

Proposed Changes to the Student Handbook

Update to new school year 2016-2017 dates throughout handbook.

Update names from staff changes and new staff to be hired.

Pg. 2 – Strike the last line of the Goal Statement “without the need to take remedial courses in the areas of reading, writing, or mathematics once enrolled in college.”

Pg. 7 – Strike entire section titled “Learning Labs”.

Pg. 9 – Add the ‘Two Hour Early Release’ Schedule and the ‘50-Minute Extended Homeroom’ Schedule. (I have to reformat these two schedules before I can add them.)

Pg. 10 – First paragraph, replace the line “Career and College Readiness conference dates give parents an opportunity to visit with their student’s advisor regarding career and college readiness curriculum” with the following: “Parents can also visit with their student’s Homeroom Advisor regarding career and college readiness.”

Pg. 10 – Under section three, strike “Career and College Readiness Conferences and” Keep the rest of the sentence “Registration Fair for School Year 2017-2018”

Pg. 11 – Under the section Bemidji High School Diploma, replace the words “the class of 2016 and beyond” with the word “students”.

Pg. 12 – Under the section Grading System and Report Cards, add the following: **Extenuating circumstances may allow a P (passing grade). The Pass/No Pass system does not affect GPA.

Pg. 13 – Line 6 – replace the word “Programs” with the word “Courses”.

Pg. 15 – Under the section Procedure, bullet #6 – strike the words “a hearing will be scheduled to discuss the proposed withdrawal from class.” The line immediately following that will read “The assistant principal will have final say in the decision.”

Pg. 15 – Under the section Procedure, bullet #11 – add the following to the end of the line “unless there are extenuating circumstances.”

Pg. 15 – Under the section Procedure, strike entire bullet #12.

Pg. 16 – Under section Credit Recovery, in the first line, strike the words “but are not far enough behind in earning credits to get a referral to the Alternative Education Center (AEC)” (Wording for possible online option for Credit Recovery might be added?)

Pg. 17 – Under PE Policy, first paragraph, strike the words “(to be offered 2015-2016)”.

Pg. 17 – Under PE Policy, last paragraph, strike the words “and doable”

Pg. 22 – Under section College on Campus Classes, change “College Financial Info for Life” to “College Financial Literacy”

Pg. 23 – PSEO info, begin section with: “Eleventh and 12th-grade students may take PSEO courses on a full- or part-time basis; 10th graders may take one career/technical PSEO course. If they earn at least a grade C in that class, they may take additional PSEO courses.”

Pg. 25-26 – Update testing calendars.

Pg. 30 – Under Technology/Internet, last paragraph, strike the words “In addition to the above guidelines, students should be aware that non-educational computer games of any kind are not allowed on school computers.”

Pg. 33 – Under Parking for Cars/Motorcycles, update #7 to read “Truant behavior, or supporting truant behavior, will result in suspension of parking privileges.”

Pg. 33 – Under Parking for Cars/Motorcycles, add “#8. Students are not allowed to take other students in their vehicles without permission from school or guardians.”

Pg. 48-49 – Under Parent’s Responsibilities - #4, added the line “Extended absences include family vacations and extended illnesses or injuries.”

Pg. 52 – Under Make-Up Work, second line - add “that was assigned during the student’s absence.”

Pg. 53 – Under #2, strike “a Letter of Concern will be sent to the parent/guardian.” Replace with “the teacher will communicate with the parent.”

Pg. 54-55, strike the entire section “Appealing the Loss of Credit”.

Pg. 56 – Under the section Dress Guidelines, replace the entire section with “The dress and grooming of students becomes the concern of the school if it causes disruption of the educational program or is offensive or inappropriate to others. Students should dress in a manner that takes into consideration the educational environment, safety, health and welfare of others. Student dress should allow the student a full range of participation in the classroom and school events and activities.”

Pg. 57 – Strike entire bullet #2. Replace with “All dresses, skirts and shorts must be at the knee, in front and in back, for both male and female students. Please see visual guideline.” Four pictures have been inserted as a visual guideline.

Pg. 61 – Under section Sprays or Noxious, replace the entire section with “Information from the Mayo Clinic and the Minnesota Department of Health indicate that spraying or spreading perfumes or noxious sprays or liquids can result in allergic reactions, headaches asthma attacks in students and staff. Such odor causing items should not be brought to school. Students who spray such items will have the item confiscated and may have consequences for their actions.”

Pg. 65 – Check with Troy for updates/changes to Activities Dept.

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