

Steubenville High School

Student Handbook



2020 - 2021

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Principal's Message

Welcome to Steubenville High School, home of the Mighty Big Red! Although we are adapting to the new landscape created by the Covid-19 Pandemic, we are looking forward to working with each and every one of you as we embrace the new school year!

Steubenville High School will continue a tradition of academic excellence combined with a rich heritage of quality fine arts programs and competitive athletic teams. We encourage students to participate in these activities to enrich their high school experience and become an integral part of the school community.



Remember, the staff at SHS is here to help and support your efforts. This student handbook has been prepared to guide you through your high school experience. We want both students and parents to understand the policies and procedures that are in effect at Steubenville High School.

Each student is responsible for the student handbook contents. Review it carefully and keep it handy for ready reference throughout the school year. These guidelines are here to help create the best possible learning and teaching environment for each of us. Please feel free to call, email or visit for any help you may need.

Good luck and have a wonderful year. We are excited and honored to have you as a student at SHS

Ted Gorman

Ted Gorman, Principal

SHS Website

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STEUBENVILLE CITY SCHOOLS

Mission Statement

To educate, motivate and inspire all students to achieve excellence, personal growth and social responsibility.

Vision Statement

Transforming lives by inspiring every student in every classroom every day.

Motto

Educate, Motivate, Inspire

DISTRICT GOALS

2020 – 2021

1. We will improve through instructional strategies, curricular design and intervention the academic performance of all students as measured by state and local assessments.
2. We will provide targeted professional development to facilitate school, teacher and student performance.
3. We will maximize our resources to benefit our educational program and community.
4. We will enhance communications that will create greater understanding and good will within the district and community.

2020 – 2021 School Calendar

Three Semester Schedule

August	17	Monday	Teacher Inservice - No School
	18	Tuesday	General Staff Meeting - No School/Open House
	19	Wednesday	Opening Day of School
	19	Wednesday	Begin 1st 8 Weeks - 1st Semester
September	7	Monday	Labor Day - No School
October	16	Friday	End 1st - 8 weeks
	19	Monday	Begin 2nd 8 weeks
November	25-26-27	Wed.-Thurs.-Fri.	Thanksgiving Vacation - No School
	30	Monday	Classes Resume
December	18	Friday	End of 2nd 8 weeks
	21	Monday	No School - Christmas Vacation/Winter Recess
January	4	Monday	Classes Resume - Begins 2nd Semester - 3rd 8 weeks
	18	Monday	Martin Luther King Holiday - No School
February	15	Monday	President's Day - No School
	26	Friday	End of 3rd 8 weeks
March	1	Monday	Begin 4th - 8 weeks
	29-30-31	Mon.-Tues.-Wed.	End of 3rd 8 weeks
April	1-2	Thurs.-Fri.	Easter Vacation - No School
	5	Mon.-Tues.-Wed.	Easter Vacation - No School
	30	Friday	End of 4th 8 weeks
May	3	Monday	Begin May Mester
	26	Wednesday	Commencement - 7 p.m.
	27	Thursday	End of May Mester
	28	Friday	Teacher Workday - Staff Appreciation

Bell Schedules (Regular, Wednesday, Homeroom):

Three Semester Schedule		
Period 1	8:00 AM	8:46 AM
Period 2	8:49 AM	9:35 AM
Period 3	9:38 AM	10:24 AM
Period 4 or 1st Lunch	10:27 AM	11:13 AM
Period 5 or 2nd Lunch	11:16 AM	12:02 PM
Period 6	12:05 PM	12:51 PM
Period 7	12:54 PM	1:40 PM
Period 8	1:43 PM	2:30 PM

Wednesday Schedule		
Period 1	8:00 AM	8:46 AM
Period 2	8:49 AM	9:35 AM
Period 3	9:38 AM	10:24 AM
Period 4 or 1st Lunch	10:27 AM	11:13 AM
Period 5 or 2nd Lunch	11:16 AM	12:02 PM
Homeroom	12:05 PM	12:40 PM
Period 6	12:43 PM	1:17 PM
Period 7	1:20 PM	1:54 PM
Period 8	1:57 PM	2:30 PM

Homeroom 'A' Schedule (10 min.)		
Homeroom	8:00 AM	8:10 AM
Period 1	8:13 AM	8:55 AM
Period 2	8:58 AM	9:40 AM
Period 3	9:43 AM	10:24 AM
Period 4 or 1st Lunch	10:27 AM	11:13 AM
Period 5 or 2nd Lunch	11:16 AM	12:02 PM
Period 6	12:05 PM	12:51 PM
Period 7	12:54 PM	1:40 PM
Period 8	1:43 PM	2:30 PM

Homeroom 'B' Schedule (20 min.)		
Homeroom	8:00 AM	8:20 AM
Period 1	8:23 AM	9:02 AM
Period 2	9:05 AM	9:43 AM
Period 3	9:46 AM	10:24 AM
Period 4 or 1st Lunch	10:27 AM	11:13 AM
Period 5 or 2nd Lunch	11:16 AM	12:02 PM
Period 6	12:05 PM	12:51 PM
Period 7	12:54 PM	1:40 PM
Period 8	1:43 PM	2:30 PM

Assembly Schedule (AM)		
Period 1	8:00 AM	8:37 AM
Period 2	8:40 AM	9:17 AM
Period 3	9:20 AM	9:57 AM
Assembly	10:00 AM	10:57 AM
Period 4 or 1st Lunch	11:00 AM	11:36 AM
Period 5 or 2nd Lunch	11:39 AM	12:15 PM
Period 6	12:18 PM	12:54 PM
Period 7	12:57 PM	1:40 PM
Period 8	1:43 PM	2:30 PM

Assembly Schedule (PM)		
Period 1	8:00 AM	8:46 AM
Period 2	8:49 AM	9:35 AM
Period 3	9:38 AM	10:24 AM
Period 4 or 1st Lunch	10:27 AM	11:03 AM
Period 5 or 2nd Lunch	11:06 AM	11:36 AM
Period 5	11:39 AM	12:18 PM
Period 6	12:21 PM	12:47 PM
Period 8	12:50 PM	1:27 PM
Assembly	1:30 PM	2:30 PM

Two Hour Delay Schedule		
Period 1	10:00 AM	10:31 AM
Period 2	10:34 AM	11:01 AM
Period 3	11:04 AM	11:35 AM
Period 4 or 1st Lunch	11:38 AM	12:08 PM
Period 5 or 2nd Lunch	12:11 PM	12:41 PM
Period 6	12:44 PM	1:15 PM
Period 7	1:18 PM	1:49 PM
Period 8	1:52 PM	2:30 PM

Alma Mater

The Crimson and the Black

Although Yale has always favored,
the violet's dark blue;
and the gentle sons of Harvard,
to the crimson rose are true;
we will own our colors splendor,
nor honor shall they lack;
while the High School stands defender,
of the CRIMSON AND THE BLACK!

Through the four long years of High School,
Midst the scenes we know so well,
As the mystic charm to knowledge
We vainly seek to spell,
Or we win athletic victories
On the football field or track,
Still we work for dear old High School
and the CRIMSON AND THE BLACK!

When the cares of life over take us,
Mingling fast our locks with gray,
Should our dearest hopes betray us,
False fortune falls away;
Still we banish care and sadness,
As we turn our memories back,
And recall those days of gladness,
'Neath the CRIMSON AND THE BLACK!

COVID-19 Information

We want to share information regarding the plans in which Steubenville City School District is preparing to safely and responsibly deliver high-quality education to students during the upcoming academic year. The district continues to closely follow guidance from Governor DeWine, the Ohio Department of Education, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and local health officials in crafting our plans for the fall. We are committed to taking every precaution possible to ensure the highest level of health and safety for our students, their families, and our staff. As such, our plans will closely align with the state's COVID-19 Guidance. Changes to the learning plans will be guided by the risk assessment guidelines. In conjunction with the Jefferson County Health Department and local epidemiologists, Steubenville City Schools will review risk levels to maintain the highest levels of health and safety and to determine if adjustments need to be made.

- Traditional Learning Plan = Level 1, Level 2 (Based on Steubenville City Schools attendance)
- Hybrid Learning Plan = Level 3 (Based on Steubenville City Schools attendance)
- Remote Learning Plan = Level 4 (Based on Steubenville City School District attendance)

Steubenville City Schools Remote Learning:

Parents can choose to opt-in to the Steubenville City Schools Remote Learning if their student is unable to return to the classroom. This full-time option will run independently of the district's three learning plans. As such, students must commit to remote learning for the full semester. Students will be assigned a Steubenville City School teacher and every effort will be made to allow students to follow their previously scheduled courses. Some elective courses and specials may not be offered in this setting.

Parents who want their student(s) to participate in the Steubenville City Schools Remote Learning this fall must opt-in by August 7, 2020. For more information on Remote Learning, contact your building principal.

Enhanced safety protocols include:

1. Social Distancing:
 - a. Every effort will be made to ensure students and staff maintain safe distances from one another in all school environments, including classrooms, hallways, restrooms, cafeterias, playgrounds and on the bus. Staff will organize furniture and students in classrooms with the goal being 50% occupancy; however, this may not always be attainable depending on the class and grade level. As such,

face coverings are an essential part of the Steubenville City School District plans to help protect all students and staff.

2. Face Coverings:
 - a. Per Ohio Governor DeWine, all staff are required to wear facial coverings while on school property. As recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics, unless special circumstances apply, all students (K-12) will wear a face covering in instances where six feet of social distance is not feasible. This is critical to provide a safe and healthy environment for all.
3. Transportation:
 - a. All students (Pre K-12) and staff must wear face coverings while on the bus. Buses will be loaded from back to front to allow for reduced contact between students. Sanitizer will be available on each bus. Touch points will be sanitized between routes and each bus will be thoroughly sanitized after the morning run and the afternoon run.
4. Cafeteria:
 - a. If necessary, each school will designate a separate area during lunchtime or students might eat in their classroom in order to ensure a social distancing is available while students eat and drink and cannot wear face coverings. Cafeterias will utilize a “grab and go” approach.
5. Cleaning Procedures:
 - a. The district’s custodial schedule will be redesigned to enhance daily cleanings and sanitizations across all buildings. Sanitizer will be available at entrances to classrooms and in high-traffic areas. Increased opportunities for handwashing will be provided throughout the day.

Guidance Department

Dean of Students are available to help students plan their high school career. Scheduling, testing, college and career planning, or personal counseling are offered to our students. At SHS, we believe that all students should either be preparing to enter the work force or some form of higher education once they graduate. Students should consider their future and decide which of these avenues they wish to pursue as they plan their high school career. Students are assigned to a counselor by alphabet and should feel free to put in a request to see their counselor at any time.

Mr. [Aaron Newman](#): Students A – L

Mrs. [Adele Filtz](#): Students M - Z

Mrs. [Jackie Reeves](#): University Scholars

Graduation Requirements

In order to graduate from Steubenville High School a student must meet the minimum standards set by the State of Ohio and the Steubenville City Board of Education.

The minimum requirements to graduate from Steubenville High School are:

English Language Arts 4 Units
Social Studies, including one unit of American History, one unit of American Government, and one unit of World History 3 Units
Social Studies, including one unit of American History, one unit of American Government, and one unit of World History 3 Units
Science, including one unit each in Physical Science and Biology 3 Units
Mathematics (including one unit of Algebra 2) 4 Units
Health ½ Unit
Physical Education

½ Unit
Fine Art 1 unit
Technology 1 unit
Financial Literacy 1 unit
Electives * 4 Units
Total of 22 Units

The minimum requirements for graduation also include:

1. Passing all State required examinations; earning the designated points to graduate or meet the conditions for Alternate Graduation Requirements.
2. Completion of at least 25 service-learning hours during senior year (includes a summary and presentation).

Senior Capstone Project: Program Overview

Definition

The Steubenville High School Senior Service-Learning Project is designed to allow teachers to work with smaller groups of students and take ownership in helping those students graduate; prepare for college and/or the workforce; complete a series of service-learning activities; and fulfill their senior service-learning project requirements. This is the guiding framework for the Steubenville High School Service-Learning program.

Service Learning engages students in community-based volunteer activities that are also tied to acquiring knowledge. It is a method of teaching and learning within the community. Lastly, it integrates meaningful community service with instruction and reflection to enrich the learning experience, teach civic responsibility, encourage lifelong civic engagement, and strengthen communities for the common good.

Senior Capstone Project Requirements

Seniors - Attend all senior homeroom classes, participate in all Senior Service-Learning activities, and complete 25 service-learning hours as part of their senior service-learning project (includes a proposal, summary and presentation).

Purpose

In order to fully implement the small learning communities, the high school has scheduled Homeroom periods that allow time for teachers to mentor and guide a small number of students. In addition to mentoring, senior homeroom teachers are expected to assist students with service-learning projects and take an active role in working to ensure all assigned students are successful.

We believe that strong student-teacher relationships are formed when teachers take ownership for the success of a small number of students. As a result, students pass courses at a higher rate, increase school and community involvement, improve their self-image, and ultimately graduate.

Senior Homeroom Teacher Responsibilities:

- Serve as a student mentor and advocate.
- Maintain records of homeroom attendance.
- Organize community theme-based service-learning projects with students.
- Help seniors prepare for and complete their senior service-learning projects and presentations.
 - Conduct and facilitate discussions with students (individual and group).
- Be available to students when assistance is needed and/or requested.
- Contact parents/guardians as needed

Student Responsibilities:

- Attend and participate in all scheduled senior homerooms.
- Complete projects and all senior requirements.
 - Request assistance or help from your senior homeroom teacher as needed.
 - Keeping track of all required paperwork, including signature pages, proposals and hourly logs.
 - All paperwork must be completed and submitted prior to beginning presentations.

Graduation Requirements:

The Board desires that its standards for graduation meet or exceed the minimum standards of the Ohio Department of Education and/or state law; and compares favorably with other high schools in the state that are recognized for excellence.

The Board assumes that at the time of graduation each student has fulfilled all academic and financial obligations. A good record, scholastic or otherwise, is the best recommendation a student can offer for college admission or employment. A record of good personal behavior and cooperation is expected.

Graduation Ceremony Eligibility

The law states that participation in graduation exercises is a privilege, not a right. As a result, any student who violates the code of conduct or is involved with criminal activity may be excluded from senior activities including the graduation exercises. Students must complete all graduation requirements listed above before graduation practice in order to participate in the graduation ceremony.

Surveillance Cameras

This facility and grounds are equipped with a surveillance system. This system may be used to monitor student conduct and to assist in disciplinary action. This system also provides security to our facility, staff and students. Any attempt to damage or interfere with the function of these devices will result in disciplinary action by the school and possible referral to local law enforcement agencies.

Schedule Changes

Schedule changes will be made only for students who do not have a complete schedule, do not meet minimum requirements or did not get all required courses requested. No schedule changes will be made for change of electives, to change teachers or to change times of classes. Adjustments to schedules due to conflicts, failures, class closeouts or human error will be made during the first 10 days of the school year. All students are required to carry a minimum of 6 credits a year.

Child Custody Regulations

In cases of divorce/separation, a copy of the final agreement of the divorce decree/separation agreement that stipulates the custodial provisions must be provided to the school. Any subsequent changes to the court order or decree must also be provided to school officials.

Grading Policy

The Board of Education believes that establishing academic standards, evaluating student work and reporting student progress is the responsibility of the teacher. In doing so the teacher must insure reasonable validity and fairness and have records to support the grades issued. Student achievement will be reported using the following grades. AP Classes and College Credit classes will have a weighted grade scale.

GRADING SCALE	WEIGHTED GRADING SCALE
A= 4	A= 5
B= 3	B= 4
C= 2	C= 3
D= 1	D= 2
F = 0	F= 0

Grades or progress reports will be assigned for each of the grading periods and exams will be calculated for semester and final averages. Progress reports will be issued approximately midway through each grading period. These reports may request a parental conference for the purpose of outlining sequential methods and practices that will help the student to experience success. If the progress report is not successful in changing the student's performance, parent conferences with the student, assistant principal and/or Dean of Students may be employed to try to help the student. Report cards will be on-line only. They will only be mailed if the office has a written request from the parent/guardian.

Scholarship Recognition

The student(s) who completes the four-year high school curriculum and has the highest average for the first seven semesters of all the students graduating in that class is named the valedictorian. The student(s) with the second highest average is named the salutatorian.

College Scholarships

Students interested in working toward college scholarships are advised that these are usually given on the basis of the following factors:

1. Scholastic record in school
2. Leadership characteristics as noted through school participation
3. Financial need

Some scholarships are awarded on the basis of competitive examinations. Information will be posted from time to time. Keep informed by reading notices and listening to the daily announcements over the public address system. The COIN program, available in the guidance office and library, can also assist you in this area. The school has historically raised funds for school scholarships and donors have also given funds for specific types of students for other local scholarships.

Academic Awards Banquet

At the conclusion of the year the faculty and administration host an academic awards banquet to honor those students who have achieved honors in the various phases of curriculum, government, activities, etc. The awards are chosen by the faculty, administration and community, and represent every level of academic achievement. Both students and parents are honored for their dedication to their school. Senior students are required to have a 3.25 GPA to be invited to the Academic banquet, if they don't meet the required GPA, they will receive their award at the Academic Assembly.

Work Permits

Work permits are required for every person under age 18 who works for pay for someone other than his/her parents. These permits are required both for full time or part time work. A student who wishes to quit school to work is not withdrawn until a work permit has been issued. Stiff penalties can be given to employers who employ minors without work permits. Applications for work permits can be found in the Main Office.

Lunch Policy

There is a closed lunch policy at Steubenville High School. All underclassmen are required to eat their lunches in the commons area unless the principal announces an open lunch schedule. Students may be called out for lunch only if their guardian comes to the office to pick them up. Any underclassman that leaves the building for lunch unauthorized will receive disciplinary action as listed in the code of conduct. Seniors have the privilege of leaving the building for lunch. This privilege may be revoked for tardiness returning from lunch, for disciplinary reasons or for not following proper lunchtime procedure (listed in the code of conduct). Seniors must adhere to the following rules when leaving the building for lunch. When leaving the building for lunch seniors may only exit the doors to the new addition. When returning back from lunch, seniors must enter through these same doors.

A.L.I.C.E.

(New title of “Lockdown Procedures”) The Steubenville City School District has a plan in place to assure the safety of our students and staff in light of an emergency. The plan is known as A.L.I.C.E. and is designed to create a proactive approach for emergency situations.

- Alert get the word out!
 - Use clear, concise language to convey the type and location of the event.
- Lockdown no change from current procedures.
- Allows aggressive use of current technology and procedures.
- Inform communication allows for good decision making.
- Counter apply skills to distract, confuse, and gain control.
- Aggressive response vs passive response.
- Evacuate - leave the danger area to avoid contact with an intruder.

The philosophy behind the ALICE plan is:

- Utilize technology and information in ways that allow staff and students to make informed decisions.
- Remove as many people as possible from the DANGER zone.
- Provide realistic training so that those “stuck” in the CRISIS Zone have options available to them to enhance their chances of surviving.

The staff and students at all Steubenville City Schools have been trained in ALICE and practiced the procedures during each school year. Full implementation of the program was started at the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year.

Safety is always the number one concern for the Steubenville City School District. We believe that the ALICE safety 15 procedures give our staff and students the best opportunity to survive a crisis should the need arise.

Bulletin Boards

Special notices are posted throughout the building. All signs and posters must be approved by the school administration and that approval must be marked on that sign or poster before it can be displayed in the school. Nothing is to be attached to painted wall surfaces.

Advertising Outside Agencies

No announcements or posting of outside activities will be permitted without the approval of the Superintendent. A minimum of 10 days' notice is required to ensure that the Superintendent has the opportunity to review the announcement or posting.

Dance Policy

Student dances are a very popular extracurricular activity at Steubenville High School. The dances are also an integral, yet enjoyable activity for the school; and they also provide students with an excellent opportunity to meet socially. In an effort to make these dances a positive experience for all students, the following guidelines will be communicated:

1. Every SHS student and guest must have a permission slip returned to the Main Office to attend an SHS sponsored dance.
2. Appropriate dress and dance style will be closely monitored and enforced. Appropriate physical contact only.
3. Sexually suggestive dancing will not be tolerated. If the behavior looks questionable, it will be stopped.
4. Lewd dancing (grinding, twerking) will result in the student and/or couple given a warning and after next infraction being asked to leave the event and a phone call to parent/guardian.
5. The administrators in attendance will be the final judge of the appropriateness of dance style.
6. Students are not permitted to bring bottles or bags in dances.
7. Once a student or guest leaves the dance, they are not permitted to return. Money will not be refunded.
8. All students and guests must leave the location within 20 minutes of the end of the function.
9. No loitering in parking lots. Parents/guardians please pick up your student within this time limit.
10. All school rules are in effect, whether the dance is on school property or not.
11. High School Dances are for High School Students Only

These common policies emerge from our values that recognize the dignity and self-worth of all people. Within this setting, dances are viewed as an opportunity for students to socialize in a supervised and safe environment. Students' behavior and attire should reflect this guiding principle.

Student Activities

There are a wide variety of extracurricular activities that students at Steubenville High School can be involved in. These include athletic teams, student clubs and organizations and music or artistic groups. Here is a list of many of them. See your Dean of Students, coach or the advisor of a group if you are interested in becoming a member.

Athletics

Baseball	Mr. Fred Heatherington
Basketball (Boys)	Mr. Mike Haney
Basketball (Girls)	Ms. Angie Forte
Cheering	Mrs. Stephanie Wineman
Football	Mr. Reno Saccoccia
Golf	Mr. Scott Lane
Soccer (Boys)	Mr. Greg Bowers
Soccer (Girls)	Mrs. Anne Cutri
Softball	Mr. Gus DiMarzio
Swimming	Mrs. Wendy Tucker
Tennis	Mr. Ross Ivkovich
Track	Mr. Andy Kidwell
Volleyball	Mrs. Kristen Taylor
Wrestling	Mr. Mike Blackburn

Music/Art

A Capella Choir	Mr. Scott Wolodkin
Band	Mrs. Rosalind Thacker
Drama Club	Mr. Scott Wolodkin
Jazz Band	Mrs. Rosalind Thacker
Majorettes	Mrs. Rosalind Thacker
Orchestra	Ms. Catherine Baker
Show Choir	Mr. Scott Wolodkin

Thespian

[Mr. Scott Wolodkin](#)

Student Activities/ Clubs

Academic Letter

[Mrs. Jackie Reeves](#)

Art Club

[Mrs Emily Miller](#)

Aviation Club

[Ms. Natalie Campana](#)

Beta Club

[Mrs. Jackie Reeves](#)

Close-up

[Mrs. Jackie Reeves](#)

Creative Writing Club

[Mr Alex Walker](#)

FCA

[Mr. Andy Kidwell](#)

E-Sports

[Mr. Scott Lane](#)

Pep Club

[Ms. Whitney Goff](#)

Key Club

[Mr. Ross Ivkovich](#)

Leo Club

[Ms. Jaclyn Walters](#)

Multimedia Club

[Ms. Natalie Campana](#)

Nat'l. Honor Society

[Mrs. Jackie Reeves](#)

Nike Club

[Ms. Katrina Morrow](#)

Rotary Interact Club

[Mr. Scott Lane](#)

Student Senate

[Mr. John Abram](#)

Wells Wizards Physics Club

[Mrs. Kayla DiMarzio](#)

Yearbook Staff

[Mrs. Debbie Straka](#)

Youth Coalition

[Ms Eliza Kelley](#)

Policies and Procedures

Every student should realize that a successful organization needs rules and regulations, and that the acceptance of these rules and regulations is necessary if the organization is to achieve its stated objectives. Policies and procedures at Steubenville High School have been developed to provide efficient movement and conduct of students while under school jurisdiction so that every student can enjoy a school climate favorable to learning. It is not our desire to impose punishment; however, certain controls are in place to help us ensure that every student can exercise his or her right to a quality education. Steubenville City Schools may obtain photographs, digitized images, video, and voice recordings of students for educational and informational purposes. Such media and all subsequent uses of media, including publications, become the property of Steubenville City Schools and may be disseminated to the public via appropriate media channels. Parents or guardians have the right to opt out of this policy by submitting a written notification to Steubenville City Schools.

Steubenville City Schools Student Absence/Attendance/Truancy Procedure

It is the goal of Steubenville City Schools to educate all students enrolled in our district. We feel that attendance is a very important part of the educational process. If a student is not present, he/she is not able to receive the necessary instruction to learn to his/her full potential.

Truancy Liaison - The Superintendent will designate a school administrator or any other designee to serve as the truancy liaison.

1. Each day the school shall determine which students are absent from school and whether that absence is excused in accordance with Board Policy.
2. Students between the ages of six (6) and eighteen (18) must be in attendance full time at public school, private school, or involved in an alternative education program. If a student is eighteen (18) or older and chooses not to follow the rules, regulations, and/or policies of the school district, that student can be asked to cease attendance.
3. If a student is designated EEN (Exceptional Education Needs), the school district must provide the opportunity of educational services for that student until the age of twenty-one (21). However, if that student chooses not to follow the rules, regulations, and/or policies of the school district and thereby shows an unwillingness to participate in provided services, the student will be asked to cease attendance due to an unwillingness to participate in the provided educational program as determined by the school district.

Absences - A student is considered truant when he/she is absent from school without an acceptable excuse for part of or all of any day(s) on which school is held and during which the school has not been

notified in writing of the legal cause of the students absence by the parent/guardian. ***What is excused or unexcused is determined by the school. Parents/guardians must contact the school as described in the above paragraph.*** The truancy liaison is empowered to approve a legal excuse to any student under the following conditions:

Evidence that the student is not in proper physical or mental condition to attend school or an educational program; a medical excuse may be requested. (Medical, dental, chiropractic, optometry, psychological, or other valid medical appointments.) Every effort should be made to schedule appointments during non-school hours. If it is necessary to schedule an appointment during school hours the student should attend any part of the school day before or after the scheduled appointment.

A court appearance or legal procedure.

A quarantine as imposed by a public health officer.

Approved school activities during class time.

A child may be excused in writing by his/her parent/guardian by state statute prior to an additional absence. A child shall not be excused more than six (6) days in a school year. All days past six (6) would be deemed un-excused and treated accordingly. The school Board requires a child excused under the above to complete any course-work missed during the absences.

Special circumstances that show good cause which are approved in advance by the Building Administrator or the School Secretary.

Teacher Responsibility – Teachers are responsible for making all assignments available to students who have authorized/excused absences once they return to school. Students will have the same amount of authorized/excused days absent to make up the work.

Truancy – Any child between 6 and 18 — defined under Ohio law as the ages at which children must attend school — who is absent more than a set number of days without a valid excuse.

Habitual truancy - is defined under Ohio Rev. Code 2151.011 as when a student misses:

More than 30 consecutive school hours without a legitimate excuse;

42 or more school hours in a month hours without a legitimate excuse;

72 or more school hours in a year hours without a legitimate excuse;

The only legal course for absence is:

In situations where the student is not in proper physical or mental condition to attend school;

When any child is excused by the School Board in accordance with the School Board's written policy;

Or when instruction approved by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction is being substituted.

When Parent/guardian knows that their child will be absent it is requested that the parent/guardian give the school prior written notice of the upcoming absence. When it is necessary for a student to be absent due to illness or emergency reasons, a parent/guardian is requested to call the school's attendance line before 9:30 am on the day of the absence to indicate the reason for the student's absence so that the school can maintain accurate records. Absences are unexcused until parent/guardian contact is made. All absences must be excused within 24 hours of the initial absence. If the student is seen by a Doctor or a visit to the emergency room is made, ***A Doctor's note must be turned in within 24 hours of the students return to school*** (a Doctor's note can be emailed to the school).

Student/Parent Responsibility – It is the student/parent's responsibility to request work. If the child will be absent for more than one day the parent can notify the school in advance and pick up assignments at the end of the day.

Truancy School Notification Policy

1. The Truancy Liaison or other designated school personnel will make every effort to contact the parents/guardians of any student who has missed three (3) or more days of school.
2. A truancy letter from the school will be delivered to the home once a student reaches five (5) or more days absent.
3. Jefferson County Truancy Liaison will mail a truancy letter to the home once a student reaches six (6) and eight (8) days absent.
4. Family Support meetings will be scheduled for any student who is seen as a possible chronic/habitual truancy risk.
5. If the above mentioned interventions are not successful the student will be referred to court for further action.
 - a. Possible penalties for Truancy for Juveniles:
 - i. Probation
 - ii. Counseling
 - iii. Community Service
 - iv. Alternative School
 - v. Detention
 - b. Possible penalties for Truancy for Parents/Guardians:
 - i. When a minor fails to report to school without a valid excuse or notification, the minor's parents or guardians can be held accountable.

- ii. If a child who is habitually or chronically truant is determined to be an unruly or delinquent juvenile, then Ohio Rev. Code 3321.38 allows you as a parent or guardian to be charged with criminal offence of Contribution to the Unruliness or Delinquency of a Child. Section 3321.38 is the statute that prohibits a parent or guardian from failing to send a child to school.
- iii. If you're charged with contributing to the unruliness or delinquency of a juvenile, according to Ohio Rev. Code 2919.24, you may be convicted of a 1st degree misdemeanor. The penalty for a 1st degree misdemeanor includes up to 180 days in jail and a fine of up to \$1,000.
- iv. If your child is habitually or chronically truant, Ohio Rev. Code 3321.38 also allows you to be charged with the crime of Nonsupport of Dependents (also known as failure to provide adequate support). This is the same statute used to charge people who don't not pay child support. In the context of truancy, the failure to make sure your child attends school can be considered a form of neglect and may result in a charge under Ohio Rev. Code 2919.21 C.

Arrivals / Departures

The building officially opens for operation at 6 a.m. Any students arriving prior to 7:45 a.m. are only permitted in the Commons. The Commons entrance is the only entrance to be used. Students are expected to leave school promptly, at the end of the day, unless they are staying for a supervised activity. After 3:00 p.m., only students who are at a supervised activity are permitted in the building.

Leaving the Building

When a student enters the building, the student is under the jurisdiction of the school until the end of the day. If a student leaves the building during the day, except for outside lunch privileges, he must obtain an excuse in the office. Students are expected to arrange doctor appointments during lunch periods only. Appointments during school time are discouraged and are subject to review by the administration. If the student has an appointment with a doctor or dentist or if he/she needs to be excused for any other valid reason during the school day, a note written by the parent or guardian is required. This note, which is to be given to the Main Office Secretary between 7:35 - 7:55 a.m. on the day of the absence, should indicate the reason for the absence, time and date. No phone calls will be accepted for special excuses except for emergencies. If you have not followed this procedure or become ill during the school day and need to leave school, you must check out with the assistant principal to be excused. This includes illness during the student's lunchtime. These cases will be handled on an individual basis with the proof of illness being left up to the student and guardian. Failure to check out is considered an unexcused absence and may result in a zero for class work for the day as well as disciplinary action according to the code of conduct.

If a student leaves the building without going the main office and following proper procedure, they will be subject to disciplinary action through the behavior code

Unexcused Absences

For any unexcused absence the student will receive an "F" in all subjects for that day. Students will not make up work for unexcused absences. Repeated violations may result in conferences, in school suspension (ISS), or referral to juvenile court.

Make Up Work

Students who are absent one day...

Will take previously announced quizzes and tests and hand in previously assigned work the day they return to class.

Assignments made and/or quizzes/tests given in their absence should be made up upon returning to school.

Students who are absent for multiple days...

Are afforded one day of makeup for each day missed. The student is responsible for conferring with the teacher to arrange a make-up schedule.

Again, work previously assigned is due the day of the student's return.

If long-term assignments carry a deadline, as opposed to a due date, students are expected to send the assignment to school if they are absent.

Assignments are available through the Guidance Department (740) 282-9741 ext. 1117 for multiple day absences, Books and materials, however, is the responsibility of the parent (guardian) making the request.

In the case of pre-arranged absences...

Students will deliver to teachers all previously assigned work due during their absence the day they return.

A student who checks-in or leaves early...

Is required to hand in assigned work and make up quizzes/tests on that day. The following are examples of this situation: a field trip; medical appointment; excused tardy; or clinic visit.

Under extenuating circumstances, at the discretion of the teacher, an extension may be granted for any of these different conditions. Students have the responsibility for discussing these extenuating circumstances with the teacher.

Teacher Email Addresses

Email is an excellent way to communicate with your child's teacher. Each teacher's email address is listed as first name.last name, plus @rollred.net for example; john.smith@rollred.net

Vacations

The school realizes that parents and students are sometimes confronted with planned absences or vacations. Vacations during the school year are definitely discouraged by the staff and Board of Education. If no alternate arrangements can be made, parents are to make an appointment with the building principal at least one week in advance of the anticipated absence. The granting for approval by the principal for such a request will be based on such factors as attendance, current grade average, classroom performance, and teacher recommendations. If approval is granted, assignments will be issued prior to departure and due upon return to school unless some other arrangement is made with the teacher. The approval of a vacation does not give a student the privilege of being absent from school any other days that particular nine weeks. If the vacation exceeds ten (10) days and if the student is absent from school any other days that particular nine weeks, a doctor's excuse is required, and parents must set up a conference with the assistant principal or the principal.

Doctors Excuses

If a student is absent because of hospital confinement or a doctor's appointment, he/she should obtain an excuse showing the date(s) absent written by the doctor. These excuses should be presented, within five days after returning to school, to each subject teacher and then to the office to be placed in the student's file. If a student is absent due to a death in the immediate family, a call from the guardian is required the day after returning to school. Students may not be given makeup privileges and will receive an "F" for all work due if the above procedure is not followed.

Tardiness

Students arriving late for the first period must receive a slip from the tardy room before reporting to class. No student will be admitted to first period class without a tardy slip. A student is considered tardy to class if he/she is not in his/her assigned seat ready to work when the bell rings. Tardiness to school, to class or from lunch may result in disciplinary action according to the behavior code.

Lost and Found

The lost and found areas are located in the High School office, Athletic office and High School dining hall. Students who have lost items may retrieve their items if found. Unclaimed items will be given to charity at the end of each semester. All found items are to be turned into the High School office.

Student Sales

No student is permitted to sell any item or service in school without the principal's approval. Violation of this may lead to disciplinary action.

Telephone Use

Office and classroom telephones are not to be used by students for personal phone calls. Students may, with permission, use the office telephone in an emergency. Students will not be called to the office to receive a telephone call.

Early Dismissal

Students may be dismissed early for work or school privileges. In order for a student to qualify for a permanent early dismissal the student must:

For Work:

1. Be a senior
2. Have a job at which the student is scheduled to work one hour before the dismissal time and scheduled to do so at least three days a week
3. Be in a school-sponsored work program or program approved by the school.

For daytime post-secondary option:

1. Be a senior and receive permission from the principal.
2. Meet minimum requirements for graduation from Steubenville High School
3. Must carry a minimum of 6 credits at the high school

** Nighttime post-secondary option requires only that the student adhere to #3 above.

Exceptional Cases:

A committee consisting of the principal, assistant principal and Dean of Students will judge any situation that comes up that is not covered in the policies written above on its merits.

Visitors

The school policy is to welcome only visitors who have legitimate business to attend to at the high school. Guests and visitors must report to the main office for authorization before proceeding through the school. Visitors are expected to leave promptly once their business has been completed.

Emergency Procedures

Fire Drills

Fire drills conducted in an orderly manner are a necessary part of the school program. Students will leave the building by following the “fire exit” instructions posted in their classroom.

Tornado Drills

Tornado Alarm Procedures are posted in each classroom. During tornado drills students do not leave the building. Classes have specific locations during these drills.

Lock-Down Drills

Lock down drills will be conducted periodically as a part of the school safety program. Parents/visitors are requested to cooperate in the school’s effort in the operation.

Free or Reduced Lunch/Breakfast Program

The Free or Reduced Lunch/Breakfast Program is available to students who qualify under the federal guidelines. For more information, contact the main office.

Electronic Devices (ED)

The policy is meant to help maintain an educational focus in the classroom and other study areas and respect the needs of our students to have reasonable access to their phones and other electronic devices. We acknowledge that is the age of instant communication as well as the need to maintain a proper environment for students, faculty and the educational process.

Cell phones, iPads, iPods, mp3s, earphones or other electronic devices are not to be used in the classrooms unless authorized by the classroom teacher. Cell phones and other devices are to be turned off or placed on silent/vibrate mode and be OUT OF SIGHT during class. Violation of this rule will result in disciplinary action and confiscation of the electronic device. **Students should keep these items in a secure place.**

Unauthorized use of these electronic devices (ED) in school is a violation of this policy.

Violators of the policy will be subject to disciplinary action: Confiscation of the Device Until the End of The Day and Must Be Picked Up by A Parent/Guardian in the Main Office.

Parents should continue to call the school for any emergency situation. We will contact your son/daughter.

Distracting behavior that creates an unsafe environment will not be tolerated. Students are prohibited from using EDs to capture, record or transmit the words (i.e. audio) and/or images (i.e. pictures/video) of any student, staff member or other person in the school or while attending a school-related activity, without express prior notice and explicit consent for the capture, recording or transmission of such words or images. Students are prohibited from using an ED in any way that might reasonably create in the mind of another person an impression of being threatened, humiliated, harassed, embarrassed or intimidated. Consequence is under the discretion of the administrator.

EDs, including but not limited to those with cameras, may not be possessed, activated or utilized at any time in any school situation where a reasonable expectation of personal privacy exists. These locations and circumstances include but are not limited to locker rooms, shower facilities, restrooms and any other areas where students or others may change clothes or be in any stage or degree of disrobing or changing clothes.

Students may use EDs for an educational or instructional purpose (e.g. taking notes, recording a class lecture, writing papers) with the teacher's permission and supervision. Teachers may permit student use of EDs in their classrooms as they feel it is appropriate.

Violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action and/or confiscation of the ED. The building principal may also refer the matter to law enforcement if the violation involves an illegal activity (e.g. child pornography).

Students are not permitted to wear headphones in the hallways and/or during lunch.

Headphones should be put in a secure place and should not be hanging around the neck or out of the shirt or pants.

Steubenville High School assumes no responsibility for theft, loss, damage or vandalism to EDs brought onto its property, or the unauthorized use of such devices.

Sexting, Texting & Emailing

In accordance with HB 1, HB 132 and Ohio Revised Code 2907.323, the possessing, taking, disseminating, receiving, keeping or sharing of nude, obscene, pornographic, lewd, or otherwise illegal images of photographs, by electronic data transfers does constitute a crime under state and/or federal law. Any person involved in any of the above can be punished under the code of conduct and may be reported to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Students and families should be aware of these guidelines as legal charges and/or convictions do constitute some long-lasting penalties.

Misuse of Computer

Students shall not use a computer to obtain access to lewd, obscene, scandalous, or other unauthorized information or otherwise misuse a computer or a computer program. Misuse of a computer includes, “sending or displaying offensive messages or pictures; using obscene language; harassing, insulting or attacking others; damaging computers, computer systems or computer networks; violating copyright laws; using another’s password; trespassing in another’s folder, work or files; intentionally wasting limited resources; employing the network for commercial purposes; and using network and internet access to engage in “hacking” or other unlawful activities.” Students and parent/guardian must sign the Steubenville City School District Student Network and Internet Form before a student can use a district computer.

Academic Dishonesty/Plagiarism

Students are not to use another's thoughts, ideas or words as their own. Cheating is a serious offense. The following may apply when a student is determined to have cheated:

1. The teacher will discuss the incident with the student and then send him to see a Dean of Students and /or administrator.
2. The teacher will inform the parents of the facts concerning the dishonesty on the part of the student.
3. The penalty for cheating is a zero for work covered by the test or assignment. (Additional punishment may be administered dependent on circumstance)

After School Students without proper supervision - Facility Usage

After School Students are not permitted in the gymnasium, wellness center, indoor track, weight room, pool or school building after school without proper supervision by a coach, advisor or teacher. All students not involved in supervised activities after school must exit the building by 3:00 p.m.

Care of School Property

It is the responsibility of all students. Students should do their part in keeping the building neat and orderly. If a student writes on or damages a locker, wall, or any other school property, he shall pay to cover the cost of repair or replacement. Work in kind will be acceptable if appropriate. Students owing any obligation in this area will have credit held until all obligations are met. Reasonableness will be a general rule in this area.

Backpack/Book-bag Policy

At Steubenville High School, we strive to create the best and safest learning environment for all students.

To continue these efforts the administration and teachers see the need to remove backpacks from the classroom. Students may bring backpacks and book-bags to school but will be required to leave the bags in their locker during the school day.

This policy's intent is to increase safety in the following ways:

- Reduce the ability to conceal weapons, drugs, or other contraband.
- Reducing tripping hazards.
- Create more space and mobility for all, including those with disabilities.

Having no backpacks in the classroom will also improve the learning environment by:

- Decreasing distractions commonly brought into class in such as food, electronic devices, and other items.
- Will help students stay organized.

Extra time is added after 2nd and 5th periods to the students' schedule during the day for students to retrieve materials from their lockers.

All students are assigned a locker at the start of the year. Students may store their backpacks and book-bags in assigned lockers. However, all bookbags will remain in the locker during the day.

Dress and Grooming Code

Students must wear appropriate clothing and footwear at all times. Student clothing and appearance must be appropriate for the educational climate and should not create a safety hazard or distraction to the educational process.

Styles and the names of articles of clothing change frequently. Therefore, it is impossible to list all inappropriate items. In cases where there is a question of appropriateness for school, the principal or assistants will make the final decision.

The following articles of clothing and/or accessories are examples of inappropriate wear for school:

1. Halter tops, tube tops, tank tops, muscle shirts, net jerseys, low cut revealing tops or any type top which exposes an unusual amount of the upper torso (girls or boys).
2. Gloves, spiked clothing, and spiked accessories.
3. See through clothing.
4. Pajama pants or loungewear.
5. Hats, sweatbands, head scarves, picks, sunglasses, or combs are **NOT** to be worn during school hours.
6. No clothing with writing or attached symbols that is obscene, vulgar, suggestive, or that promotes items, products or services that violates school policies or regulations.
7. Pants must be worn at waist and neither undergarments nor body should be exposed No sagging pants allowed at any time.
8. Shorts/skirts which do not equal the position of the fingertips with arms and fingers extended.
9. No sunglasses unless prescribed by a doctor.
10. Hairstyles must be neat and clean with no alternative hairstyles permitted.
11. Accessories and jewelry that may cause injury, pose a safety hazard, or substantially disrupt or materially interfere with student safety or instruction are prohibited. This shall be determined by Administration. This can include, but is not limited to:

- a. Jewelry worn in pierced areas of the body that substantially disrupt or materially interfere with student safety or instruction.

Consequences:

If a student is sent to the office for a dress code violation, he/she will be given the opportunity to change.

The student will be permitted to call a parent to bring clothes, however the student will remain in the main office while they wait for their parent to arrive.

If a student does not have a change of clothes or if parental arrangements can't be made, the student will spend the remainder of the school day in the in-school suspension (ISS) or be sent home.

Repeated violation of the SHS dress code policy may result in school discipline.

Specific cases not included in this list are at the discretion of the principal or assistant principal.

Eighteen-Year-Old Student

A student reaching 18 years of age or older, is considered to be an adult who has chosen to attend Steubenville High School. Consequently, he or she is likewise subject to all the rules and regulations applicable to other students. Therefore, if a student is 18 years old or older and resides with his parents, adult relatives or friends, it is still mandatory that the above adult parent, relative or friend be contacted in order for the student to be released for early dismissal, illness, etc. Also, absent notes are required from the parents or adult relatives or friends with whom the student is residing. The only exception to the above is when the student has been granted independent status.

Registration with and approval by the Steubenville High School's enrollment officer must occur before any student 18 years of age or older can obtain independent status.

Withdrawing from School

Any student who withdraws from school, regardless of the reason, must complete a

Withdrawal Form. At this time all textbooks must be returned, and all fees and fines must be paid. An official transcript of grades will not be sent until these obligations are met.

The parent/guardian must accompany the student and must sign the necessary withdrawal forms.

Change of Address

Any change of address or telephone number during the school year is to be reported to the SHS Main Office.

Use of the Elevator

If a student becomes semi-ambulatory during the school year and requests to use the building elevator, a doctor's note requesting the use of the elevator must be presented.

School Closing

When school is closed due to weather conditions or some other emergency situation, it will be announced over Steubenville area radio and TV stations, as well as posted on the district's website (rollred.org). In addition, student households will receive a phone call from the district's automated calling system indicating that school is closed. **Please do not call the school.**

Alternative Placement

Any student placed in an alternative placement outside of the school are NOT permitted on any school property or to attend any school function while at that placement, unless permission is granted by the building principal.

Textbooks and School Issued Equipment

Textbooks and school issued equipment furnished free to students remain the property of the school and are only loaned to the student. Students are responsible for returning all books and other equipment issued to them at the end of the school year, in good condition. Students will be required to pay for any lost, stolen, or damaged books or school issued equipment.

School Approved Trips

During the course of the school year, various functions include trips (in and out of the State of Ohio). The school and its representatives reserve the right to examine any or all baggage, packages, or vehicles

taken on any school related trip or activity. The activity advisor/designee can examine said baggage, package or vehicle at any time during said activity. Any goods or material deemed inappropriate by the advisor will be confiscated. Interested participants in field trips may be denied by advisor and/or administration due to past/current attendance or discipline problems.

Messages and Deliveries for Students

The office will not accept deliveries such as flowers, balloons, gifts, etc. for students. Arrangements should not be made to have such items delivered to the school. Emergency messages will be delivered to the student immediately. Parent/Guardians and students should not request the Main Office to deliver routine messages.

Student Fan Code of Conduct

Student spectators are expected to act to the higher standards set within the student code of conduct. It is a privilege NOT A RIGHT to attend events. All events are considered extensions of the school day and progressive discipline procedures will be followed. Serious misconduct by student spectators may result in an immediate loss of privilege for one (1) year.

Progressive Discipline

Steubenville High School employs a progressive discipline plan. Students are expected to mature and learn from their mistakes over time. Students with chronic behavior problems, who do not improve during the course of the year, will have increasingly more severe consequences. Students involved in the same incident may, therefore, receive different consequences based on the individual's discipline history.

Student Bill of Rights and Responsibilities

Your Rights and Responsibilities cannot be separated. With your Right comes the

Responsibility to be held accountable for your actions.

All students have the Right to:

1. Learn without distraction
2. Be and feel safe on school property

3. Be respected by classmates and school staff
4. Appropriate expression of personal appearance without causing distraction
5. A clean and safe school building

It is every student's Responsibility to:

1. Allow classmates to learn without distraction
2. Seek help in solving problems
3. Respect classmates' personal space and physical movement
4. Obey the school dress code
5. Respect school property and leave the school better than you found it

Code of Conduct

Discipline Policy and Code of Conduct Rationale

In order to insure the opportunity to an education for every student, the State of Ohio has given the board of education the authority, by statute, to "make such rules and regulations as are necessary for its governance and the governance of its employees, pupils of its schools, and all other persons entering its school grounds and premises."

The discipline system at SHS is designed to correct inappropriate behavior by explaining to students the rationale for rules and policies and assisting students in identifying ways to improve their conduct. In doing so we hope to instill an attitude of "self-discipline" which will enable students to make good decisions in all areas of their life.

Disciplinary Consequences

Violations of rules and policies may result in a student being issued a disciplinary sanction intended to prevent further violation of the rule or policy. Whenever possible the consequence will be tied to the infraction but will be issued at the discretion of the administrator (or his/her designee) in consultation with the student, teacher, and other parties involved.

Types of consequences include:

1. Verbal reprimand
2. Change of seating or location
3. Restriction or removal of privileges
4. Assigned detentions
5. Parental contact by phone, letter, or conference
6. Withholding of transcripts (when money, materials, and or property are unaccounted for)
7. Assignment of other comparable, acceptable, and fair consequences
8. Assignment of in-school (ISS) or out-of-school suspension
9. Community Service (within School)
10. Removal of student from activity, class or school
11. Expulsion from school
12. Requiring restitution
13. Notification of police when criminal or civil violations occur.
14. Referral of student to juvenile court

Student Conduct System and Code of Conduct

Student Conduct System

One of the most important lessons education should teach is discipline. While it does not appear as a subject, it underlies the whole educational structure. It is the training that develops self-control, character orderliness and efficiency. It is the key to good conduct and proper consideration for other people. With an understanding of the purpose of discipline in a school you may form a correct attitude toward it. This will permit you to do your part in making your school an effective place of learning and assist you in developing the habit of self-restraint, which will make you a better person.

Definition of important terms involved in the student conduct system:

Minor Violations

Actions which are a distraction to the educational process, but do not endanger the safety of people or property.

Major Violations

Actions, which constitute a threat to the safety of people or property, are not permissible. Many or frequent minor violations are then considered major violations.

Legal Offenses

The breaking of any law of the United States of America, State of Ohio or City of Steubenville.

Discipline Report

Electronic reports to the office of a violation of the code of conduct.

In-School Suspension (ISS)

An In-school-suspension (ISS) ranging from one period to three days at a time will be given. In the in-school-suspension program, the student is isolated from his classmates and has strict behavior rules to follow.

Each student placed in the in-school-suspension room will be given a copy of these rules to read through and will sign that they have been given this opportunity to read the rules. If a student violates, that is in-school-suspension room breaks any rules, he or she will be suspended from school. Students in the in-school-suspension room will have the opportunity to receive credit for work done while attending the in-school-suspension room under direction of the ISS teacher. A pupil in ISS is eligible for after school activities.

Interrogations and Searches

The District has responsibility for the control and management of the students during the school day and hours of approved extracurricular activities. While discharging its responsibility, the administration is to make an effort to protect each student's rights with respect to interrogations by law enforcement officials. The administration has developed regulations to be followed in the case of searches and interrogation.

The right of inspection of students' school lockers or articles carried upon their persons and the interrogation of an individual student is inherent in the authority granted school boards. All searches are conducted sparingly and only when such search is reasonable and likely to procedure anticipated tangible results to preserve discipline and good order or promote the safety and security of persons and their property within the areas of the school's responsibility.

Student lockers are the property of the District, and since random searches have a positive impact on reducing drugs and other criminal activity, it is the policy of the Board to permit the building administrator to search any locker and its contents as the administrator believes necessary. Such notice will be posted in every building.

Searches of School Property Assigned to a Student

The following rules apply to the search of school property assigned to a student (locker, desk, automobile, etc.) and the seizure of items in the student's possession.

1. General housekeeping inspection of school property may be conducted with reasonable notice.
2. A search of a desk or other storage space may be conducted where there exists reasonable cause for school authorities to believe that the area being searched contains evidence of a crime or violation of school rules.
3. Search of other areas assigned to a student should be for a specifically identified item and should be conducted in the presence of the student and with the student's knowledge.

4. Items, the possession of which constitutes a crime or violation of school rules, or any other possessions reasonably determined to be a threat to the safety or security of others may be seized by school authorities at any time.

Searches of a Student's Person or Personal Property by School Personnel

Principals and their designee are permitted to search the person and personal property (purse, knapsack, gym bag, etc.) of a student when there is reason to believe that evidence will be obtained indicating the student's violation of either the law or school rules. The following results apply in such cases:

1. There should be reasonable cause to believe that the search will result in obtaining evidence which indicates the student's violation of the law or school rules.
2. Searches will be conducted by a member of the same sex as the student.
3. Search will be conducted in the presence of another administrator or staff member (conducted privately and away from other students).
4. Parents(s)/guardian(s) of a minor student who is the subject of a search will be notified of the search and will be given the reason(s) for the search, as soon as feasible after completion of the search.
5. When evidence is uncovered indicating that a student may have violated the law, law enforcement officials shall be notified.

Out-of-school Suspension Procedures

The Superintendent or designee or the building principal or designee may suspend a student from school for disciplinary reasons outlined in the Student Code of Conduct. No period of an out-of-school suspension will be for more than ten (10) school days. An out-of-school suspension may extend beyond the current school year; if at any time an out-of-school suspension is imposed and fewer than 10 days remain in the school year, the Superintendent may apply any or all of the period of an out-of-school suspension to the following school year. During an Out-of-School Suspension students are considered excused. Students are given days to make-up work that coincide with days suspended. Example: if suspended for three days, the student has three days from the return to school date to complete the assignments. **Students who violate Out-of-School Suspension rules are subject to further consequences.**

The following guidelines will be followed for all out-of-school suspension

The student will be informed in writing of the potential an out-of-school suspension and the reasons for the proposed action.

1. The student will be provided an opportunity for an informal hearing to challenge the reason for the intended out-of-school suspension and to explain his/her actions.

2. Within one school day, a letter will be sent to the parent(s), guardian(s), or custodial parent(s) stating the specific reasons for the out-of-school suspension and including notice of their right to appeal such action.
3. Notice of this out-of-school suspension will be sent to the:
 - a. Superintendent or his/her designee
 - b. Student's school record
4. The student will remain suspended for the duration of the out-of-school suspension until action is taken on the appeal.

Expulsion Procedure

The Superintendent may expel a student from school for disciplinary reasons outlined in the Student Code of Conduct. Only the Superintendent may expel a student. Expulsion is the removal of a student for more than ten (10) school days, but not more than an eighty (80) school days duration, unless dangerous weapons are possessed. The Superintendent may expel a student for one calendar year or exclude the student permanently. An expulsion can extend beyond the end of the school year and be applied to the following school year.

The guidelines listed below will be followed for all expulsions:

1. The student and parent(s), guardian(s) or custodial parent(s) will be informed in writing of the potential expulsion and the reasons for the proposed action.
2. The student and parent(s), guardian(s) or custodial parent(s), and/or representative have the opportunity to appear on request before the Superintendent or his designee to challenge the action or otherwise explain the student's actions.
3. This notice will state the time and place to appear which must not be less than three (3) school days nor later than five (5) school days after the notice is given.
4. Within one (1) school day of the expulsion hearing, the Superintendent will notify the parent(s), guardian(s) or custodial parent(s) and the Treasurer of the Board.
5. The notice will include the reason for the expulsion and the right of the student, parent(s), guardian(s) or custodial parent(s) to appeal to the Board of Education or its designee; the right to be represented at the appeal and the right to request the hearing be held in executive session.
6. The student will remain expelled for the duration of the expulsion until action is taken on the appeal.
7. The Superintendent will initiate expulsion proceedings against a student who has committed an act that warrants expulsion even if the student withdraws from school before the Superintendent has held the hearings or made the decision to expel the student.

Emergency Removal of Student

In the case of "normal disciplinary procedures" in which a student is removed from curricular or extracurricular activity for a period of less than 24 hours and is not subject to an out-of-school

suspension or expulsion, the due process requirements do not apply. The required notice, hearing and right to appeal is required only when an out-of-school suspension or expulsion is contemplated.

If a student's presence poses a continuing danger to persons or property, or an ongoing threat of disrupting the academic process either within a classroom or elsewhere on school premises or off the premises while representing the district:

1. The Superintendent, principal, assistant principal or personnel employed to direct, supervise, or coach a student activity program may remove the student from curricular or extracurricular activities or from the school premises.
2. A teacher or personnel employed to direct, supervise or coach a student activity program may initiate an emergency removal of a student from curricular or extracurricular activities to the principal's office. As soon as practicable after making such a removal, the teacher will submit in writing to the principal the reasons for such a removal.
3. If it is probable that the student may be subject to an out-of-school suspension or expulsion, the hearing will be held in accordance with procedures established for an out-of-school suspension or expulsion.

Appeal Process for Administrative Decisions

1. Any administrative decision affecting a student's grades, credits, promotion, graduation, or school attendance may be appealed directly to the principal within 48 hours of the action. The appeal must be in writing, stating the reason for the appeal, and signed by the student and parent or guardian.
2. An appeal of the principal's decision must be made within 24 hours of the principal's decision {within three (3) days of the Notice of Intent to Suspend} and must be made in writing to the Superintendent.
3. An appeal of the Superintendent or his designee's decision may be made to the Board of Education, or its designee as follows.
 - a. **OUT OF SCHOOL SUSPENSIONS.** An appeal to the Board of Education, or its designee, must be made in writing and submitted to the Treasurer's office within three (3) days of the Superintendent or designee affirming the out-of-school suspension.
 - b. **EXPULSIONS.** An appeal to the Board of Education or its designee must be made in writing to the Treasurer's Office within fourteen (14) days of receiving the Superintendent's Expulsion Notice. Parents/Guardians/Students may be represented in all such appeal proceedings and will be granted a hearing before the Board or its designee. A verbatim record will be kept of the hearing which may be held in executive session, if so requested.

Appeal to the Court

Under Ohio Law, the decision of the Board of Education or its designee may be made to the Court of Common Pleas.

Code of Conduct

The code of conduct at SHS is progressive from the start of the school year. Repeated violations of the code could result in an out-of-school suspension, expulsion and may be recommended to the Jefferson County Juvenile Court system.

*Major or minor violations do not differentiate severity of offenses. These terms apply to their definitions, which are listed under the student conduct system above.

Major Violations

1.01 Assault

A student shall not cause physical injury or behave in such a way which threatens to cause injury to school staff, other students or visitors while under the jurisdiction of the school. Violation may result in an out-of-school suspension up to 10 days, possible expulsion and/or referral to Civil Authorities.

1.02 Damage to private property

A student shall not cause or attempt to cause damage to private property in school premises or at any school activity on or off school grounds. Violation may result in an out-of-school suspension from 3 to 10 days and pay for damage.

1.03 Damage to school property

A student shall not cause or attempt to cause damage to property including buildings, grounds, buses, equipment or materials. Writing on desks will be handled according to the amount of damage. Violation may result in an out-of-school suspension from 3 to 10 days and pay for damage.

1.04 Disrespect toward school personnel

Students will not show disrespect to school personnel by action, attitude or word. Discipline may be treated as a classroom disruption in the code of conduct.

1.05 Disruption of school

A student shall not by use of violence, force, coercion, threat, harassment or repeated violations of code cause material disruption or obstruction of the educational process, including all curricular or extracurricular activities. Violation may result in an out-of-school suspension from 3 to 10 days and possible expulsion.

1.06 Unauthorized touching of another student

Any form of undesired touching of another person, including but not limited to, slapping, pushing, punching and kicking. Violation may result in an out-of-school suspension from 5 to 10 days and possible expulsion.

1.07 Group action

Students may not become involved in-group action, which adversely affects the operation of the school program or activities. Violation may result in an out-of-school suspension from 5 to 10 days and possible expulsion.

1.08 Harassment, Intimidation, or bullying

Defined under policy and procedures. Violation may result in an out-of-school suspension from 3 to 10 days and possible expulsion.

1.09 Insubordination/Defiance

A student shall not refuse to comply with reasonable requests, orders and directions of teachers, substitute teachers, teacher aides, administrators, volunteers, or other authorized personnel during any period of time when the student is properly under the authority of school personnel. Insubordination includes but is not limited to:

1. Disobedience or disrespect toward any staff member
2. Not serving assigned detentions
3. Not following school rules or proper procedures
4. Not following assigned schedule/being in unauthorized area
5. Chronically tardy to school or class
6. Repeated misbehavior after warning

Discipline may be treated as a classroom disruption in the code of conduct unless an administrator is required to remove the student. In this case, the discipline may be an out-of-school suspension.

1.10 Misconduct at School Functions and After-School Activities

Attendance at School Functions and After-School Activities Students are expected to conduct themselves in a mature manner so they do not bring discredit to themselves, their families, our school, or our community. Inappropriate conduct such as booing, rowdyism, physical confrontation, disrespect for officials, or refusal to follow instructions or directions will not be tolerated at home or away events. Students will be removed from school functions/after-school activities and denied admittance thereafter for not cooperating fully with school officials and officers of the law. Suspended or expelled students are not permitted to attend any school activity or event if at home or away. School officials have the same authority over students at after-school activities or functions as they have during a regular school day. Students who refuse to cooperate during after-school activities will be removed and denied admittance thereafter. Additional disciplinary action may be issued as well. Rights: Students are given top priority and encouraged to attend after-school activities. Suspended or expelled students are not permitted to attend any school activity or event at home or away.

1.11 Possession of a weapon

A student shall not possess, handle, transmit or conceal any object, which might be considered a weapon or instrument of violence. This includes but is not limited to, guns, knives, sharp instruments, firecrackers, brass knuckles, chemicals, mace and gas. Violation will result in an out-of-school suspension up to 10 days, possible expulsion and/or referral to Civil Authorities (see Annual Notices for more information)

1.12 Sale, intent to sell, possession or use of drugs or alcohol

This list also includes counterfeit controlled substances and drug paraphernalia. See drug and drug abuse policy under policy and procedure. Violation will result in an out-of-school suspension up to 10 days, possible expulsion and/or referral to Civil Authorities.

1.13 Theft of any item or personal property

A student shall not wrongfully take, possess, carry away, or exercise dominion and control over property of others. May result in a three (3) to ten (10) day an out-of-school suspension.

1.14 Off-Campus Misconduct Policy –Ohio Revised Code 3313.66

Misconduct by a pupil that occurs off property owned or controlled by the district but is connected to activities or incidents that have occurred on property owned or controlled by that district and misconduct by a pupil that, regardless of where it occurs, is directed at a district official or employee, or the property of such official or employee is now within the authority of school administrators who wish to apply the code of conduct.

Minor Violations

2.01 Cheating

Defined and discipline listed under policy and procedure.

2.02 Disruption of class, halls, cafeteria, auditorium

A student shall not disrupt the learning environment of others.

2.03 Dress code

Defined and discipline listed under policy and procedure.

2.04 Eating in class

Defined and discipline listed under policy and procedure.

2.05 Forgery/Falsification

A student shall not fraudulently affix or have affixed parents' or other authorities' signatures on notes or official school forms, nor shall students use passes, school forms, or notes in an improper manner, nor possess such documents. Students may not add names to passes. A student shall not misrepresent himself/herself as any adult either in oral or written form.

2.06 Failure to serve detention

Students shall not fail to serve detentions for staff or administration.

2.07 Failure to report to office for discipline

Students must report to the office when sent by a faculty member for disciplinary action. Failure to do so may result in an out-of-school suspension.

2.08 Gambling

Students may not be involved in any activity in which the student makes monetary or property gain from another individual. Violations may result in an out-of-school suspension.

2.09 Interference with investigative procedure

Students shall not fail to tell the truth or physically attempt to prevent the apprehension of another person. Violations may result in an out-of-school suspension.

2.10 Loitering

Students are not permitted to hang out in restrooms or hallways before, during or after school.

2.11 Look out

Students may not serve as a look out for person(s) violating rules. Violations may result in three (3) full days of ISS.

2.12 Lost and Found

Any item found by a student must be returned to the office. Failure to do so may result in an out-of-school suspension.

2.13 Printed/Posted materials

Defined and discipline listed under policy and procedure.

2.14 Playing cards

Students are not permitted to play cards in school. Discipline treated as a classroom disruption and cards may be confiscated.

2.15 Possession of radios/electronic devices

Defined and discipline listed under policy and procedure.

2.16 Failure to Serve School Discipline

Refusing to serve an in-school suspension (ISS), or any other form of discipline, misbehavior while serving school discipline, failure to report for an assigned detention, and walking out of the principal's or assistant principal's office while discussing or receiving discipline will not be tolerated. The student may be required to serve the original consequence in addition to further disciplinary action.

2.17 Trespassing/Leaving School Property

Students must be in assigned classes, homerooms, etc. during times when they are supposed to be there. A student shall not trespass on district property or leave school property or assigned area prior to specified dismissal time without official permission.

2.18 Tobacco (Complies with ORC 3313.751 and House Bill 144)

Use or possession of any form of tobacco product or any imitation tobacco product or paraphernalia (e.g. cigarette lighter/matches, e-cigarettes) in school, on school grounds, at school-sponsored activities, or within sight of the school is prohibited. The Board of Education is committed to providing students, staff, and visitors with an indoor tobacco and smoke-free environment. The negative health effects of tobacco use for both the users and nonusers, particularly in connection with second hand smoke, are well established. Further, providing a non-smoking and tobacco-free environment is consistent with the responsibilities of teachers and staff to be positive role models for our students. For purposes of this policy, "use of tobacco" means to chew or maintain any substance containing tobacco, including smokeless tobacco, in the mouth to derive the effects of tobacco, as well as all uses of tobacco or tobacco substitutes, including cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, chewing tobacco, snuff, or any other matter or substances that contain tobacco, in addition to papers used to roll cigarettes and/ or the smoking of electronic, "vapor," or other substitute forms of cigarettes, clove cigarettes or other lighted smoking devices for burning tobacco or any other substance. Violations may result in an out-of-school suspension up to 10 days.

2.19 Tardiness

Tardiness applies to late arrival to school or class. A record of student tardiness will be kept in the main office and ISS room. We understand that there may be circumstances where tardiness to school is unavoidable, so therefore students are granted three tardies to school without penalty. Tardiness will only be excused for doctor's appointment, which will require an excuse.

Tardiness to Class (Other than 1st Period)

More than 10 minutes late to class without a pass will count as a cut

1st-3rd	Teacher assigns detention
4th	Teacher assigns detention & notifies guardians.
5th-6th	Office assigns Two (2) Lunch Detentions
7th-more	Treated as class disruption

2.20 Truancy

See SCS Absence/Attendance/Truancy Procedure in Student Handbook.

2.21 Violation of Lunchtime Rules

The school cafeteria offers a service to the students by providing a nutritious meal at no cost to them. Students are expected to exhibit good and proper manners during lunch periods in the cafeteria. Students who fail to follow Lunch time rules are subject to disciplinary action.

1. Students must clean their tables and the area around their chairs before leaving. All students seated at a table are responsible for cleaning that table.
2. Students must be seated during lunch unless in a lunch line.
3. Throwing of anything in the cafeteria is strictly prohibited and may result in suspension.
4. No food or drink is to be consumed outside the cafeteria without administrative approval.
5. The restrooms closest to the cafeteria are the only restrooms to be used during the lunch periods.
6. Students are to remain in the cafeteria area during lunch and are not permitted anywhere in the building unless given permission by the staff or administration.

2.22 Unauthorized departure from school grounds (Applies to lunch only)

Defined under policy and procedure.

2.23 Unauthorized in halls (no hall pass)

Defined under policy and procedure. Discipline may be as treated as loitering in the code of conduct.

2.24 Use of profanity and/or obscene gestures

A student shall not use any form of profanity, written or verbal. Included in this prohibition would be the use of gestures, signs, pictures or publications. Violations may result in from three (3) days of time-out to an out-of-school suspension, unless directed at a faculty member(s) which will result in a 5 to 10 day out-of-school suspension.

2.25 Violation of ISS (In-School Suspension) Rules

Students violating rules in ISS may result in a 3 to 10-day out-of-school suspension.

2.26 Violation of Students parking in Teachers and Visitors Lot

Students will be asked to move their vehicle from the teachers' or visitors' lot, failure to follow this rule will result in a notification to the parent or guardian and could result in a detention or revoke students parking privileges at the high school. Teacher and visitors' parking lot will be monitored at all times. STUDENT PARKING IS AVAILABLE ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE HIGH SCHOOL. PLEASE USE THIS FACILITY. Student parking is a Privilege.

2.27 Display of Affection

A public display of affection, which includes, but is not limited to, hugging and kissing is inappropriate in the school setting. Students involved in these behaviors may be disciplined.

2.28 Class Attendance

A three-minute change of class periods is set in the daily schedule. Students are expected to get from one room to another in the time allowed. Students are required to attend all scheduled classes, including lunch.

Annual Notices

Asbestos Regulations

Per mandated federal regulations adopted under the authority of the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act of 1986 (AHERA), SCS has adopted an ongoing management plan to inspect buildings and respond appropriately. A copy of the plan is available in the principal's office. If parents have questions regarding the plan or the Federally mandated program, they should contact the Superintendent's Office at (740) 283-3767.

Anti-Harassment, Anti-Intimidation, or Anti-bullying House Bill 27

It is the policy of the Steubenville City Board of Education and School District that harassment, intimidation, or bullying activities of any types are inconsistent with the education process and shall be prohibited at all times. No administrator, faculty member or other employee of the school district shall encourage, permit, condone, or tolerate any of these activities. Administrators, faculty members, and all other employees of the school district shall be particularly alert to possible situations, circumstances or events that might include these things. If harassment, intimidation, or bullying activities of any types are discovered, involved students shall be informed by the discovering school employee of the prohibition contained in this policy and shall be required to end all harassment, intimidation, or bullying activities immediately. All incidents shall be reported immediately to the Superintendent. Administrators, faculty members, students, and all other employees who fail to abide by this policy may be subject to disciplinary action and may be liable for civil and criminal penalties in accordance with Ohio law.

The contents of this policy shall be distributed in writing to all students and school district employees following its official adoption by the Board of Education. In addition, this policy shall be incorporated into building, staff, and student handbooks, and shall be the subject of discussion at employee staff meetings or in-service programs. (The full version of House Bill 276 is located in the Principal's office at Steubenville High School)

Hazing

Students shall not plan, encourage, or participate in any form of hazing. Hazing is defined as doing any act or coercing another, including the victim, to do any act of initiation into any organization that creates a risk of mental or physical harm. Permission, consent, or assumption of risk by an individual subjected to hazing does not lessen the prohibition contained in this policy. Violation may lead to an out-of-school suspension, recommendation for expulsion, and or legal action as contained in ORC 2307.44

Drug and Drug Abuse Policy

Students will not knowingly possess, use, transmit or be under the influence of any narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana, alcoholic beverage or intoxicant of any kind while on the school grounds during, before, or after school hours, off the school grounds at a school activity, function or event, or on school buses or rented carriers.

Section 2925.01 of the ORC states “counterfeit controlled substance” means any of the following:

Any drug that bears or whose container or label bears, a trademark, trade mark used without authorization of the owner of rights to such trademark, trade name or identifying mark;

Any unmarked or unlabeled substance that is represented to be a controlled substance manufactured, processed, packaged or distributed by a person other than the person who manufactured, processed, packaged or distributed it;

Any substance that is represented to be a controlled substance but is not a controlled substance or is a different controlled substance;

Any substance other than a controlled substance that a reasonable person would believe to be a controlled substance because of its similarity in shape, size, color or its markings, labeling, packaging, distribution, or the price for which it is sold or offered for sale.

Section 2925.37 ORC states:

- A. No person shall knowingly possess any counterfeit controlled substance.
- B. No person shall knowingly make, sell, and offer to sell, or deliver any substance that he knows is a counterfeit controlled substance.
- C. No person shall directly or indirectly represent a counterfeit controlled substance by describing its effects as the physical or psychological effects associated with use of a controlled substance.
- D. No person shall directly or indirectly falsely represent a counterfeit controlled substance.

Students found in violation of this policy will be subject to disciplinary action as described within the student code of conduct up to and including expulsion and referral for prosecution. A reduction in penalty may be granted if the student receives professional assistance, including but not limited to: alcohol and drug education programs, counseling, outpatient treatment or inpatient treatment.

STUDENTS WHO NEED TO TAKE PRESCRIPTION OR NON-PRESCRIPTION MEDICINE MUST LEAVE THE MEDICINE WITH THE MAIN OFFICE SECRETARY AND COME TO THE OFFICE TO TAKE THE MEDICATION.

Dangerous Weapons Policy

Students are prohibited from bringing a firearm on school property, in a school vehicle or to any school-sponsored activity. The Superintendent shall expel this student from school for a period of one calendar year and notify the appropriate criminal justice or juvenile delinquency authorities.

Any such expulsion shall extend, as necessary, into the school year following the school year in which the incident occurred. The Superintendent may reduce the one-year expulsion on a case-by-case basis. Matters, which might lead to a reduction of the expulsion period, include: the age of the student and its relevance to the punishment; the prior disciplinary history of the student; and/or the intent of the perpetrator. The definition of a firearm shall include any weapon (including a starter gun) which will or is designed to or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive;

the frame or receiver of any such weapon; any firearm muffler or firearm silencer; or any destructive device (as defined in 18 U.S. Code, Section 921.), which includes any explosive, incendiary or poisonous gas, bomb, grenade, rocket having a propellant charge of more than four ounces, missile having an explosive or incendiary charge of more than one-quarter ounce, mine or device similar to any of the devices described above. Students are also prohibited from bringing knives on school property, in a school vehicle or to any school sponsored activity. The definition of a knife includes, but is not limited to, a cutting instrument consisting of a blade fastened to a handle. If a student brings a knife on school property, in a school vehicle or to any school-sponsored activity, the Superintendent shall expel the student from school, subject to the same conditions stated above.

LEGAL REF.:

ORC 3313.66. 3313.661

20 USC 2701 ET SEQ.-TITLE IX 9901-9905

18 USC 921

20 USC 8922

Notification of Rights under FERPA for Elementary and Secondary Schools

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students over 18 years of age ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records.

These rights are:

The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day the school receives a request for access. Parents or eligible students should submit to the School principal [or appropriate school official] a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The

School official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected. The right to request the amendment of the student's education records what the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate. Parents or eligible students may ask the School to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate. They should write the School principal clearly, identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate. If the School decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the School will notify the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.

One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the School 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 person or company with whom the School has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); or a parent 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.

Upon request, the School discloses education records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll.

The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the School District to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPS are:

Family Policy Compliance Office

U.S. Department of Education

400 Maryland Avenue, SW

Washington, DC 20202-4605

Sexual Discrimination and Sexual Harassment

Pursuant to Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and its implementing regulations, the Board of Education of the Steubenville City School District does not discriminate on the basis of sex in its educational programs or activities. When such discrimination is found to have occurred, the District shall

take prompt and effective steps to eliminate the discrimination, prevent its recurrence, and address its effects.

The following person has been designated as the Title IX Coordinator to handle inquiries regarding this Policy:

Dr. Shana Wydra

611 N. 4th Street

Steubenville, OH 43952

(740) 284-5613

The Title IX Coordinator is trained on the requirements of this Policy and is responsible for coordinating the District's efforts to comply with and carry out its responsibilities under Title IX, including the oversight of any investigation of any complaint brought under this policy.

Inquiries regarding Title IX may be referred to the Title IX Coordinator or the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights, Cleveland Location, 1350 Euclid Avenue, Suite 325, Cleveland, OH 44115-1812, (216) 522-4970.

I. Prohibited Conduct

This Policy applies to students, employees, and third parties.

"Prohibited Conduct" under this Policy includes all of the following, when they occur in the context of a District program or activity:

1. Discrimination on the basis of sex ("Discrimination")
2. Sexual Harassment
3. Gender-based, non-sexual harassment
4. Retaliation against individuals participating in an informal complaint or formal complaint brought under this Policy.

Prohibited Conduct is prohibited in connection with all District programs and activities, including all educational extracurricular, co-curricular, athletic, and other program of the District, regardless of whether those programs take place in District facilities, on a school bus, at a class or training program sponsored by the District at another location, or elsewhere.

A determination as to whether Prohibited Conduct has occurred can take into account incidents that occurred off school grounds and/or outside of the District's educational programs or activities, if the conduct is alleged to have created a hostile environment within the District's programs or activities.

For purposes of this Policy, it is presumed that all conduct of a sexual nature by a District employee directed toward a student is "unwelcome," regardless of the age of the student. While such conduct

may not always rise to the level of Prohibited Conduct under this Policy, such conduct is inappropriate, unprofessional, and shall result in disciplinary, educational, or other actions against the employee as appropriate.

Discrimination

Discrimination, for purposes of this Policy, includes any of the following, when they occur on the basis of sex:

1. Treating one student differently from another in determining whether the student satisfies any requirement or condition for the provision of any aid, benefit, or service;
2. Providing different aid, benefits, or services or providing aid, benefits, or services in a different manner;
3. Denying any student any such aid, benefit, or service;
4. Subjecting students to separate or different rules of behavior, sanctions, or other treatment;
5. Aiding or perpetuating discrimination against a student by providing significant assistance to any agency, organization, or person that discriminates on the basis of sex in providing any aid, benefit, or service to students; and
6. Otherwise limiting any student in the enjoyment of any right, privilege, advantage, or opportunity.

Sexual Harassment

Sexual harassment is unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature under one of the following circumstances:

1. Submission to or rejection of this conduct explicitly or implicitly affects an individual's employment, academic performance, or educational environment; or
2. The conduct is sufficiently severe, persistent, or pervasive such that it limits the ability to participate in or benefit from the education program, or creates an intimidating, threatening, or abusive educational environment. This is considered from both an objective and subjective standpoint and takes into account relevant circumstances, expectations, and relationships.

Sexual harassment includes, but is not limited to:

1. unwelcome sexual advances;
2. request for sexual favors;
3. verbal, nonverbal, or physical conduct of a sexual nature;
4. sexual assault;
5. sexual violence.

Gender-Based, Non-Sexual Harassment

Acts of verbal, nonverbal or physical aggression, intimidation or hostility based on sex, but not involving sexual activity or language, constitutes gender-based, non-sexual harassment under one of the following circumstances:

1. Submission to or rejection of this conduct explicitly or implicitly affects an individual's employment, academic performance, or educational environment; or
2. The conduct is sufficiently severe, persistent, or pervasive such that it limits the ability to participate in or benefit from the education program, or creates an intimidating, threatening, or abusive educational environment. This is considered from both an objective and subjective standpoint and takes into account relevant circumstances, expectations, and relationships.

Retaliation

Retaliation against any individual who files a complaint or participates in a harassment inquiry is strictly prohibited.

All Employees Must Report Prohibited Conduct

All District employees who become aware of Prohibited Conduct are obligated to report such conduct to the Title IX Coordinator as soon as possible but in no case later than two (2) business days. District employees who fail to report Prohibited Conduct may be subject to discipline, up to and including termination.

Where Prohibited Conduct also may constitute child abuse or neglect, employees who are mandatory reporters are also required to report such abuse or neglect to Children Services and/or Law Enforcement, as is required by law. The Title IX Coordinator should be informed that such a report has been made when Prohibited Conduct is involved.

Where Prohibited Conduct may constitute a felony, all employees are required by law to make a report to law enforcement. See Section VI, below, for more information.

How to File a Complaint

If a student, employee, or community member believes that they have been subject to Prohibited Conduct, they should immediately contact the Title IX

Coordinator to discuss their options and rights under this Policy, as well as other available resources, including filing a complaint with law enforcement, accessing counseling services, or working with other community agencies that may provide assistance.

A Complainant is a person who has allegedly been subject to Prohibited Conduct, even if they are not the person who reports the Prohibited Conduct initially. A Respondent is a person who has allegedly committed Prohibited Conduct under this Policy.

A Complainant may pursue a complaint informally or formally. If allegations of Prohibited Conduct are reported by someone other than the Complainant, the Title IX Coordinator shall consult with the Complainant before determining, in his or her discretion, how to handle the allegations.

When a complaint comes to the attention of the Title IX Coordinator, the Title IX Coordinator shall consider whether interim measures of protection should be implemented during the complaint process to help ensure the safety and well-being of the Complainant and the school community. The Title IX Coordinator shall consult with the Complainant and/or their parent/guardian before determining the appropriate interim measures of protection, but interim measures of protection are within the sole discretion of the Title IX Coordinator.

Examples of interim measures that may be available include, but are not limited to, class/work schedule changes, seating changes, counseling, additional supervision of students, restrictions on contact between the parties, and academic or work accommodations.

Informal Complaint Resolution

Complainants may choose to file a complaint informally. The Complainant may submit a written statement, or, if preferred, speak with the Title IX Coordinator or another administrator who will write a summary of the allegations. The Title IX Coordinator will discuss with the Complainant and/or parent/guardian, if appropriate, ways in which the situation could be addressed informally. This may include dispute resolution mechanisms such as informal discussions, confidential mediation, educational sessions, or other informal resolutions as deemed appropriate by the Title IX Coordinator and agreed to by both the Complainant and Respondent. Informal resolution does not require that the Complainant resolve the problem directly with the Respondent.

Informal Complaint Resolution is generally available in all situations except where the allegations involve sexual assault. Either party may end the Informal Complaint Resolution process at any time, and the Complainant may choose instead to file a formal complaint. The Title IX Coordinator may also, in his or her discretion, determine that Informal Complaint Resolution is inappropriate in a given situation, such as where the allegations are sufficiently serious as to suggest a need for additional investigation and response by the District.

Where a complaint is resolved informally, the Title IX Coordinator shall document the resolution.

Formal Complaint Resolution

Complainants may choose to file a formal complaint with the Title IX Coordinator. The Complainant may submit a written statement; otherwise, the Title IX Coordinator will write a summary of the allegations. The Title IX Coordinator may conduct the investigation or may designate an unbiased individual, generally a building-level administrator, to conduct the investigation. Where the Title IX Coordinator conducts the investigation, he or she may review and use initial investigative information provided by the building-level administrator if applicable. Investigations will be conducted in an adequate, reliable, and impartial manner.

Both the Complainant and Respondent will be provided with notice of the investigation and will be offered an equal opportunity to provide information regarding the allegations, suggest witnesses, and provide evidence to the investigator. The complaint may be investigated without the participation of one or both parties.

The investigation will generally be completed within thirty (30) business days, although this timeline may be extended for good cause by the Title IX Coordinator, such as where the investigation is complex, where the alleged conduct is serious or extensive, where there is a concurrent criminal investigation, or where the investigation occurs partially during school breaks. The Title IX Coordinator may, if appropriate, provide the parties with updates about the status of the investigation.

At the conclusion of the investigation, the investigator shall prepare a written report that identifies:

1. the allegations investigated;
2. the policies, handbook provisions, or other requirements that are alleged to have been violated;
3. a brief summary of the steps taken to investigate the allegations;
4. a brief summary of the evidence that was discovered;
5. a determination by a preponderance of the evidence as to whether there is sufficient information to support a finding that the policies/provisions were violated with regard to the allegations; and
6. if Prohibited Conduct is found to have occurred, whether any steps have already been or will be taken to eliminate the discrimination or harassment, prevent its recurrence, and address its effects.

If the Title IX Coordinator did not conduct the investigation, the investigator shall provide a copy of the written report to the Title IX Coordinator and the Title IX Coordinator shall, if appropriate, refer the report to the appropriate administrator(s) for disciplinary action, if such action has not already been taken. The range of disciplinary sanctions that may be available and appropriate include but are not limited to educational programs, detentions, in-school suspension (ISS), out-of-school suspension, expulsion, reprimand, involuntary leave, termination, and prohibition against entering District property or attending District activities.

In addition to the above, where the Title IX Coordinator did not conduct the investigation, the Title IX Coordinator shall consider whether any further steps are necessary to eliminate the discrimination or

harassment, prevent its recurrence, and address its effects, and if so, such steps shall be documented in an attachment to the report.

At the conclusion of the process, each party shall be notified by the Title IX Coordinator as to whether Prohibited Conduct was determined to have occurred and any steps taken to eliminate the Prohibited Conduct, prevent its recurrence, and address its effects. Notice provided shall be consistent with state and federal laws regarding confidentiality of student records.

Appeals

Either party may appeal the determination by providing written notice to the Superintendent within five (5) business days of receiving notice of the conclusion of the investigation. Such appeal may be on the grounds of:

- Newly discovered evidence not available during the investigation;
- Procedural errors that substantially affected the outcome of the investigation to the appealing party's detriment; and/or
- An abuse of discretion on the part of the investigator.

The grounds for the appeal must be stated in the written appeal.

The other party will be notified of the appeal and will be given three (3) business days to respond to the appeal in writing to the Superintendent. The Superintendent will notify the parties in writing of his or her decision within ten (10) business days of receiving the appeal. The Superintendent may affirm the findings, reverse the findings, or alter the findings as deemed appropriate in his or her discretion. There is no further appeal from the determination of the Superintendent.

Any of the deadlines in this section may be extended by the Superintendent for good cause shown.

Note that appeals of disciplinary sanctions are not handled through this policy. Instead, they will be handled through the appeals procedures that would typically apply based on the identity of the respondent.

Confidential Reporting and/or Request for No Action

The District has an obligation to make reasonable efforts to investigate and address instances of Prohibited Conduct when it knows or should have known about such instances, regardless of the Complainant's cooperation and involvement.

Complainants may make a confidential report through the Title IX Coordinator. The Title IX Coordinator will evaluate the request for confidentiality and make a determination in his or her discretion as to the extent to which the District can adequately fulfill its obligations to address instances of Prohibited

Conduct without revealing the identity of the Complainant. All complaints made under this Policy will be kept private to the extent possible consistent with the District's obligations under this Policy.

If allegations of Prohibited Conduct are brought to the attention of the Title IX Coordinator but the Complainant does not wish to pursue a complaint through this process, requests that such allegations are held in confidence, or refuses to respond to the Title IX Coordinator, the Title IX Coordinator will review the available information and make a determination in his or her discretion as to whether an investigation will be conducted.

Factors to consider in determining whether the District will pursue an investigation in these circumstances may include, but are not limited to, the ages and relationship of the Complainant and Respondent, the seriousness of the alleged misconduct, whether the complaint can be reasonably pursued without cooperation from the Complainant, whether any laws are alleged to have been violated, whether the Licensure Code of Professional Conduct for Ohio Educators is implicated, where the allegations include circumstances that suggest an increased risk of future Prohibited Conduct by the Respondent, and whether other Prohibited Conduct has been previously reported against the Respondent.

Reporting to Law Enforcement

Except in certain limited circumstances involving privileged communications, such as those between a counselor and patient, all Ohioans are required to report when they know that a felony has been or is being committed. Therefore, when a District employee has reason to believe that a sexual assault may have occurred, regardless of whether the assault is alleged to have occurred in relation to the District's programs or activities, the District employee is obligated to report that information to law enforcement as soon as possible. If the sexual assault occurs in relation to the District's programs or activities, the District employee must also report that information to the Title IX Coordinator and provide the Coordinator with information on when contact was made with law enforcement.

The District will cooperate fully with law enforcement investigations regarding Prohibited Conduct, and will communicate with law enforcement to coordinate its investigation under this Policy. It may be necessary to suspend the District's investigation temporarily to allow law enforcement to investigate criminal allegations while the law enforcement agency is in the process of gathering evidence. However, because legal standards for criminal investigations are different from those involved in investigating violations of District policy, police investigations or reports may or may not be determinative of whether Prohibited Conduct occurred under this Policy. If a temporary out of school suspension in the District's investigation is requested by law enforcement, the District will promptly resume its Title IX investigation as soon as it is notified by the law enforcement agency that it may do so.

Where law enforcement requests personally identifiable information from educational records for purposes of its investigation, the District will comply with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA"), 20 U.S.C. 1232g and 34 C.F.R. Part 99.

Education

The Title IX Coordinator shall work with other District staff members and/or outside resources as appropriate to plan and promote education and training sessions for employees and/or students regarding topics relevant to this policy.

Notice and Consent/Opt-Out for Specific Activities

The Protection of Pupil rights Amendment (PPRA), 20 U.S.C. § 1232h, requires School Districts to notify parents/guardians and obtain consent or allow to opt your child out of participating in certain school activities. These activities include a student survey, analysis, or evaluation that concerns one or more of the following eight areas:

Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or student's parent;

Mental or psychological problems of the student or student's family;

Sex behavior or attitudes;

Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;

Critical appraisals of others with whom respondents have close family relationships;

Legally recognized privileged relationships, such as with lawyers, doctors, or ministers;

Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or parents; or

Income, other than as required by law to determine program eligibility.

This also applies to the collection, disclosure or use of student information for marketing purposes, and certain physical exams and screenings.

Parental Involvement in Education

The Board believes that parent / guardian involvement is an important part of the educational program. All parents/guardians of students enrolled in the district are encouraged to take an active role in the education of their children, and such persons will be informed of the following:

The importance of the involvement of parents and foster care givers in directly affecting the success of their children's or foster children's educational efforts.

How and when to assist their children or foster children in and support their

children's or foster children's classroom learning activities.

Techniques, strategies, and skills to use at home to improve their children's or foster children's academic success and to support their children's or foster children's academic efforts at school and their children's or foster children's development as future responsible adult members of society.

Steubenville City School District ensures that parents of students have an opportunity to participate in the design and implementation of educational programs through the employment of activities such as the following:

Informing each child's parents of specific instructional objectives

Progress reports

Conferences

Providing suggestions and materials for parents to help at home

Parent training (workshops)

Providing timely information concerning school programs such as plans and evaluation

Parent questionnaires on planning, development, and operation of program

Responding to parent recommendations

Volunteer assistance

Parent councils

Parent coordinator

Family support meetings

Parent compact

Other activities as appropriate

Ohio Resident Educator Summative Assessment (RESA)

Parental Consent Form for Videotaping

The Ohio Resident Educator Summative Assessment (RESA) is one of the requirements for teachers registered in the Resident Educator program to obtain a professional license. To complete the RESA, teachers will need to videotape themselves teaching four times during the school year. Consequently, it

may be possible that your child will be videotaped. The focus of the video is the teacher's instruction. The sole use of the videos is for the development and implementation of the RESA field test project.

The videos will not be used for any other purposes than the following:

Training of scorers of the Resident Educator Summative Assessment.

Professional Development of Resident Educator program mentors and educators within Ohio. Scoring of the Resident Educator Summative Assessment.

If you do not consent to the videotaping of your child the district will honor your decision. Please contact your building principal in writing notifying them of your decision not to participate.

The Parent Mentor Program Provides

Guidance to families through the special education process to help them understand rights and responsibilities of the student, parent and school district.

Information and resources to families and school personnel on education laws, district programs and services and community support.

Support by attending Individualized Education Program meetings and other meetings related to services of the child that parents and school district staff might request.

Informational sessions and workshops based on the needs of families and professionals.

Assistance in strengthening and/ or building a collaborative partnership between families, schools and communities to benefit students with disabilities.

Individualized and confidential support to families and educators.

To contact the Steubenville City School Parent Mentor, Angelita Forte please call (740) 283-3767.

Steubenville City School District

Extra- Curricular Code of Conduct

The Steubenville City Schools Board of Education recognizes that participation in athletics, fine arts (band, choir, orchestra) and clubs is a Privilege, not a right, and that those students involved in extracurricular activities participate voluntarily under certain obligations and restrictions required of all members. The Board of Education believes that due to high visibility of these students, they have a strong influence on members of the student body as well as the community. These students conduct

while representing a team or group, traveling to or from an event, as well as in the community, is seen as a direct reflection upon the program and the standards of Steubenville High School.

This Code of Conduct applies at all times to all Steubenville City School student-athletes, fine arts or clubs whether on or off of school.

To allow that each student involved reaches his or her potential, a degree of self-discipline is required of each participant. Self-discipline involves compliance with rules and regulations regarding personal behavior. Rules promote order and safety and assist participants to achieve maximum performance potential.

The nature of competitive athletics along with dedication to fine arts and clubs demands that each participant attain and maintain his or her best possible physical and mental condition. Student-athletes, fine arts and club members involved in the athletics or extra-curricular programs shall not possess, use, sell, offer to sell, deliver, conceal, consume, or be under the influence of any drugs of abuse, including alcohol, tobacco, tobacco-related products, illegal drugs, controlled narcotics, intoxicants, steroids, or other performance enhancing drugs, or any substance that is directly or indirectly represented to be a drug of abuse (or look-alike). Use of drugs authorized by a medical prescription for the extra-curricular students from a licensed physician shall not be considered a violation of this policy.

In a case where the extra-curricular student possesses, uses, is under the influence of, sells or distributes drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or any chemical either on or off school property or at a school related activity, the extra-curricular student may be, but is not limited to being, suspended or expelled from school, denied the privilege to participate in athletics or extra-curricular events, counseled in school, referred to an outside counseling agency and reported to the law enforcement authorities. The specific course of action will be determined after the consideration of all factors in the case.

Extra-curricular students and athletes who are under the Extra-Curricular Code of Conduct are representatives of

Steubenville City Schools and are expected to behave as model students and citizens in and out of school. Student-athletes, fine art and club students may be denied participation for display of behavior which reflects negatively on the student, team, organization or school. Denial will be determined by the high school administration and or coach according to the severity of the infraction.

This regulation shall be posted in a central location in each school building, and each student involved in extra-curricular activities shall receive and acknowledge receipt of this regulation before commencement of the season of the sport being played or time frame of the extra-curricular in which the student is involved.

The Steubenville City School Extra-Curricular Code of Conduct is approved by the

Board of Education as a part of Steubenville High School Student Handbook and exists as guidelines. The Superintendent and/or designee reserve the right to amend and/or deviate from these guidelines as they deem appropriate.