

Student Handbook Updates
For the 26-27 School Year

1. Added below verbiage after Harmful or Nuisance Articles on P. 26

Caffeine Pouches/Look-Alike Substances

The possession, use, distribution, or display of caffeine pouches or any substance designed to resemble tobacco, nicotine products, or other controlled/banned substances is prohibited on school property, at school-sponsored events, and in school vehicles.

Although some caffeine pouches may be legally marketed, they closely resemble prohibited products such as smokeless tobacco or nicotine pouches. Because of this similarity, they create challenges for school staff in identifying prohibited substances and maintaining a safe and orderly environment.

Students found in possession of, using, or distributing caffeine pouches or similar look-alike items may be subject to disciplinary action. Consequences may include confiscation, parent/guardian contact, loss of bus riding privileges, in-school suspension, or out-of-school suspension.

The school district reserves the right to determine whether any item constitutes a look-alike or prohibited substance.

2. Updated daily start time to 8:25 a.m.
3. Updated language under **Schedule Changes** (page 41):

Each trimester all students are required to carry a minimum of five credits, and are advised to carry six in order to gain the necessary credits for graduation, unless authorized by an administrator to carry fewer. At the beginning of the school year, students are allowed two days to change classes during the first trimester; all changes after this time period will require permission from a principal. Schedule changes for trimester two and three should be completed before the trimesters start. Logistics prevent us from being able to fulfill specific teacher, hour or lunch requests.

4. Updated language under **Dropping Classes** (page 41):

Students carrying six credits a trimester may drop one class for a study hall without penalty through the first ten school days of each trimester. After this time, classes dropped will earn a grade of "F" and will affect the student's G.P.A. Should the student fall below five classes, *the class(es) being dropped will reflect an "F" for the final grade.*

5. Added updated Statewide Assessments language (pages 44-45).
6. Added updated Nutrition Services information (pages 54-55).
7. Updated Activity fees (page 70).
8. Updated names, dates and links.