

High School Handbook Recommendations - June 2024

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 page numbers

*p. 5 - Change years

*p. 7 - Adjust Year

*p.11 Adjust/add "Grading Definitions"

Adjust - Formative Definition - Keep examples

Formative assessments are generally given during instruction with the primary goal of improving or modifying instruction to promote student achievement of intended learning outcomes.

Adjust - Summative Definition - Keep examples.

Summative assessments are generally given at the end of the course, unit, or lesson. Summative assessments provide students with an opportunity to demonstrate what they have learned.

Add - Learning targets - Learning targets are linked to priority standards.

Add - Proficiency Scale - A defined learning progression or set of learning targets for a specific topic, relative to a given standard. It shows teachers and students what proficiency looks like, what knowledge and skills students need to achieve proficiency, and how students might go beyond proficiency.

*p. 14 - PASS/FAIL OPTION

A "pass" has no impact on the cumulative grade point average. A "fail" negatively impacts the cumulative grade point average.

*p. 17 - LEAVING DURING THE SCHOOL DAY - Outside food vendors may not deliver during the day, unless as part of a school sponsored activity.

*p. 26 - Add DECA

*p. 26 - FEES - adjust to board approved rates

*p. 27 - COMMENCEMENT EXERCISE - increase fee to \$40

*p. 29 - DRESS & APPEARANCE

Add #2. Clothing where the buttocks or excessive torso are exposed is not allowed.

*p. 30 - ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Replace “Electronic Devices” policy with “Cell Phone/Electronic Device” policy and move to match up sequencing alphabetically

Cell phones are not allowed to be accessed during class. Cell phone time will not be used as a reward or filler in class time. This policy applies to all school locations, including commons areas, auditoriums, and the media center. Cell phone use is permitted before school, during passing time, during lunch time, and after school. The use of cell phones and other personal electronic communication devices in bathrooms and locker rooms is strictly prohibited (including before, during, and after school). Students are reminded that the use of cell phones or the Internet for the purpose of harassing or threatening others during the school day is in violation of the hazing and harassment policy and will result in disciplinary action.

Students are issued an iPad. Students are responsible for having the iPad in school and charged each day. Cell phones or other personal devices are not permitted in replacement of the iPad.

Other personal device related information:

- Becker High School will not be held responsible for any physical damage, loss or theft of a personally owned digital device.
- Other devices, including wearable technology, are subject to the same expectations as cell phones.
- Earbuds/headphones may only be used during class while connected to school devices with the expressed permission of the instructor. It should not be assumed that students may use earbuds/headphones during class.
- Teachers may designate locations for cell phone placement during instructional time and when a student leaves the classroom (i.e. visits the restroom).
- This is a collective, non-negotiable policy. All teachers are expected to be consistent in enforcing this policy.
- In the event a parent needs to contact their child immediately, they are asked to call the main office and the message will be relayed to the student.

Electronic Device Violations:

Students are asked to abide by the policy. Any student who refuses to turn over the device may be insubordinate and subject to other disciplinary actions such as removal from class.

First Violation- Teacher/Student Conference. The device may be confiscated for the class for the day. Teachers should track within their classroom and do not need to report the infraction to the office.

Second Violation- Confiscation of the device for the day. The teacher will turn the device into the high school office. The student may pick up the device in the high school office at the end of the day. Teachers will inform the office of the infraction and the offense will be tracked in the student information system.

Third Violation- Confiscation of the device until the parent retrieves it and has an administrative conference. Teachers will inform the office of the infraction and the offense will be tracked in the student information system

*p. 31 - FOOD SERVICE

Adjust year and prices are unchanged

Cafeteria Conduct

Adjust #3

Students are required to eat on campus *in designated cafeteria areas* unless the school releases a student in accordance with school rules and/or school sponsored activities.

p. 33 - USE OF DIGITAL DEVICES AT SCHOOL AND SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Remove

p. 35 - PARKING PERMITS

Adjust fee to \$60.

Add #7. Parking without a permit

p. 37 - STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Adjust - Students eligible for leadership positions within the school and within their school sponsored activity should be free of violations against district policies, Minnesota State High School League policies, and/or other violations required to be reported by law enforcement. Students remain ineligible for leadership positions for one calendar year from the time of the violation.

Leadership positions include, but are not limited to: Homecoming Court, Snodaze Royalty, captain positions, NHS, etc.

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Update chart