

# West Orange-Stark High School

## Student Handbook - Changes

Page 4

### **Mission Statement**

- New mission statement replaced old mission statement

### **Objectives**

- New objectives replaced old objectives

Page 5

### **Our Vision**

- New vision statement replaced old vision statement

Page 6-7

### **Consent to Video or Audio Record a Student When Not Otherwise Permitted by Law**

- Old policy replaced by new policy

Page 7

### **Prohibiting the Use of Corporal Punishment**

- Addition of the line: “please return the form included in the forms packet OR submit a written statement to the campus principal stating this decision”

### **Objecting to the Release of Directory Information**

- Addition of the line: “within ten school days of your child’s first day of this school year” in second paragraph.
- Removal of Dual Directory Lists, and addition of the following items as directory information: Student name, address, telephone listing, electronic mail address, photograph, date and place of birth, major field of study, degrees, honors, awards received, dates of attendance, grade level, most recent educational institution attended, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, and weight and height of members of athletic teams.

Page 10

### **Tutoring or Test Preparation**

- Changed grade from 70 to 75 in second paragraph.

### **Tutorials**

- Additional of this entire section

Page 11-13

### **Authorized Inspection and Use of Student Records**

- Designated Principal or Superintendent as custodian of all enrolled, withdrawn, and graduated student records.
- Corrected Superintendent’s office address
- Included the addresses of the principal offices for each of the four campuses.
- Included district website as location of policy FL at bottom of page 13.

Page 17

Removed section entitled **Prekindergarten and Kindergarten**

Page 18

### **1. Absences**

- Added “Excused or unexcused absences totaling more than nine days in any one semester, can result in loss of academic credit for that semester.”

Page 20

#### **Attendance for Credit or Final Grade**

- Added first two paragraphs
- Added fourth bullet point

Page 23

#### **Career and Technical Education (CTE) Programs**

- Inserted appropriate CTE program offerings in first paragraph

Page 25

#### **Class Rank/Highest Ranking Student**

- Changed language in first two paragraphs of this section to mirror previous student handbooks

#### **Class Ranking (EIC-Local)**

- Added Local Credit Courses

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#### **Honor Graduates**

- Removed bullet points discussing points covered in the previous section of handbook

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#### **College Credit Courses**

- Removed reference to International Baccalaureate program and Texas Virtual School Network to avoid confusion
- Removed fourth bullet which was a duplicate of third bullet

Page 28

#### **After School Detention**

- Removed all specific times, days, and locations as these have not yet been determined.

Page 29

#### **Social Events**

- Added section that says "The following regulations must be followed:" and the eight subsequent rules.

#### **Homecoming and Prom Court Guidelines**

- This section was added

Page 30

#### **Credit by Exam-If a student has taken the course/subject**

- Added last sentence: "Credit earned through credit by examination will not be included in computing class rank."

#### **Credit by exam for Advancement/Acceleration**

- Added second paragraph
- Included the following text in the last paragraph: The District will not honor a request by a parent to administer a test on a date other than the published dates. If the District agrees to administer a test other than the one chosen by the District, the student's parent will be responsible for the cost of the exam.

Page 31

#### **Dual Enrollment**

- Removed chart of courses offered as there are numerous courses now offered for dual credit.
- Removed information regarding LSCO Internet classes

- Removed information regarding Kindergarten acceleration

Page 33

#### **Distance Learning**

- In second paragraph added: determined on an individualized bases, see counselor for more information.

Page 35

#### **Dress and Grooming**

- Removed “and faculty” from first line of second paragraph

#### **General**

- Added first bullet point
- Added last bullet point

Page 37

#### **Electronic Devices**

- Added “unless determined by the administrator that the device will be released only to the parent.” To the third paragraph of the section.

Page 38

#### **Consequences for inappropriate use of electronic devices**

- Removed Saturday school as a consequence
- Changed “attendance office” to “administrative office”

Page 39

#### **Extracurricular Activities, Clubs, and Organizations**

- Added paragraph beginning “Student safety in ...”

Page 42

Removed **Offices and Elections** sections

#### **Fees**

- Removed reference to fees for Texas Virtual School Network

Page 43

#### **Grading Guidelines**

- Added all grade conversion charts

Page 44-45

#### **Students Transferring from a Non-Accredited School**

- Section Added

#### **Grading Policy (EIA-Local)**

- Section Added

#### **Honor Roll**

- Section Added

#### **Exemption Policy**

- Section Added

#### **Academic Dishonesty**

- Section Added

Page 48

#### **Foundation Graduation Plan**

- Removed “Locally required courses”

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**Personal Graduation Plans for Students Under The Foundation Graduation Program**

- Added: A student may, with parental permission, amend his or her personal graduation plan after the initial confirmation.

Page 53

**Elementary and Middle School Physical Education Requirements**

- Removed

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**Elementary and Middle School DAEP Requirements**

- Removed

Page 59

**Nontraditional Academic Programs section**

- Removed

Page 60

Removed section requiring other physical examinations (Diabetes) screening for athletes

Page 61

**Elementary and Middle School Promotion and Retention**

- Removed

Page 63

**Schedule Changes**

- Added Section

Page 67

Removed STAAR information for grades 3-8

Page 68

**Student Speakers**

- Added sentence “Athletic events, daily announcements, or other events as designated by the principal and approved by the superintendent” to first paragraph.

Page 70

**Visitors Participating in Special Programs for Students**

- Inserted section

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Defined “Excessive”