such needs, along with physician documentation to the school clinic.

Misuse of the Clinic

Use of the clinic is for students who are ill or have a medical need. Students who are found to be misusing the clinic for any reason (loitering, class avoidance, etc.) may receive a consequence in alignment with the student code of conduct for their actions.

If there are additional questions regarding the school clinic, please reach out to the District Health Care Coordinator.

~~All students are required to have an Emergency Medical Authorization form completed through FinalForms.~~

~~Before visiting the school clinic, students must obtain a pass from a staff member.~~

~~If a student needs to take medication during the school day, all required medical forms must be properly completed and submitted in advance. These forms are available under the Health Services section of the District website.~~

~~The Brecksville-Broadview Heights City School District does not plan or conduct non-emergency invasive physical examinations or screenings. This does not include vision and hearing screenings.~~

~~For the health and safety of all students, it is recommended that students remain at home until they are fever-free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication. Students experiencing vomiting or diarrhea due to illness should stay home for at least 24 hours after the last episode.~~

~~If there are additional questions regarding the school clinic, please reach out to the District Health Care Coordinator~~

Student Organization Social Media Disclaimer (Pg. 21)

- **Addition:** Added language on the use of social media accounts run by students for board approved clubs or organizations (i.e. Youth in Government, SWARM student section, STUGO, etc.)

Student Organization Social Media Disclaimer

Students who create, manage, or contribute to social media accounts that reference, represent, or reasonably imply an affiliation with Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School or any school-sponsored team, club, or organization are subject to school oversight. Such accounts must comply with the expectations and standards outlined in the Student Code of Conduct.

Content posted on these accounts must reflect the positive values, character, and reputation of the school community. Social media activity that is inconsistent with these expectations, or that materially disrupts the school environment, may result in school disciplinary action. This includes, but is not limited to, content that is inappropriate, harmful, harassing, discriminatory, or otherwise inconsistent with school standards

The use of disclaimers (e.g., statements asserting that an account is “not affiliated” with the school) does not exempt students from responsibility. If an account’s name, content, or context reasonably suggests a connection to the school or its organizations, student managers and contributors remain subject to school policies and disciplinary procedures.

Athletics (Pg. 21):

- **Remove:** Language that specifically identifies schools in the Suburban League Conference and what side they are on as this is in flux.

Athletics

As members of the Suburban League, the Bees compete in a number of sports on the varsity, junior varsity and freshman levels. Listed below are team sports sponsored by the school. In addition, some students have competed as individuals in other sports recognized by the Ohio High School Athletic Association. ~~The schools in the conference are: Hudson, Nardon, North Royalton, Stow-Munroe Falls, Solon, Twinsburg, and Wadsworth.~~ Admission to conference events is set by the Suburban League and established by its member schools.–Questions should be directed to the Athletic Office.

Interscholastic Extracurricular Eligibility (Pg. 22):

- **Update:** Language around the GPA requirement for extracurricular eligibility. This requirement no longer exists as the board has approved language that removes this local requirement in favor of the state requirement of students needing to pass a minimum of 5 academic classes for participation in a quarter.

Interscholastic Extracurricular Eligibility

~~Students are required to maintain a minimum grade point average of 1.5 in order to be eligible to participate in any interscholastic extracurricular activity (grades 7-12) within the Brecksville-Broadview Heights City School District. The grades point average of each grading period (quarter grades) will be used to determine eligibility. The eligibility of a student will continue until the grades are released to the athletic office, at which time the grades from the immediately preceding grading period become effective. Incoming freshmen must have passed 75% of their classes in the fourth quarter of the previous year to participate in fall athletic activities. EXCEPTION: Eligibility or ineligibility for the first grading period commences with the start of the fall sports season.~~

~~Summer school grades earned may not be used to recalculate a student’s G.P.A. from the last grading period of the regular school year. Additionally,~~

Eligibility requirements for participating in athletic programs **must** conform to the policies, rules/regulations, and limitations outlined by the Ohio High School Athletic Association. Specifically, student-athletes **must be passing at least five (5) full credit equivalent courses** each grading period to remain eligible. Keep in mind that all PE classes are .25 credit for a semester. **The grades of each grading period (quarter grades) will be used to determine eligibility. The eligibility of a student will continue until the grades are released to the athletic office, at which time the grades from the immediately preceding grading period**

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Rules and Regulations for Student Drivers (Pg. 25):

- **Addition:** The language of “Only students who have a valid driver’s license are eligible to purchase a parking pass” was added to the rules and regulations for student drivers.

Rules and Regulations for Student Drivers

1. Only students who **currently have a valid driver’s** licence are permitted to obtain a parking permit.

Student Privilege and Open Campus (Pg. 26):

- **Update:** The Open Campus form links for the 26-27 school year were added as well as language that expressly states that students may not take Open Campus prior to it appearing on their schedule.

Student Privilege and Open Campus

Students may complete an [application for student privileges](#) through the Assistant Principal’s Office **at the start of each semester** and upload the form to the [‘26-’27 Open Campus Request Form linked here](#). Students may not begin to utilize Open Campus or Student Privileges until they appear on their schedule in PowerSchool. **Taking Open Campus Privileges without permission may prevent students from receiving Open Campus for the remainder of the school year.** Students who demonstrate responsible behavior, maintain good academic standing, and have acceptable attendance will earn privileges. These privileges will be accessible for students in grades 10, 11, or 12 that have exhibited responsible behaviors and are in good academic standing. Applications will be reviewed at the beginning of each quarter. **Privileges will be revoked at any time** for violating the student code of conduct and for attendance or academic concerns. The following qualifications must be met for Open Campus privileges to be awarded:

Search and Seizure (Pg. 26):

- **Update:** Language in the search and seizure policy to align to board policy while also referencing new technology (i.e. vape detectors, metal detector wands, etc.) that may be used in this process to keep students safe.

Search and Seizure

The Board or its designee reserves the right to search the locker, desk, person, and personal property of a student on school grounds, in school vehicles or at any school activity when it is reasonably necessary for the maintenance of order, discipline and safety in the supervision and education of students. At the beginning of the school year, students will be informed that their lockers, desk, persons and personal belongings, including, but not limited to, purse, athletic bags, and articles of clothing in the locker, are subject to search at any time and without warning. **The High School administration may utilize assistive technology such as a hand wand, vapor detector, or breath alcohol sensor when conducting searches to ensure the safety of the individual and all building occupants.** Searches will be **based upon reasonable suspicion**. In determining whether there is reasonable suspicion, the following factors will be taken into consideration but not limited to: the age, history and school record of the student, the prevalence and seriousness of the problems, the need to avoid delay; and the reliability of the information on which suspicion is based.