

High School Handbook Recommendations - July 2022

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.

*p 4 - Link Title IX Policy

*p. 5 - Adjust Welcome Letter

*p. 6 - Adjust School Board Members + Director of Curriculum and Instruction

*p. 7 - Adjust Year

*p. 9 - Add "All incidents of academic dishonesty are reported to the office and recorded in the Student Information System."

*p. 10 - change "quarter trimester" to "grading term"

*p. 11 - Remove "Letters-Academic"

*p. 11 - Midterm Progress - Add "Please review academic eligibility policies to determine the impact on grade checks and participation."

*p. 12 - Add on 1. - "Communication, written or spoken, must include the reason for requesting an excused absence."

*p. 13 - Add on 8. - "Trips/vacations"

*p. 13 - Modify on 9 - School related absences, such as suspension, field trips, and activities."

*p. 13 - Add - "Haircuts, tuxedo fittings, and tanning appointments."

*p. 13 - Add - Please note that all absences are the responsibility of administration to approve

*p. 14 - Extracurricular Participation - modify.

Students involved in any extracurricular activity scheduled during or after the school day or any school sponsored on-the-job training program may not participate in after school activities or programs if they have an unexcused absence from any class during the day, or have been suspended from class, including in-school and out of school suspension. Absences due to illness beyond two blocks requires a note from the doctor's office. Recurring absences due to appointments or consistently missing the same classes may require a note from the doctor's office. Absences not approved by administration will result in exclusion from extracurricular participation.

Any extenuating circumstances will be reviewed by the administration. This policy includes practices, games, concerts, plays, and competitions. In addition, students who are suspended or administratively dismissed from school are not eligible for practice or participation on the day of the suspension or dismissal.

*p. 14 - Leaving During the School Day - reword 1st paragraph - Students are expected to remain on campus throughout the school day, unless part of an approved school program. For safety reasons, students may not access vehicles during the day and Becker High School is a closed campus for lunch. Students leaving the campus may present liability issues for the school.

*p. 14 - Skip Days - Add - Those participating in skip days are ineligible for participation in extracurricular activities. The last senior day of school may be adjusted based on participating in skip days.

*p. 15 - Behavior Expectations of All Becker High School Students - add - The policies, expectations, and disciplinary actions within this handbook serve as a guide for students in all of these settings.

*p. 15 - Tardiness - remove - "loss of credit" - Add - "consequences will be issued."

*p. 18 - Add - Becker High School utilizes a Discipline Matrix to guide decision making on disciplinary actions. Administration utilizes discretion based on the specific occurrence.

*p. 18 - Detention - modify - The amount of detention time will be thirty minutes and is to be served within one week on the date designated by administration and agreed upon by the student and family.

*p. 18 - Suspension modify/replace

1. Willful violation of any reasonable school board regulation. Such regulation must be clear and definite to provide notice to pupils that they must conform their conduct to its requirements;
2. Willful conduct that significantly disrupts the rights of others to an education, or the ability of school personnel to perform their duties, or school sponsored extracurricular activities; or
3. Willful conduct that endangers the pupil or other pupils, or surrounding persons, including school district employees, or property of the school.

*p. 20 - Insert Title IX policy

Becker Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of sex in its educational programs and activities, and the School District is required by Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 and its implementing regulations not to discriminate in such manner. This nondiscrimination requirement extends to admission and employment. Moreover, Becker Public Schools does not discriminate in its educational programs and activities on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, public assistance status, sexual orientation, or disability.

To manage its compliance with Title IX, the School District has designated a Title IX Coordinator. Questions about the application of Title IX and its implementing regulations should be directed to the District's Title IX Coordinator:

Director of Human Resources
12000 Hancock Street
763-261-4502

Questions relating to Title IX may also be directed to the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, United States Department of Education.

More information on Title IX, including the School District's grievance procedures, the process for submitting a complaint of sex discrimination, the process for submitting a formal complaint of sexual harassment, and the School District's response to complaints is detailed in District Policy 522 (Sex Nondiscrimination), a copy of which is publicly accessible on the School District's website: www.becker.k12.mn.us.

*p. 22 - Academic Eligibility - modify 3 - at the end of third trimester. A student who addresses a failing grade during summer school is not subject to academic probation for that course(s).

*p. 23 - Dances - modify - 1. Dances are open to Becker High School students in grades 9-12. Outside guests, at least 9th grade, but no older than one year removed from high school, are permitted at designated dances. Prom attendees must be at least in 10th grade and no older than one year removed from high school. All outside guests and students out of high school must have a guest permission form completed in the office two days prior to the event. The Homecoming dance is only available to current Becker High School students.

*p. 25 - add sentence on 3 - Repeated violations will result in confiscation of the item and/or detention.

*p. 25 - modify 10. Blankets are not allowed in hallways, classrooms, or commons areas during the school day.

*p. 25 - add to Eighteen-Year Olds - Conduct of all students under the age of 21 are subject to reasonable rules established by the School Board.

*p. 25 - add/modify to Electronic Devices - Cell phones are not allowed to be accessed during classes, unless designated as an appropriate time by the instructor. In general, cell phones are not to be seen during class time. All students are issued an iPad and students are not permitted to use their cell phone in replacement of their school issued device.

*p. 26 - Electronic Devices violation - modify last paragraph - Students are prohibited from photographing, recording or making any electronic record of other students, staff, or visitors without express consent of the individual that is the subject of the recording, photograph, or electronic record. This policy applies to students during the school day, instructional and non instructional time, or while participating in school events.

*p. 26 - Exchange Students - add - Becker High School appreciates the inclusion of foreign exchange students in our school. We value the ability to share our culture and learn from them as well. To best support all students, Becker High School does place limits on the number of exchange students per year. Notification of the desire to host an exchange student typically is done the spring before the school year of potential placement.

*p. 26 - Food Service - change years to 2022-23, adjust prices for breakfast and lunch based on board approval

*p. 27 - modify Ala carte - Remove 4

*p. 27 - Address the Strikethrough

*p. 29 - add iPads - All students are issued an iPad and students are not permitted to use their cell phone in replacement of their school issued device.

*p. 29 - add Lockers - 2nd paragraph - School lockers are the property of the school district. At no time does the school district relinquish its exclusive control of lockers provided for the convenience of students. Inspection of the interior of lockers may be conducted by school authorities for any reason at any time, without notice, without student consent, and without a search warrant. The personal possessions of students within a school locker may be searched only when school authorities have a reasonable suspicion that the search will uncover evidence of a violation of law or school rules. As soon as practicable after the search of a student's personal possessions, the school authorities must provide notice of the search to students whose lockers were searched unless disclosure would impede an ongoing investigation by police or school officials

*p. 30 - add Parking/Parking Permits - Student parking is designated outside of Door 5 ("Bulldog Entrance") and blue painted spots in front of the building.

*p 31 - Public Display of Affection - modify - change PDA's to "public displays of affection." All staff (teachers, paras, administrators, etc.) are expected to address inappropriate behavior.

*p. 33 - Transfer/Withdrawal Procedures - change - guidance office to counseling office

*p. 34 - Counseling Department - change - guidance becomes counseling