

## 2026-2027 HS Handbook Changes

- Changed all 'assistant principal' language to 'associate principal'
- Updated table of contents
- Page 6, update important dates
- Page 5
  - High School - South Campus
- Waunakee Community High School (9-12)
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- Waunakee, WI 53597
- Phone: (608) 849-2100
- <https://whs.waunakee.k12.wi.us/>
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- Page 17, remove
  - "The parent/guardian will be asked to participate in a conference with the principal to discuss possible disciplinary action."
- Page 24, remove
  - "Personal devices can be brought in, but are only allowed to connect to our Guest network. We will not troubleshoot issues accessing school resources on a personal device. Students **cannot** use personal devices for testing. You are responsible to bring in your fully charged district Chromebook on all testing days."
- Page 25, add
  - "Please note that personal laptops and Chromebooks are not permitted for use in the classroom. These devices pose a security risk and have previously been used to try to circumvent district filtering. Additionally, personal laptops and Chromebooks are not compatible with our testing and assessment software, which has strained our daily loaner supply of Chromebooks during testing days. If a student brings a personal laptop or Chromebook to class, they will be asked to put it away and retrieve their district-provided Chromebook. Continued use of a personal laptop may result in behavioral consequences"
- Page 30, remove
  - **SENIOR ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS**

Seniors must be in attendance 90% of the time in both Semesters 1 and 2 to participate in commencement. The 90% requirement is defined as missing no more than nine full days or 45 periods per semester, with a maximum of five absences from any single class period, including study halls and Contact Time.

Exceptions to the 45-Period Limit

The following absences shall not count towards the 45 periods:

- School activities
  - Family emergencies communicated to the attendance officer
  - Medically excused illnesses or conditions with documentation
  - Pre-approved and documented post-secondary school visits
  - Funerals
- Page 30, add
  - Participation in extracurricular activities, such as dances and athletic events, is tied to consistent attendance and positive behavior. These privileges may be suspended at administrative discretion.
- Page 32, add
  - Teachers are responsible for communicating with students and parents when tardies become a concern
  - Teachers may issue in-school or after-school detentions within their classrooms or escalate the matter to administration for further action
- Page 32, remove
  - Teacher are responsible for giving consequences for tardiness
- Page 33, add
  - Saturday detentions and/or legal consequences
- Page 35-35 add
  - Updated phone language

The following are exceptions to the prohibition on electronic communication devices:

- In the event of an emergency or perceived threat.
  - To manage the student's health care.
  - A use included in a student' individualized education program or plan under Section 504 or the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973.
  - A use authorized by a teacher for educational purposes during instructional time.
- Page 39, delete
  - Vehicles are not to be moved out of the parking lot during the regular school day, including lunch, unless the student has the school's permission to leave. Such permission is to be granted ONLY upon receipt of a written or telephoned request from the parent/guardian of the student. The permit is for the DRIVER of the vehicle ONLY.
  - Students may not be in or on a moving or parked vehicle that is on or off school grounds during the school day without permission.
  - For safety purposes, the riding of skateboards and rollerblades on school property is prohibited.
  - Guided

- Page 39, add
  - Closed
  - Students in 11th and 12th grade may be moved to a closed study hall if they are disruptive, inconsistent with school expectations, or in need of additional academic support
- Page 46, add
  - The staff member assigning the detention is responsible for notifying the student's parent or guardian
  - may
- Page 46, remove
  - A copy of each office referral is sent to the student's parent/guardian and one is retained in the student's permanent file
  - Will
- Page 46, add
  - Nicotine
- Page 48, add

## DOOR PROTOCOL

- Three sets of doors will be open and supervised before school for STUDENT ENTRY:
  - Door 13 (Bus Loop)
  - Door 17 (Pyramid)
  - Door 1 (Main Doors)
- After 8:15, you will only be able to enter Door 1 (Main Office).
  - This includes during passing time. If you have a release, please plan accordingly.
- Door 17 (Pyramid) will be open from 11:55-12:30 and 1:30-2:00 for lunch.
  - Doors will be supervised and accessible for those wanting to leave for lunch.

Please Note: Any student that opens a door or walks through a door other than **Door One** during academic time may be suspended

\*This can affect athletic eligibility

- Page 48, add

## GAMBLING

- Gambling in any form—whether electronic or in-person—is prohibited at WCHS. Infractions will result in disciplinary consequences, ranging from the loss of campus privileges to formal suspension.
- Page 49, add
  - or any behavior that is endangering themselves or other students.

- Page 50, add
  - Final determination of court and royalty is subject to administrative discretion
- Page 50, removed individual prices. General link to the business services approved fees schedule

Page 63 - Policies - unlinked policies and added language regarding the website. School Board Policies are set for the educational goals of the entire school system and provide directives for administrators and other staff members and volunteers to follow while working towards the district's goals. The policies outline business procedures to allow for efficient operations of student activities and school operations.

The Waunakee Community School District maintains policies and procedures to support a safe, respectful, and consistent learning environment for all students. The Board of Education approves these policies, which are reviewed and updated as needed. Students and families are encouraged to become familiar with these expectations and reference the District website, where the most current versions of all policies and procedures are available throughout the school year.

The District is committed to ensuring that all students and families can access important information. Materials on the school district website can be translated into multiple languages to meet our community's needs. If you need assistance accessing information, require translation support, or have questions about District policies, please contact your school office. We are committed to ensuring every family has the information they need to stay informed and engaged.

It is expected that students and families follow all district policies and procedures. All of the district policies can be found on the district website.