

19-20 Handbook Changes for PHS

- Updates to staff/board members
- Updates to bell schedule times
- Replace all MidState language/contacts with NPT
- Pg.4 - Unexcused Absences: Students absent 15 days without valid cause and who can not be located or, after exhausting all available support services, can not be compelled to return to school is subject to expulsion from school. A parent or guardian who knowingly and willfully permits a child to be truant is in violation of State law.
- Pg.5 - Added #7 under leaving school: 18 year old students are not allowed to sign themselves out or call themselves in absent. 18 year old students may not leave the building or grounds without parent consent. The only exception to this circumstance would be if a student had emancipation paperwork from a courthouse that has been submitted to the office and placed in their permanent file.
- Updated Homeless Liason info
- Pg 14 - Mobile Electronic Devices- updated to reflect suggested language of IPA Model Handbook:

The use of electronic devices and other technology at school is a privilege, not a right. 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, smart watch, 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 students should keep electronic devices LOCKED IN THEIR LOCKERS. The only exception to this rule would be for: use of the device is provided in a student's individualized education program (IEP). Students ARE allowed to use electronic devices during non-instructional time, which is defined as before and after school 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).

Students in violation of this procedure are subject to the following consequences:

1. First offense – The device will be confiscated by school personnel. A written warning will be assigned. The student will receive the device back at the end of the day in the school office.
2. Second offense – The device will be confiscated. A detention will be assigned. The student's parent/guardian will be notified and required to pick up the device in the school office.
3. Third offense – The device will be confiscated. A detention will be assigned. The student's parent/guardian will be notified and required to pick up the device in the school office. Additionally, the student will be prohibited from bringing the device to school for the next 10 school days. If the student is found in possession of the device during this 10-day period, the student will be prohibited from bringing the device to school for the remainder of the school year. The student will also face consequences for insubordination.
4. Fourth and subsequent offense – The device will be confiscated. The student will be assigned a detention and will be prohibited from bringing the device to school for the remainder of the school year. The student's parent/guardian will be notified and required to pick up the device in the school office. The student will also face consequences for insubordination. 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.

The School District is not responsible for the loss, damage, vandalism, or theft of any electronic mobile device brought to school. Parents and students are strongly encouraged to not leave any electronic mobile devices that have been brought to school unattended or unsecured.

- Pg 16 - Physicals and Immunizations: Added last paragraph to comply with updated law: 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 the medical reasons must be signed by an appropriate medical professional.

- Pg 16 - PBIS, Entire section added to explain new program "Panther Perks": For the 19-20 School Year a new PBIS program will take effect at PHS called Panther Perks.

All Panther Perks students get to leave during study hall at the end of day--27 minutes early. **Parents who do not wish for their child to participate in this aspect of the program need to inform the office in writing.** All Perks card holders get into all home athletic events free. (Does not include regional games with fees set by IHSA in which passes can not be used.) Cards can be lost during the quarter based on grades, behavior and attendance.

Levels of Achievement within Panther Perks

Platinum:

- GPA of 3.5 or higher
- 2 or fewer excused absences (any hour or day); 0 unexcused
- Zero tardies, office-issued detentions, or suspensions (bus, in-school, out of school)
- No course failures for quarter or semester

Gold:

- GPA of 3.2 or higher
- 3 or fewer excused absences (any hour or day); 0 unexcused absences
- One or fewer tardies; one or fewer office-issued detentions
- Zero suspensions (bus, in-school, out of school)
- No course failures for quarter or semester

Silver:

- GPA 2.8 (*CCR indicator level*)
- 4 or fewer excused absences (any hour or day); 0 unexcused absences
- 2 or fewer tardies or office-issued detentions
- Zero suspensions (bus, in-school, out of school)

- No course failures for quarter or semester

Earning your "Perks"

Criteria must be met the PREVIOUS quarter to qualify. Meaning....4th quarter data will be used to determine 1st quarter eligibility the following school year. 1st quarter data will determine 2nd quarter eligibility, etc. Cards can be "lost" if you fail to continue to meet those criteria or for any major violation of the student handbook.