

High School Handbook Recommendations - June 2025

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 developing legislation.

*Table of Contents - change Hybrid Online listing

*p. 4 - Change years and names and letter

*p. 5 - Change Board member j

*p. 6-7 - Adjusted to current every day schedule

*p. 14 - Addition of "Online Classes Guidelines"

Becker High School is proud of the quality of instruction we provide in our diverse courses. We respect the opportunity to make informed class decisions. The following expectations are put in place to adhere to online learning protocols and support the requirements of a Becker High School diploma.

1. Students are allowed to take at most two online classes per trimester. Any exception is treated in a case by case status and must be approved by the principal. Students taking a full online schedule should be aware of activities and diploma information with the provider district.
2. Students are subject to the timeframe for switching classes identified in the student handbook. Students who switch courses outside of the identified timeframe will receive an "F" on their transcript.
3. Becker High School does not accept partial credits for classes that were expected to be trimester long courses.
4. Students who begin a course within a term are expected to complete the course within the same term. If they do not, they will receive an "F" for the course for the original term.
5. Students taking online courses are subject to activity eligibility requirements identified in the activities handbook and high school handbook.
6. Students taking online courses must be at Becker High School during their designated online class time. A location will be designated as the "online class" space.

*p. 19 - SKIP DAYS

ADD: Commencement participation may be jeopardized for those who participate in skip days.

*p. 20 - Change "After the child has had 5 or more unexcused absences, the child may be referred to the Sherburne County Review Board."

*p. 30 - Add paragraph on "reasonable expectation of privacy". This was inadvertently removed as the cell phone policy was updated last year.

*p. 31 - Commencement exercise: Add sentence at the bottom. "There is a \$40 fee for commencement to address the expenses associated with the event."

*p. 32 - DRESS AND APPEARANCE (STUDENT)

Change and/or add:

1. Extremely brief garments and see-through garments may not be worn.
2. Caps, hats, bandanas, hoods or masks are not to be worn during school hours (8:10-2:55). Students may wear headgear for religious or medical reasons with permission from the high school office. Repeated violations will result in confiscation of the item and/or detention.
3. Clothing (including emblems, badges, symbols, signs, words, objects or pictures on clothing or jewelry) bearing a message that is lewd, vulgar, obscene, libelous, or denigrates, harasses, discriminates against others on the basis of protected class status under the Minnesota Human Rights Act, or violates school district policies prohibiting discrimination, violence, harassment, or other harmful activities are not allowed. This includes representations of confederate flags, swastikas, KKK signs and similar symbols, and applies to school property or school sponsored events on or off of school property including the parking lot and the school buses.
4. Apparel promoting products or activities that are illegal for use by minors are not to be worn
5. Capes, costumes, flags are not to be worn with the exception of specific designated spirit week days indicated by student council and administration approval.
6. Backpacks are allowed in classrooms only with teacher permission. Teachers may designate a location where backpacks are to be stored.
7. Certain classes may require specific dress codes.
8. Certain identified school days may relax specific dress codes for special dress-up days. These adjustments will be communicated to students.
9. Footwear must be worn at all times. Footwear and apparel that would damage school property are not allowed.
10. Blankets are not allowed in hallways, classrooms, or commons areas during the school day.

*p. 36 - MEDIA CENTER

Remove #3: Remove magazine topic as we no longer have magazines

Add #10: "Students are to abide by the building cell phone policy"

Change the duration of time to check out materials to 21 days.

*p. 39 - SCHEDULE CHANGES

Change wording of dropping class more than "two weeks" to more than "three days".

*p. 41 - VISITORS

Change wording: " A "Trespass Notice" may be issued in accordance with state guidelines.

*p. 42 - SOCIAL WORKER

Add: General education students may also qualify for social work services based on criteria established by the district.

*p. 44 - Ipad Implementation Handbook: Update to letter “E” under I. Student Responsibilities

All content on the District-owned iPad must comply with the Acceptable Use Policy. The use of music on the iPad during instructional time will be at the discretion of the classroom teacher and must be within bandwidth requirements of the school's network capabilities. The district has the right to choose the background or screensaver of school devices temporarily or permanently as needed. The presence of inappropriate music or photos may result in the loss of iPad privileges and/or other disciplinary actions.