



TO: Dr. Jon Graff
Members of the School Board

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RE: 2025-2026 Student-Parent Handbook

The following changes are being recommended for the Saint Peter High School Student-Parent Handbook.

- **Academics - Structured/Guided Study Hall**

- New Language
 1. Students are placed in a guided study hall for the following reasons:
 - a. Receiving a D- or below for a quarter or mid-quarter grade
 - b. Behavior referral
 - c. Poor attendance
 2. If a student is placed in a guided study hall at the beginning of the quarter, their progress will be reviewed at mid-quarter. If a student is placed in a guided study hall at mid-quarter, their progress will be reviewed at the end of the quarter.
 3. Guided study halls are to be quiet and conducive to study. Talking should be done quietly.
 4. Students are not allowed out of study hall.
- Former Language
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- **Attendance**

- New Language

Absences that will be marked as UNEXCUSED

 - a. More than 10 minutes late to school or a class
 - b. Missing the bus / missing your ride
 - c. Truancy
 - d. School office not notified of the absence
 - e. Automobile problems (repeated incidents)
 - f. Parent not aware of the absence
 - g. Work

- Former Language
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 - k. School office not notified of the absence
 - l. Automobile problems (repeated incidents)
 - m. Parent not aware of the absence

- **Attendance - Co-Curricular Participation**

- New Language
 1. In order to participate in co-curricular activities, students must be in attendance for the entire day, unless they have an excused absence listed in 2.C or approved by administration.
 2. If a student is suspended from any class, they may not participate in any activity or program that day.
 3. If a student is absent unexcused they may not participate in any activity or program that day.
- Former Language
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 2. If a student is suspended from any class, they may not participate in any activity or program that day.
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- **Technology - Cell Phone Use**

- New Language
 1. Cell phones are not allowed in academic areas of St Peter High School.
 - a. Classrooms
 - b. Pods
 - c. Any area where academic instruction is taking place
 2. Cell phones may not be used in any manner that causes or results in disruption of the educational environment or school-sponsored extracurricular activities or events or impairs or interferes with school district operations.
 3. Students shall keep their personal electronic communication devices (cell phones) in a secure place, such as the student's locker, a closed backpack, a storage device provided by the school, or an area designated by the classroom teacher, at all times when personal electronic communication device use is prohibited.
 4. The school district is not responsible for, nor is it required to investigate, any lost, stolen, or damaged personal electronic communication devices brought onto school grounds, the bus, or school-sponsored activities or events.

- Former Language
 1. Cell phone use in the classroom will be allowed per teacher discretion.
Teachers have posted their cell phone policies in the classroom.
- **Graduation Requirements** - Changes in state testing requirements (if any) from the state of Minnesota will be reflected.