

High School Handbook Recommendations - June 2026

The following areas of addition, modification, and deletion are based on recommendations from the MSHSL, updated MN Statutes, and current patterns of student behaviors. Upon approval, the handbook would be updated with the designated information and formatting and page numbers would be adjusted. Please note, some areas are subject to change based on state identified expectations and adjustment from other departments with the district.

*Throughout document - change Skyward to Qmlative

*Table of Contents - add Advisory listing

*p. 5 - Change Board members

*p. 6-7 - Adjusted to current personnel

*p. 9 - ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

ADD: Artificial Intelligence is a powerful and useful tool and has an appropriate place in education. Teachers will designate expectations for AI use on assignments and in classes. Students should be mindful of how AI may be utilized on a particular task.

*p. 9 - GRADING

CHANGE: grade bands to reflect all percentages:

ADD: Teachers may consider other evidence when determining final grades.

*p. 10 - GRADING MARKS

CHANGE: chart to reflect incomplete language within the handbook - ten school days (incomplete)

*p. 14 - Adjustment for "Online Classes Guidelines"

CHANGE:

6. Students taking online courses at Becker High School may elect to be out of the building with signed permission from their guardian. Those students who remain in the building for their online class must remain in the designated online space.

*p. 17 - UNEXCUSED ABSENCES

CHANGE: 8. Being out of class for longer than the teacher designated period of time

*p. 19 - SKIP DAYS

CHANGE: Disciplinary action, as deemed appropriate, may be taken with those who participate in a skip day. Any organized "skip" days will result in an unexcused absence, resulting in ineligibility for participation in extra curricular activities.

*p. 20 - ATTENDANCE

ADD:

- Remain in class throughout the entirety of the block.

*p. 24 - DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

ADD: Suspended students, including those who have been administratively dismissed, are prohibited from being on school grounds and attending or participating in all school related functions or activities. Prior to a suspended student's return to school, a re-entry plan will be discussed.

*p. 28 - ACTIVITIES

CHANGE: Current fees as approved by the board

*p. 29 - ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

CHANGE: wording based on activities handbook

*p. 29 - ADVISORY

ADD:

Advisory time exists every day to allow for students to connect with teachers. Tuesdays are designated for teacher led activities. The rest of the days are designated for intervention time. Some areas of awareness for students include:

- Attendance is expected and will count toward truancy and activities eligibility. This includes not going to advisory and not being present in the correct location.
- Any changes to advisory scheduling due to unique class registration must be cleared by administration.
- Handbook expectations remain during advisory.
- Teachers may designate deadlines for work or assessment completion based on advisory passes.
- When working on a group project, students are expected to visit the teacher assigning the project.

*p. 30 - CELL PHONES

CHANGE: ~~teachers may~~ to "teachers will designate locations"

*p. 31 - DANCES

ADD - #2 All outside guests and students out of high school must have a guest permission form completed in the office. The deadline for school dances is two (2) days before the event. For prom, guest forms are due 1 (one) week before the event.

Modify opt out, testing, and iPad language per other department recommendations will be added when they become available.