

25-26 JSH Parent/StudentHandbook Updates

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

SUBJECT	NUMBER OF CREDITS
MATH	6
ENGLISH	8
SCIENCE	6
*SOCIAL STUDIES	7
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	2
FINE ARTS	2
*PERSONAL FINANCE	1
ELECTIVES	14
TOTAL CREDITS	46

- 1 credit may be earned per semester per high school class
- Credits are awarded upon completing and passing a course or required school program in grades 9-12.
- All required classes must be taken for a letter grade in order for them to be counted towards graduation
- *Students who begin grade 9 in the 2024-2025 school year and later must successfully complete a course for credit in Personal Finance in grade 10,11 or 12.
- *Starting in SY 25-26, students will only need 7 Social Studies Credits.

High Honors - Honors

Students graduating with a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.85 or above will be recognized as a “High Honors” graduate. Students graduating with a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.5 will be recognized as an “Honors” graduate. Grades are rounded to the nearest hundredth. The determination for this honor is made at the end of the first semester of the student’s senior year. - This has been our practice, but it wasn’t in the handbook.

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2025-2026 Grading for Learning - [Link](#)

The academic reporting timelines for the school year:

1ST SEMESTER GRADING TIMELINES (updated dates)

Academic Check #1 - 1st Quarter Mid Quarter

- Mid Quarter - Wednesday, October 1
- Mid-Quarter Grades Due - Thursday, October 2 - 3:30pm
- Activities Eligibility goes into effect - Monday, October 6

Academic Check #2 - End of 1st Quarter

- End of Quarter 1 - Friday, October 31
- Quarter Grades Due - Monday, November 3 - 3:30pm
- Activities Eligibility goes into effect - Wednesday, November 5

Academic Check #3 - 2nd Quarter Mid-Quarter

- 2nd Quarter Mid-Quarter - Friday, December 5
- Mid-Quarter Grades Due - Monday, December 8 - 3:30pm
- Activities Eligibility goes into effect - Wednesday, December 10

Academic Check #4 - End of 1st Semester / End of 2nd Quarter

- End of Sem 1 / Quarter 2 - Wednesday, January 16
- End of Sem 1 / Quarter 2 Grades Due - Monday, January 19 - 3:30pm
- Activities Eligibility goes into effect - Wednesday, January 21

2nd Semester Grading Timelines**Academic Check #5 - 3rd Quarter Mid Quarter**

- 3rd Quarter Mid - Quarter - Friday, February 20
- Mid-Quarter Grades Due - Monday, February 23 - 3:30pm
- Activities Eligibility goes into effect - Wednesday, February 25

Academic Check #6 - End of 3rd Quarter

- End of Quarter 3 - Friday, March 20
- 3rd Quarter Grades Due - Monday, March 23 - 3:30pm
- Activities Eligibility goes into effect - Wednesday, March 25

Academic Check #7 - 4th Quarter Mid-Quarter

- 4th Quarter Mid-Quarter - Friday, April 24
- Mid-Quarter Grades Due - Monday, April 27 - 3:30pm
- Activities Eligibility goes into effect - Wednesday, April 29

Academic Check #8 - End of 2nd Semester / End of 4th Quarter

- End of Sem 2 / Quarter 4 - Thursday, May 28
- End of Sem 2 / Quarter 4 Grades Due - Friday, May 29 - 3:30pm
- Activities Eligibility goes into effect - Monday, June 1

Attendance reports are run on a weekly basis. The following policy is followed:

- **One** unexcused class period = 1 hour of detention
- **Four** or more unexcused periods = 1 day of in-school suspension
- **Six Days** or more absences a courtesy letter is sent home to parents.
- **Nine Days** or more absences a courtesy letter is sent home to parents. - added this letter back
- **Twelve Days** or more absences a courtesy letter is sent home and the student is required to obtain a doctor's note for any further absences. - used to be 15

- **Nine Periods** or more unexcused class periods a courtesy letter is sent home to inform parents, that refers to **Scott County's truancy guidelines**. A student support plan is put in place to better assist the student.

Attendance Policy to Earn Credit for a Course (new/matches practices)

3+ Unexcused Absences (by period)

- Parent Communication
- 1 hour of detention per unexcused absence
- Student meets with student support for additional resources
- 11/12th grade students
 - Loss of Study Hall Privs & students remain in study hall - 1 week (unless attendance does not improve)
- 9/10th grade students
 - Study Hall check-ins with Student Support and in office study hall 1-week (unless attendance does not improve)

6+ to 9+ Combination of Unexcused

- Parent/student meeting in person or by phone to set up an attendance plan
- Detention or In-school suspension for Unexcused absences
- 11/12th grade students
 - Loss of study hall privs for the semester & office check in during study hall.
 - Loss of open lunch - 2 weeks (unless attendance does not improve)
- 9/10th grade students
 - Study hall in the office
 - Modified In-School Suspension - office to classroom check ins (Principal discretion)

12+ Combination of Unexcused and Excused Absences

- **Loss of Credit for the course**
- The student needs to continue to attend class and work under the parameters listed above for 6+ absences.
- A plan will be designed to have the student needs to make up the class in credit recovery after school

*School related absences are not included in the total number of absences for a class period.

Attendance Communication: Infinite Campus is utilized to inform parents of absences if the absence has not been excused. **An email and a phone call will go out from the principal each day at 9:15, 1:15, and 3:00.** Office personnel strive for accuracy in this communication home.

Family Vacations: **(matches the PreK-6 handbook and current practice)**

We know it is sometimes difficult to plan extended time out of school during designated school breaks. However, vacations during regular instructional days should be avoided whenever possible. When students are absent from school they miss valuable opportunities for discussion, collaboration, and instruction within their classrooms and it is not possible to replicate all of the learning activities and skills students miss while they are out of school. In the event your child is away from school for travel, please notify school staff as far in advance as possible. Vacations are unexcused unless approved by administration in advance.

Attendance Policy for extracurricular Participation **Matches Activities Handbook**

Wording

In order for a student to participate in an extracurricular practice, game, event, or contest, she/he must be in class all day. Any exception must be approved by the Activities Director or Building Principal. Exceptions can be but are not limited to, funerals, college visit, field trips. Medical Appointments (Doctor or Dental) ARE excused absences and will NOT result in any eligibility issues. Please clarify and be specific when calling in to excuse the student. Parents/Students are strongly encouraged to communicate directly with the office or Administration prior to the start of the school day for clarity to ensure eligibility for the day. Depending on the circumstances, a note from a Doctor may be required for clarification purposes.

*Please reference the [BPHS Activities Handbook](#) for all participation eligibility requirements.
(Added)

Transportation - All new wording and additions

Transportation

BUS

The School District contracts with 4.0 Bus Services to provide school bus transportation to eligible students. ***Riding the school bus is a privilege.*** Students are expected to show the same BE RED approach and good conduct as required in school. Failure to meet bus expectations could result in a loss of privilege (suspension from the bus). Students learn about bus safety at the beginning of each school year (Grades 7-8). Contact 4.0 Bus Services directly at 952- 873-2362 with questions about our transportation program. [4.0 Bus Expectations](#)

Student Transportation & Parking

The school district allows parking of motor vehicles by students in school district locations as well as city streets, subject to the following rules:

- Parking a motor vehicle on school property during the school day is a privilege.
- Unauthorized vehicles parked on school district property may be towed at the expense of the owner or operator.
- Students are expected to obey city traffic laws in regards to parking, noise and speed.
- The school district may conduct routine patrols of school district properties and inspections of the exteriors of the motor vehicles of students. Interiors of students' vehicles in school district locations may be searched when school officials have a reasonable suspicion that the search will uncover a violation of law and/or school policy or rule. If a search yields contraband, school officials may seize the item and may turn it over to legal authorities when appropriate.
- A student who violates this policy may be subject to discipline according to the school district's "Student Discipline" policy as well as a potential law enforcement referral.

Bicycles, Skateboards, E-Bikes, eKickScooters, Segways

- Students are allowed to ride bicycles, skateboards, E-Bikes, eKickScooters & Segways to school **but may not ride them on school property and/or sidewalks.** An area is

provided for parking, but the school does not accept any responsibility for the student property. As a measure of safety the following guidelines must be complied with at all times:

- All bicycles, E-Bikes, eKickScooters & Segways must be parked in the area provided and can not be ridden on school grounds between 7:20am and 3:50pm.
- No child may ride a bicycle, skateboard, E-Bike, eKickScooter or Segway, belonging to someone else.
- Riders must obey all traffic rules.
- Bicycles, skateboards (that don't fit in lockers), E-Bikes, eKickScooters & Segways will not be stored inside the school building.

Students should bring a lock and wear a helmet. Belle Plaine Schools are not responsible for possible theft, loss, or damage of personal property, or injury while traveling to and from school. Failure to follow the rules above will result in loss of privileges.

[7-12 Staff Handbook](#) - Updated with new dates / language and policies listed in the Student Handbook.