# JACKSONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

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### WELCOME

The mission of Jacksonville School District 117 is to provide an educational environment that promotes excellence and values every student. To do that, the faculty, staff and administration of Jacksonville High School will work in partnership with parents, the community and Central Office to provide a rigorous curriculum, a positive, supportive and safe atmosphere, an open and collaborative setting and an inviting facility as well as to promote the use of technology.

This agenda is provided to students to acquaint them and their families with the procedures, expectations and other relevant information necessary to maximize student learning and academic success. Students are expected to BE RED; respectful, engaged and dedicated. Students must meet these expectations at all school functions, activities and extracurricular activities as well as on the way to and from school. The Crimson Pride Program Matrix is detailed on the next page.

CRIMSON PRIDE MATRIX					
Be RED	Respectful	Engaged	Dedicated		
Classroom	Communicate positively Share classroom time with everyone Show tolerance toward others and respect ideas	Be an active learner  Maintain focus on the lesson  Participate and ask questions  Recognize the importance of education for yourself and others	Be prepared for class Complete assignments with your best effort Work cooperatively with others Understand others learning needs Use academic supports to your advantage		
<u>Cafeteria</u>	Keep your area clean Wait patiently in line Push in your chairs Use good manners	Make healthy food choices  Recognize social differences  Have your money ready  when you get in line	Consider any mess your own		
<u>Commons/Hallway</u>	Use appropriate language  Stay on task - go straight to class  Keep hallways clean  Refrain from public	Report to class on time Walk to class	Move at an appropriate pace Keep the noise level down		
	displays of affection Remove hats and hoods upon entering the building				
<u>Media Center</u>	Keep food and drink outside the Media Center  Use computers properly and use ear buds if you are listening to something Place backpacks along the bookshelves away from the entrance to the computer labs	Enter quietly Stay focused on work	Use the Media Center effectively and quietly  Remain in work area while waiting for dismissal  Remain quiet so students can concentrate on work		
<u>Restroom</u>	Keep area clean Flush Wash hands	Return to class in a timely fashion	Use the restroom during non- instructional time		
School-Wide	Use appropriate language Follow the dress code Respect the opinions of others Handle conflict appropriately Treat all people fairly	Keep your I.D. and agenda with you at all times Use school resources to succeed Contribute to the well-being of others at JHS Plan for your future college and/or career	Be involved Work cooperatively with others		
Community	Follow the law Respect property	Be a positive community member	Contribute to the well-being of the community reviewed 6.11.2025		

Red Level	Blue Level	OFF Level
EXPECTATIONS	EXPECTATIONS	EXPECTATIONS
Passing All Classes 3.5 GPA or Higher Quarterly GPA	Passing 5 or more classes	Passing 4 or fewer classes
Earned Benefits	Earned Benefits	
Free Admission to Home Events	Extracurricular Privilege	
Extracurricular Privilege	Extracurricular Participation	
Hall Pass Privilege	Hall Pass Privilege	
Early Out once per quarter - (Must be on Red Level the previous quarter)		

Social Probation - The behavioral component to the level system that includes tardies, absences and referrals

Levels will be based on the performance from the previous quarter.

The first quarter's level is based on performance from the fourth quarter.

Failure to be on level results in loss of all benefits for the next quarter.

Students unable to produce a current stamped level will be considered to be off level.

This program is subject to change as deemed necessary by administration.

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# **CHAPTER 1 - Introductory Information & General Notices**

#### 1.00 School Operations During a Pandemic or Other Health Emergency

A pandemic is a global outbreak of disease. Pandemics happen when a new virus emerges to infect individuals and, because there is little to no pre-existing immunity against the new virus, it spreads sustainably. Your child's school and district play an essential role, along with the local health department and emergency management agencies, in protecting the public's health and safety during a pandemic or other health emergency.

During a pandemic or other health emergency, you will be notified in a timely manner of all changes to the school environment and schedule that impact your child. Please be assured that even if school is not physically in session, it is the goal of the school and district to provide your child with the best educational opportunities possible.

Additionally, please note the following:

- 1. All decisions regarding changes to the school environment and schedule, including a possible interruption of in-person learning, will be made by the superintendent in consultation with and, if necessary, at the direction of the Governor, Illinois Department of Public Health, local health department, emergency management agencies, and/or Regional Office of Education.
- 2. Available learning opportunities may include remote and/or blended learning. Blended learning may require your child to attend school on a modified schedule.
- Students will be expected to participate in blended and remote instruction as required by the school and district. Parents are
  responsible for assuring the participation of their child. Students who do not participate in blended or remote learning will be
  considered truant.
- 4. All school disciplinary rules remain in effect during the interruption of in-person learning. Students are subject to discipline for disrupting the remote learning environment to the same extent that discipline would be imposed for disruption of the traditional classroom.
- 5. Students and parents will be required to observe all public health and safety measures implemented by the school and district in conjunction with state and local requirements.
- 6. During a pandemic or other health emergency, the school and district will ensure that educational opportunities are available to all students.
- 7. School personnel will work closely with students with disabilities and other vulnerable student populations to minimize the impact of any educational disruption.
- 8. Students who have a compromised immune system, live with an individual with a compromised immune system, or have a medical condition that may impact their ability to attend school during a pandemic or other public health emergency should contact school officials.
- 9. During a pandemic or other health emergency, teachers and school staff will receive additional training on health and safety measures.
- 10. In accordance with school district or state mandates, the school may need to conduct a daily health assessment of your child. Parents and students will be notified of the exact assessment procedures if this becomes necessary.
- 11. Parents should not send their child to school if their child exhibits any symptoms consistent with the pandemic or other health emergency.
- 12. Please do not hesitate to contact school or district officials if you have any concerns regarding your child's education, health or safety.

1.20 Student/Parent Handbook Acknowledgment and Pledge
Name of Student:
Student Acknowledgement and Pledge
I acknowledge receiving and/or being provided electronic access to the Student/Parent Handbook and School Board policy on student behavior. I have read these materials and understand all rules, responsibilities and expectations. In order to help keep my school safe, I pledge to adhere to all School and School District rules, policies and procedures.
I understand that the Student/Parent Handbook and School District policies may be amended during the year and that such changes are available on the School District website or in the school office.
I understand that my failure to return this acknowledgement and pledge will not relieve me from being responsible for knowing or complying with School and School District rules, policies and procedures.
Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Acknowledgement

I acknowledge receiving and/or being provided electronic access to the Student/Parent Handbook and School Board policy on student behavior. I have read these materials and understand all rules, responsibilities and expectations.

I understand that the Student/Parent Handbook and School District policies may be amended during the year and that such changes are available on the School District website or in the school office.

I understand that my failure to return this acknowledgement will not relieve me or my child from being responsible for knowing or complying with School and School District rules, policies and procedures.

Parent Signature	
Date	 -

\*\*This form was signed during the registration process\*\*

#### 1.30 General School Information

All Jacksonville High School doors will be locked daily from 8:10 to 3:10 for student and staff safety. Anyone caught tampering with the locked doors, propping them open, or letting outsiders in will be subject to disciplinary consequences.

This handbook is a summary of the school's rules and expectations, and is not a comprehensive statement of school procedures. The Board's comprehensive policy manual is available for public inspection through the District's website <a href="https://www.jsd117.org/">https://www.jsd117.org/</a> or at the Board office, located at: 211 West State Street, Jacksonville, IL 62650

The School Board governs the school district, and is elected by the community. Current School Board members are:

Noel Beard, President Mike Lonergan, Vice-President Teresa Wilson,, Secretary Byron Pool, Member Sherie Trace, Member Heather Leonard, Member Brenda Stewart, Member

Steve Ptacek, Superintendent

The School Board has hired the following administrative staff to operate the District:

Matthew Moore, Assistant-Superintendent
Richard Cunningham, Chief Financial Officer
Kelly Zoellner, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessments
Lindsay Wayne, Director of Early Years
Joyce Hiler, Director of Food Service
Matt Swift, Director of Building and Grounds
Barbie Davidsmeyer, Director of Special Services and Special Education
Holly O'Neil, Assistant Director of Special Services and Special Education
Nick Guidish, Director of Technology
Brent Dunn, Director of Transportation

The school is located and may be contacted at:

Joey Dion, Principal
Dan Scott, Assistant Principal
Ian English, Assistant Principal
Ryan Van Aken, Assistant Principal
Mark Grounds, Dean of Students
Craig Wright, School Resource Officer

# **JHS Contact List**

SCHOOL COUNSELORS: Audrey Brown (students last name A-F) Morgan Hansell (Students last name G-O) Elise Black (students last name P-Z)		Ext 2239 Ext 2242 Ext 2240
SCHOOL NURSE: Lynn Riordan		Ext 2244
DEAN OF STUDENTS: Mark Grounds		Ext 2262
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL FOR STUDENT SERVICES: Dan Scott		Ext 2139
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL FOR ATTENDANCE & DISCI	ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL FOR ATTENDANCE & DISCIPLINE: Ian English	
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL/ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Ryan Van Aken		Ext 2246
SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER: Craig Wright	SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER:	
PRINCIPAL: Joey Dion		Ext 2232
DEPART	TMENT PHONE EXTENSIONS	•
Art Athletic Office Attendance Office Band Business Choir Discipline Office Drivers Education English Family & Consumer Science Foreign Language Student Services Office Main Office Math P.E. Science Social Studies Special Ed. Vocational	2221 2223 2237 2122 2206 2118 2261 2718 2204 2409 2802 2243 2238 2817 2230 2625 2602 2901 2706	
FOR INFORMATION	N CALL THE FOLLOWING EXT	TENSIONS
MAIN OFFICE STUDENT SERVICES OFFICE ATTENDANCE OFFICE DISCIPLINE OFFICE ATHLETIC OFFICE	2238 2243 2237 2261 2223	

#### OTHER PHONE NUMBERS AND WEBPAGES

BUS GARAGE DISTRICT OFFICE DISTRICT WEBPAGE JHS WEBPAGE 217-245-6624 217-243-9411 www.jsd117.org www.jhs.jsd117.org

# 1.35 Chain of of Command: If you have questions or concerns, please contact the following in order:

Athletics	Coach Asst. Principal- Athletic Director Principal
Attendance/Discipline	Dean of Students Asst. Principal-Attendance & Discipline
College/Career Guidance	Student's Counselor Asst. Principal-Student Services
Concerns with Class or Grades	Teacher Department Chair Student's Counselor Asst. Principal-Student Services
Curriculum/Content	Teacher Department Chair Asst. Principal-Student Services
Facilities	Asst. Principal-Attendance & Discipline Principal
Personal Counseling	Student's Counselor Asst. Principal-Student Services
Safety Issues	School Resource Officer Dean of Students Asst. Principal-Attendance & Discipline Principal
Schedules	Student's Counselor Asst. Principal-Student Services

#### 1.40 Visitors

All visitors, including parents and siblings, are required to enter through the front door of the building and proceed immediately to the main office. Visitors should identify themselves and inform office personnel of their reason for being at school.

Visitors must sign in, identifying their name, the date and time of arrival, and the classroom or location they are visiting. Approved visitors must take a tag identifying themselves as a guest and place the tag on their outer clothing in a clearly visible location. Visitors are required to proceed immediately to their location in a quiet manner. All visitors must return to the main office and sign out before leaving the school.

Any person wishing to confer with a staff member should contact that staff member to make an appointment. Conferences with teachers are held, to the extent possible, outside school hours or during the teacher's conference/preparation period.

Visitors are expected to abide by all school rules during their time on school property. A visitor who fails to conduct himself or herself in a manner that is appropriate will be asked to leave and may be subject to criminal penalties for trespassing and/or disruptive behavior.

No person on school property or at a school event shall perform any of the following acts:

- 1. Strike, injure, threaten, harass, or intimidate a staff member, board member, sports official or coach, or any other person.
- 2. Behave in an unsportsmanlike manner or use vulgar or obscene language.

- 3. Unless specifically permitted by State law, possess a weapon, any object that can reasonably be considered a weapon or looks like a weapon, or any dangerous device.
- 4. Damage or threaten to damage another's property.
- 5. Damage or deface school property.
- 6. Violate any Illinois law or municipal, local or county ordinance.
- 7. Smoke or otherwise use tobacco products.
- 8. Distribute, consume, use, possess, or be impaired by or under the influence of an alcoholic beverage, cannabis, other lawful product, or illegal drug.
- 9. Be present when the person's alcoholic beverage, cannabis, other lawful product, or illegal drug consumption is detectible, regardless of when and/or where the use occurred.
- 10. Use or possess medical cannabis, unless he or she has complied with Illinois' Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Act and district policies.
- 11. Impede, delay, disrupt, or otherwise interfere with any school activity or function (including using cellular phones in a disruptive manner).
- 12. Enter upon any portion of school premises at any time for purposes other than those that are lawful and authorized by the board.
- 13. Operate a motor vehicle: (a) in a risky manner, (b) in excess of 20 miles per hour, or (c) in violation of an authorized district employee's directive.
- 14. Engage in any risky behavior, including roller-blading, roller-skating, or skateboarding.
- 15. Violate other district policies or regulations, or a directive from an authorized security officer or district employee.
- 16. Engage in any conduct that interferes with, disrupts, or adversely affects the district or a school function.

Any person who engages in prohibited conduct may be ejected from or denied admission to school property in accordance with State law. The person may also be subject to being denied admission to school athletic or extracurricular events for up to one calendar year.

# 1.50 Equal Educational Opportunities and Sex Equity

Equal educational and extracurricular opportunities are available to all students without regard to race, color, nationality, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, ancestry, age, religion, physical or mental disability, status as homeless, immigration status, order of protection status, or actual or potential marital or parental status, including pregnancy.

No student shall, based on sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity be denied equal access to programs, activities, services, or benefits or be limited in the exercise of any right, privilege, advantage, or denied equal access to educational and extracurricular programs and activities.

Any student or parent/guardian with a sex equity or equal opportunity concern should contact the district Title IX Coordinator.

#### 1.60 Animals on School Property

In order to assure student health and safety, animals are not allowed on school property, except in the case of a service animal accompanying a student or other individual with a documented disability. This rule may be temporarily waived by the building principal in the case of an educational opportunity for students, provided that (a) the animal is appropriately housed, humanely cared for, and properly handled, and (b) students will not be exposed to a dangerous animal or an unhealthy environment.

# 1.70 School Volunteers

All school volunteers must complete the "Volunteer Information Form" and be approved by the building principal prior to assisting at the school. Forms are available in the school office. Some teachers utilize parent volunteers in the classroom. The individual teachers make this decision. Teachers who desire parent volunteers will notify parents. For school-wide volunteer opportunities, please contact the building principal.

Volunteers are required to check in and out at the main office and receive a visitor badge before going to their destination.

#### 1.80 Invitations and Gifts

Party invitations or gifts for classmates should not be brought to school to be distributed. Items such as these are of a personal nature and should be mailed home using the list in the school directory. The office is unable to release addresses and phone numbers of students who are not listed in the school directory.

#### 1.85 Treats and Snacks

Due to health concerns and scheduling, treats and snacks for any occasion must be arranged in advance with the classroom teacher. All treats and snacks must be store bought and prepackaged in individual servings. No homemade treats or snacks are allowed at school. Treats and snacks may not require refrigeration and must have a clearly printed list of ingredients on the packaging. We strongly encourage you to select a treat or snack with nutritional value.

#### 1.90 Emergency School Closings

In cases of inclement weather and other local emergencies, please listen to any local radio or television station to be advised of school closings, late starts or early dismissals. School closings, for any reason, will be announced as soon as possible to accommodate family needs.

Local media sources that receive school closure information include:

WJIL 1550 AM WLDS 1180 AM WEAI 107.1 WJVO 105.5 Channel 20 News

Skylert/School Messenger messages will also be used to communicate with parents regarding emergency school closures. Skylert/School Messenger is a school-to-parent notification system service that allows the District to make one phone call, record a detailed voice message, and send it immediately to parents. It is very important that parents keep the school informed of any change in telephone number.

If it becomes necessary to run bus snow routes in the rural areas, the emergency routing will be in effect for both morning and afternoon runs. Parents are urged to be at the emergency stop to pick up their children in the afternoon as drivers are instructed not to let children off unless they live close by or someone is there to pick them up.

Weather related announcements will also be published on the District's web page at <a href="www.jsd117.org">www.jsd117.org</a>. To receive these announcements via email or telephone, go to the website and sign up for Notify Me.

If school is dismissed early for an emergency of any reason, all after-school functions are reviewed by the administrative team to determine needed cancellations. Cancellations for after-school events will be sent to the same media sources and parent communication resources listed for school closures.

To ensure your child's safety, you are urged to make a family plan in advance with your child(ren) in the event of an early dismissal from school.

# 1.100 Video and Audio Monitoring Systems

A video and/or audio monitoring system may be in use on school buses and a video monitoring system may be in use in public areas of the school building. These systems have been put in place to protect students, staff, visitors and school property. If a discipline problem is captured on audiotape or videotape, these recordings may be used as the basis for imposing student discipline. If criminal actions are recorded, a copy of the tape may be provided to law enforcement personnel.

#### 1.110 Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities

Individuals with disabilities will be provided an opportunity to participate in all school-sponsored services, programs, or activities. Individuals with disabilities should notify the superintendent or building principal if they have a disability that will require special assistance or services and, if so, what services are required. This notification should occur as far in advance as possible of the school-sponsored function, program, or meeting.

#### 1.120 Students with Food Allergies

State law requires our school district to annually inform parents of students with life-threatening allergies or life-threatening chronic illnesses of the applicable provisions of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and other applicable federal statutes, state statutes, federal regulations and state rules.

If your student has a life-threatening allergy or life-threatening chronic illness, please notify the building principal at (217) 243-4384.

Federal law protects students from discrimination due to a disability that substantially limits a major life activity. If your student has a qualifying disability, an individualized Section 504 Plan will be developed and implemented to provide the needed support so that your student can access his or her education as effectively as students without disabilities.

Not all students with life-threatening allergies and life-threatening chronic illnesses may be eligible under Section 504. Our school district also may be able to appropriately meet a student's needs through other means.

#### 1.130 Care of Students with Diabetes

Students with a diagnosis of diabetes, asthma, seizures, life-threatening allergies or other long-term health concerns including mental health illnesses.

Parents/guardians need to contact their building nurse at the beginning of each school year. The building nurse will collaborate with the parent/guardian to develop an individual health care plan for the student.

If your child has diabetes, asthma, seizure disorder or a life threatening allergy, an individual health care plan must be developed. This written plan identifies the specific health care actions your child may need during school hours. It is cooperatively developed by the building nurse, parent/guardian, student and doctor. Parents/guardians are responsible for and must:

Cooperatively develop a plan with the building nurse. This will require either a meeting or phone conversation with the nurse, in addition to signatures and/or completion of individual health care plan forms.

Obtain physician instructions and/or signatures as needed

Inform the school in a timely manner of any change which needs to be made to the Care Plan on file with the school for their child.

Inform the school in a timely manner of any changes to a parent's/guardian's contact numbers or emergency contact numbers.

May be required to grant consent for and authorize designated School District representatives to communicate directly with healthcare providers involved in the child's health care.

For further information, please contact the school nurse or the principal. Parents providing accurate and timely information to the school will allow the school district to review all available resources to best serve the student's needs.

# 1.140 Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention

Youth suicide impacts the safety of the school environment. It also affects the school community, diminishing the ability of surviving students to learn and the school's ability to educate. Suicide and depression awareness and prevention are important goals of the school district.

The school district maintains student and parent resources on suicide and depression awareness and prevention. Much of this information, including a copy of the school district's policy, is posted on the school district website. Information can also be obtained from the school office.

#### 1.150 Accommodating Breastfeeding Students

Students who choose to breastfeed an infant after returning to school are provided reasonable accommodations. A student who is a nursing mother may take reasonable breaks during the school day to express breast milk or breastfeed her infant. Reasonable accommodations include, but are not limited to:

- 1. Access to a private and secure room, other than a bathroom, to express breast milk or breastfeed an infant.
- 2. Permission to bring onto school campus a breast pump or other equipment used to express breast milk.
- 3. Access to a power source for a breast pump or any other equipment used to express breast milk.
- 4. Access to a place to store expressed breast milk safely.
- 5. Reasonable breaks to accommodate the student's need to express breast milk or breastfeed an infant child.
- 6. The opportunity to make up work missed due to the student's use of reasonable accommodations for breastfeeding.

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Complaints regarding violations of this procedure should be made to the District's Complaint Manager or Non-Discrimination Coordinator.

#### 1.160 Parent Organizations and Booster Clubs

Parent organizations and booster clubs are invaluable resources to the District's schools. While parent organizations and booster clubs have no administrative authority and cannot determine District policy, the School Board welcomes their suggestions and assistance.

Parent organizations and booster clubs may be recognized by the Board and permitted to use the District's name, a District school's name, or a District school's team name, or any logo attributable to the District provided they first receive the Superintendent or designee's express written consent. Consent to use one of the above-mentioned names or logos will generally be granted if the organization or club has by-laws containing the following:

- 1. The organization's or club's name and purpose, such as, to enhance students' educational experiences, to help meet educational needs of students, to provide extra athletic benefits to students, to assist specific sports teams or academic clubs through financial support, or to enrich extracurricular activities.
- 2. The rules and procedures under which it operates.
- 3. An agreement to adhere to all Board policies and administrative procedures.
- 4. A statement that membership is open and unrestricted, meaning that membership is open to all parents/guardians of students enrolled in the school, District staff, and community members.
- 5. A statement that the District is not, and will not be, responsible for the organization's or club's business or the conduct of its members, including on any organization or club websites or social media accounts.
- 6. An agreement to maintain and protect its own finances.
- 7. A recognition that money given to a school cannot be earmarked for any particular expense. Booster clubs may make recommendations, but cash or other valuable consideration must be given to the District to use at its discretion. The Board's legal obligation to comply with Title IX by providing equal athletic opportunity for members of both genders will supersede an organization or club's recommendation.

Permission to use one of the above-mentioned names or logos may be rescinded at any time and does not constitute permission to act as the District's representative. At no time does the District accept responsibility for the actions of any parent organization or booster club regardless of whether it was recognized and/or permitted to use any of the above-mentioned names or logos. The Superintendent shall designate an administrative staff member to serve as the recognized liaison to parent organizations or booster clubs. The liaison will serve as a resource

person and provide information about school programs, resources, policies, problems, concerns, and emerging issues. Building staff will be encouraged to participate in the organizations.

#### 1.170 Student Appearance

A student's appearance, including dress and hygiene, must not disrupt the educational process or compromise standards of health and safety. The school does not prohibit hairstyles historically associated with race, ethnicity, or hair texture, including, but not limited to, protective hairstyles such as braids, locks, and twists. The school will not prohibit students from wearing or accessorizing the student's graduation attire with items associated with the student's cultural, ethnic, or religious identity or any other protected characteristic or category identified in the Illinois Human Rights Act. Students who disrupt the educational process or compromise standards of health and safety must modify their appearance.

#### 1.180 Awareness and Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse, Grooming Behaviors, and Boundary Violations

Child sexual abuse, grooming behaviors, and boundary violations harm students, their parent/guardian, the District's environment, its school communities, and the community at large, while diminishing a student's ability to learn.

Warning Signs of Child Sexual Abuse

Warning signs of child sexual abuse include the following.

#### Physical signs:

- Sexually transmitted infections (STIs) or other genital infections
- Signs of trauma to the genital area, such as unexplained bleeding, bruising, or blood on the sheets, underwear, or other clothing
- Unusual weight gain or loss
- Behavioral signs:
- Excessive talk about or knowledge of sexual topics
- Keeping secrets
- Not talking as much as usual
- Not wanting to be left alone with certain people or being afraid to be away from primary caregivers
- Regressive behaviors or resuming behaviors that the child had grown out of, such as thumb sucking or bedwetting
- Overly compliant behavior
- Sexual behavior that is inappropriate for the child's age
- Spending an unusual amount of time alone
- Trying to avoid removing clothing to change or bathe

#### Emotional signs:

- Change in eating habits or unhealthy eating patterns, like loss of appetite or excessive eating
- Signs of depression, such as persistent sadness, lack of energy, changes in sleep or appetite, withdrawing from normal activities, or feeling "down"
- Change in mood or personality, such as increased aggression
- Decrease in confidence or self-image
- Anxiety, excessive worry, or fearfulness
- Increase in unexplained health problems such as stomach aches and headaches
- Loss or decrease in interest in school, activities, and friends
- Nightmares or fear of being alone at night
- Self-harming behaviors or expressing thoughts of suicide or suicidal behavior
- Failing grades
- Drug or alcohol use

#### Warning Signs of Grooming Behaviors

School and District employees are expected to maintain professional and appropriate relationships with students based upon students' ages, grade levels, and developmental levels.

Prohibited grooming is defined as (i) any act, including but not limited to, any verbal, nonverbal, written, or electronic communication or physical activity, (ii) by an employee with direct contact with a student, (iii) that is directed toward or with a student to establish a romantic or sexual relationship with the student. Examples of grooming behaviors include, but are not limited to, the following behaviors:

- Sexual or romantic invitations to a student
- Dating or soliciting a date from a student
- Engaging in sexualized or romantic dialog with a student
- Making sexually suggestive comments that are directed toward or with a student
- Self-disclosure or physical exposure of a sexual, romantic, or erotic nature

- Sexual, indecent, romantic, or erotic contact with a student
- Failing to respect boundaries or listening when a student says "no"
- Engaging in touching that a student or student's parents/guardians have indicated as unwanted
- Trying to be a student's friend rather than filling an adult role in the student's life
- Failing to maintain age-appropriate relationships with students
- Talking with students about personal problems or relationships
- Spending time alone with a student outside of their role in the student's life or making up excuses to be alone with a student
- Expressing unusual interest in a student's sexual development, such as commenting on sexual characteristics or sexualizing normal behaviors
- Giving a student gifts without occasion or reason
- Spending a lot of time with a student
- Restricting a student's access to other adults

# Warning Signs of Boundary Violations

School and District employees breach employee-student boundaries when they misuse their position of power over a student in a way that compromises the student's health, safety, or general welfare. Examples of boundary violations include:

- Favoring a certain student by inviting the student to "hang out" or by granting special privileges
- Engaging in peer-like behavior with a student
- Discussing personal issues with a student
- Meeting with a student off-campus without parent/guardian knowledge and/or permission
- Dating, requesting, or participating in a private meeting with a student (in person or virtually) outside of a professional role
- Transporting a student in a school or private vehicle without administrative authorization
- Giving gifts, money, or treats to an individual student
- Sending a student on personal errands
- Intervening in a serious student problem instead of referring the student to an appropriately trained professional
- Sexual or romantic invitations toward or from a student
- Taking and using photos/videos of students for non-educational purposes
- Initiating or extending contact with a student beyond the school day in a one-on-one or non-group setting
- Inviting a student to an employee's home
- Adding a student on personal social networking sites as contacts when unrelated to a legitimate educational purpose
- Privately messaging a student
- Maintaining intense eye contact with a student
- Making comments about a student's physical attributes, including excessively flattering comments
- Engaging in sexualized or romantic dialog
- Making sexually suggestive comments directed toward or with a student
- Disclosing confidential information
- Self-disclosure of a sexual, romantic, or erotic nature
- Full frontal hugs
- Invading personal space

If you believe you are a victim of child sexual abuse, grooming behaviors, or boundary violations, or you believe that your child is a victim, you should immediately contact the Building Principal, a school counselor, or another trusted adult employee of the School.

Additional Resources include:

National Sexual Assault Hotline at 800.656.HOPE (4673)

National Sexual Abuse Chatline at online.rainn.org

Illinois Department of Children and Family Services Hotline at 1.800.25.ABUSE (2873)

#### 1.185 Faith's Law Notifications

**Employee Conduct Standards** 

School districts are required to include in their student handbook the District's Employee Code of Professional Conduct. These standards, in part, define appropriate conduct between school employees and students. A copy of these standards can be found on the District's website or requested from the Superintendent's office.<sup>1</sup>

#### 1.190 Prevention of Anaphylaxis

While it is not possible for the School or District to completely eliminate the risks of an anaphylactic emergency, the District maintains a comprehensive policy on anaphylaxis prevention, response, and management in order to reduce these risks and provide accommodations and proper treatment for anaphylactic reactions. Parent(s)/guardian(s) and students who desire more information or who want a copy of the District's policy may contact the Building Principal.

#### 1.195 Food and Wellness

In accordance with the Jacksonville School District 117 Wellness Policy, healthy food options should be made available to promote student, staff, and community wellness. Examples of nutritious foods and beverages that are consistent with the Dietary Guidelines are listed below.

- Raw vegetables sticks/slices with low-fat dressing or yogurt dip.
- Fresh fruit wedges-cantaloupe, honey dew, watermelon, pineapple, oranges, tangelos, etc.
- Slicedfruit-nectarines, peaches, kiwi, star fruit, plums, pears, mangos, apples, etc.
- Fruitsalad
- Cerealandlow-fat milk
- 100%fruitor vegetable juice
- Frozen fruit pops with fruit juice or fruit as the first ingredient
- Driedfruits—raisins, cranberries, apples and apricots
- Singleserving applesauce or canned fruit in juice
- Peanut butter with apple wedges or celery sticks
- Fruit smoothies made with fat-free or low-fat milk
- Trailmix(dried fruits and nuts)
- Dryroasted peanuts, tree nuts and soy nuts
- Lean meats and reduced fat cheese sandwiches
- Partymix
- Pretzels or reduced fat crackers
- Baked chips with salsa or low-fat dip
- Low-fat muffins, granola bars, graham crackers, fig bars
- Minibagels with whipped light or fat-free cream cheese
- PastaSalad
- Breadsticks with marinara
- Fat-free or low-fat flavored yogurt and fruit parfaits
- Fat-free or low-fat pudding cups
- Fat-free or low-fat milk and milk products (string cheese, single serving cottage cheese, or cheese cubes)
- Pure ice cold water

\*This list is not all inclusive and is meant only to provide parents and school staff with guidance for healthier food and beverage choices. Not all food and beverage items on this list will necessarily meet district nutrient standards as items vary in sugar, fat, and calorie content from brand to brand. However, all of the items in the list are believed to be consistent with the intent of the wellness policy to promote student health and reduce childhood obesity

#### 1.200 Sexual Abuse Response and Prevention Resource Guide

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) maintains a resource guide on sexual abuse response and prevention. The guide contains information on and the location of children's advocacy centers, organizations that provide medical evaluations and treatment to victims of child sexual abuse, organizations that provide mental health evaluations and services to victims and families of victims of child sexual abuse, and organizations that offer legal assistance to and provide advocacy on behalf of victims of child sexual abuse. This guide can be accessed through the ISBE website at www.isbe.net or you may request a copy of this guide by contacting the school's office.

# 1.210 Free and Reduced-Price Food Services: Meal Charge Notification

The following notification is provided to all households of students at the beginning of each school year as federally required notification regarding eligibility requirements and the application process for the free and reduced-price food services that are listed in Board policy 4:130, Free and Reduced-Price Food Services, and 4:140, Waiver of Student Fees. This notification is also provided to households of students transferring to the District during the school year. For more information, see www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/unpaid-meal-charges, and/or contact the Building Principal or designee.

Free and Reduced-Price Food Services Eligibility

When the parents/guardians of students are unable to pay for their child(ren)'s meal services, meal charges will apply per a student's eligibility category and will be processed by the District accordingly.

A student's eligibility for free and reduced-price food services shall be determined by the income eligibility guidelines, family-size income standards, set annually by the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, and distributed by the Ill. State Board of Education.

Meal Charges for Meals Provided by the District

The Building Principal and District staff will work jointly to prevent meal charges from accumulating. Every effort to collect all funds due to the District will be made on a regular basis and before the end of the school year. Contact your Building Principal or designee about whether your child(ren)'s charges may be carried over at the end of the school year, i.e., beyond June 30th.

Unpaid meal charges are considered delinquent debt when payment is overdue as defined by Board policy 4:45, Insufficient Fund Checks and Debt Recovery and the Hunger-Free Students' Bill of Rights Act (105 ILCS 123/). The District will make reasonable efforts to collect charges classified as delinquent debt, including repeated contacts to collect the amounts and, when necessary, requesting that the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) apply for meal benefits to determine if the student qualifies for such benefits under Board policy 4:130, Free and Reduced-Price Food Services. The District will provide a federally reimbursable meal or snack to a student who requests one, regardless of the student's ability to pay or negative account balance.

When a student's funds are low and when there is a negative balance, reminders will be provided to the staff, students, and their parent(s)/guardian(s) at regular intervals during the school year. State law allows the Building Principal to contact parents(s)/guardian(s) to attempt collection of the owed money when the amount owed is more than the amount of five lunches [or insert lower amount]. If a parent/guardian regularly fails to provide meal money for the child(ren) that he/she is responsible for in the District and does not qualify for free meal benefits or refuses to apply for such benefits, the Building Principal or designee will direct the next course of action. Continual failure to provide meal money may require the District to notify the Ill. Dept. of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and/or take legal steps to recover the unpaid meal charges, up to and including seeking an offset under the State Comptroller Act, if applicable.

# 1.215 School Facility Usage

The use of school facilities is not automatically extended to any person or group. Approval of facility usage is at the discretion of the administration. The School District reserves the right to limit or refuse use of facilities and to require cash deposits or certificates of insurance from any individual or organization with respect to rental or use of any school facility.

#### 1.230 Lost and Found

Items that have been found should be taken to the Attendance Office immediately. These items may be claimed if the owner can give sufficient identification. Personal belongings left in the hallways will be taken to the Attendance Office. Repeat offenders will have disciplinary consequences. JHS is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

# CHAPTER 2 - Attendance, Promotion, & Graduation

#### 2.10 Attendance

The regular school day at Jacksonville High School consists of eight periods. Students may choose to enroll in an early bird course. The school day for those students may end at the conclusion of seventh period. These students are responsible for their transportation to and from school. The doors to Jacksonville High School will open at 7:45am for students not enrolled in early bird courses. No student should arrive at school more than 20 minutes prior to their first class and they must leave campus at the conclusion of their academic day.

Illinois law requires that whoever has custody or control of any child between six (by September 1st) and seventeen years of age shall assure that the child attends school in the district in which he or she resides, during the entire time school is in session (unless the child has already graduated from high school). Illinois law also requires that whoever has custody or control of a child who is enrolled in the school, regardless of the child's age, shall assure that the child attends school during the entire time school is in session.

#### 2.20 Student Absences

Subject to specific requirements in State law, the following children are not required to attend public school: (1) any child attending a private school (including a home school) or parochial school, (2) any child who is physically or mentally unable to attend school (including a pregnant student suffering medical complications as certified by her physician), (3) any child lawfully and necessarily employed, (4) any child over 12 and under 14 years of age while in confirmation classes, (5) any child absent because of religious reasons, including to observe a religious holiday, for religious instruction, or because his or her religion forbids secular activity on a particular day(s) or time of day, and (6) any child 16 years of age or older who is employed and is enrolled in a graduation incentives program.

For students who are required to attend school there are two types of absences: excused and unexcused. Excused absences include: illness (including up to 5 days per school year for mental or behavioral health of the student), observance of a religious holiday or event, death in the immediate family, family emergency, situations beyond the control of the student as determined by the school board, circumstances that cause reasonable concern to the parent/guardian for the student's mental, emotional, or physical health or safety, attending a military honors funeral to sound TAPS<sup>1</sup>, attend a civic event<sup>2</sup>, or other reason as approved by the building principal. Students eligible to vote are also excused for up to two hours to vote in a primary, special, or general election.

Additionally, a student will be excused for up to 5 days in cases where the student's parent/guardian is an active duty member of the uniformed services and has been called to duty for, is on leave from, or has immediately returned from deployment to a combat zone or combat-support postings. The Board of Education, in its discretion, may excuse a student for additional days relative to such leave or deployment. A student and the student's parent/guardian are responsible for obtaining assignments from the student's teachers prior to any excused absences and for ensuring that such assignments are completed by the student prior to his or her return to school.

Students who are excused from school will be given a reasonable timeframe to make up missed homework and classwork assignments.<sup>3</sup> All other absences are considered unexcused. Pre-arranged excused absences must be approved by the building principal.

The school may require documentation explaining the reason for the student's absence.

In the event of any absence, the student's parent/guardian is required to call the school at 217-243-4384 before 8:00 a.m. to explain the reason for the absence. If a call has not been made to the school by 10:00 a.m. on the day of a student's absence, a school official will call the home to inquire why the student is not at school. If the parent/guardian cannot be contacted, the student will be required to submit a signed note from the parent/guardian explaining the reason for the absence. Failure to do so shall result in an unexcused absence. Upon request of the parent/guardian, the reason for an absence will be kept confidential.

Diagnostic Procedures for Identifying Student Absences and Support Services to Truant or Chronically Truant Students

State law requires every school district to collect and review its chronic absence data and determine what systems of support and resources are needed to engage chronically absent students and their families to encourage the habit of daily attendance and promote success. This review must include an analysis of chronic absence data from each attendance center.

Furthermore, State law provides that school districts are encouraged to provide a system of support to students who are at risk of reaching or exceeding chronic absence levels with strategies and are also encouraged to make resources available to families such as those available through the State Board of Education's Family Engagement Framework to support and engage students and their families to encourage heightened school engagement and improved daily school attendance.

"Chronic absence" means absences that total 10% or more of school days of the most recent academic school year, including absences with and without valid cause, and out-of-school suspensions.

The School and District use the following diagnostic procedures for identifying the causes of unexcused student absences: Interviews with the student, his or her parent/guardian and any school officials who may have information about the reasons for the student's attendance problems.<sup>4</sup>

Supportive services to truant or chronically truant students include: parent conferences, student counseling, family counseling, and information about existing community services.<sup>5</sup>

#### 2.25 Other Attendance Practices

#### **Pre-arranged Absences**

Families should use the pre-arranged absence process in the event an absence from school can be predicted. This process helps with communication regarding assignments and make-up work. Forms are available in the school office. Upon completion of the form, the Assistant Principal will review the purpose of the pre-arranged absence. The purpose will be evaluated in accordance with the definitions for excused and unexcused absences.

#### Absences Due to Illness

Many studies show that successful performance in school is dependent upon regular student attendance and participation. Successful performance in school can directly impact the choices available to students later in life. Because of the magnitude of this impact, school officials are required to monitor student attendance. One piece of this monitoring includes the oversight of student health needs in relationship to their attendance and scholastic advancement.

It is the practice of District 117 to require that if a student is continually sick and repeatedly absent from school due to illness that said student must be under the supervision of a physician in order to receive an excuse from attendance. The diagnosis of the licensed medical professional is used to support the parent in parenting and to support the school with the delivery of services. Without the support of the medical professional, valuable time and resources could be misdirected.

It is the practice of District 117 to require a doctor's excuse after 10 days of excused absence (within an academic year) based on communications from the parent or guardian that their child is ill. All absences after the 10-day mark are recorded as unexcused unless a remedy is established between the school and the family. In the event a student has a chronic or documented health condition, parents should readily communicate this to school officials for documentation in the student file. This communication will secure that all resources can be reviewed to support the child and family in the school setting.

Students and families who abuse the approved and excused absences policy will be considered to have committed academic dishonesty. Examples of abuse include falsifying an illness or family emergency, falsely claiming that attendance at the event is required, falsely claiming to have attended an event, or falsely claiming that an absence is approved. If a school official determines that a student/family is guilty of falsifying attendance information, consequences are outlined in the Behavior Consequence chart at the end of this handbook

The State Board of Education has directed all schools, on days interrupted for inclement weather causing dismissal before 1:45 p.m., to record students that attend school for any time "less" than the full time school is in session, on the interrupted day, absent for the entire day.

#### **Mandated Absences due to Illness**

There are times a student cannot attend school due to illness. Mandatory absences for District 117 Schools include a body temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher, repeatedly vomiting, frequent episodes of diarrhea, a draining wound that cannot be contained within a dressing, a communicable skin infection (such as ringworm, conjunctivitis, impetigo, scabies) until it has been treated with antibiotic/antifungal for 12 hours, reportable communicable diseases or if there is documentation from the doctor that mandates a student cannot attend. There may be additional situations in which the building nurse may use nursing judgment to deem it necessary for the student to not be in attendance. In non-mandatory situations, the decision to send a student home ill from school is based on the nurse's assessment of the situation and in collaboration with the parent/guardian.

#### **Notification of the School**

In the event of any absence, the student's parent or guardian is required to notify the school before 8:00 a.m. to explain the reason for the absence. If notification has not been made to the school by 10:00 a.m. on the day of a student's absence, a school official will document a call to the parent or guardian to inquire why the student is not at school. In the event that communication does not occur between the parent/guardian and the school, the student will be required to submit a signed note within 48 hours of the recorded absence. The note should include: student name, parent name, date of absence, reason for absence, and parent signature. Failure to do so shall result in an unexcused absence.

- 1. Students must be in their classrooms by the <u>last tone</u> of the bell.
- 2. Students who are more than 5 minutes late to class must sign in at the Attendance Office and get a pass before going to class.
- 3. Jacksonville High School is a closed campus. Students are not excused to leave campus except in extreme cases, and only with prior approval of an administrator and notification of a parent. Students who gain permission from an administrator may leave campus AFTER signing out in the Attendance Office or with the school nurse. Excuses such as going home to change clothes, getting homework, books, lunch money or any other excuses deemed unnecessary by the administration will be denied with or without consent of the parent.

#### 2.30 Release Time for Religious Instruction and Observance

A student will be released from school, as an excused absence, to observe a religious holiday or for religious instruction. The student's parent/guardian must give written notice to the building principal at least 5 calendar days before the student's anticipated absence(s).

Students excused for religious reasons will be given an opportunity to make up

#### 2.40 Make-Up Work

It is the belief at Jacksonville High School that the best learning takes place when students are present. When make up work is provided, it is expected that students understand the urgency to complete it so that they stay current in their learning. There isn't a substitute for instruction that takes place during class. While some form of work may be given, it is not the same as the quality of education that takes place in the classroom. Students will have one (1) school day for every day absent to make up their work when excused.

The Educational Departments at JHS have written policies that vary, regarding make-up work. Students are expected to follow the policies. Teachers have the option to reduce the grade or not accept the work after the outlined time period. Students on external suspension must make arrangements to have someone pick up make-up work in the Attendance Office. The Attendance Office can collect make-up work for any student who is absent three or more days with a valid excuse. Therefore, it is important to be in attendance at school.

#### **Daily Instructional Practice during Extended Absences**

Teachers shall not be expected to provide detailed classroom work and daily practice assignments for students who are away for extended periods of time as a result of family-or parent-initiated absences. Parents may use the communication sources listed above to acquire the needed information. Depending on the nature of the time period and the timing of the school year, assignments will be made available before or after the absence.

For absences due to extended illness, parents may contact the Attendance Office at ext. 2237 to discuss available options.

#### 2.50 Truancy

Student attendance is critical to the learning process. Truancy is therefore a serious issue and will be dealt with in a serious manner by the school and district.

**Truant-** Students who miss more than 1 % but less than 5% of the prior 180 regular school days without valid cause (a recognized excuse) are truant.

**Chronic Truant-** Students who miss 5% or more of the prior 180 regular school days without valid cause are chronic truants. Students who are chronic truants will be offered support services and resources aimed at correcting the truancy issue.

If chronic truancy persists after support services and other resources are made available, the school and district will take further action.

**Truancy Calendar** - Any period of the past 180 days of school attendance in which a student is enrolled in school. This calculation could result in the overlapping of 2 academic school years.

Parents will receive notice of truancy after 4, 7, and 9 days of unexcused absence. Upon the  $6^{th}$  unexcused absence or tardy, a truancy packet is completed and sent to the Truant Officer at the Regional Office of Education.

It is the policy of this District that no punitive action, including out-of-school suspensions, expulsions, or court action is taken against a student who is a chronic or habitual truant solely for such truancy unless available supportive services and school resources have been offered to the student and he/she has failed, within a reasonable time, to correct the behavior. Law supports that a student who misses 15 consecutive days of school without valid cause and who cannot be located or, after exhausting all available support services, cannot be compelled to return to school is subject to expulsion from school.

Parents who are negligent of their child's right to a free public education will be referred to the Truant Officer at the Regional Office of Education for possible prosecution by the Morgan County State's Attorney. A parent or guardian who knowingly and willfully permits a child to be truant may be convicted of a Class C misdemeanor, which carries a maximum penalty of thirty days in jail and/or a fine of up to \$1500.

#### **Tardy Policy**

Jacksonville High School believes that success in school is dependent upon punctual, regular attendance. We also believe tardiness has a direct correlation to poor student performance and is detrimental to the total learning environment. Recognizing that classroom attendance cannot be substituted, students who habitually continue to accumulate tardies will receive progressive discipline. The tardy policy is cumulative from all classes and will start new each quarter.

#### 2.55 Schedule Changes

Students are encouraged to register for subjects they want and need before the master schedule is finalized at the end of the school year. The course description guide should help you determine what to expect in advance as well as information pertaining to course offerings that align with post-secondary goals.

A schedule change request can be made within the first five school days of the fall semester. Schedule changes will be made for the following reasons:

- 1. Successful completion of a summer school course
- 2. Not meeting a prerequisite course requirement
- 3. Master schedule conflicts
- 4. Courses needed to meet graduation requirements
- 5. A missing requirement for university admissions or post-secondary plan
- 6. Incomplete schedule

Once second semester has begun, students may request one schedule change for second semester under the following parameters:

Students may replace a yearlong course with a semester-long class with administrative approval if the first semester was not completed successfully because the course material was beyond the scope of the student's ability level.

Students currently enrolled in a study hall second semester may enroll in a second semester class.

Students enrolled in a course where multiple levels of the course exist may request a level change within the first six days of the semester. Level changes will be a team decision with the teacher, counselor, student, and parent. This decision will be based upon past class performance and post-secondary goals.

# 2.60 Grading and Promotion

Student grades may be accessed by logging into a student's Skyward account. For questions regarding grades, please contact the classroom teacher. The decision to promote a student to the next grade level is based on successful completion of the curriculum, attendance, performance on standardized tests and other testing. A student will not be promoted based upon age or any other social reason not related to academic performance.

Sophomore: minimum of 5 credits. Student must have completed at least one completed year of high school

Junior: minimum of 9.5 credits. Student must have completed at least two completed years of high school

Senior: minimum of 14.5 credits. Student must have completed at least three completed years of high school

#### **Honor Roll and High Honors**

A 3.000 GPA is required for honor roll and a 4.000 GPA is required for high honors.

#### **National Honor Society**

Juniors and seniors who have a cumulative GPA of 3.800 are academically eligible for membership in the NHS. Those students will then be asked to complete a student activity form. They must show evidence of service, leadership, and character. The faculty will then issue invitations for membership to students who meet all criteria.

#### **Latin Honors**

Jacksonville High School honors seniors who demonstrate exemplary academic achievement by using the Latin Honors system at graduation. The Latin Honors system allows Jacksonville High School to recognize students who attain GPA requirements for various tiers.

There are three tiers to the Latin Honors system: Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, and Summa Cum Laude.

- Cum Laude: Students earning a GPA of at least 3.8 but less than 4.1
- Magna Cum Laude: Students earning a GPA of at least 4.1 but less than 4.4
- Summa Cum Laude: Students earning a GPA of at least 4.4

# **Grade Point Average (GPA)**

Except for accelerated courses, the GPA at Jacksonville High School is based on the following scale:

A=4 points B=3 points C=2 points D=1 point F=0 points

Honors courses are figured on the following scale:

A=5 points B=4 points C=3 points D=1 point F=0 points

Advanced Placement courses are figured on the following scale:

A=5.5 points B= 4.5 points C=3.5 points D=1.5 point F=0 points

#### **Report Cards**

A report card is available at the end of each mid-term and quarter on Pac Family Access showing the quality of the student's work in each course. Parents are encouraged to make an appointment with teachers, counselors, or administrators whenever there is a concern.

#### PaC SKYWARD FAMILY ACCESSTM

Parents of students in grades 3 through 12 are able to access student information online. Jacksonville School District 117 utilizes a web-based service that allows parents and authorized family members to view attendance records, schedules, assignments, progress reports, and basic health information. JHS and Turner parents can also access food service account information. The site contains email links to provide parents direct communication with staff members. PaCFamilyAccess<sup>TM</sup> assures each family's privacy with secure logins and passwords.

To access this service, parents must have Internet access and be using the most recent version of Internet Explorer or Firefox. If you go to the District home page (www.jsd117.org/) there is a login link for PaCFamilyAccess<sup>TM</sup>. A direct link to the site may also be found on the JHS web site. (jhs.jsd117.org)

If you need assistance, contact the Student Services Office at 243-4384 ext. 2243.

#### 2.70 Homework

Homework is used as a way for students to practice what they have learned in the classroom. The time requirements and the frequency of homework will vary depending on a student's teacher, ability and grade level.<sup>1</sup>

Students who are absent from school for a valid cause (an excused absence) may make up missed homework in a reasonable timeframe.<sup>2</sup>

#### 2.80-HS Physical Education

All students are expected to dress for PE unless they have a doctor's excuse. Each student's grade will be based on attendance, dress, participation, skill, written and fitness tests, behavior and observation of health and safety rules. A student must pass four of the six activity units each semester by complying with the above requirements and passing the written test for each unit. Each student is responsible for any work missed and must make arrangements with the teacher for completing the work. Make-up work for all missed classes must be arranged with the PE teacher. The key to successful completion of PE is participation.

### **Exemption From PE Requirement [HS] (Regular Education)**

In order to be excused from participation in physical education, a student must present an appropriate excuse from his or her parent/guardian or from a person licensed under the Medical Practice Act. The excuse may be based on medical or religious prohibitions. An excuse because of medical reasons must include a signed statement from a person licensed under the Medical Practice Act that corroborates the medical reason for the request. An excuse based on religious reasons must include a signed statement from a member of the clergy that corroborates the religious reason for the request. Upon written notice from a student's parent/guardian, a student will be excused from engaging in the physical activity components of physical education during a period of religious fasting.

A student in grades 9-12 may submit a written request to the building principal requesting to be excused from physical education courses for the reasons stated below:

- 1. Enrollment in a marching band program for credit;
- 2. Enrollment in Reserve Officer's Training Corps (ROTC) program sponsored by the District;
- 3. Ongoing participation in an interscholastic athletic program;
- 4. Enrollment in academic classes that are required for admission to an institution of higher learning (student must be in the 11th or 12th grade); or
- 5. Enrollment in academic classes that are required for graduation from high school, provided that failure to take such classes will result in the student being unable to graduate (student must be in the 11th or 12th grade).

Students with an Individualized Education Program may also be excused from physical education courses for reasons stated in Handbook Procedure 10.30.1

Special activities in physical education will be provided for a student whose physical or emotional condition, as determined by a person licensed under the Medical Practices Act, prevents his or her participation in the physical education course.

State law prohibits the School District from honoring parental excuses based upon a student's participation in athletic training, activities, or competitions conducted outside the auspices of the School District.

Students who have been excused from physical education shall return to the course as soon as practical. The following considerations will be used to determine when a student shall return to a physical education course:

- 1. The time of year when the student's participation ceases;
- 2. The student's class schedule; and
- 3. The student's future or planned additional participation in activities qualifying for substitutions for physical education, as outlined above or in Handbook Procedure 10.30.3

#### 2.85 Driver Education

As per Illinois State Code, students must have passed a total of 8 classes the two previous semesters and must be at least 15 years of age by the following cutoff days to take Driver education; 1<sup>st</sup> semester – November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> semester – March 31<sup>st</sup>, summer – July 31st. In accordance with action taken by the District 117 Board of Education, a \$250 fee (\$100 for classroom and \$150 for behind-the-wheel) is to be assessed for each student enrolled in Driver Education. This fee will be collected at registration. Any student who is eligible for a waiver of fees for textbooks during the regular school year will be eligible for a waiver of this fee. There is also a \$20.00 fee paid to the Secretary of State for the instruction permit. Jacksonville High School does not accept out-of-district tuition students in the Driver Education program other than Routt and Westfair students.

Students cannot receive credit in the driver education classroom phase if they have missed more than two classes. However, it is possible that students may miss more times due to an illness, death in the family, etc., and the absence would not be their fault. In a case such as this, students can make up as many as three classes in the after-school classroom. Therefore, students who miss no more than five days can make up the time; if students miss more than five days they will be dropped from Driver Education.

# 2.90 Credit for Proficiency, Non-District Experiences, Course Substitutions and Accelerated Placement Credit for Non-District Experiences

A student may receive high school credit for successfully completing any of the listed courses or experiences even when it is not offered in or sponsored by the District:

- 1. Distance learning course, including a correspondence, virtual, or online course.
- 2. Courses in an accredited foreign exchange program.
- 3. Summer school or community college courses.
- 4. College or high school courses offering dual credit at both the college and high school level.2
- 5. Foreign language courses taken in an ethnic school program approved by the Illinois State Board of Education.
- 6. Work-related training at manufacturing facilities or agencies in a Tech Prep Program.
- 7. Credit earned in a Vocational Academy.

Students must receive pre-approval from the building principal or designee to receive credit for any non-District course or experience. The building principal or designee will determine the amount of credit and whether a proficiency examination is required before the credit is awarded. Students assume responsibility for any fees, tuition, supplies, and other expenses. Students are responsible for (1) providing documents or transcripts that demonstrate successful completion of the experience, and (2) taking a proficiency examination, if requested. The building principal or designee shall determine which, if any, non-District courses or experiences, will count toward a student's grade point average, class rank, and eligibility for athletic and extracurricular activities.

Students who do not otherwise meet a community college's academic eligibility to enroll in a dual credit course taught at the high school may enroll in the dual credit course, but only for high school credit.3

#### **Proficiency Credit**

Proficiency credit is available in limited subjects where a student demonstrates competency. Contact the building principal for details.

Substitutions for Required Courses<sup>4,5</sup>

Vocational or technical education. A student in grades 9-12 may satisfy one or more high school courses (including physical education) or graduation requirements by successfully completing related vocational or technical education courses if:

- 1. The building principal approves the substitution and the vocational or technical education course is completely described in curriculum material along with its relationship to the required course; and
- 2. The student's parent/guardian requests and approves the substitution in writing on forms provided by the District.

Registered apprenticeship program.<sup>6</sup> A student in grades 9-12 who is 16 years or older may satisfy one or more high school courses (including physical education) or graduation requirements by successfully completing a registered apprenticeship program listed by the school district. Students may find a registered, but not listed, apprenticeship program with a business or organization if a registered apprenticeship program is not offered in the school district.

Advanced placement computer science. The advanced placement computer science course is equivalent to a high school mathematics course. A student in grades 9-12 may substitute the advanced placement computer science course for one year of mathematics. The transcript of a student who completes the advanced placement computer science course will state that it qualifies as a mathematics-based, quantitative course.

Volunteer service credit. A student participating in the District's Volunteer Service Credit Program, if any, may earn credit toward graduation for the performance of community service. The amount of credit given for program participation shall not exceed that given for completion of one semester of language arts, math, science, or social studies.

#### Accelerated Placement<sup>7</sup>

The District provides for an Accelerated Placement Program (APP) for qualified students. It provides students with an educational setting with curriculum options that are usually reserved for students who are older or in higher grades than the student. Accelerated placement includes but may not be limited to: early entrance to kindergarten or first grade, accelerating a student in a single subject and grade acceleration. Participation is open to all students who demonstrate high ability and who may benefit from accelerated placement. It is not limited to students who have been identified as gifted or talented. Please contact the building principal for additional information.

By the fall of 2023, for each student who meets or exceeds State standards in English language arts, mathematics, or science on a State assessment, the school district is required by State law to automatically enroll the student in the following school year in the next most rigorous level of advanced coursework offered by the high school as follows:

- a. A student who meets or exceeds State standards in English language arts shall be automatically enrolled into the next most rigorous level of advanced coursework in English, social studies, humanities, or related subjects.
- b. A student who meets or exceeds State standards in mathematics shall be automatically enrolled into the next most rigorous level of advanced coursework in mathematics.
- c. A student who meets or exceeds State standards in science shall be automatically enrolled into the next most rigorous level of advanced coursework in science. <sup>8, 9</sup>

#### 2.95 Distance Learning Courses, Including Virtual and Online Courses

A student enrolled in a distance learning course, including a virtual or online course, may receive high school credit for work completed, provided:

- 1. The course is offered by an institution approved by the Superintendent or designee;
- 2. The student has an alternate placement plan or needs to recover credits;
- 3. Students using the on-line courses for credit recovery will use the local registration fee process outline annually by the company providing the service;
- 4. The student assumes responsibility for all fees if using the course for the purpose of early graduation or a course outside the realm of the local curriculum (including tuition and textbooks); and
- 5. The Building Principal or designee approves the course in advance.

Students earning credits for early graduation or coursework outside of the local curriculum will be allowed to earn 3 credits (6 classes) using the virtual or online course programming. Grades earned in approved distance learning courses count toward a student's completion of a course. The District may grant for expelled students the opportunity to take virtual or online courses in alternative settings.

# 2.100 Home and Hospital Instruction

A student who is absent from school, or whose physician, physician assistant or licensed advance practice registered nurse anticipates his or her absence from school, because of a medical condition may be eligible for instruction in the student's home or hospital.

Appropriate educational services from qualified staff will begin no later than five school days after receiving a written statement from a physician, physician assistant, or licensed advanced practice registered nurse. Instructional or related services for a student receiving special education services will be determined by the student's individualized education program.

A student who is unable to attend school because of pregnancy will be provided home instruction, correspondence courses, or other courses of instruction before (1) the birth of the child when the student's physician, physician assistant, or licensed advanced practice nurse indicates, in writing, that she is medically unable to attend regular classroom instruction, and (2) for up to 3 months after the child's birth or a miscarriage.

For information on home or hospital instruction, contact: \_\_Jacksonville High School Student Services, 217-243-4384\_.

# 2.110 Early Graduation [HS]

The Mission of Jacksonville High School speaks of a "community of learners" whose charge is to "develop college and career ready individuals." We at JHS firmly believe that the best path for students to achieve college and career readiness is to complete eight semesters of high school. To that end, consideration of so-called Early Graduation should not be approached lightly or without serious discernment. According to policy, a student may apply to "graduate" at the end of his/her seventh semester, based on the following criteria:

- 1. Submit paperwork, signed by student and parent(s), within the established deadlines (due within the first 5 days of the fall semester of the student's senior year)
- 2. Attain 20.5 credits by the last day of student attendance of the sixth semester and fulfill all of the Illinois School Code and local graduation requirements (usually the end of May);
- 3. Provide letter of employment, military enlistment, internship, or enrollment to a post-secondary institution, or proof of familial move out of the district.

No more than three correspondence courses (i.e., APEX) will be accepted for "early graduation." Additionally, students finishing after seven semesters will not be eligible to participate in Spring Sports, extra-curricular activities, or attend exclusive school events, such as Prom, unless as the guest of a current JHS student. Students will receive diplomas at commencement in May. A student considering high school completion in seven semesters should make an appointment to meet with his/her school counselor.

# 2.120 High School Graduation Requirements [HS]

To graduate from high school, unless otherwise exempted, each student is responsible for:

- Completing all State mandated graduation requirements listed
- Completing all District graduation requirements that are in addition to State graduation requirements.2
- Passing an examination on patriotism and principles of representative government, proper use of the flag, methods of voting, and the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Participating in the State assessment required for graduation.

# State Mandated Graduation Requirements

- 1. Four years of language arts.
- 2. Two years of writing intensive courses, one of which must be English and the other of which may be English or any other subject. When applicable, writing-intensive courses may be counted towards the fulfillment of other graduation requirements.
- 3. Three years of mathematics, one of which must be Algebra I and one of which must include geometry content and one of which may be an Advanced Placement computer science course.
- 4. Two years of science.
- 5. Two years of social studies, of which at least one year must be history of the United States or a combination of history of the United States and American government. Within the two years of social studies requirement, one semester of civics is required.
- 6. One year chosen from (A) music, (B) art, (C) foreign language, which shall be deemed to include American Sign Language, (D) vocational education, or (E) forensic speech (speech and debate). A forensic speech course used to satisfy the course requirement for language arts may not be used to satisfy the course requirement under this subdivision (f).
- 7. One semester of health education.
- 8. Physical education classes.3
- 9. A course covering American patriotism and the principles of representative government, as enunciated in the American Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and the proper use and display of the American flag.
- 10. Nine weeks of consumer education.

11. For students first entering high school in the 2022-23 school year, one year of a course that includes intensive instruction in computer literacy, which may be English, social studies, or any other subject and which may be counted toward the fulfillment of other graduation requirements.

The above requirements do not apply to students with disabilities whose course of study is determined by an Individualized Education Program or students who are exempted from participation in certain courses in accordance with State law.

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Graduation Requirement

As a prerequisite to receiving a high school diploma, the parent or guardian of each student or, if a student is at least 18 years of age or legally emancipated, the student must comply with either of the following:

- 1. File a FAFSA with the United States Department of Education or, if applicable, an application for State financial aid.
- 2. File a waiver indicating that the parent or guardian or, if applicable, the student understands what the FAFSA and application for State financial aid are and has chosen not to file an application.

Upon request, the school will provide a student and his or her parent or guardian any support or assistance necessary to comply with this requirement.

A school district may award a high school diploma to a student who is unable to meet this requirement due to extenuating circumstances, as determined by the school district, if (i) the student has met all other graduation requirements, and (ii) the principal attests that the school district has made a good faith effort to assist the student or, if applicable, his or her parent or guardian in filing an application or a waiver.

#### 2.130 Complaints About Curriculum, Instructional Materials, and Programs

Parents or guardians have the right to inspect all instructional materials used as a part of their child's education. If you believe that curriculum, instructional materials, or programs violate rights guaranteed by any law or Board policy, you may file a complaint under the District's uniform grievance policy. Parents or guardians with other suggestions or complaints about curriculum, instructional materials, or programs should complete a Curriculum Objection Form, which is available from the school office. A parent or guardian may also request that their child be exempt from using a particular instructional material or program by completing a Curriculum Objection Form.

#### 2.140 Crimson Time

Crimson Time is a designated period during the school day where students will receive tiered academic and social interventions. This time is intended to meet a wide range of individual student needs through general education services. The goal of Crimson Time is to support all students with the help they need to be successful as early as possible in their school career.

We recognize that students at JHS have a varying range of needs. While students may be in different educational settings, the following expectations apply:

Crimson Time Student Expectations

- Students will attend Crimson Time daily, as scheduled.
- Students will use the restroom either before or after Crimson Time.
- Students will remain in their assigned area for the entirety of Crimson Time.
- Students will be actively engaged in school work.
- Students who have completed daily assignments are expected to read outside material.
- Students will refrain from using cell phones and/or headphones during Crimson Time.

#### Crimson Time Teacher Expectations

- Teachers will enforce the overall student expectations.
- Teachers will hold students accountable for intervention expectations.
- Teachers will remain current on Skyward for assigned students.
- Teachers will foster an academic environment.
- SPED teachers will determine the level of intervention for each student in the assigned caseload.

# CHAPTER 3 - Student Fees and Meal Costs

### 3.10 Fees, Fines & Charges; Waiver of Student Fees

The school establishes fees and charges to fund certain school activities. Students will not be denied the opportunity to participate in curricular and extracurricular programs of the school district due to the inability of their parent or guardian to pay fees or certain charges. Students whose parent or guardian is unable to afford student fees may receive a fee waiver. A fee waiver applies to all fees related to school, instruction, and extracurricular activities.

Applications for fee waivers may be obtained from the school office and may be submitted by a parent or guardian of a student who has been assessed a fee. As student is eligible for a fee waiver if at least one of the following prerequisites is met:

- 1. The student currently lives in a household that meets the same income guidelines, with the same limits based on household size, that are used for the federal free meals programs;
- 2. The student's parent is a veteran or active-duty military personnel with income at or below 200% of the federal poverty line;
- 3. The student is homeless, as defined by the Mc-Kinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

The building principal will give additional consideration where one or more of the following factors are present:

- An illness in the family;
- Unusual expenses such as fire, flood, storm damage, etc.;
- Unemployment;
- Emergency situations; or
- When one or more of the parents/guardians are involved in a work stoppage.

The building principal will notify the parent/guardian promptly as to whether the fee waiver request has been granted or denied. Questions regarding the fee waiver application process or an appeal of the District's decision to deny a fee waiver should be addressed to the Building Principal. Pursuant to the Hunger-Free Students' Bill of Rights Act, the school is required to provide a federally reimbursable meal or snack to a student who requests one, regardless of whether the student has the ability to pay for the meal or snack or owes money for earlier meals or snacks. Students may not be provided with an alternative meal or snack and the school is prohibited from publicly identifying or stigmatizing a student who cannot pay for or owes money for a meal or snack.3

Fines for loss or damage to school property are waived for students who meet certain eligibility guidelines.

#### 3.20 School Lunch Program

Jacksonville High School participates in the USDA sponsored school lunch/breakfast program. Please complete an application annually to ascertain whether your child qualifies for free or reduced breakfast/lunch per the guidelines established by the USDA.

Jacksonville High School uses a computerized debit point of sale system. A Biometric Finger ID system is used to identify students at Jacksonville High School and Jacksonville Middle School. For your student to use this system, the parent/guardian needs to sign and return a consent form which authorizes District 117 to scan your student's finger. If the student is enrolled in the Biometric Finger ID system at Jacksonville Middle School, their information is transferred to Jacksonville High School upon graduation. Skyward Family Access allows you to monitor your student's account and make payments using Credit/Debit cards. A convenience fee is charged for this service. Payments can be made by check or money order in the Main Office at JHS or in the Cafeteria during meal service.

- Jacksonville High School is a "closed campus." Students may not leave campus for lunch except with the permission of administration.
- 2. Lunch options include sack lunch, school hot lunch, or school snack line.
- 3. All students must remain in the cafeteria at lunch.
- 4. Students are responsible for clearing their own table. All trays and silverware must be returned to the window.
- 5. Food may not be ordered or brought in from an off-campus restaurant for or by students.
- 6. Food or drink in general is not allowed in the hallway or classroom after 8:05 a.m. Water is allowed during the school day.

# **CHAPTER 4 - Transportation & Parking**

#### 4.10 Bus Transportation

The district provides bus transportation to and from school for all students living 1.5 miles or more from the school. A list of bus stops will be published at the beginning of the school year before student registration. Parents must, at the beginning of the school year, select one bus stop at which a student is to be picked up, and one stop at which a student is to be dropped off. Students are not permitted to ride a bus other than the bus to which they are assigned. Exceptions must be approved in advance by the building principal.

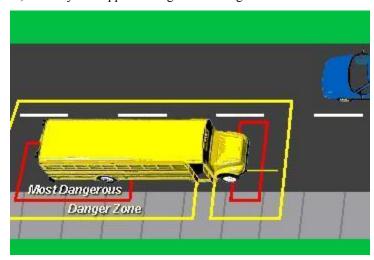
While students are on the bus, they are under the supervision of the bus driver. In most cases, bus discipline problems can be handled by the bus driver. In the case of a written disciplinary referral, student bus problems will be investigated and handled by the building principal.

Students are expected to follow all school rules while on the bus. Students may be suspended from riding the school bus for up to 10 consecutive school days for violating school rules or for engaging in other gross disobedience or misconduct. The school board may suspend the student from riding the school bus for a period in excess of 10 days for safety reasons. The district's regular suspension procedures shall be used to suspend a student's privilege to ride a school bus.

A student who is suspended from riding the school bus and who does not have alternative transportation to school shall be allowed the opportunity to make up all missed work for equivalent academic credit. It is the responsibility of the student's parent or guardian to notify the school that the student does not have alternative transportation to school.

In the interest of the student's safety and in compliance with State law, students are also expected to observe the following:

- 1. Dress properly for the weather. Make sure all drawstrings, ties, straps, etc. on all clothing, backpacks and other items, are shortened or removed to lessen the likelihood of them getting caught in bus doors, railings or aisles.
- 2. Arrive on time at the bus stop, and stay away from the street while waiting for the bus.
- 3. Stay away from the bus until it stops completely and the driver signals you to board. Enter in single file without pushing. Always use the handrail.
- 4. Take a seat right away and remain seated facing forward. Keep your hands, arms, and head inside the bus.
- 5. Talk quietly on the bus. No shouting or creating loud noises that may distract the driver. Tablets, iPods®, iPads®, smart phones, and other electronic devices must be silenced on the bus unless a student uses headphones
- 6. Help keep the bus neat and clean. Keep belongings out of the aisle and away from emergency exits. Eating and drinking are not allowed on the bus.
- 7. Always listen to the driver's instructions. Be courteous to the driver and other students. Sit with your hands to yourself and avoid making noises that would distract the driver or bother other passengers. Remain seated, keeping your hands, arms, and head inside the bus at all times.
- 8. Wait until the bus pulls to a complete stop before standing up. Use the handrail when exiting the bus.
- 9. Stay out of the danger zone next to the bus where the driver may have difficulty seeing you. Take five giant steps away from the bus and out of the danger zone, until you can see the driver and the driver sees you. Never crawl under a bus.
- 10. If you must cross the street after you get off the bus, wait for the driver's signal and then cross in front of the bus. Cross the street only after checking both ways for traffic.
- 11. Never run back to the bus, even if you dropped or forgot something.



Video and audio cameras may be active on busses to record student conduct and may be used for the purposes of investigation into misconduct or accidents on the bus. For questions regarding school transportation issues, contact: 245-6624.

For questions regarding school transportation issues, contact: Bus Garage (217) 245-6624.

### 4.15 Bus Conduct

Students are expected to follow all school rules when riding the school bus. A student may be suspended from riding the bus for up to 10 consecutive school days for engaging in gross disobedience or misconduct, including but not limited to, the following:

- 1. Violating any school rule or school district policy.
- 2. Willful injury or threat of injury to a bus driver or to another rider.
- 3. Willful and/or repeated defacement of the bus.
- 4. Repeated use of profanity.
- 5. Repeated willful disobedience of a directive from a bus driver or other supervisor.
- 6. Such other behavior as the building principal deems to threaten the safe operation of the bus and/or its occupants.

If a student is suspended from riding the bus for gross disobedience or misconduct on a bus, the School Board may suspend the student from riding the school bus for a period in excess of 10 days for safety reasons.

A student suspended from riding the bus who does not have alternate transportation to school shall have the opportunity to complete or make up work for equivalent academic credit. It shall be the responsibility of the student's parent or guardian to notify the school that the student does not have alternate transportation.

### 4.20-HS Parking

Students desiring to park on campus will have to purchase a \$25.00 parking permit in the JHS Main Office. Replacement permits cost \$10.00.

Parking permits are non-transferable. If your parking privileges are revoked, you will not be issued a refund. The school is not responsible for student vehicles, any possessions left in them, or anything attached to the vehicles. Students park their vehicles on or near school property at their own risk. Students should be aware their vehicles are not protected in any way while in the parking lot, and items of value should not be left in or near the vehicle while unattended.

Students have no reasonable expectation of privacy in cars parked on school grounds. School lots are regularly searched by contraband dogs, administration, and police officers. Students should be aware that items and spaces on school grounds are subject to search and view by others, and that prohibited items discovered during the course of a search may result in discipline, including, but not limited to, expulsion from school.

Vehicles may not be parked or located in the bus lanes or fire lanes at any time. Bus lanes and fire lanes are clearly marked. Vehicles located in these locations may be ticketed and/or towed by the police.

Video cameras may be active in parking lots and may be used for the purposes of investigation into student misconduct. Discipline for misconduct includes all disciplinary measures in the student discipline code and/or withdrawal of parking privileges.

Students park in the north lot and should enter and exit the lot by the north drive. Driving behind the school is prohibited. The south parking lot is reserved for faculty, staff, and visitors. Vehicles must fit in one space only and must be parked front first.

Applications for parking are available in the attendance office and notification of vehicle changes should be reported there.

All students must agree to the prescribed rules and sign a parking regulations form. Students who park in unauthorized areas will be asked to move their vehicles. Vehicles should be driven safely and must yield to pedestrians. Chronic offenses may result in forfeiture of parking privileges, towing at the owner's expense, and/or discipline consequences.

The parking lot is off-limits during the school day. No student will be allowed to go to the parking lot during a class period.

Jacksonville High School is not responsible for damage to vehicles or loss of personal possessions.

Jacksonville High School is not responsible for providing parking. We encourage you to use bus transportation.

# **CHAPTER 5 - Health and Safety**

#### 5.00 Health Center Guidelines

The nurse's office, located in the Student Services Department, is open daily from 7:45AM to 3:45PM. If a student becomes ill while at school, he/she should ask the teacher for a pass to the nurse's office.

The student also has the option to sign up using the student entry screen via a computer located on the counter within the Student Services Department. The student would enter their student ID and the reason that they need to see the nurse. All information is kept confidential. The nurse will triage student requests and a pass will be sent for the student as soon as possible. Only one student will be allowed in the nurse's office at a time.

All students who are ill must report to the nurse. DO NOT CALL OR TEXT HOME IF YOU ARE ILL. The nurse must speak with the parent/guardian before a student can go home. Please remember, the nurse will always call the parent/guardian if the student requests to talk to them. Students who leave school due to illness without verification from the nurse will be given an unexcused absence and a disciplinary consequence.

Students who have a fever of 100 degrees or higher, who are repeatedly vomiting, or who have an infectious illness such as impetigo, pinkeye or scabies will be required to go home. For all other health issues, the nurse will assess the student and after conferring with the student and possibly a parent/guardian, a decision will be made regarding the student going home. The nurse will provide comfort measures as available but all students need to remember just because you don't feel "great", does not mean a student cannot be in attendance and participate in school.

Please refrain from going to the nurse for problems that should be taken care of at home or in a physician's office. The nurse's office is intended for care of students with acute illness or for students who have first aid needs.

# 5.10 Immunization, Health, Eye & Dental Examination

Required Health Examinations and Immunizations

All students are required to present appropriate proof of a health examination and the immunizations against, and screenings for, preventable communicable diseases within one year prior to:

- 1. Entering kindergarten or the first grade;
- 2. Entering the sixth and ninth grades; and
- 3. Enrolling in an Illinois school for the first time, regardless of the student's grade.

Proof of immunization against meningococcal disease is required for students in grades 6 and 12. A diabetes screening must be included as part of the health exam (though diabetes testing is not required). Students between the age of one and seven must provide a statement from a physician assuring that the student was "risk-assessed" or screened for lead poisoning. Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, an age-appropriate developmental screening and an age-appropriate social and emotional screening are required parts of each health examination.

Failure to comply with the above requirements by October 15 of the current school year will result in the student's exclusion from school until the required health forms are presented to the school, subject to certain exceptions. A student will not be excluded from school due to his or her parent/guardian's failure to obtain a developmental screening or a social and emotional screening.

New students who register mid-term have 30 days following registration to comply with the health examination and immunization requirements. If a medical reason prevents a student from receiving a required immunization by October 15, the student must present, by October 15, an immunization schedule and a statement of the medical reasons causing the delay. The schedule and statement of medical reasons must be signed by an appropriate medical professional.

#### Eye Examination

All students entering kindergarten or the school for the first time must present proof by October 15 of the current school year of an eye examination performed within one year. Failure to present proof by October 15, allows the school to hold the student's report card until the student presents: (1) proof of a completed eye examination, or (2) that an eye examination will take place within 60 days after October 15.

#### Dental Examination

All students entering kindergarten, second, sixth and ninth grades must present proof by May 15 of the current school year of having been examined by a licensed dentist within the last 18 months. Failure to present proof allows the school to hold the child's report card until the student presents: (1) proof of a completed dental examination, or (2) that a dental examination will take place within 60 days after May 15.

# Exemptions

A student will be exempted from the above requirements for:

- 1. Medical grounds if the student's parent/guardian presents to the building principal a signed statement explaining the objection;
- 2. Religious grounds if the student's parent/guardian presents to the building principal a completed Certificate of Religious Exemption;
- 3. Health examination or immunization requirements on medical grounds if a physician provides written verification;
- 4. Eye examination requirement if the student's parent/guardian shows an undue burden or lack of access to a physician licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches who provides eye examinations or a licensed optometrist; or
- 5. Dental examination requirement if the student's parent/guardian shows an undue burden or a lack of access to a dentist.

# **5.20 Student Medication**

Taking medication during school hours or during school-related activities is prohibited unless it is necessary for a student's health and well-being. When a student's licensed health care provider and parent/guardian believe that it is necessary for the student to take medication during school hours or school-related activities, the parent/guardian must request that the school dispense the medication to the child by completing a "School Medication Authorization Form."

No school or district employee is allowed to administer to any student, or supervise a student's self-administration of, any prescription or non-prescription medication until a completed and signed School Medication Authorization Form is submitted by the student's parent/guardian. No student is allowed to possess or consume any prescription or non-prescription medication on school grounds or at a school-related function other than as provided for in this procedure.

#### Self-Administration of Medication

A student may possess and self-administer an epinephrine injector (e.g., EpiPen®) and/or an asthma inhaler or medication prescribed for use at the student's discretion, provided the student's parent/guardian has completed and signed a School Medication Authorization Form.

Students who are diabetic may possess and self-administer diabetic testing supplies and insulin if authorized by the student's diabetes care plan, which must be on file with the school.

Students with epilepsy may possess and self-administer supplies, equipment and medication, if authorized by the student's seizure action plan, which must be on file with the school.

Students may self-administer (but not possess on their person) other medications required under a qualified plan, provided the student's parent/guardian has completed and signed a School Medication Authorization Form.

The school district shall incur no liability, except for willful and wanton conduct, as a result of any injury arising from a student's self-administration of medication, including asthma medication or epinephrine injectors, or medication required under a qualifying plan. A student's parent/guardian must indemnify and hold harmless the school district and its employees and agents, against any claims, except a claim

based on willful and wanton conduct, arising out of a student's self-administration of an epinephrine injector, asthma medication, and/or a medication required under a qualifying plan.

#### Administration of Medical Cannabis

In accordance with the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program, qualifying students are allowed to utilize medical cannabis infused products while at school and school events. Please contact the building principal for additional information. Discipline of a student for being administered a product by a designated caregiver pursuant to this procedure is prohibited. The District may not deny a student attendance at a school solely because he or she requires administration of the product during school hours.

#### **Undesignated Medications**

The school may maintain the following undesignated prescription medications for emergency use: (1) Asthma medication; (2) Epinephrine injectors; (3) Opioid antagonists; and (4) Glucagon. No one, including without limitation, parents/guardians of students, should rely on the school or district for the availability of undesignated medication. This procedure does not guarantee the availability of undesignated medications. Students and their parents/guardians should consult their own physician regarding these medication(s).

#### Emergency Aid to Students

Nothing in this policy shall prohibit any school employee from providing emergency assistance to students, including administering medication.

#### 5.30-HS Guidance & Counseling

The school provides a guidance and counseling program for students. The school's counselors are available to those students who require additional assistance.

The guidance program is available to assist students in identifying career options consistent with their abilities, interests, and personal values. Students are encouraged to seek the help of counselors to develop class schedules that meet the student's career objectives. High school juniors and seniors have the opportunity to receive college and career-oriented information. Representatives from colleges and universities, occupational training institutions and career-oriented recruiters, including the military, may be given access to the school campus in order to provide students and parents/guardians with information.

#### 5.40 Safety Drill Procedures and Conduct

Safety drills will occur at times established by the school board. Students are required to be silent and shall comply with the directives of school officials during emergency drills. There will be a minimum of three (3) evacuation drills, a minimum of one (1) severe weather (shelter-in-place) drill, a minimum of one (1) law enforcement lockdown drill to address a school shooting incident, and a minimum of one (1) bus evacuation drill each school year. There may be other drills at the direction of the administration. The law enforcement lockdown drill will be announced in advance and a student's parent/guardian may elect to exclude their child from participating in this drill. All other drills will not be preceded by a warning to students.

- Fire Alarms: Go to the nearest exit with your class. Follow directions given by your teacher.
- Tornado Alert: Stay in the room unless directed to move to a specific inner wall location. Cover your head. Listen for directions.

#### 5.50 Communicable Disease

The school will observe recommendations of the Illinois Department of Public Health regarding communicable diseases.

- 1. Parents are required to notify the school nurse if they suspect their child has a communicable disease.
- 2. In certain cases, students with a communicable disease may be excluded from school or sent home from school following notification of the parent or guardian.
- 3. The school will provide written instructions to the parent and guardian regarding appropriate treatment for the communicable disease.
- 4. A student excluded because of a communicable disease will be permitted to return to school only when the parent or guardian brings to the school a letter from the student's doctor stating that the student is no longer contagious or at risk of spreading the communicable disease.

#### 5.60 Head Lice

The school will observe the following procedures regarding head lice.

- 1. Parents are required to notify the school nurse if they suspect their child has head lice.
- 2. Infested students will be sent home following notification of the parent or guardian.
- 3. The school will provide written instructions to parent or guardian regarding appropriate treatment for the infestation.
- 4. A student excluded because of head lice will be permitted to return to school only when the parent or guardian brings the student to school to be checked by the school nurse or building principal and the child is determined to be free of the head lice and eggs (nits). Infested children are prohibited from riding the bus to school to be checked for head lice.

#### 5.70 Targeted School Violence Prevention Program

Threats and acts of targeted school violence harm the District's environment and school community, diminishing students' ability to learn and a school's ability to educate. Providing students and staff with access to a safe and secure environment is an important goal of the School and District. While it is not possible to completely eliminate threats, the School and District maintain a Targeted School Violence Prevention Program and a Threat Assessment Team to reduce these risks to its environment.

Parents/guardians and students are encouraged to report any expressed threats or behaviors that may represent a threat to the community, School, or self. Reports can be made to any school administrator, law enforcement authorities, or the Safe2Help Illinois helpline (www.safe2helpil.com/).

Students and parents are urged to participate in behavioral threat assessment and intervention programs if the Behavioral Threat Assessment Team believes that intervention is necessary to prevent a student from harming themselves or others. However, if for some reason there is a reluctance to participate in the process by the threat maker(s) or parent/guardian(s), the threat assessment process will continue in order to ensure a safe and caring learning environment for all. For further information, please contact the Building Principal.

# **CHAPTER 6 - Discipline and Conduct**

#### 6.10 General Building Conduct

Students shall not arrive at school before 7:45 a.m. and classes begin at 8:05 a.m. and students are dismissed at 3:07 p.m. each day. The following rules shall apply, and failure to abide by the rules may result in discipline:

- Hats and bandanas shall not be worn in the building. Any hat brought to school shall be removed before entering.
- Students shall not run, talk loudly or yell in the hallways nor shall they push, shove or hit others.
- Students shall not write on walls, desks or deface or destroy school property.
- Water guns, play guns, and/or real guns are not permitted at school.
- No radios, tape players, CD players, cameras are permitted without permission from the principal.

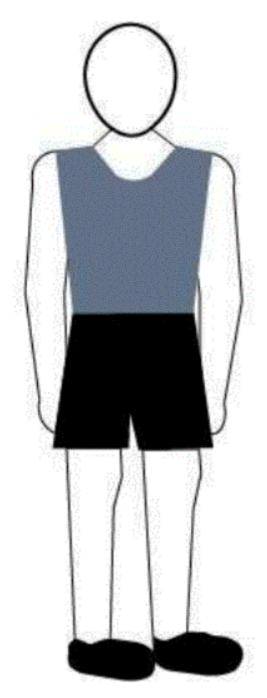
# 6.20 School Dress Code & Student Appearance

Part of the mission at JHS is to prepare students to be career ready. Therefore, students should dress for success. Students at Jacksonville High School are expected to be dressed appropriately. It should not interfere with, disrupt, or distract from the educational environment. Violation of the guidelines will result in the student surrendering the item, being sent home to change and/or assignment of a disciplinary consequence. The time missed to go home to change or to wait for someone to bring clothes is unexcused. Teachers reserve the right to incorporate rules for safety that apply to their classroom circumstances. **Administration reserves the right to decide what is considered inappropriate.** 

- 1. Students should be easily identifiable. No clothing, accessories, or make-up should obscure your identifiable features.
  - Hats, hoods, bandanas, head coverings, du-rags, and sunglasses are not to be worn in the building without principal permission.
  - b. Safety glasses are not to be worn outside of the classes that require them.
  - c. Face painting, unless authorized by the administration, is prohibited.
- 2. Students should wear appropriate hard sole shoes at all times for safety.
- 3. Students should wear clothing items that completely cover any undergarments. See-through material needs to have appropriate clothing underneath.
  - a. Students should wear shirts that completely cover the torso, including the stomach, chest, and back. Shirts should have appropriate support on both shoulders.
  - b. Students should wear shorts, skirts, and dresses that do not expose undergarments and do not interfere with the normal activities of a school environment.
  - c. Blankets and inappropriate accessories are not acceptable (i.e. stuffed animals, pillows, etc.).
- 4. Apparel that identifies a student as a member of a gang or a secret society or interferes with the ability of others to identify the student will not be permitted.
- 5. Students should wear clothes, jewelry, and other accessories that are free of designs/inscriptions/markings which may be interpreted as being vulgar, inflammatory or suggestive. A student's appearance should not promote the idea of substance use or abuse, sexual behavior, or other vulgar or suggestive symbols. Pocket chains, necklaces, piercings or spiked jewelry may be considered a physical danger to the student or to other students and may be confiscated.

### Jacksonville High School Dress Code

Jacksonville High School's Dress Code is a key component for preparing students for college and career readiness. Adherence to a dress code is an important part of the workplace to promote professionalism, safety and security



Torso: Clothing must cover stomachs, backs, chests. Undergarments must be covered

Legs: Shorts, skirts and dresses must be longer than mid-thigh. Undergarments must be covered.

Feet: Footwear must be worn at all times appropriate to the activity.

The shaded portion of this figure represents the front and back views. These parts of the body must be covered in all positions (sitting, standing, bending, reaching) while attending school.

# 6.30 Student Behavior

Students may be disciplined for gross disobedience or misconduct, including but not limited to the following:

- 1. Using, possessing, distributing, purchasing, selling or offering tobacco or nicotine materials, including electronic cigarettes, e-cigarettes, vapes, vape pens or other vaping related products.
- 2. Using, possessing, distributing, purchasing, or selling alcoholic beverages. Students who are under the influence of an alcoholic beverage are not permitted to attend school or school functions and are treated as though they had alcohol in their possession.
- 3. Using, possessing, distributing, purchasing, selling or offering for sale:
  - Any illegal drug, controlled substance, or cannabis (including marijuana, hashish, and medical cannabis unless the student is authorized to be administered a medical cannabis infused product under Ashley's Law).
  - Any anabolic steroid unless it is being administered in accordance with a physician's or licensed practitioner's prescription.
  - Any performance-enhancing substance on the Illinois High School Association's most current banned substance list unless administered in accordance with a physician's or licensed practitioner's prescription.
  - Any prescription drug when not prescribed for the student by a physician or licensed practitioner, or when used in a manner inconsistent with the prescription or prescribing physician's or licensed practitioner's instructions. The use or possession of

- medical cannabis, even by a student for whom medical cannabis has been prescribed, is prohibited unless the student is authorized to be administered a medical cannabis infused product under Ashley's Law.
- Any inhalant, regardless of whether it contains an illegal drug or controlled substance: (a) that a student believes is, or represents to be capable of, causing intoxication, hallucination, excitement, or dulling of the brain or nervous system; or (b) about which the student engaged in behavior that would lead a reasonable person to believe that the student intended the inhalant to cause intoxication, hallucination, excitement, or dulling of the brain or nervous system. The prohibition in this section does not apply to a student's use of asthma or other legally prescribed inhalant medications.
- "Look-alike" or counterfeit drugs, including a substance that is not prohibited by this policy, but one: (a) that a student believes to be, or represents to be, an illegal drug, controlled substance, or other substance that is prohibited by this policy; or (b) about which a student engaged in behavior that would lead a reasonable person to believe that the student expressly or impliedly represented to be an illegal drug, controlled substance or other substance that is prohibited by this policy.
- Drug paraphernalia, including devices that are or can be used to: (a) ingest, inhale, or inject cannabis or controlled substances into the body; and (b) grow, process, store, or conceal cannabis or controlled substances.
- Any substance inhaled, injected, smoked, consumed or otherwise ingested or absorbed with the intention of causing a physiological or psychological change in the body, including without limitation, pure caffeine in a tablet or powdered form.

Students who are under the influence of any prohibited substance are not permitted to attend school or school functions and are treated as though they have the prohibited substance, as applicable, in their possession.

- 1. Using, possessing, controlling or transferring a "weapon" or violating the procedures listed below under the Weapons Prohibition section of this handbook procedure.
- 2. Using or possessing an electronic paging device.
- 3. Using a cellular telephone, smartphone, video recording device, personal digital assistant (PDA), or similar electronic device in any manner that disrupts the educational environment or violates the rights of others, including using the device to take photographs in locker rooms or bathrooms, cheat, or otherwise violate student conduct rules. Prohibited conduct specifically includes, without limitation, creating and sending, sharing, viewing, receiving or possessing an indecent visual depiction of oneself or another person through the use of a computer, electronic communication device or cellular telephone, commonly known as "sexting." Unless otherwise banned under this policy or by the building principal, all cellular phones, smartphones and other electronic devices must be kept powered-off and out-of-sight during the regular school day unless: (a) the supervising teacher grants permission; (b) use of the device is provided in a student's individualized education program (IEP); (c) it is used during the student's lunch period; or (d) it is needed in an emergency that threatens the safety of students, staff, or other individuals.
- 4. Using or possessing a laser pointer unless under a staff member's direct supervision and in the context of instruction.
- 5. Disobeying rules of student conduct or directives from staff members or school officials. Examples of disobeying staff directives include refusing a staff member's request to stop, present school identification or submit to a search.
- 6. Engaging in academic dishonesty, including cheating, intentionally plagiarizing, wrongfully giving or receiving help during an academic examination, altering report cards and wrongfully obtaining test copies or scores.
- 7. Engaging in bullying, hazing or any kind of aggressive behavior that does physical or psychological harm to a staff person or another student or encouraging other students to engage in such behavior. Prohibited conduct specifically includes, without limitation, any use of violence, intimidation, force, noise, coercion, threats, stalking, harassment, sexual harassment, public humiliation, theft or destruction of property, retaliation, hazing, bullying using a school computer or a school computer network or other comparable conduct.
- 8. Engaging in any sexual activity, including without limitation, offensive touching, sexual harassment, indecent exposure (including mooning) and sexual assault.
- 9. Engaging in teen dating violence.
- 10. Causing or attempting to cause damage to, stealing, or attempting to steal, school property or another person's personal property.
- 11. Entering school property or a school facility without proper authorization.
- 12. In the absence of a reasonable belief that an emergency exists, calling emergency responders (calling 9-1-1); signaling or setting off alarms or signals indicating the presence of an emergency; or indicating the presence of a bomb or explosive device on school grounds, school bus or at any school activity.
- 13. Being absent without a recognized excuse.
- 14. Being involved with any public school fraternity, sorority, or secret society.
- 15. Being involved in a gang or engaging in gang-like activities, including displaying gang symbols or paraphernalia.
- 16. Violating any criminal law, including but not limited to, assault, battery, arson, theft, gambling, eavesdropping, vandalism and hazing.
- 17. Engaging in any activity, on or off campus, that interferes with, disrupts, or adversely affects the school environment, school operations, or an educational function, including but not limited to, conduct that may reasonably be considered to: (a) be a threat or an attempted intimidation of a staff member; or (b) endanger the health or safety of students, staff, or school property.
- 18. Making an explicit threat on an Internet website against a school employee, a student, or any school-related personnel if the Internet website through which the threat was made is a site that was accessible within the school at the time the threat was made or was available to third parties who worked or studied within the school grounds at the time the threat was made, and the threat could be reasonably interpreted as threatening to the safety and security of the threatened individual because of his or her duties or employment status or status as a student inside the school.
- 19. Operating an unarmed aircraft system (AUS) or drone for any purpose on school grounds or at any school event unless granted permission by the building principal.

For purposes of these rules, the term "possession" includes having control, custody, or care, currently or in the past, of an object or substance, including situations in which the item is: (a) on the student's person; (b) contained in another item belonging to, or under the control of, the student, such as in the student's clothing, backpack, or automobile; (c) in a school's student locker, desk, or other school property; (d) at any location on school property or at a school-sponsored event; or (e) in the case of drugs and alcohol, substances ingested by the person.

Efforts, including the use of positive interventions and supports shall be made to deter students, while at school or a school-related event, from engaging in aggressive behavior that may reasonably produce physical or psychological harm to someone else.

SOCIAL PROBATION: The behavioral component to the level system will be addressed through Social Probation. Students that continually defy behavioral and attendance expectations will be placed on Social Probation. These behaviors will affect their levels. Administration will monitor and determine student Social Probation based on factors such as; tardies, referrals, and attendance to school. Social Probation at any level, prevents certain privileges for the student regardless of their academic standing.

No disciplinary action shall be taken against any student that is based totally or in part on the refusal of the student's parent/guardian to administer or consent to the administration of psychotropic or psychostimulant medication to the student.

# When and Where Conduct Rules Apply

The grounds for disciplinary action also apply whenever the student's conduct is reasonably related to school or school activities, including but not limited to:

- 1. On, or within sight of, school grounds before, during, or after school hours or at any time;
- 2. Off school grounds at a school-sponsored activity or event, or any activity or event that bears a reasonable relationship to school;
- 3. Traveling to or from school or a school activity, function, or event;
- 4. Anywhere, if the conduct interferes with, disrupts, or adversely affects the school environment, school operations, or an educational function, including but not limited to, conduct that may reasonably be considered to: (a) be a threat or an attempted intimidation of a staff member; or (b) endanger the health or safety of students, staff, or school property; or
- 5. During periods of remote learning.

# Disciplinary Measures

School officials shall limit the number and duration of expulsions and out-of-school suspensions to the greatest extent practicable, and, where practicable and reasonable, shall consider forms of non-exclusionary discipline before using out-of-school suspensions or expulsions. School personnel shall not advise or encourage students to drop out of school voluntarily due to behavioral or academic difficulties. Potential disciplinary measures include, without limitation, any of the following measures:

- 1. Notifying parents/guardians.
- 2. Disciplinary conference.
- 3. Withholding of privileges.
- 4. Temporary removal from the classroom.
- 5. Return of property or restitution for lost, stolen or damaged property.
- 6. In-school suspension.
- 7. After-school study or Saturday study provided the student's parent/guardian has been notified. (If transportation arrangements cannot be made in advance, an alternative disciplinary measure will be assigned to the student.)
- 8. Community service.
- 9. Seizure of contraband; confiscation and temporary retention of the personal property that was used to violate school rules.
- 10. Suspension of bus riding privileges.
- 11. Suspension from school and all school activities for up to 10 days. A suspended student is prohibited from being on school grounds.
- 12. Expulsion from school and all school activities for a definite time period not to exceed 2 calendar years. An expelled student is prohibited from being on school grounds.
- 13. Transfer to an alternative program if the student is expelled or otherwise qualifies for transfer under State law.
- 14. Notifying juvenile authorities or other law enforcement whenever the conduct involves criminal activity, such as, illegal drugs (controlled substances), "look-alikes," alcohol or weapons or in other circumstances as authorized by the reciprocal reporting agreement between the District and local law enforcement agencies.

The above list of disciplinary measures is a range of options that will not always be applicable in every case. In some circumstances, it may not be possible to avoid suspending or expelling a student because behavioral interventions, other than a suspension or expulsion, will not be appropriate and available, and the only reasonable and practical way to resolve the threat and/or address the disruption is a suspension or expulsion.

# Isolated Time Out, Time Out and Physical Restraint

Isolated time out, time out, and physical restraint shall only be used if the student's behavior presents an imminent danger of serious physical harm to the student or others and other less restrictive and intrusive measures were tried and proven ineffective in stopping it. The school may not use isolated time out, time out, and physical restraint as discipline or punishment, convenience for staff, retaliation, a substitute for appropriate educational or behavioral support, a routine safety matter, or to prevent property damage in the absence of imminent danger of serious physical harm to the student or others. The use of prone restraint is prohibited.

### Corporal Punishment

Corporal punishment is illegal and will not be used. Corporal punishment is defined as slapping, paddling, or prolonged maintenance of students in physically painful positions, or intentional infliction of bodily harm. Corporal punishment does not include reasonable force as needed to maintain safety for students, staff, or other persons, or for the purpose of self-defense or defense of property.

#### Weapons Prohibition

A student who is determined to have brought one of the following objects to school, any school-sponsored activity or event, or any activity or event that bears a reasonable relationship to school shall be expelled for a period of not less than one year but not more than 2 calendar years:

- 1. A firearm, meaning any gun, rifle, shotgun, weapon as defined by Section 921 of Title 18 of the United States Code, firearm as defined in Section 1.1 of the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act, or firearm as defined in Section 24-1 of the Criminal Code of 1961. The expulsion period may be modified by the superintendent, and the superintendent's determination may be modified by the board on a case-by-case basis.
- 2. A knife, brass knuckles or other knuckle weapon regardless of its composition, a billy club, or any other object if used or attempted to be used to cause bodily harm, including "look-alikes" of any firearm as defined above.
- 3. Mace or pepper spray
- 4. The expulsion requirement may be modified by the superintendent, and the superintendent's determination may be modified by the board on a case-by-case basis.

# Gang & Gang Activity Prohibited

"Gang" is defined as any group, club or organization of two or more persons whose purposes include the commission of illegal acts. No student on or about school property or at any school activity or whenever the student's conduct is reasonably related to a school activity, shall: (1) wear, possess, use, distribute, display, or sell any clothing, jewelry, paraphernalia or other items which reasonably could be regarded as gang symbols; commit any act or omission, or use either verbal or non-verbal gestures, or handshakes showing membership or affiliation in a gang; or (2) use any speech or commit any act or omission in furtherance of the interest of any gang or gang activity, including, but not limited to, soliciting others for membership in any gangs; (3) request any person to pay protection or otherwise intimidate, harass or threaten any person; (4) commit any other illegal act or other violation of district policies, (5) or incite other students to act with physical violence upon any other person.

#### Re-Engagement of Returning Students

The building principal or designee shall meet with a student returning to school from an out-of-school suspension, expulsion or alternative school setting. The goal of this meeting shall be to support the student's ability to be successful in school following a period of exclusion and shall include an opportunity for students who have been suspended to complete or make-up missed work for equivalent academic credit.

# 6.40 Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment

Bullying, intimidation, and harassment diminish a student's ability to learn and a school's ability to educate. Preventing students from engaging in these disruptive behaviors and providing all students equal access to a safe, non-hostile learning environment are important district and school goals.

Bullying on the basis of actual or perceived race, color, national origin, military status, unfavorable discharge from military service, sex, sexual orientation, gender orientation, gender-related identity or expression, ancestry, age, religion, physical or mental disability, physical appearance, socioeconomic status, academic status, order of protection status, homelessness, actual or marital status, parenting status, pregnancy, parenting status, association with a person or group with one or more of the aforementioned actual or perceived characteristics, or any other distinguishing characteristic is prohibited in each of the following situations:

- 1. During any school-sponsored education program or activity.
- 2. While in school, on school property, on school buses or other school vehicles, at designated school bus stops waiting for the school bus, or at school-sponsored or school-sanctioned events or activities.
- 3. Through the transmission of information from a school computer, a school computer network, or other similar electronic school equipment.
- 4. Through the transmission of information from a computer that is accessed at a non-school-related location, activity, function, or program or from the use of technology or an electronic device that is not owned, leased, or used by the school district or school if the bullying causes a substantial disruption to the educational process or orderly operation of a school.

Bullying includes cyber-bullying and means any severe or pervasive physical or verbal act or conduct, including communications made in writing or electronically, directed toward a student or students that has or can be reasonably predicted to have the effect of one or more of the following:

- 1. Placing the student or students in reasonable fear of harm to the student's or students' person or property;
- 2. Causing a substantially detrimental effect on the student's or students' physical or mental health;
- 3. Substantially interfering with the student's or students' academic performance; or
- 4. Substantially interfering with the student's or students' ability to participate in or benefit from the services, activities, or privileges provided by a school.

Cyberbullying means bullying through the use of technology or any electronic communication, including without limitation any transfer of signs, signals, writing, images, sounds, data, or intelligence of any nature transmitted in whole or in part by a wire, radio, electromagnetic system, photo-electronic system, or photo-optical system, including without limitation electronic mail, Internet communications, instant messages, or facsimile communications. Cyberbullying includes the creation of a webpage or weblog in which the creator assumes the identity of another person or the knowing impersonation of another person as the author of posted content or messages if the creation or impersonation creates any of the effects enumerated in the definition of bullying. Cyberbullying also includes the distribution by electronic means of a communication to more than one person or the posting of material on an electronic medium that may be accessed by one or more persons if the distribution or posting creates any of the effects enumerated in the definition of bullying.

Bullying may take various forms, including without limitation one or more of the following: harassment, threats, intimidation, stalking, physical violence, sexual harassment, sexual violence, theft, public humiliation, destruction of property, or retaliation for asserting or alleging an act of bullying. This list is meant to be illustrative and non-exhaustive. Students are encouraged to immediately report bullying. A report may be made orally or in writing to the building principal, nondiscrimination coordinator, district complaint manager or any staff member with whom the student is comfortable speaking. All school staff members are available for help with a bully or to make a report about bullying. Anyone, including staff members and parents/guardians, who has information about actual or threatened bullying is encouraged to report it to the district complaint manager or any staff member. Anonymous reports are also accepted by phone call or in writing.

Nondiscrimination Coordinator:

Ian English Name 1211 North Diamond Address 217-243-4384 Phone Number ienglish@isd117.org **Email Address** Complaint Managers: Dan Scott & Mark Grounds Name 1211 North Diamond St. Address 217-243-4384 Phone Number Phone Number dscott2@jsd117.org or mgrounds@jsd117.org Email Address

A reprisal or retaliation against any person who reports an act of bullying is prohibited. A student's act of reprisal or retaliation will be treated as bullying for purposes of determining any consequences or other appropriate remedial actions.

A student will not be punished for reporting bullying or supplying information, even if the school's investigation concludes that no bullying occurred. However, knowingly making a false accusation or providing knowingly false information will be treated as bullying for purposes of determining any consequences or other appropriate remedial actions.

Students and parents/guardians are also encouraged to read the following school district policies: 7:20, Harassment of Students Prohibited and 7:180, Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation and Harassment.<sup>3</sup>

Consistent with federal and State laws and rules governing student privacy rights, the school shall make diligent efforts to notify a parent or guardian within 24-hours after the school's administration is made aware of a student's involvement in an alleged bullying incident. The term "bullying incident" includes individual instances of bullying, as well as all threats, suggestions, or instances of self-harm determined to be a result of bullying. Notification to a parent or guardian shall include, as appropriate, the availability of social work services, counseling, school psychological services, other interventions, and restorative measures.

# 6.42 Discrimination and Harassment on the Basis of Race, Color, and National Origin Prohibited

Discrimination and harassment on the basis of race, color, or national origin negatively affects a student's ability to learn and an employee's ability to work. Providing an educational and workplace environment free from such discrimination and harassment is an important District and School goal. The District and School do not discriminate on the basis of actual or perceived race, color, or national origin in any of its education programs or activities and comply with federal and State non-discrimination laws.

#### **Examples of Prohibited Conduct**

Examples of conduct that may constitute discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin include: disciplining students more harshly and frequently because of their race, color, or national origin; denying students access to high-rigor academic courses, extracurricular activities, or other educational opportunities based on their race, color, or national origin; denying language services or other educational opportunities to English learners; and assigning students special education services based on a student's race, color, or national origin.

Harassment is a form of prohibited discrimination. Examples of conduct that may constitute harassment on the basis of race, color, or national origin include: the use of racial, ethnic or ancestral slurs or stereotypes; taunts; name-calling; offensive or derogatory remarks about a person's actual or perceived race, color, or national origin; the display of racially-offensive symbols; racially-motivated physical threats and attacks; or other hateful conduct.

Making a Report or Complaint; Investigation Process

Individuals are encouraged to promptly report claims or incidences of discrimination or harassment based on race, color, or national origin to the Nondiscrimination Coordinator, a Complaint Manager, or any employee with whom the student is comfortable speaking. Reports will be processed under the District's

Uniform Grievance Procedure.

Reports and complaints of discrimination or harassment will be confidential to the greatest extent practicable, subject to the District's duty to investigate and maintain an educational environment that is productive, respectful, and free of unlawful discrimination, including harassment.

# Federal and State Agencies

If the District fails to take necessary corrective action to stop harassment based on race, color, or national origin, further relief may be available through the Illinois Dept. of Human Rights (IDHR) or the U.S. Dept. of Education's Office for Civil Rights. To contact IDHR, go to:

https://dhr.illinois.gov/about-us/contact-idhr.html or call (312) 814-6200 (Chicago) or (217) 785-5100 (Springfield).

# Prevention and Response Program

The District maintains a prevention and response program to respond to complaints of discrimination based on race, color, and national origin, including harassment, and retaliation. The program includes procedures for responding to complaints which:

- 1. Reduce or remove, to the extent practicable, barriers to reporting discrimination, harassment, and retaliation;
- 2. Permit any person who reports or is the victim of an incident of alleged discrimination, harassment, or retaliation to be accompanied when making a report by a support individual of the person's choice who complies with the District's policies and rules;
- 3. Permit anonymous reporting, except that an anonymous report may not be the sole basis of any disciplinary action;
- 4. Offer remedial interventions or take such disciplinary action as may be appropriate on a case-by-case basis;
- 5. Offer, but do not require or unduly influence, a person who reports or is the victim of an incident of harassment or retaliation the option to resolve allegations directly with the accused; and
- 6. Protects a person who reports or is the victim of an incident of harassment or retaliation from suffering adverse consequences as a result of a report of, investigation of, or a response to the incident.

### Enforcement

Any District employee who is determined, after an investigation, to have engaged in conduct prohibited by this policy will be subject to remedial action and/or disciplinary action, up to and including discharge.

Any District student who is determined, after an investigation, to have engaged in conduct prohibited by this policy will be subject to remedial action and/or disciplinary action, including but not limited to, suspension and expulsion, consistent with the student discipline information in this handbook.

Any third party who is determined, after an investigation, to have engaged in conduct prohibited by this policy will be addressed in accordance with the authority of the Board in the context of the relationship of the third party to the District, e.g., vendor, parent, invitee, etc. Any person making a knowingly false accusation regarding prohibited conduct will likewise be subject to remedial and/or disciplinary action.

# Retaliation Prohibited

Retaliation against any person for bringing complaints, participating in the complaint process, or otherwise providing information about discrimination or harassment based on race, color, or national origin is prohibited.

Individuals should report allegations of retaliation to the Building Principal, an administrator, the Nondiscrimination Coordinator, and/or a Complaint Manager.

#### 6.45 Sexual Harassment & Teen Dating Violence Prohibited

Harassment Prohibited

No person, including a school or school district employee or agent, or student, shall harass, intimidate, or bully a student on the basis of actual or perceived: race; color; national origin; military status; unfavorable discharge status from military service; sex; sexual orientation; gender identity; gender-related identity or expression; ancestry; age; religion; physical or mental disability; order of protection status; status of being homeless; actual or potential marital or parental status, including pregnancy; physical appearance; socioeconomic status; academic status; association with a person or group with one or more of the aforementioned actual or perceived characteristics; or any other distinguishing characteristic. The District will not tolerate harassing, intimidating conduct, or bullying whether verbal, physical, sexual, or visual, that affects the tangible benefits of education, that unreasonably interferes with a student's educational performance, or that creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational environment. Examples of prohibited conduct include name-calling, using derogatory slurs, stalking, sexual violence, causing psychological harm, threatening or causing physical harm, threatened or actual destruction of property, or wearing or possessing items depicting or implying hatred or prejudice of one of the characteristics stated above.

#### Sexual Harassment Prohibited

The school and district shall provide an educational environment free of verbal, physical, or other conduct or communications constituting harassment on the basis of sex as defined and otherwise prohibited by State and federal law.

### Teen Dating Violence Prohibited

Engaging in teen dating violence that takes place at school, on school property, at school-sponsored activities, or in vehicles used for school-provided transportation is prohibited. For purposes of this policy, the term teen dating violence occurs whenever a student who is 13 to 19 years of age uses or threatens to use physical, mental, or emotional abuse to control an individual in the dating relationship; or uses or threatens to use sexual violence in the dating relationship.

For more information about this issue, please see the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's educational materials at: www.cdc.gov/injury/features/dating-violence/index.html.

### Making a Report or Complaint

Students are encouraged to promptly report claims or incidences of bullying, intimidation, harassment, sexual harassment, or any other prohibited conduct to the Nondiscrimination Coordinator, Building Principal, Assistant Building Principal, Dean of Students, a Complaint Manager, or any employee with whom the student is comfortable speaking. A student may choose to report to an employee of the student's same gender.

Nondiscrimination Coordinator:

Name: Ian English

Address: 1211 North Diamond Street

Phone Number: 217-243-4384

Email Address: ienglish@jsd117.org

Complaint Managers:1

Name: Dan Scott Name: Mark Grounds

Address: 1211 North Diamond Street Address: 1211 North Diamond Street

Phone Number: 217-243-4384 Phone Number: 217-243-4384

Email Address: <u>dscott2@jsd117.org</u> Email Address: mgrounds@jsd117.org

Any person making a knowingly false accusation regarding prohibited conduct will likewise be subject to discipline.

# **Investigation Process**

Reports and complaints of discrimination or harassment will be confidential to the greatest extent practicable, subject to the District's duty to investigate and maintain an educational environment that is productive, respectful, and free of unlawful discrimination, including harassment.

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#### Enforcement

Any District employee who is determined, after an investigation, to have engaged in conduct prohibited by this policy will be subject to remedial action and/or disciplinary action, up to and including discharge.

Any District student who is determined, after an investigation, to have engaged in conduct prohibited by this policy will be subject to remedial action and/or disciplinary action, including but not limited to, suspension and expulsion, consistent with the student discipline information in this handbook.

Any third party who is determined, after an investigation, to have engaged in conduct prohibited by this policy will be addressed in accordance with the authority of the Board in the context of the relationship of the third party to the District, e.g., vendor, parent, invitee, etc. Any person making a knowingly false accusation regarding prohibited conduct will likewise be subject to remedial and/or disciplinary action.

#### Retaliation Prohibited

Retaliation against any person for bringing complaints, participating in the complaint process, or otherwise providing information about discrimination or harassment based on race, color, or national origin is prohibited. Individuals should report allegations of retaliation to the Building Principal, an administrator, the Nondiscrimination Coordinator, and/or a Complaint Manager.

### 6.50 Cafeteria Rules and Lunch Rules

Students may not leave campus during lunch, except with permission granted by administration or authorized staff. During lunch, students must proceed directly to the cafeteria or designated lunch area, and, after getting their lunch, shall immediately sit in a chair at a table. Students shall remain seated until the lunch tone rings, at which point they shall clean the area in which they are seated, dispose of any trash in the appropriate receptacle, and exit the cafeteria to their assigned location. Students shall follow all cafeteria rules during lunch. Cafeteria Rules

- Students shall not save seats for other students.
- Loud talking, yelling, screaming, and other disruptions are prohibited.
- Students shall not throw food or drinks.
- Students shall not trade food.
- Vending machines are provided for student convenience. Students shall not misuse, abuse, attempt to dismantle or cheat the machine, and must wait in line to use the machines. Students may not save spots in line, cut in line, or otherwise cheat or intimidate their way into line.
- Students shall not save places in line, cut in line, or otherwise cheat or intimidate their way into line for food service.
- Students shall not leave the cafeteria until after the appropriate tone rings, or otherwise directed by staff.
- Students shall follow the instructions of the cafeteria aides and other staff and show proper respect toward all cafeteria personnel.
- Students shall immediately become silent when staff or presenters make announcements in the cafeteria.
- Students shall report spills and broken containers to cafeteria staff immediately.

Misbehavior will result in disciplinary action according to the school's disciplinary procedures.

#### 6.60 Field Trips

Field trips are a privilege for students. Students must abide by all school policies during transportation and during field-trip activities, and shall treat all field trip locations as though they are school grounds. Failure to abide by school rules and/or location rules during a field trip may subject the student to discipline. All students who wish to attend a field trip must receive written permission from a parent or guardian with authority to give permission. Students may be prohibited from attending field trips for any of the following reasons:

- Failure to receive appropriate permission from parent/guardian or teacher;
- Failure to complete appropriate coursework;
- Behavioral or safety concerns;
- Denial of permission from administration;
- Other reasons as determined by the school.

### 6.70 Access to Student Social Networking Passwords & Websites

School officials may conduct an investigation or require a student to cooperate in an investigation if there is specific information about activity on the student's account on a social networking website that violates a school disciplinary rule or policy. In the course of an investigation, the student may be required to share the content that is reported in order to allow school officials to make a factual determination.

# **6.80 Student Use of Electronic Devices**

The use of electronic devices and other technology at school is a privilege, not a right. This privilege may be revoked at any time. Students are prohibited from using electronic devices, except as provided herein. An electronic device includes, but is not limited to, the following: cell phone, smart phone, audio or video recording device, personal digital assistant (PDA), ipod©, ipad©, laptop computer, tablet computer or other similar electronic device. Pocket pagers and other paging devices are not allowed on school property at any time, except with the express permission of the building principal.

During instructional time electronic devices must be kept powered-off and out-of-sight unless: (a) permission is granted by an administrator, teacher or school staff member; (b) use of the device is provided in a student's individualized education program (IEP); or (c) it is needed in an emergency that threatens the safety of students, staff, or other individuals. Office and classroom phones are for school district business and emergencies only. Students may use the telephone on the counter in the Main Office, with permission from the secretary.

Students are allowed to use electronic devices during non-instructional time, which is defined as before and after school, during passing periods and during the student's lunch period.

Electronic devices may never be used in any manner that disrupts the educational environment, violates student conduct rules or violates the rights of others. This includes, but is not limited to, the following: (1) using the device to take photographs in locker rooms or bathrooms; (2) cheating; and (3) creating, sending, sharing, viewing, receiving, or possessing an indecent visual depiction or non-consensual dissemination of private sexual images (i.e., sexting).

The school and school district are not responsible for the loss, theft or damage to any electronic device brought to school. Students in violation of this procedure are subject to the following consequences:<sup>4</sup>

- 1. **1st Offense-** Confiscated for the remainder of the day.
- 2. **2nd Offense** Confiscated for the remainder of the day and the student will be given lunch detention.
- 3. **3rd Offense** Confiscated from the student. The parent/Guardian must come pick up the phone. The phone will NOT be released to the student or anyone not on the student's contact list.
- 4. **4th Offense** Confiscated from the student. Parent/Guardian and student must have an in-person conference with administration and then the parent/guardian will be given the phone to take home, the student will be given lunch detention or further disciplinary action.
- 5. If a student refuses to turn in their phone when this policy is violated, further disciplinary action can be taken.

School officials may conduct an investigation or require a student to cooperate in an investigation if there is specific information about activity on the student's account on a social networking website that violates a school disciplinary rule or policy. In the course of an investigation, the student may be required to share the content that is reported in order to allow school officials to make a factual determination.

Headphones are not allowed during the school day - the only exception is during the lunch period exclusively in the cafeteria.

Any student who refuses to surrender will incur further disciplinary consequences.

### 6.90 Lockers

- 1. Student lockers are school property. JHS is not responsible for theft from hall lockers or P.E. lockers. Please do not store money or valuables in any locker. Valuables may be stored in the Main Office safe. Lockers must be used only for storage of school-related items such as books, paper, and lunches.
- 2. School officials, with reasonable suspicion, have a right to inspect a locker with or without the student's knowledge or consent.
- 3. Students are responsible for their assigned lockers. Lockers must be kept clean and undamaged inside and out. Students are not permitted to share lockers. Students should keep lockers locked at all times.
- 4. Student lockers are available upon request.
- 5. Tampering with another student's lock or locker may be considered vandalism and/or theft.

# CHAPTER 7 - Internet, Technology & Publications

### 7.10 Acceptable Use of the District's Electronic Networks

All use of the District's electronic networks shall be consistent with the District's goal of promoting educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication. These procedures do not attempt to state all required or prohibited behavior by users. However, some specific examples are provided. The failure of any user to follow these procedures will result in the loss of privileges, disciplinary action, and/or legal action.

Terms and Conditions

The term electronic networks includes all of the District's technology resources, including, but not limited to:

- 1. The District's local-area and wide-area networks, including wireless networks (Wi-Fi), District-provided Wi-Fi hotspots, and any District servers or other networking infrastructure;
- 2. Access to the Internet or other online resources via the District's networking infrastructure or to any District-issued online account from any computer or device, regardless of location;
- 3. District-owned and District-issued computers, laptops, tablets, phones, or similar devices.

Acceptable Use – Access to the District's electronic networks must be: (a) for the purpose of education or research, and be consistent with the District's educational objectives, or (b) for legitimate business use.

Privileges – Use of the District's electronic networks is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use may result in a cancellation of those privileges, disciplinary action, and/or appropriate legal action. The system administrator or Building Principal will make all decisions regarding whether or not a user has violated these procedures and may deny, revoke, or suspend access at any time. His or her decision is final.

Unacceptable Use – The user is responsible for his or her actions and activities involving the electronic networks. Some examples of unacceptable uses are:

- 1. Using the electronic networks for any illegal activity, including violation of copyright or other intellectual property rights or contracts, or transmitting any material in violation of any State or federal law;
- 2. Using the electronic networks to engage in conduct prohibited by board policy;
- 3. Unauthorized downloading of software or other files, regardless of whether it is copyrighted or scanned for malware;
- 4. Unauthorized use of personal removable media devices (such as flash or thumb drives);
- 5. Downloading of copyrighted material for other than personal use;
- 6. Using the electronic networks for private financial or commercial gain;
- 7. Wastefully using resources, such as file space;
- 8. Hacking or attempting to hack or gain unauthorized access to files, accounts, resources, or entities by any means;
- 9. Invading the privacy of individuals, including the unauthorized disclosure, dissemination, and use of information about anyone that is of a personal nature, such as a photograph or video;
- 10. Using another user's account or password;
- 11. Disclosing any network or account password (including your own) to any other person, unless requested by the system administrator;
- 12. Posting or sending material authored or created by another without his/her consent;
- 13. Posting or sending anonymous messages;
- 14. Creating or forwarding chain letters, spam, or other unsolicited messages;
- 15. Using the electronic networks for commercial or private advertising;
- 16. Accessing, sending, posting, publishing, or displaying any abusive, obscene, profane, sexual, threatening, harassing, illegal, or knowingly false material;
- 17. Misrepresenting the user's identity or the identity of others; and
- 18. Using the electronic networks while access privileges are suspended or revoked.

Network Etiquette – The user is expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 1. Be polite. Do not become abusive in messages to others.
- 2. Use appropriate language. Do not swear, or use vulgarities or any other inappropriate language.
- 3. Do not reveal personal information, including the addresses or telephone numbers, of students or colleagues.
- 4. Recognize that the District's electronic networks are not private. People who operate District technology have access to all email and other data. Messages or other evidence relating to or in support of illegal activities may be reported to the authorities.
- 5. Do not use the networks in any way that would disrupt its use by other users.
- 6. Consider all communications and information accessible via the electronic networks to be private property.

No Warranties – The District makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. The District will not be responsible for any damages the user suffers. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, missed-deliveries, or service interruptions caused by its negligence or the user's errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at the user's own risk. The District specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its services.

Indemnification – By using the District's electronic networks, the user agrees to indemnify the District for any losses, costs, or damages, including reasonable attorney fees, incurred by the District relating to, or arising out of, any violation of these procedures.

Security – Network security is a high priority. If the user can identify or suspects a security problem on the network, the user must promptly notify the system administrator or Building Principal. Do not demonstrate the problem to other users. Keep user account(s) and password(s) confidential. Do not use another individual's account without written permission from that individual. Attempts to log-on to the network as a system administrator will result in cancellation of user privileges. Any user identified as a security risk may be denied access to the networks.

Vandalism – Vandalism will result in cancellation of privileges and other disciplinary action. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of another user, the Internet, or any other network. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of malware, such as viruses and spyware.

Telephone Charges – The District assumes no responsibility for any unauthorized charges or fees, including telephone charges, texting or data use charges, long-distance charges, per-minute surcharges, and/or equipment or line costs.

Copyright Web Publishing Rules – Copyright law and District policy prohibit the re-publishing of text or graphics found on the Internet or on District websites or file servers/cloud storage without explicit written permission.

1. For each re-publication (on a website or file server) of a graphic or a text file that was produced externally, there must be a notice at the bottom of the page crediting the original producer and noting how and when permission was granted. If possible, the notice should also include the web address of the original source.

- 2. Students engaged in producing web pages must provide library media specialists with email or hard copy permissions before the web pages are published. Printed evidence of the status of public domain documents must be provided.
- 3. The absence of a copyright notice may not be interpreted as permission to copy the materials. Only the copyright owner may provide the permission. The manager of the website displaying the material may not be considered a source of permission.
- 4. The fair use rules governing student reports in classrooms are less stringent and permit limited use of graphics and text.
- 5. Student work may only be published if there is written permission from both the parent/guardian and student.

Use of Email – The District's email system, and its constituent software, hardware, and data files, are owned and controlled by the District. The District provides email to aid students in fulfilling their duties and responsibilities, and as an education tool.

- 1. The District reserves the right to access and disclose the contents of any account on its system, without prior notice or permission from the account's user. Unauthorized access by any student to an email account is strictly prohibited.
- 2. Each person should use the same degree of care in drafting an email message as would be put into a written memorandum or document. Nothing should be transmitted in an email message that would be inappropriate in a letter or memorandum.
- 3. Electronic messages transmitted via the District's Internet gateway carry with them an identification of the user's Internet domain. This domain is a registered name and identifies the author as being with the District. Great care should be taken, therefore, in the composition of such messages and how such messages might reflect on the name and reputation of the District. Users will be held personally responsible for the content of any and all email messages transmitted to external recipients.
- 4. Any message received from an unknown sender via the Internet, such as spam or potential phishing emails, should either be immediately deleted or forwarded to the system administrator. Downloading any file attached to any Internet-based message is prohibited unless the user is certain of that message's authenticity and the nature of the file so transmitted.
- 5. Use of the District's email system constitutes consent to these regulations.

#### Internet Safety

Internet access is limited to only those acceptable uses as detailed in these procedures. Internet safety is supported if users will not engage in unacceptable uses, as detailed in these procedures, and otherwise follow these procedures.

Staff members will supervise students while students are using District Internet access to ensure that the students abide by the Terms and Conditions for Internet access contained in these procedures.

Each District computer with Internet access has a filtering device that blocks entry to visual depictions that are: (1) obscene, (2) pornographic, or (3) harmful or inappropriate for students, as defined by the Children's Internet Protection Act and as determined by the Superintendent or designee.

The system administrator and Building Principals shall monitor student Internet access.

### 7.20 Guidelines for Student Distribution of Non-School Sponsored Publications

A student or group of students seeking to distribute more than 10 copies of the same material on one or more days to students must comply with the following guidelines:

- 1. The student(s) must notify the building principal of the intent to distribute, in writing, at least 24 hours before distributing the material. No prior approval of the material is required.
- 2. The material may be distributed at times and locations determined by the building principal, e.g., before the beginning or ending of classes at a central location inside the building.
- 3. The building principal may impose additional requirements whenever necessary to prevent disruption, congestion, or the perception that the material is school-endorsed.
- 4. Distribution must be done in an orderly and peaceful manner, and may not be coercive.
- 5. The distribution must be conducted in a manner that does not cause additional work for school personnel. Students who distribute material are responsible for cleaning up any materials left on school grounds.

### Students must not distribute material that:

- 1. Will cause a material and substantial disruption of the proper and orderly operation and discipline of the school or school activities;
- 2. Violates the rights of others, including but not limited to, material that is libelous, slanderous or obscene, invades the privacy of others, or infringes on a copyright;
- 3. Is socially inappropriate or inappropriate due to the students' maturity level, including but not limited to, material that is obscene, pornographic, or pervasively lewd and vulgar, contains indecent and vulgar language, or sexting as defined by School Board Policy and Student Handbook,
- 4. Is reasonably viewed as promoting illegal drug use;
- 5. Is distributed in kindergarten through eighth grade and is primarily prepared by non-students, unless it is being used for school purposes. However, material from outside sources or the citation to such sources may be allowed, as long as the material to be distributed or accessed is primarily prepared by students;1 or
- 6. Incites students to violate any Board policy.
- 7. A student may use the School District's Uniform Grievance Procedure to resolve a complaint.
- 8. Whenever these guidelines require written notification, the appropriate administrator may assist the student in preparing such notification.

A student or group of students seeking to distribute 10 or fewer copies of the same publication on one or more days to students must distribute such material at times and places and in a manner that will not cause substantial disruption of the proper and orderly operation and discipline of the school or school activities and in compliance with paragraphs 4, 5, 6, and 7.

# 7.25 Guidelines for School-Sponsored Publications, Productions and Websites [HS]

School-sponsored publications, productions and websites are governed by the Speech Rights of Student Journalists Act, school board policies and the student/parent handbook. Student journalists are responsible for determining the news, opinion, feature, and advertising content of those publications, productions, and websites.

### Student journalists must:

- 1. Make decisions based upon news value and guided by the Code of Ethics provided by the Society of Professional Journalists, National Scholastic Press Association, Journalism Education Association, or other relevant group;
- 2. Produce media based upon professional standards of accuracy, objectivity, and fairness;
- 3. Review material to improve sentence structure, grammar, spelling, and punctuation;
- 4. Check and verify all facts and verify the accuracy of all quotations;
- 5. In the use of personal opinions, editorial statements, and/or letters to the editor, provide opportunity and space for the expression of differing opinions within the same media to align with the District's media literacy curriculum mandate; and
- 6. Include an author's name with any personal opinions and editorial statements, if appropriate.

Student journalists may not create, produce, or distribute school sponsored media that:

- 1. Is libelous, slanderous, or obscene;
- 2. Constitutes an unwanted invasion of privacy:
- 3. Violates Federal or State law, including the constitutional rights of third parties; or
- 4. Incites students to (a) commit an unlawful act; (b) violate any school district policy or student handbook procedure; or (c) materially and substantially disrupt the orderly operations of the school.

The District will not engage in prior restraint of material prepared by student journalists for school-sponsored media, unless the material fits into one of the four prohibited categories listed above, in which case the Building Principal and/or student media advisers may review, edit, and delete such media material before publication or distribution of the media.

The author's name will accompany personal opinions and editorial statements. An opportunity for the expression of differing opinions from those published/produced will be provided within the same media.

No expression made by students in the exercise of freedom of speech or freedom of the press under this policy shall be deemed to be an expression of the School, District or an expression of Board policy.

## 7.27 Access to Non-School Sponsored Publications

Non-School Sponsored Publications Accessed or Distributed On Campus

Creating, distributing, and/or accessing non-school sponsored publications shall occur at a time and place and in a manner that will not cause disruption, be coercive, or result in the perception that the distribution or the publication is endorsed by the School District.

Students are prohibited from creating, distributing, and/or accessing at school any publication that:

- 1. Will cause a material and substantial disruption of the proper and orderly operation and discipline of the school or school activities;
- 2. Violates the rights of others, including but not limited to material that is libelous, slanderous or obscene, invades the privacy of others, or infringes on a copyright;
- 3. Is socially inappropriate or inappropriate due to maturity level of the students, including but not limited to material that is obscene, pornographic, or pervasively lewd and vulgar, contains indecent and vulgar language, or sexting as defined by School Board policy and the Student Handbook;
- 4. Is reasonably viewed as promoting illegal drug use;
- 5. Is distributed in kindergarten through eighth grade and is primarily prepared by non-students, unless it is being used for school purposes. However, material from outside sources or the citation to such sources may be allowed, as long as the material to be distributed or accessed is primarily prepared by students; or
- 6. Incites students to violate any Board policies.

Accessing or distributing on-campus includes accessing or distributing on school property or at school-related activities. A student engages in gross disobedience and misconduct and may be disciplined for: (1) accessing or distributing forbidden material, or (2) for writing, creating, or publishing such material intending for it to be accessed or distributed at school.

Non-School Sponsored Publications Accessed or Distributed Off-Campus

A student engages in gross disobedience and misconduct and may be disciplined for creating and/or distributing a publication that: (1) causes a substantial disruption or a foreseeable risk of a substantial disruption to school operations, or (2) interferes with the rights of other students or staff members.

### 7.40 Annual Notice to Parents about Educational Technology Vendors Under the Student Online Personal Protection Act

School districts throughout the State of Illinois contract with different educational technology vendors for beneficial K-12 purposes such as providing personalized learning and innovative educational technologies, and increasing efficiency in school operations.

Under Illinois' Student Online Personal Protection Act, or SOPPA (105 ILCS 85/), educational technology vendors and other entities that operate Internet websites, online services, online applications, or mobile applications that are designed, marketed, and primarily used for K-12 school purposes are referred to in SOPPA as operators. SOPPA is intended to ensure that student data collected by operators is protected, and it requires those vendors, as well as school districts and the Illinois State Board of Education, to take a number of actions to protect online student data.

Depending upon the particular educational technology being used, our District may need to collect different types of student data, which is then shared with educational technology vendors through their online sites, services, and/or applications. Under SOPPA, educational technology vendors are prohibited from selling or renting a student's information or from engaging in targeted advertising using a student's information. Such vendors may only disclose student data for K-12 school purposes and other limited purposes permitted under the law.

In general terms, the types of student data that may be collected and shared include personally identifiable information (PII) about students or information that can be linked to PII about students, such as:

Basic identifying information, including student or parent/guardian name and student or parent/guardian contact information, username/password and student ID number

- Demographic information
- Enrollment information
- Assessment data, grades, and transcripts
- Attendance and class schedule
- Academic/extracurricular activities
- Special indicators (e.g., disability information, English language learner, free/reduced meals or homeless/foster care status)
- Conduct/behavioral data
- Health information
- Food purchases
- Transportation information
- In-application performance data
- Student-generated work
- Online communications
- Application metadata and application use statistics
- Permanent and temporary school student record information

Operators may collect and use student data only for K-12 purposes, which are purposes that aid in the administration of school activities, such as:

- Instruction in the classroom or at home (including remote learning)
- Administrative activities
- Collaboration between students, school personnel, and/or parents/guardians
- Other activities that are for the use and benefit of the school district

### 7.50 Use of Artificial Intelligence

"Artificial intelligence" or "AI" is intelligence demonstrated by computers, as opposed to human intelligence. "Intelligence" encompasses the ability to learn, reason, generalize, and infer meaning. Examples of AI technology include ChatGPT and other chatbots and large language models.

AI is not a substitute for schoolwork that requires original thought. Students may not claim AI generated content as their own work. The use of AI to take tests, complete assignments, create multimedia projects, write papers, or complete schoolwork without permission of a teacher or administrator is strictly prohibited. The use of AI for these purposes constitutes cheating or plagiarism.

In certain situations, AI may be used as a learning tool or a study aid. Students who wish to use AI for legitimate educational purposes must have permission from a teacher or an administrator.

Students may use AI as authorized in their Individualized Education Program (IEP). Students may not use AI, including AI image or voice generator technology, to violate school rules or school district policies.

In order to ensure academic integrity, tests, assignments, projects, papers, and other schoolwork may be checked by AI content detectors and/or plagiarism recognition software.

#### 7.60 Media Center

The media center, which is open from 7:45 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., provides books, magazines, newspapers, computers, and a staff that is willing to help. Students may come to the media center before school, after school, during lunch hour, or anytime during the school day with a pass from a teacher.

Two computer labs are located in the media center for student and staff use. Any student using a computer must have an acceptable use policy on file in the media center. Media center procedures and rules of conduct should be observed while in the media center and computer labs.

Books may be checked out for two weeks and renewed twice. If a book is lost or damaged, the student will be required to pay the current cost of replacement for that book.

# CHAPTER 8 - Search and Seizure

### 8.10 Search and Seizure

In order to maintain order safety and security in the schools, school authorities are authorized to conduct reasonable searches of school property and equipment, as well as of students and their personal effects. "School authorities" includes school liaison police officers.

School Property and Equipment as well as Personal Effects Left There by Students

School authorities may inspect and search school property and equipment owned or controlled by the school (such as lockers, desks, and parking lots), as well as personal effects left there by a student, without notice to or the consent of the student. Students have no reasonable expectation of privacy in these places or areas or in their personal effects left there.

The building principal may request the assistance of law enforcement officials to conduct inspections and searches of lockers, desks, parking lots, and other school property and equipment for illegal drugs, weapons, or other illegal or dangerous substances or materials, including searches conducted through the use of specially trained dogs.

### Students Searches

School authorities may search a student and/or the student's personal effects in the student's possession (such as, purses, wallets, knapsacks, book bags, lunch boxes, etc.) when there is a reasonable ground for suspecting that the search will produce evidence the particular student has violated or is violating either the law or the school or district's student rules and policies. The search will be conducted in a manner that is reasonably related to its objective of the search and not excessively intrusive in light of the student's age and sex, and the nature of the infraction.

School officials may require a student to cooperate in an investigation if there is specific information about activity on the student's account on a social networking website that violates the school's disciplinary rules or school district policy. In the course of the investigation, the student may be required to share the content that is reported in order for the school to make a factual determination. School officials may not request or require a student or his or her parent/guardian to provide a password or other related account information to gain access to the student's account or profile on a social networking website.

# Seizure of Property

If a search produces evidence that the student has violated or is violating either the law or the school or district's policies or rules, evidence may be seized and impounded by school authorities, and disciplinary action may be taken. When appropriate, evidence may be transferred to law enforcement authorities.

Questioning of Students Suspected of Committing Criminal Activity

Before a law enforcement officer, school resource officer, or other school security person detains and questions on school grounds a student under 18 years of age who is suspected of committing a criminal act, the building principal or designee will: (a) Notify or attempt to notify the student's parent/guardian and document the time and manner in writing; (b) Make reasonable efforts to ensure the student's parent/guardian is present during questioning or, if they are not present, ensure that a school employee (including, but not limited to, a social worker, psychologist, nurse, guidance counselor, or any other mental health professional) is present during the questioning; and (c) If practicable, make reasonable efforts to ensure that a law enforcement officer trained in promoting safe interactions and communications with youth is present during the questioning.

# CHAPTER 9 - Extracurricular and Athletic Activities

### 9.10 Extracurricular and Athletic Activities Code of Conduct

This Extracurricular and Athletic Activities Code of Conduct applies, where applicable, to all school-sponsored athletic and extracurricular activities that are not part of an academic class nor otherwise carry credit for a grade.

### **Requirements for Participation in Athletic Activities**

A student must meet all academic eligibility requirements and have the following fully executed documents on file in the school office before being allowed to participate in any athletic activity:

- 1. A current certificate of physical fitness issued by a licensed physician, an advanced practice nurse or physician assistant. The preferred certificate of physical fitness is the Illinois High School Association's "Pre-Participation Physical Examination Form." 2
- 2. A permission slip to participate in the specific athletic activity signed by the student's parent/guardian.
- 3. Proof the student is covered by medical insurance.
- 4. A signed agreement by the student not to ingest or otherwise use any drugs on the IHSA's most current banned substance list (without a written prescription and medical documentation provided by a licensed physician who performed an evaluation for a legitimate medical condition) and a signed agreement by the student and the student's parent/guardian agreeing to IHSA's Performance-Enhancing Substance Testing Program.3
- 5. A signed agreement by the student and the student's parent/guardian authorizing compliance with the School District's Extracurricular Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy;4 and
- 6. Signed documentation agreeing to comply with the School District's policies and procedures on student athletic concussions and head injuries.

#### **Illinois High School Association**

Eligibility for most athletics is also governed by the rules of the Illinois High School Association and, if applicable, these rules will apply in addition to this Extracurricular and Athletic Activities Code of Conduct. In the case of a conflict between IHSA and this Code, the most stringent rule will be enforced.

### **Academic Eligibility**

Selection of members or participants in extracurricular and athletic activities is at the discretion of the designated teachers, sponsors, and coaches.

In order to be eligible to participate in extracurricular and athletic activities, a student must be passing all of their classes on a weekly basis. Any student failing to meet academic requirements will be suspended from the sport or activity until all academic requirements are met.

Absence from School on Day of Extracurricular or Athletic Activity

A student who has been suspended from school is also suspended from participation in all extracurricular and athletic activities for the duration of the suspension.

A student must be present for five clock hours in order to participate in any extracurricular activity that day unless authorized by the athletic director and or principal. (Exemption: Exempt absences are not included.)

Exempt Absences: Students will receive an exempt absence, which will not count toward possible reduction of daily activity:

- 1. Medical/dental related appointments (when notification of reason for absence is made by parent AND verified with written confirmation from the doctor/hospital/dentist). Confirmation/excuse must be received by the attendance office.
- 2. Court appearance (when verified by note from court official). Verification must be received by the office within one week of the court appearance.
- 3. Death of immediate family member (up to three days)
- 4. Funeral (when verified by a note/phone call from parent regarding reason for absence)
- 5. Quarantine
- 6. Religious holiday
- 7. College visits. One day will be allowed during a student's junior year and two days will be allowed

A student who is absent from school on a Friday before a Saturday event may be withheld from Saturday extracurricular or athletic activities by a coach or sponsor with administrative approval.

### Travel

All students must travel to extracurricular and athletic activities and return home from such activities with his or her team by use of school approved transportation. A written waiver of this rule may be issued by the teacher, sponsor or coach in charge of the extracurricular or athletic activity upon advance written request of a student's parent/guardian and provided the parent/guardian appears and accepts custody of the student. Oral requests will not be honored and oral permissions are not valid

### **Code of Conduct**

This Code of Conduct applies to all extracurricular and athletic activities and is enforced 365 days a year, 24 hours a day.8

This Code does not contain a complete list of inappropriate behaviors. Violations will be treated cumulatively, with disciplinary penalties increasing with subsequent violations. A student may be excluded from extracurricular or athletic activities while the school is conducting an investigation into the student's conduct.

Students and their parents/guardians are encouraged to seek assistance from the Student Assistance Program for alcohol or other drug problems. Participation in an alcohol or drug counseling program will be taken into consideration in determining consequences for Code of Conduct violations.

The student shall not:

- 1. Violate the school rules and School District policies on student discipline including policies and procedures on student behavior;
- 2. Ingest or otherwise use, possess, buy, sell, offer to sell, barter, or distribute a beverage containing alcohol (except for religious purposes);
- 3. Ingest or otherwise use, possess, buy, sell, offer to sell, barter, or distribute tobacco or nicotine in any form;
- 4. Ingest or otherwise use, possess, buy, sell, offer to sell, barter, or distribute any product composed purely of caffeine in a loose powdered form or any illegal substance (including mood-altering and performance enhancing drugs or chemicals) or paraphernalia;
- 5. Use, possess, buy, sell, offer to sell, barter, or distribute any object that is or could be considered a weapon or any item that is a look alike weapon. This prohibition does not prohibit legal use of weapons in cooking and in athletics, such as archery, martial arts practice, target shooting, hunting, and skeet;
- 6. Attend a party or other gathering and/or ride in a vehicle where alcoholic beverages and/or controlled substances are being consumed by minors;
- 7. Act in an unsportsmanlike manner;
- 8. Violate any criminal law, including but not limited to, assault, battery, arson, theft, gambling, eavesdropping, vandalism and reckless driving;
- 9. Haze or bully other students;
- 10. Violate the written rules for the extracurricular or athletic activity;
- 11. Behave in a manner that disrupts or adversely affects the group or school;
- 12. Be insubordinate or disrespectful toward the activity's sponsors or team's coaching staff; or
- 13. Falsify any information contained on any permit or permission form required by the extracurricular or athletic activity.

Hazing is any humiliating or dangerous activity expected of a student to belong to a team or group, regardless of his or her willingness to participate. Bullying includes cyber-bullying (bullying through the use of technology or any electronic communication) and means any physical or verbal act or conduct, including communications made in writing or electronically, directed toward a student or students that has or can be reasonably predicted to have the effect of one or more of the following:

- 1. Placing the student or students in reasonable fear of harm to the student's or students' person or property;
- 2. Causing a detrimental effect on the student's or students' physical or mental health;
- 3. Interfering with the student's or students' academic performance; or
- 4. Interfering with the student's or students' ability to participate in or benefit from the services, activities, or privileges provided by a school.

Examples of prohibited conduct include name-calling, using derogatory slurs, stalking, sexual violence, causing psychological harm, threatening or causing physical harm, threatened or actual destruction of property, or wearing or possessing items depicting or implying hatred or prejudice of one of the characteristics stated above.

### **Due Process Procedures**

Students who are accused of violating the Code of Conduct are entitled to the following due process:

- 1. The student should be advised of the disciplinary infraction with which he or she is being charged.
- 2. The student shall be entitled to a hearing before an appropriate administrator.
- 3. The student will be able to respond to any charges leveled against him or her.
- 4. The student may provide any additional information he or she wishes for the administrator to consider.
- 5. The administrator, with the help of other staff members if needed, may interview material witnesses or others with evidence concerning the case.
- 6. If the administrator finds, after reviewing the evidence, that the violation occurred, he or she will impose sanctions on the student, as follows:
  - Sanctions for violations other than drug and alcohol will be based on the nature of the offense and the number of offenses, and may include suspension from all extracurricular or athletic activities for one of the time periods described below:
    - A specified period of time or percentage of performances, activities or competitions;
    - The remainder of the season or for the next season; or
    - The remainder of the student's school career.
  - b. Sanctions for alcohol and other drug violations, including tobacco, nicotine in any form, mood-altering or performance enhancing drugs, products composed purely of caffeine in a loose powdered form, paraphernalia or any other illegal substance, will be based on the following:

#### First violation

- Use, ingestion, possession, buying, selling, offering to sell, bartering, or distributing: A suspension of one third of the total number of
  performances, activities, or competitions or the remainder of the season, whichever is shorter. This penalty will be reduced if the
  student is enrolled in a school-approved alcohol or drug counseling program.
- Attendance at a party or riding in a vehicle where alcoholic beverages and/or controlled substances are being consumed by minors: A suspension of one sixth of the total number of performances, activities or competitions, or the remainder of the season, whichever is shorter.
- The student will be required to practice with the group, regardless of the violation (unless suspended or expelled from school).

#### Second violation

- Use, ingestion, possession, buying, selling, offering to sell, bartering, or distributing: A suspension of 12 weeks or 1 season, including suspension from all performances, activities, or competitions during this period. To participate again in any extracurricular or athletic activity, the student must successfully participate in and complete a school-approved alcohol or drug counseling program and follow all recommendations from that program.
- Attendance at a party or riding in a vehicle where alcoholic beverages and/or controlled substances are being consumed by minors: A suspension of one third of the season and all extracurricular group performances, activities, or competitions during this period.
- The student may be required to practice with the group (unless suspended or expelled from school).

#### Third violation

- Use, ingestion, possession, buying, selling, offering to sell, bartering, or distributing: A suspension from extracurricular or athletic activities for the remainder of the student's school career.
- Attendance at a party or riding in a vehicle where alcoholic beverages and/or controlled substances are being consumed by minors: A suspension of one calendar year from the date of the suspension, including all extracurricular and athletic activities during this period.
- 7. The appropriate administrator will make a written report of his or her decision and rationale. The student may appeal the decision to the Principal or Principal's designee.

All students remain subject to all the School District's policies and the school's student/parent handbook.

## Drug and Alcohol Testing Program9

The School District maintains an extracurricular and athletic drug and alcohol testing program in order to foster the health, safety, and welfare of its students. Participation in extracurricular and athletic activities is a privilege and participants need to be exemplars. The program promotes healthy and drug-free participation.

Each student and his or her parent/guardian must consent to random drug and alcohol testing in order to participate in any extracurricular or athletic activity. Failure to sign the School District's "Consent to Participate in Extracurricular Drug and Alcohol Testing Program" form will result in non-participation.

If a test is positive, the student may not participate in extracurricular or athletic activities until after a follow-up test is requested by the building principal or designee and the results are reported. The building principal or designee will request a follow-up test after such an interval of time that the substance previously found would normally be eliminated from the body. If this follow-up test is negative, the student will be allowed to resume participation in extracurricular and athletic activities. If a positive result is obtained from the follow-up test, or any later test, the same previous procedure shall be followed.

No student shall be expelled or suspended from school as a result of any verified positive test conducted under this program other than when independent reasonable suspicion of drug and/or alcohol usage exists. This program does not affect the School District policies, practices, or rights to search or test any student who at the time exhibits cause for reasonable suspicion of drug and/or alcohol use.

### Modification of Athletic or Team Uniform

Students may modify their athletic or team uniform for the purpose of modesty in clothing or attire that is in accordance with the requirements of the student's religion or the student's cultural values or modesty preferences.

#### Chain of Command

The Jacksonville School District takes pride in its communication efforts with all stakeholders of the District. To ensure that parent concerns or issues are heard by the appropriate individual who can resolve the issue at the point of origin and provide a direct response, the Board of Education asks that parents follow the District's Chain of Command outlined below. It is the intent of the Chain of Command to resolve concerns and issues during the earliest steps with the individual (s) directly involved with the concerns.

Step 1) In the event of a concern, a parent or community member should contact the teacher, supervisor, coach, or staff member who is directly involved with the concern or situation.

Step 2) If a parent or community member has completed Step 1 and feels that the issue/concerns were not remedied, they should contact a building administrator, director of the program, or the athletic director.

Step 3) If a parent or community member has completed Step 1 and Step 2, and feels that the issue/concern warrants yet further discussion, the parent or community member should then contact the Central Office.

Step 4) If the issue/concern of the parent or community member still remains after the completion of Steps 1, 2, and 3, the parent or community member should contact a Board of Education member. The Board of Education member in consultation with the Board of Education President and Superintendent will redirect the individual back to the appropriate level or request that the concern be placed on the Board of Education agenda for full Board discussion.

#### 9.20 Attendance at School-Sponsored Dances

Attendance at school-sponsored dances is a privilege.

Only students who attend the school may attend school-sponsored dances, unless the principal or designee approves a student's guest in advance of the event. Guests must be at least grade 9 or no older than 20 years of age. Any guest who is older than 20 years of age must be approved by the Principal. The administration reserves the right to deny any non-JHS student attendance at any school function.

All school rules, including the school's discipline code and dress code are in effect during school-sponsored dances.

Students who violate the school's discipline code will be required to leave the dance immediately and the student's parent/guardian will be contacted. The school may also impose other discipline as outlined in the school's discipline code.

### 9.30 Student Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries

Student athletes must comply with Illinois' Youth Sports Concussion Safety Act and all protocols, policies and bylaws of the Illinois High School Association before being allowed to participate in any athletic activity, including practice or competition.

A student who was removed from practice or competition because of a suspected concussion shall be allowed to return only after all statutory prerequisites are completed, including without limitation, the School District's return-to-play and return-to-learn protocols.

# CHAPTER 10 - Special Education

# 10.10 Education of Children with Disabilities

It is the intent of the district to ensure that students who are disabled within the definition of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 or the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act are identified, evaluated and provided with appropriate educational services.

The School provides a free appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment and necessary related services to all children with disabilities enrolled in the school. The term "children with disabilities" means children between ages 3 and the day before their 22nd birthday for whom it is determined that special education services are needed, except those children with disabilities who turn 22 years of age during the school year are eligible for special education services through the end of the school year. It is the intent of the school to ensure that students with disabilities are identified, evaluated, and provided with appropriate educational services.

A copy of the publication "Explanation of Procedural Safeguards Available to Parents of Students with Disabilities" may be obtained from the school district office.

Students with disabilities who do not qualify for an individualized education program, as required by the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and implementing provisions of this Illinois law, may qualify for services under Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 if the student (i) has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, (ii) has a record of a physical or mental impairment, or (iii) is regarded as having a physical or mental impairment.

For further information, please contact the Assistant Principal for Student Services.

#### 10.20 Discipline of Students with Disabilities\*

The school and district will comply with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and the Illinois State Board of Education's *Special Education* rules when disciplining students with disabilities. Behavioral interventions will be used with students with disabilities to promote and strengthen desirable behaviors and reduce identified inappropriate behaviors. No special education student shall be expelled if the student's particular act of gross disobedience or misconduct is a manifestation of his or her disability as determined through a manifestation hearing. Any special education student whose gross disobedience or misconduct is not a manifestation of his or her disability may be expelled pursuant to the expulsion procedures.

The District's regular suspension procedures shall be used to suspend a student with disabilities for a cumulative period generally not to exceed 10 days in any school year. Exceptions to this procedure would include acts involving weapons, drugs, or aggressive/violent behavior.

In the event of a suspension beyond 10 days or expulsion, the District shall promptly notify the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) of disobedience or misconduct and whether the student will be suspended. All procedural protections pertaining to notice provided under the regular education discipline policy shall apply to this notice. This information shall be confirmed in writing and the parent(s)/guardian(s) shall be advised as follows:

- i. That the multi-disciplinary conference (MDC) team shall meet as soon as possible but at least 10 calendar days after this notice was sent, unless such 10-day notice is waived by the parent(s)/guardian(s), to determine whether a causal relationship exists between the student's disabling condition and the student's alleged disobedience or misconduct; and
- ii. That the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) are requested to attend the multidisciplinary team meeting and the date, time and location of the meeting.

The MDC team may determine that the cause of the student's disobedience or misconduct is <u>not</u> related to the student's disabling condition. In that case, the student may be disciplined under the District's discipline policy for regular education students by measures up to and including expulsion. If the Board imposes expulsion or other disciplinary measures altering the student's special education program, an IEP meeting shall be convened to determine appropriate alternative means of service delivery.

The Board may not suspend or expel a disabled student if the MDC team determines that the student's gross disobedience or misconduct <u>is</u> causally related to the student's disabling condition. The MDC team is responsible to address placement changes which may be appropriate in light of misconduct found to be disability-related.

Parent(s)/guardian(s) may object to a proposed change in their child's educational placement. If so, if the Superintendent believes that the student's behavior in the current placement poses a continuing physical danger to the student or to others, the Superintendent is authorized to seek a court order to change the placement or to suspend the student for more than 10 days.

Isolated Time Out, Time Out, and Physical Restraint

Isolated time out, time out, and physical restraint shall only be used if the student's behavior presents an imminent danger of serious physical harm to the student or others, and other less restrictive and intrusive measures were tried and proven in effective in stopping it. The School may not use isolated time out, time out, or physical restraint as discipline or punishment, convenience for staff, retaliation, as a substitute for appropriate educational or behavioral support, a routine safety matter, or to prevent property damage in the absence of imminent danger of serious physical harm to the student or others. The use of prone restraint is prohibited.

### 10.30 Exemption From PE Requirement

A student who is eligible for special education may be excused from physical education courses in either of the following situations:

- 1. He or she (a) is in grades 3-12, (b) his or her IEP requires that special education support and services be provided during physical education time, and (c) the parent/guardian agrees or the IEP team makes the determination; or
- 2. He or she (a) has an IEP, (b) is participating in an adaptive athletic program outside of the school setting, and (c) the parent/guardian documents the student's participation as required by the Superintendent or designee.

A student requiring adapted physical education will receive that service in accordance with the student's Individualized Education Program.

### 10.40 Certificate of High School Completion [HS]

A student with a disability who has an Individualized Education Program prescribing special education, transition planning, transition services, or related services beyond the student's 4 years of high school, qualifies for a certificate of completion after the student has completed 4 years of high school. The student is encouraged to participate in the graduation ceremony of his or her high school graduation class.

### 10.50 Request to Access Classroom or Personnel for Special Education Evaluation or Observation

The parent/guardian of a student receiving special education services, or being evaluated for eligibility, is afforded reasonable access to educational facilities, personnel, classrooms, and buildings. This same right of access is afforded to an independent educational evaluator or a qualified professional retained by or on behalf of a parent or child.

For further information, please contact the building principal.

#### 10.60 Related Service Logs

For a child with an individualized education program (IEP), the school district must create related service logs that record the type of related services administered under the child's IEP and the minutes of each type of related service that has been administered. The school will provide a child's parent/guardian a copy of the related service log at the annual review of the child's IEP and at any other time upon request.

#### 10.70 PUNS (Prioritization of Urgency of Need for Services) Database Information for Students and Parents or Guardians

The Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) maintains a statewide database known as the PUNS database (Prioritization of Urgency of Need for Services) that records information about individuals with intellectual disabilities or developmental disabilities who are potentially in need of services.

IDHS uses the data on PUNS to select individuals for services as funding becomes available, to develop proposals and materials for budgeting, and to plan for future needs. The PUNS database is available for children with intellectual disabilities or developmental disabilities with unmet service needs.

Registration to be included on the PUNS database is the first step toward receiving developmental disabilities services in this State. A child who is not on the PUNS database will not be in the queue for State developmental disabilities services.

For more information and to sign up for PUNS, see the Illinois Department of Human Services PUNS information page at https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=41131.You may also contact the following District employee for assistance: 1

# CHAPTER 11 - Student Records & Privacy

### 11.10 Student Privacy Protections

#### Surveys

All surveys requesting personal information from students, as well as any other instrument used to collect personal information from students, must advance or relate to the District's educational objectives, or assist students' career choices. This applies to all surveys, regardless of whether the student answering the questions can be identified or who created the survey.

#### **Surveys by Third Parties**

Before a school official or staff member administers or distributes a survey or evaluation created by a third party to a student, the student's parent/guardian may inspect the survey or evaluation, upon their request and within a reasonable time of their request. This applies to every survey: (1) that is created by a person or entity other than a district official, staff member, or student, (2) regardless of whether the student answering the questions can be identified, and (3) regardless of the subject matter of the questions.

Parents who object to disclosure of information concerning their child to a third party may do so in writing to the building principal.

### **Surveys Requesting Personal Information**

School officials and staff members will not request, nor disclose, the identity of any student who completes any survey or evaluation (created by any person or entity, including the school or district) containing one or more of the following items:

- 1. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or the student's parent/guardian.
- 2. Mental or psychological problems of the student or the student's family.
- 3. Behavior or attitudes about sex.
- 4. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior.
- 5. Critical appraisals of other individuals with whom students have close family relationships.
- 6. Legally recognized privileged or analogous relationships, such as those with lawyers, physicians, and ministers.
- 7. Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or the student's parent/guardian.
- 8. Income other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such a program.

The student's parent/guardian may: (1) inspect the survey or evaluation upon, and within a reasonable time of, their request, and/or (2) refuse to allow their child to participate in the survey. The school will not penalize any student whose parent/guardian exercised this option.

#### Instructional Material

A student's parent/guardian may inspect, upon their request, any instructional material used as part of their child's educational curriculum within a reasonable time of their request.

The term "instructional material" means instructional content that is provided to a student, regardless of its format, printed or representational materials, audio-visual materials, and materials in electronic or digital formats (such as materials accessible through the Internet). The term does not include academic tests or academic assessments.

Prohibition on Selling or Marketing Students' Personal Information

No school official or staff member may market or sell personal information concerning students (or otherwise provide that information to others for that purpose). The term personal information means individually identifiable information including: (1) a student or parent's first and last name, (2) a home or other physical address (including street name and the name of the city or town), (3) a telephone number, (4) a Social Security identification number or (5) driver's license number or State identification card.

Unless otherwise prohibited by law, the above paragraph does not apply: (1) if the student's parent/guardian have consented; or (2) to the collection, disclosure or, use of personal information collected from students for the exclusive purpose of developing, evaluating or providing educational products or services for, or to, students or educational institutions, such as the following:

- 1. College or other postsecondary education recruitment, or military recruitment.
- 2. Book clubs, magazines, and programs providing access to low-cost literary products.
- 3. Curriculum and instructional materials used by elementary schools and secondary schools.
- 4. Tests and assessments to provide cognitive, evaluative, diagnostic, clinical, aptitude, or achievement information about students (or to generate other statistically useful data for the purpose of securing such tests and assessments) and the subsequent analysis and public release of the aggregate data from such tests and assessments.
- 5. The sale by students of products or services to raise funds for school-related or education-related activities.
- 6. Student recognition programs.

Under no circumstances may a school official or staff member provide a student's personal information to a business organization or financial institution that issues credit or debit cards.

A parent/guardian who desires to opt their child out of participation in activities provided herein or who desires a copy or access to a survey or any other material described herein may contact the Building Principal.

The school expects to administer the fo	ollowing surveys that request personal student information on the following approximate dates:

A complete copy of the District's Student and Family Privacy Rights policy may be obtained from the Superintendent's office or accessed on the District's website.

### 11.20 Student Records

A school student record is any writing or other recorded information concerning a student and by which a student may be identified individually that is maintained by a school or at its direction or by a school employee, regardless of how or where the information is stored, except for certain records kept in a staff member's sole possession; records maintained by law enforcement officers working in the school; video and other electronic recordings (including electronic recordings made on school busses) that are created in part for law enforcement, security, or safety reasons or purposes, though such electronic recordings may become a student record if the content is used for disciplinary or special education purposes regarding a particular student.

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and the Illinois Student Records Act afford parents/guardians and students over 18 years of age ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's school records. They are:

- 1. The right to inspect and copy the student's education records within 10 business days of the day the District receives a request for access. The degree of access a student has to his or her records depends on the student's age. Students less than 18 years of age have the right to inspect and copy only their permanent record. Students 18 years of age or older have access and copy rights to both permanent and temporary records. A parent/guardian or student should submit to the building principal a written request that identifies the record(s) he or she wishes to inspect. Within 10 business days, the building principal will make arrangements for access and notify the parent/guardian or student of the time and place where the records may be inspected. In certain circumstances, the District may request an additional 5 business days in which to grant access. The District charges \$.35 per page for copying but no one will be denied their right to copies of their records for inability to pay this cost. These rights are denied to any person against whom an order of protection has been entered concerning the student.
- 2. The right to have one or more scores received on college entrance examinations included on the student's academic transcript. I Parents/guardians or eligible students may have one or more scores on college entrance examinations included on the student's academic transcript. The District will include scores on college entrance examinations upon the written request of the parent/guardian or eligible student stating the name of each college entrance examination that is the subject of the request and the dates of the scores that are to be included.
- 3. The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent/ guardian or eligible student believes are inaccurate, irrelevant, or improper. A parent/guardian or eligible student may ask the District to amend a record that is believed to be inaccurate, irrelevant, or improper. Requests should be sent to the building principal and should clearly identify the record the parent/guardian or eligible student wants changed and the specific reason a change is being sought. If the District decides not to amend the record, the District will notify the parent/guardian or eligible student of the decision and advise him or her of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent/guardian or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.
- 4. The right to permit disclosure of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that the FERPA or Illinois School Student Records Act authorizes disclosure without consent. Disclosure without consent is permitted to school officials with legitimate educational or administrative interests. A school official is a person employed by the District as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the School Board. A school official may also include a volunteer, contractor, or consultant who, while not employed

by the school, performs an institutional service or function for which the school would otherwise use its own employees and who is under the direct control of the school with respect to the use and maintenance of personally identifiable information from education records (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, therapist, or educational technology vendor); or any parent/guardian or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility or contractual obligation with the district. Upon request, the District discloses education records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student has enrolled or intends to enroll, as well as to any person as specifically required by State or Federal law. Before information is released to these individuals, the parents/guardians or eligible student will receive prior written notice of the nature and substance of the information, and an opportunity to inspect, copy, and challenge such records.

Academic grades and references to expulsions or out-of-school suspensions cannot be challenged at the time a student's records are being forwarded to another school to which the student is transferring. Disclosure is also permitted without consent to: any person for research, statistical reporting or planning, provided that no student or parent/guardian can be identified; to another school district that overlaps attendance boundaries with the District, if the District has entered into an intergovernmental agreement that allows for sharing of student records and information with the other district, any person named in a court order; appropriate persons if the knowledge of such information is necessary to protect the health or safety of the student or other persons; and juvenile authorities when necessary for the discharge of their official duties who request information before adjudication of the student.

- 5. The right to a copy of any school student record proposed to be destroyed or deleted. The permanent record is maintained for at least 60 years after the student transfers, graduates, or permanently withdraws. The temporary record is maintained for at least 5 years after the student transfers, graduates, or permanently withdraws. Temporary records that may be of assistance to a student with a disability who graduates or permanently withdraws, may, after 5 years, be transferred to the parent/guardian or to the student, if the student has succeeded to the rights of the parent/guardian. Student temporary records are reviewed every 4 years or upon a student's change in attendance centers, whichever occurs first.
- 6. The right to prohibit the release of directory information. Throughout the school year, the District may release directory information regarding students, limited to:
  - Name
  - Address
  - Grade level
  - Birth date and place
  - Parent/guardian names, addresses, electronic mail addresses, and telephone numbers
  - Photographs, videos, or digital images used for informational or news-related purposes (whether by a media outlet or by the school) of a student participating in school or school-sponsored activities, organizations, and athletics that have appeared in school publications, such as yearbooks, newspapers, or sporting or fine arts programs
  - Academic awards, degrees, and honors
  - Information in relation to school-sponsored activities, organizations, and athletics
  - Major field of study
  - Period of attendance in school
- 7. Any parent/guardian or eligible student may prohibit the release of any or all of the above information by delivering a written objection to the building principal within 30 days of the date of this notice.
- 8. The right to request that military recruiters or institutions of higher learning not be granted access to your student's information without your prior written consent. Federal law requires a secondary school to grant military recruiters and institutions of higher learning, upon their request, access to secondary school students' names, addresses, and telephone numbers, unless the student's parent/guardian, or student who is 18 years of age or older, submits a written request that the information not be released without the prior written consent of the parent/guardian or eligible student. If you wish to exercise this option, notify the building principal.
- 9. The right contained in this statement: No person may condition the granting or withholding of any right, privilege or benefits or make as a condition of employment, credit, or insurance the securing by any individual of any information from a student's temporary record which such individual may obtain through the exercise of any right secured under State law.
- 10. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the District to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA is:

U.S. Department of Education Student Privacy Policy Office 400 Maryland Avenue, SW Washington DC 20202-8520

Cross-Reference: PRESS 7:340, Student Records

## 11.30 Student Biometric Information

Before collecting biometric information from students, the school must seek the permission of the student's parent/guardian or the student, if over the age of 18. Biometric information means information that is collected from students based on their unique characters, such as a fingerprint, voice recognition or retinal scan.

### 11.40 Military Recruiters & Institutions of Higher Learning [HS]

Upon their request, military recruiters and institutions of higher learning will be given access to students' names, addresses and telephone numbers. Parents who do not want their child's name to be released (or students over the age of 18 who do not want their name released) should contact the building principal.

# **CHAPTER 12 - Parental Right Notifications**

#### 12.10 Teacher Qualifications

Parents/guardians may request information about the qualifications of their student's teachers and paraprofessionals, including:

- Whether the teacher has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction;
- Whether the teacher is teaching under an emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification and licensing criteria have been waived:
- Whether the teacher is teaching in a field of discipline of the teacher's certification;
- Whether any instructional aides or paraprofessionals provide services to your student and, if so, their qualifications.

If you would like to receive any of this information, please contact the school office.

### 12.20 Standardized Testing

Students and parents/guardians should be aware that the State and District require students to take certain standardized tests, including the following: PreACT9, PreACT, ACT

Parents/Guardians are encouraged to cooperate in preparing students for the standardized testing, because the quality of the education the school can provide is partially dependent upon the school's ability to continue to prove its success in the state's standardized tests. Parents/Guardians can assist their students to achieve their best performance by doing the following:

- 1. Encourage students to work hard and study throughout the year;
- 2. Ensure students get a good night's sleep during the night before exams;
- 3. Ensure students eat well the morning of the exam, particularly ensuring they eat sufficient protein;
- 4. Remind students and emphasize the importance of good performance on standardized testing;
- 5. Ensure students are on time and prepared for tests, with appropriate materials;
- 6. Teach students the importance of honesty and ethics during the performance of these and other tests;
- 7. Encourage students to relax on testing day.

### 12.30 Homeless Child's Right to Education

When a child loses permanent housing and becomes a homeless person as defined at law, or when a homeless child changes his or her temporary living arrangements, the parent or guardian of the homeless child has the option of either:

- 1. continuing the child's education in the school of origin for as long as the child remains homeless or, if the child becomes permanently housed, until the end of the academic year during which the housing is acquired; or
- 2. enrolling the child in any school that non-homeless students who live in the attendance area in which the child or youth is actually living are eligible to attend.

Other resources are available to homeless children. These resources are provided through Title I funding. To learn more about these resources, parents should contact the following:

Dan Scott, JHS Homeless Liaison 243-4384 ext. 2139 Kelly Zoellner, District Homeless Liaison 243-9411 ext. 1119

# 12.40 Family Life & Sex Education Classes

Students will not be required to take or participate in any class or courses in comprehensive sex education, including in grades 6-12, instruction on both abstinence and contraception for the prevention of pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV/AIDS; family life instruction, including in grades 6-12, instruction on the prevention, transmission, and spread of AIDS; instruction on diseases; recognizing and avoiding sexual abuse; or instruction on donor programs for organ/tissue, blood donor, and transplantation, if his or her parent or guardian submits a written objection. The parent or guardian's decision will not be the reason for any student discipline, including suspension or expulsion. Nothing in this Section prohibits instruction in sanitation, hygiene or traditional courses in biology.<sup>1</sup>

Parents or guardians may examine the instructional materials to be used in any district sex education class or course.

### 12.60 English Learners

Jacksonville School District 117 offers opportunities for resident English Language Learners to develop high levels of academic attainment in English and to meet the same academic content and student achievement standards that all children expect to attain. The District instructional model maintains the following program components:

- 1. Opportunities for academic achievement that include English proficiency and participation in school activities.
- 2. Appropriate identification system for students with limited-English speaking and comprehension skills.
- 3. Compliance with State law regulating a Transitional Program of Instruction.

- 4. Compliance with State and Federal requirements for the receipt of grant funding.
- 5. Determine appropriate instructional programming.
- 6. Annual assessment of ELL student skills to determine instructional levels.

### 12.70 School Visitation Rights

The School Visitation Rights Act permits employed parents/guardians, who are unable to meet with educators because of a work conflict, the right to time off from work under certain conditions to attend necessary school functions such as parent-teacher conferences, academic meetings and behavioral meetings. Letters verifying participation in this program are available from the school office upon request.

### 12.80 Pesticide Application Notice

The district maintains a registry of parents/guardians of students who have registered to receive written or telephone notification prior to the application of pesticides to school grounds. To be added to the list, please contact:

12.90 Mandated Reporter

All school personnel, including teachers and administrators, are required by law to immediately report any and all suspected cases of child abuse or neglect to the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.

Unsafe School Choice Option

The unsafe school choice option allows students to transfer to another District school or to a public charter school within the District. The unsafe school choice option is available to: (1) All students attending a persistently dangerous school, as defined by State law and identified by the Illinois State Board of Education; and (2) Any student who is a victim of a violent criminal offense that occurred on school grounds during regular school hours or during a school-sponsored event.

### 12.105 Student Privacy

The District has adopted and uses several policies and procedures regarding student privacy, parental access to information and administration of certain physical examinations to students. Copies of these policies are available upon request.

### 12.110 Sex Offender Notification Law

State law prohibits a convicted child sex offender from being present on school property when children under the age of 18 are present, except for in the following circumstances as they relate to the individual's child(ren):

- 1. To attend a conference at the school with school personnel to discuss the progress of their child.
- 2. To participate in a conference in which evaluation and placement decisions may be made with respect to their child's special education services.
- 3. To attend conferences to discuss issues concerning their child, such as retention or promotion.

In all other cases, convicted child sex offenders are prohibited from being present on school property unless they obtain written permission from the superintendent or school board.

Anytime that a convicted child sex offender is present on school property for any reason – including the three reasons above – he/she is responsible for notifying the principal's office upon arrival on school property and upon departure from school property. It is the responsibility of the convicted child sex offender to remain under the direct supervision of a school official at all times he/she is in the presence or vicinity of children.

A violation of this law is a Class 4 felony.

Information about sex offenders or violent offenders against youth is available to the public on the Illinois State Police (ISP) website. The ISP website contains the following:

Illinois Sex Offender Registry, https://isp.illinois.gov/Sor/Disclaimer

Illinois Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Registry, https://isp.illinois.gov/MVOAY/Disclaimer

Frequently Asked Questions Concerning Sex Offenders, https://isp.illinois.gov/Sor/FAQs

#### 12.120 Sex Offender & Violent Offender Community Notification Laws

Date:

To: Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

Re: Offender Community Notification Laws

State law requires schools to notify parents/guardians during school registration or parent-teacher conferences that information about sex offenders and violent offenders against youth is available to the public on the Illinois Department of State Police (ISP) website. The ISP website contains the following:

Illinois Sex Offender Registry, https://isp.illinois.gov/Sor

Illinois Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Registry, https://isp.illinois.gov/MVOAY

Frequently Asked Questions Concerning Sex Offenders, https://isp.illinois.gov/Sor/FAQs

## 12.130 Parent Notices Required by the Every Student Succeeds Act

### I. Teacher Qualifications

A parent/guardian may request, and the District will provide in a timely manner, the professional qualifications of your student's classroom teachers, including, at a minimum, whether:

- 1. The teacher has met the State qualifications and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction.
- 2. The teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status.
- 3. The teacher is teaching in the field of discipline of the certification of the teacher.
- 4. Paraprofessionals provide services to the student and, if so, their qualifications.

### II. Testing Transparency

The State and District requires students to take certain standardized tests. For additional information, see handbook procedure 12:202

A parent/guardian may request, and the District will provide in a timely manner, information regarding student participation in any assessments mandated by law or District policy, which shall include information on any applicable right you may have to opt your student out of such assessment.

### III. Annual Report Card

Each year, the District is required to disseminate an annual report card that includes information on the District as a whole and each school served by the District, with aggregate and disaggregated information for each required subgroup of students including: student achievement on academic assessments (designated by category), graduation rates, district performance, teacher qualifications, and certain other information required by federal law. When available, this information will be placed on the District's website at

### IV. Parent & Family Engagement Compact<sup>4</sup>

## V. Unsafe School Choice Option

The unsafe school choice option allows students to transfer to another District school or to a public charter school within the District under certain circumstances. For additional information, see handbook procedure 12:100.<sup>5</sup>

# VI. Student Privacy

Students have certain privacy protections under federal law. For additional information, see handbook procedure 12.105.6

# VII. English Learners

The school offers opportunities for resident English Learners to achieve at high levels in academic subjects and to meet the same challenging State standards that all children are expected to meet. For additional information, see handbook procedure 12:60.

#### VIII. Homeless Students

For information on supports and services available to homeless students, see handbook procedure 12:30.8

For further information on any of the above matters, please contact the building principal.

## JACKSONVILLE REFERRAL SOURCES

### ADOPTION/FOSTER CARE

Catholic Charities 245-2521 Children & Family Services 245-9588 Child/Abuse & Neglect. 800-252-2873

# ALCOHOLISM

Alcoholics Anonymous 243-2862 The Wells Center 243-1871

### CHILD ABUSE

Children & Family Serv. 245-9688 Hotline 1-800-252-2873

### **CLOTHING**

Goodwill 243-7400 Red Cross (fire, disasters) 243-6641 Salvation Army 245-7124

### **COUNSELING**

Child/Abuse & Neg. 1-800-252-2873 Community Counseling 245-6126 Crisis Pregnancy Center 245-9340 The Wells Center 243-1871 Crisis Center 243-4357 Crisis Center (TTY) 245-6816 Nationl Suicide Prevention Lifeline 988 Midwest Youth Services 245-6000

### CRISIS/INTERVENTION

Crisis Text line: Text HOME to 741741 844-4-SAFE, IL,

DRUG ABUSE

Gateway 217-529-9266

**EMPLOYMENT** 

JTPA 243-5846

Job Service 245-5148

HEALTH CARE

Health Dept. 245-5111 Passavant Hospital 245-9541

NUTRITION

 Food Center
 243-1122

 Salvation Army
 245-7124

 Soup Kitchen
 243-6851

 WIC Program
 245-7812

### YOUTH SERVICES/RECREATION

 Big Brother/Big Sister
 243-3821

 Boys Scouts
 546-5570

 Extension (4-H)
 243-7424

 Girl Scouts
 245-4075

 Salvation Army
 245-7124

 YMCA
 245-2141

DRUG ABUSE

Gateway EMPLOYMENT 217-529-9266

JTPA 243-5846 Job Service 245-5148

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Crisis Center 217-243-4357