

Temple High School

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Student Handbook
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Welcome to Temple High School – home of the Temple Tigers! The school year should prove to be a very positive and successful experience for everyone involved. Parents/guardians and students should take time to carefully review the information in this handbook. Many school and student expectations are explained and clarified; however, this is not an all-encompassing document. The last page of the document is a signature page for the parent/guardian and student to sign. Students are responsible for returning this page to their first period teacher by the end of the first week of school. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns about the information in this handbook.

ACADEMIC RECOGNITION

Temple High School recognizes superior academic achievement by students with a publicized honor roll at the end of each semester. Students can qualify for the high honor roll by having a 4.0 GPA and the regular honor roll with a 3.5 GPA on their report cards for the semester. Students who demonstrate consistently high academic standards will be recognized at the annual Academic Awards Event at the end of each year. Students are invited to this event based on performance during the first three nine weeks of school. All students are encouraged to strive for these honors.

ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Accident insurance can be purchased for students. Coverage is the option of the parent or guardian, and all claims are filed directly with the insurance company. Information about purchasing student accident insurance can be obtained at the school. In the event of an accident or illness, the student will receive emergency treatment deemed necessary and the parent or guardian will be responsible for any costs incurred. Please refer to the District Student

Handbook Insert page D3 for more information.

ADAP PROGRAM

In Georgia, teens under the age of 18 are required by law to show proof that they have completed ADAP (**Alcohol and Drug Awareness Program**) in order to obtain their Class D driver's license. THS students have the opportunity to complete the ADAP program in their health class.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

Temple High School has a closed campus policy. **Students must stay on the school grounds from the time they arrive until dismissed.** When a student leaves campus, he/she should not return to the campus unless checking improperly to attend classes. Work-Based Learning (WBL) students should not return to campus after they are released.

Upon arriving on campus in the morning, students should report to the cafeteria if they are eating breakfast. If they are not eating, students should report to the back of the 100 Hall. Students will be dismissed at 8:15 to report to 1st period.

When school is dismissed, drivers must report directly to the student parking lot, and bus riders must report to the bus loading area. Car riders must report directly to their school designated loading area outside of the lunchroom. **Students may ride only their home bus. Notes to ride another bus will not be accepted.** Students remaining at school for athletics and extracurricular activities must report directly to their activity. **Students may not remain after school to watch practices or wait for a participant involved in an extracurricular activity. All students not involved in an extracurricular activity must leave campus by 3:45.**

Unauthorized areas: No students are to be in parking lots, athletic fields or gym, or outside the building of their assigned class without proper permission.

ATTENDANCE

School attendance is compulsory in Georgia between the ages of six (6) and sixteen (16). Children enrolled in the public schools prior to their sixth birthday are subject to this law and the rules of the State Board of Education governing compulsory attendance, even though they have not attained six years of age. The professional staff has

the responsibility to enforce the compulsory attendance law where applicable. School social workers have the authority and duty to file proceedings in court to enforce the compulsory attendance law.

During the day the students are the responsibility of the school. Parents expect the school to take proper care of their children and to protect them with proper supervision. In order that this may be done, no student is to leave school without following proper checkout procedures. Leaving school without following proper checkout procedures is a serious offense and any student guilty of this is subject to suspension.

Please refer to the District Student Handbook Insert page D3 for Attendance Protocol.

Truancy – Truancy is being absent from school without permission from your parent or guardian, skipping class or a required activity, leaving campus without permission, or being chronically tardy to school or class. Truant is defined as any child subject to compulsory attendance who, during the school calendar year, has more than five days of unexcused absences. Parents are urged to arrange doctor visits for well health issues outside of school hours. Students with doctor appointments will be excused only for the time of the visit and a reasonable time before and after the visit. The remaining portion of the day shall be counted unlawful. Excuses from medical facilities are required to specify the time the student was at the medical facility.

The disciplinary action generally taken against truancy is ISS or suspension. If truancy becomes chronic, the school social worker will ask the court system to become involved. Students leaving campus in a vehicle will have parking privileges revoked. Any student who has a pattern or history of absences may be asked to provide doctors excuses for each absence. Students with excessive absences due to medical reasons will be referred to the school nurse and/or social worker to facilitate school attendance.

School days missed as a result of an out-of-school suspension (OSS) shall not count as unexcused days for the purpose of determining truancy.

CERTIFICATE OF ENROLLMENT- DRIVING

Certificate of Enrollment request forms may be submitted on Wednesday for processing. There will be a \$5.00 fee for each Certificate of Enrollment form requested. Students will be able to pick up completed forms on Friday. See the front office secretary for forms before school or between classes in the front office.

CHECK IN AND CHECK OUT

Any student who checks in after 8:25 am must do so in the front office. Any student, grade 9-12, who checks out early must do so in the front office. A student may check out early when a parent/guardian comes to sign him or her out or if a note is sent and verified by personnel in the front office. These notes should be turned into the office prior to 8:15 am each morning. A parent/guardian must accompany student in order for the student to be allowed to check back into school; however, a student will be allowed to check back in with a legal excuse, i.e., doctor, dentist, court, etc. Only in emergency situations will check out by other means be allowed and must have approval of an administrator. *A student should never leave campus without going through the proper procedure. Students who leave campus without permission will have disciplinary consequences.*

Leaving school before the end of the instructional day may only be for lawful reasons. Students leaving before the end of the day may be counted absent from the class or classes missed if they are not present for the entire class.

Students with excessive absences must have administrative approval prior to checking out.

CLOSING OF SCHOOL

It is our desire to communicate efficiently and effectively with parents and students regarding potential delays or canceling of school.

Please refer to the District Student Handbook Insert page D6 for information regarding the Closing of School.

CLUBS

Student participation in school clubs and organizations is voluntary. A list that includes the name, mission or purpose, faculty advisor, and planned activities of clubs or organizations in which your child may participate is listed below. If you wish to decline permission for your student to participate in a particular club or organization, please send a written statement to the school that indicates your decision.

Academic Team – Faculty Advisor: Mr. Rocky White

Purpose: The Academic Team provides an opportunity for students to compete in an academic arena based on their knowledge and skills.

Activities: The Academic Team competes with other high schools throughout the West Georgia area. This competition is much like “Hi Q” a television program on Atlanta’s WSBTV Channel where students compete by answering a series of scholastic and academic based questions. Additionally, the Carroll County School System features an annual academic competition which includes the high schools in the district. The high schools compete for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place positions.

Beta Club – Faculty Advisor: Mrs. Michelle Shivers

Mission: The purpose of National Sr. Beta Club shall be to promote the ideals of character, service and leadership among secondary school students, to reward meritorious achievement and to encourage and assist students in continuing their education after high school.

Club Requirements: Students must obtain a 3.5 grade point average to be invited to join the Beta Club. After induction they must maintain a 3.0 GPA and be actively involved in club activities. All incoming freshmen who were Jr. Beta members at the middle school level will be honorary members until the end of the first semester. At this time, their GPA will determine their eligibility.

Activities: The Sr. Beta Club participates in Red Ribbon Week to “Say No to Drugs”, can-a-thons and toy drives during Thanksgiving/Christmas, Pennies for Patients to raise money for leukemia, Read Across America at TES, Field Day workers for TES, etc.

Creative Writers – Faculty Advisor: Mrs. Kelli Jones

Purpose: Students who have shown an interest in writing beyond the classroom setting are challenged to write in a variety of literary genres as they produce innovative works of literature.

Activities: Poetry Night, THS Creative Writing Contest, Young Georgia Authors’ Competition, literary publications, etc.

FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) – Faculty advisor: Ms. LaTeisha Drummond

Future Business Leaders of America is a nonprofit educational association of students preparing for careers in business and business-related fields. The FBLA concept was developed in 1937 by Dr. Hamden L. Fortner of Columbia University. More than 240,000 active members participate in more than 13,000 chartered chapters in 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, U.S. Territories, Canada and Department of Defense Dependent Schools worldwide.

Activities: Powder-Puff Football Game, Fall Rally, CTEA Week, FBLA Week with Movie Night and Pizza Party, Region, State, and National Conferences, Guest Speakers, Induction Ceremony with dinner.

FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) – Faculty Advisor: Mr. Larry Weaver

FCA Purpose: The purpose of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes is for student athletes to come together to share their Christian Beliefs. FCA provides spiritual encouragement to students and athletes.

Meetings will be held once each month, dates and times to be announced. Activities will include guest speakers from other FCA Huddles. Students may also participate in community-wide activities at local churches.

FFA (Future Farmers of America) – Faculty Advisor: Mr. Phillips Cherry

Mission/Purpose: FFA is the national organization for agriculture education students. FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education.

Planned Activities: FFA members will have the opportunity to compete against other schools in a variety of events such as: public speaking, livestock judging, agriculture communications, horse judging, parliamentary procedure, poultry judging, and the agriscience fair. In addition to competing, the FFA will take various field trips throughout the year, have regularly scheduled meetings, provide fellowship opportunities for all members, and send delegates to the state and national FFA convention. Members will also have the opportunity to attend Georgia Leadership Camp during the summer or attend the Washington Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. in the summer.

Key Club – Faculty advisor: Mrs. Dianne Ledford

Key Club is the oldest and largest service program for high school students. What makes Key Club so successful is the fact that it is a student-led organization that teaches leadership through serving others. Members of the Key Club build themselves as they build their schools and communities.

Key Club International is an organization of individual Key Clubs and is funded by nominal dues paid by every member. Its officers are high school leaders elected by the members at district and International conventions. The organization offers a wide range of opportunities to its members:

- Leadership development
- Vocational guidance
- College scholarships
- Subscription to the KEYNOTER magazine
- Service-learning
- Personal enrichment
- Value-added member benefit programs
- Liability insurance coverage

Originally, Key Club adopted as its motto, "We Build," the same motto as its parent organization, Kiwanis International. In 1976, the organization opted to change its motto to "Caring - Our Way of Life" because these words more clearly conveyed members' reasons for helping others.

Activities: Red Ribbon Week, Talent Show, Help with various projects throughout the year such as Visiting Nursing Homes, March of Dimes, Unicef, Relay for Life, community service, etc.

National Honor Society – Faculty Advisor: Mrs. Jessica Bohlen

The National Honor Society (NHS) is the nation's premier organization established to recognize outstanding high school students. NHS serves to honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character. These characteristics have been associated with membership in the organization since its beginning in 1921.

Membership for NHS is available only for grades 10 – 12. Each October, the sponsor checks grade point averages (G.P.A.) to determine who qualifies for NHS. Students must have a 4.0 overall G.P.A. to be invited into the chapter. Students who are invited to apply to be members of the chapter must interview with a five-member faculty council for final determination.

After students are inducted, they must maintain a 3.8 G.P.A. If a student's G.P.A. falls below this requirement, he or she will be placed on academic probation for one nine-week grading period. If the student has not met the probation requirement at the end of that time, the student will be removed from the chapter.

All members must perform community service for school, community, or charity organizations individually and as part of the chapter. Each student has a folder on file in which to keep a record of all community service completed throughout high school years.

Science Club – Faculty Advisor: Mrs. Gina Niemann

The purpose of the Science Club is to provide students interested in science with opportunities to enrich themselves and others with knowledge and experiences of how science affects our everyday lives.

Past/Planned Activities-

- 1) Field Trips- Ex:GA Aquarium, Physics Day at Six Flags
- 2) Tutoring- members assist in preparing juniors to take the science graduation test
- 3) Community Involvement- nature projects and recycling
- 4) Science Fair

Spanish Club – Faculty Advisor: Ms. Dagnah Thompson

Mission:Spanish Club of Temple High School promotes an understanding of international current events and Hispanic cultural differences among the student body. The club seeks to support and encourage Hispanic students in better understanding the educational system and culture of the United States.

Activities:Discuss events in Latin America that impact Hispanic countries and Hispanic communities in the United States, Video Clips to promote cultural understanding, Hispanic Food Preparation that can be done in class, Visuals to coincide with important Holidays in the United States.

Student Council – TBD

Purpose: To provide Temple High School with leadership and guidance that promote the school's as well as the community's well-being.

Activities: Help with various projects throughout the year such as American Youth Discount Cards, March of Dimes, Relay for Life, community service, etc.

DELIVERIES TO SCHOOL

When it is necessary for parents/guardians to bring articles to school, such articles must be delivered to the front office. These items will be delivered to the student during non-instructional time. **Fast food or restaurant meals/lunches/items are in conflict with food services guidelines; therefore, they cannot be brought by, delivered to, or provided to students during school hours.**

DETENTION

Before School Detention- Teachers may assign Before School Detention (BSD) for minor behavior infractions that occur during the school day. Teachers will give students reasonable notice of time and date of the detention. BSD is regularly scheduled Monday – Friday from (7:50am – 8:20am). Students have one day grace from the assigned date of BSD to begin serving. Students are expected to be on time for BSD. Students late to BSD will not be allowed to serve that day. Failure to serve within the grace period will result in a referral consequence. While serving BSD students are expected to remain in the classroom, alert and awake, for the duration of the time.

DISPLAY OF SIGNS and/or FLAGS

All posters, signs, flags, announcements, etc., must be approved by the administration before posting.

DRESS CODE and PERSONAL APPEARANCE

The purpose of a dress code is not to inhibit any person's taste in attire, but rather to better facilitate the process of education through reasonable guidelines of "dress." Instilling dignity, pride, modesty, and cleanliness are our goals. For these reasons, some types of clothing are prohibited.

Please refer to the District Student Handbook Insert page D24 for Dress Code

DRUG-FREE SCHOOL ZONE

It is the intention of the Carroll County Board of Education, the administration, and the staff to keep THS a drug-free school zone. Because the use of alcohol and illicit drugs is wrong and harmful, their possession and use will not be tolerated on campus or at any school activity.

Students are encouraged to contact the counselor's office for information related to drug and alcohol counseling. In addition, the Georgia Help line is available through the Governor's Commission on Drug Awareness and Prevention: 1-800-338-4745. All callers remain anonymous.

DRUG TESTING POLICY

Please refer to the District Student Handbook Insert page D7 for Drug Testing of Students

DUAL ENROLLMENT

Students who qualify have the option of taking college classes at the University of West Georgia or West Georgia Technical College while in high school. They must meet grade point average and college entrance requirements. These criteria will vary based upon the school and the student's high school classification. See the guidance/counseling department for further information on Dual Enrollment.

EXTRACURRICULAR AND ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION

The athletic programs at Temple High School offer a variety of team and individual sports for both boys and girls to participate as part of an athletic team. An individual must meet the eligibility requirements set forth under board policy and Georgia High School Association (GHSA) by-laws, have a current physical on file at the school, and have all necessary forms signed by the parents. As with all school activities, permission to participate depends on the overall good citizenship on the part of the student.

The following interscholastic athletic programs are offered:

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| FOOTBALL | VOLLEYBALL | BASEBALL | FAST PITCH SOFTBALL | CHEERLEADING |
| TENNIS | WRESTLING | TRACK | CROSS COUNTRY | BASKETBALL |
| GOLF | SOCCER | E-SPORTS | | |

Please refer to the District Student Handbook Insert page D8 for Extracurricular and Athletic Participation.

FEES

The following items and services are offered to Temple High students:

- Locker Rental -\$20.00 for the year
- Parking Spaces- \$40.00 per year (must be eligible academically and currently hold a driver's license)
- Senior Fees-\$100
- Junior Fees-TBD

ALL FEES MUST BE PAID WITH CASH, CHECK OR MONEY ORDER.

Seniors will not be able to receive their diploma until all fees are paid.

FERPA Rights

Please refer to the District Student Handbook Insert page D11.

FIELD TRIPS

When appropriate, field trips may be used to supplement curricular and instructional activities. All field trips must go through an approval process with the school Principal and District Office. Students may participate in field trip activities if they are involved in the courses associated with the planned field trip if it is approved by their parent/guardian and teachers. Field trips will require appropriate funding through participants fees

FIRE DRILLS

Fire drills are necessary for the safety of the students and the faculty. Everyone should know the specific directions for reaching a point of safety from those areas of the building in which he/she may be located. Exit information for fire drills is posted in each room

General Rules for Fire Drills:

1. Students will follow designated exit instructions, walk, refrain from talking, and proceed to a distance approximately 100 feet from point of exit.
2. The teacher should be the last one out of the room and remain with the students.
3. The teacher will take attendance once the group has reached its proper distance from the building.
4. When the “all clear” has sounded, all will return to their classrooms in the same orderly fashion.

FOOD AND DRINKS

Students are not to bring food from commercial establishments into the cafeteria during lunch or breakfast.

No food or drink items may be sold on campus without the approval of the principal.

Students may only have food or drink in **teacher approved** classrooms. No food or drink should be in any lab or in the media center.

GIFTED SERVICES

The Carroll County School system offers Gifted Education Services for students in grades K-12. Direct instruction, resource, collaborative, or other delivery models provide the services. Students involved in the gifted program must qualify by meeting the identification criteria as established by policies in place with the Georgia Department of Education and Carroll County Schools. A teacher, administrator, parent, counselor may refer students for consideration, and/or students may refer themselves. Call the school and talk with the guidance/counseling department if you want additional information on the referral and eligibility process.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

All students will be required to complete a total of 23 units for graduation. All students under this rule will take:

- 4 units of English
- 4 units of Science
- 4 units of Mathematics
- 3 units of Social Studies
- At least 3 units required from:
CTAE and/or World Language/Latin and/or Fine Arts
- At least 4 units of additional electives
- 1 unit of Health/Personal Fitness

*Students planning to enter or transfer into a University System of Georgia institution must take two consecutive units of the same modern language (foreign language).

**Important Note: Although only 23 units meet graduation purposes, there are specific courses required for the University System of Georgia.

Pathways –Pathways of Study are programs that target college and career readiness interests of students. Three courses in a planned and approved program will satisfy this requirement. Areas of Pathways include fine arts, advanced academics, world language, and Career, Technical, Agriculture education. End of Pathway assessments are administered each spring. Note: Pathway completion in fine arts, world language, advanced academics, or Career, Technology, or Agriculture Education is a requirement at Temple High School.

Promotion – Promotion to the next grade level is based on accumulation of enough units.
Sophomores must have 5 units.
Juniors must have 11 units.
Seniors must have 17 units.

Please refer to the District Student Handbook Insert page D8 for Graduation Participation.

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

The Temple High School Guidance counselors are located in the 200 building. The Guidance Department offers educational advisement, state testing assistance, personal counseling, and career guidance. The purpose of the Guidance Department is to advise each student in regard to appropriate classes; to work with the student's advisors to ensure inclusion of required courses for graduation; to counsel with individual students about personal problems including peer interaction, parental relationships, and self-esteem. Additionally the guidance team will work to provide information to students about testing, potential careers, and preparation for college and technical programs. The career center and materials are available for students in the Media Center.

HALL PASSES

During class time, any student out of his/her regular scheduled class must have a school issued hall pass from his/her teacher with the name, the date, the time and the teacher signature on it. Only official hall passes will be accepted. Students without a hall pass will be considered in an unauthorized area and may face disciplinary consequences. **During the first 15 minutes and the last 15 minutes of class, no passes are to be given and no students should be out of class unless for an emergency.**

HOMECOMING

To be considered a candidate for the Homecoming Court, students must be in good standing.

HOSPITAL/HOMEBOUND SERVICES

Students may be eligible for instruction through the hospital/homebound program if a doctor anticipates that the student will be out a minimum of ten consecutive days due to illness or accident. Students with chronic health conditions that cause intermittent periods of absence, that may be less than ten days on each occasion, may also be eligible for instruction through the hospital/homebound program. Such absences require medical documentation and must be approved by school personnel and the hospital/homebound program.

INSTRUCTION

The program of instruction is designed to prepare students with the skills and knowledge needed to enter the world of work and to continue their education. The curriculum is designed to satisfy these goals by providing the skills needed for cognitive and affective growth.

The staff is committed to the development of the individual. Instructional activities are designed to develop the intellectual, personal, physical, and social potential of each student. To assure the necessary academic skills are mastered, students are given standardized tests at various grade levels.

Uninterrupted Instructional Time – In any grade nine through twelve, interrupted classes for the purpose of assemblies or other school events are limited to ten instructional days (60 instructional hours) per year for participation in non-instructional activities.

LOCKERS

All students are advised to obtain a locker rental from the school. All student lockers are the property of Temple High School and are subject to search by school authorities at any time. Students may rent lockers during the year for a \$20.00 fee. Fee must be paid with cash, check, or money order.

Students are reminded:

1. Use the locker assigned, no trading
2. **Do not share your locker** with others not assigned to it. You are responsible for its contents!

3. **Do not bring valuables to school!** The school is not responsible for personal property.
4. Keep your combination a secret. Make sure your locker is closed and locked.
5. Keep your locker clean inside and out.
6. Jamming locker mechanisms with paper wads, trading lockers, locker vandalism, etc. may result in loss of locker use.
7. Lockers like other personal items such as purses, phones, and book bags are subject to search at any time.

MEDIA CENTER

The Temple High School Media Center provides instructional support for the entire school curriculum. The Media Center is open each school day, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. until 3:45 p.m.

MEDICATIONS

Please refer to the District Student Handbook Insert page D9 for Medication Guidelines – Admin. Rule JGCD-R

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Georgia Senate Bill 396 requires that each public school classroom at the opening of school each day conduct a moment of silence for the purpose of quiet reflection. This moment of quiet reflection is not intended to be and shall not be conducted as a religious service or exercise. It shall be a moment of silent reflection on the anticipated activities of the day.

NUTRITION PROGRAM

Temple High School cafeteria offers nutritional meals to students at breakfast and lunch. A variety of choices are offered to appeal to students’ needs and appetites. Students will be able to purchase extra food items, such as bottled water, fruit juice drinks, or additional entrees when they purchase lunch. The menus are published in the Sunday newspaper and are available on the system website.

Meal Prices

Breakfast:	Full Price (all students) \$1.35 Reduced Price \$0.30 Adult \$1.75
Lunch:	High School \$2.65 Reduced Price \$0.40 Adult \$3.50 Extra Milk \$0.50

Please note: *High school students may charge their lunches up to a balance of \$5.00. Students are offered an alternative meal if they cannot pay for their lunch.*

***Free and Reduced Application Process - Please refer to the District Student Handbook Insert page D12.
Payment of Meals and Meal Charges - Please refer to the District Student Handbook Insert page D12.***

Students who withdraw to another school system must request a refund within 30 days of withdrawal from Carroll County Schools or the money becomes the property of the Carroll County School Nutrition Program.

Parents who do not pay for their students’ meals and do not send a lunch will be referred to the principal. If parents are experiencing financial hardships, it is important that they notify the principal so that a new free/reduced application can be completed or other help offered.

PARENT PORTAL

All parents and/or guardians may access their child’s grades and schedule through the Infinite Campus Parent Portal on the Internet. Parents may obtain assistance with access to the Parent Portal by emailing campushelp@carrollcountyschools.com. *Please refer to the District Student Handbook Insert page D14 for Parent Portal.*

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Because the support of the family is so critical to a student's success, the parent-teacher conference is perhaps the best way for parents and teachers to get to know each other and share information that may help the student increase the quality of his or her academic performance. Please contact the front office to schedule a parent-teacher conference.

We encourage parents to schedule a time to visit with your student's teachers. Topics that parents may want to discuss with your child's teachers include: What is the quality of my student's academic progress? What are the teacher's expectations for the class and is my student meeting these expectations? How much does my student participate in class? What kind of work habits does my student have in class? How often does my student have homework in your class? What textbook does the student use? What special projects are the students working on? Is there a sample of my student's work available? What is the most convenient time to call the teacher for a progress report on my student? What can I do at home to help my student?

Be sure the school has the correct home and work phone numbers as well as a valid email address so that the teachers can reach you when necessary. We encourage parents to visit the school and meet with all staff members who are involved with your student.

PARKING

On-campus student parking is a privilege provided to students by the Carroll County School System and as such is subject to certain regulations.

Student vehicles permitted to park on campus must be registered with the school. Registered vehicles must be owned by the student or parent/guardian. Parking permits must be displayed on the designated areas of the vehicle and the vehicle parked in the specific space. Students who drive to and from school who are chronically tardy or who have major disciplinary infractions may have driving privileges revoked. A detailed list of regulations and parking rules will be given to each student and parent to read. A signed verification form and parking permit are required prior to a student parking on campus.

Parking privileges can be revoked! You must operate your vehicle in a safe and proper manner at all times on any Carroll County School campus. Students who are chronically tardy or absent to school may have their parking privileges revoked.

PARKING PRIVILEGES REGULATIONS AND CONTRACT

1. Students are expected to be in first period by 8:25. Unexcused tardies to school will result in the following:
 - Tardy 1-3 for the semester will result in a warning.
 - Tardy 4 will result in a 5 day suspension of driving privileges.
 - Tardy 5 will result in a 30 day suspension of driving privileges.
 - Tardy 6 will result in a min. suspension of 30 days or the remainder of the semester, whichever is more.
2. Students who have 5 unexcused absences for the semester will have their driving privileges revoked for the remainder of the semester.
3. Students parking on campus will be subject to random drug testing.
4. No cruising or loitering in the car rider area, lower parking lot, or upper parking lot (students with no after school responsibilities must be off campus by 3:40).
5. Students must pass 5 classes during each semester grading period. Students who do not pass 5 classes will have their parking privilege suspended and must surrender their permit until they are passing 5 classes in a semester period.
6. Cars may be towed at owners expense for the following violations:
 - Any vehicle parked in a space without a student-parking permit hanging from the rear view mirror.
 - Vehicles parked in areas that are not a marked as parking spaces.
 - Any student vehicle parked anywhere on campus other than the assigned student parking lot.
7. Radios and sound systems must be kept at a volume that cannot be heard outside of the vehicle.
8. Once a student drives on campus, he/she is considered "at school" and must check out legally to leave campus. **Violation of this rule will result in school discipline and loss of driving privileges ranging from up to 30 days to the remainder of the year.**
9. Once students have arrived on campus, students may not transport other students off campus. **Violation of this rule will result in school discipline and loss of driving privileges for the remainder of the year.**
10. Students may not back into their parking spaces.
11. Students must park in the parking spaces assigned to them.
12. Student vehicles must not have any obscene or inappropriate stickers, decals, adornments, etc.
13. Permits must be hung on the rear view mirror visibly.
14. Students must get a temporary permit from the office immediately upon arrival when driving a car onto the THS campus without a permit.
15. Students will not be allowed to drive to the College and Career Academy without written approval by an administrator at THS and CCA.
16. Parking is a privilege that may be revoked without a refund for parking violations.
17. Parking permits cost \$25.00 per semester or \$40.00 for the year and are valid for the 2019-2020 school year only and must be paid with cash, check or money order.

I have read and understand these parking regulations.

Parent signature

Student signature

Parent's phone: home _____ work _____ cell _____

Note: Students receive this form at the time of purchase of their permits. A permit will not be issued until the student returns this form signed by the student and his/her parent/guardian

PLAGIARISM (Theft of Print Material)

The easy access to information via the Internet and other digital formats has facilitated an increase in plagiarism. Theft of print material is a serious ethical, as well as legal, transgression. In an effort to combat this growing issue, THS will follow this process when addressing plagiarism:

Intentional plagiarism will result in a “0” or **No Credit** for the assignment. Intentional plagiarism is defined as knowingly submitting another person’s work with the intent of presenting it as original work. Intentional plagiarism includes any of the following examples: 1) directly copying text from Internet sources or from textual sources including books, articles or other people’s essays/articles without documentation, and 2) paraphrasing information or ideas from above mentioned external sources without documentation. Using information (direct quotes or paraphrased information/ideas) requires both internal documentation, usually including the author’s last name and page number if available, and a bibliographic entry on a Works Cited page at the end of the paper or written response.

Unintentional plagiarism will result in a failing grade for the assignment, which may be replaced if a corrected submission is allowed by the teacher. Unintentional plagiarism includes incorrect citations of quoted or paraphrased information or material, such as incorrect documentation formats on either the internal documentation or the Works Cited page.

Students will be provided with examples and resource links in their English classes for internal documentation formats and Works Cited page formats. Students are expected to follow these guidelines for any writing in ANY course that involves using external sources.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Each student in Carroll County Schools shall be afforded the opportunity to recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America during each school day.

PROM

Any student of Temple High School who has paid his/her Junior dues and is a Junior or Senior by the beginning of the second semester of the current year is eligible for the Junior/Senior Prom. Prom guests must be 14-20 years old and either be in high school or have attended high school previously. Guest names and approval form must be submitted to the Junior Sponsor at least two weeks prior to prom.

***It is important to note that prom attendance is a privilege. Students should be aware that they can lose this privilege as a consequence of behavior or attendance issues and dues will not be refunded. For example, students who are assigned OSS through the date of the prom will not be able to attend and their dues will not be refunded.

Any student who accumulates more than 10 unexcused absences prior to the date of prom will not participate.

REPORTING PROCEDURES FOR GRADING

Students receive report cards every nine weeks and progress reports at the midpoint of each grading period. Final report cards may be picked up during the summer in the front office. Parents are encouraged to contact their child’s teacher throughout the year to discuss academic concerns.

SATURDAY SCHOOL

Saturday School provides an opportunity for students to make up assignments or tests for a specific class or work on Edgenuity/E2020 courses. This program is contract based, and prior to the scheduled Saturday School date, the teacher and student determine what will be expected of the student in regard to assignments completed. Tentative dates for Saturday School are **Aug. 31st, Sep. 21th, Oct. 26th, Nov. 16th, Dec. 14th, Jan. 25th, Feb. 15th, Mar. 7th & Apr. 18th May 16th and May 23rd.**

SCHEDULE CHANGES

Schedules are devised according to the classes each student, along with his or her advisor, choose during pre-registration. In cases where conflicts occur, changes are made according to alternate choices whenever possible. In

the event a student might need a change, the student must obtain a Drop-Add Request form from the counselor and complete the form and return it to discuss options. Changes will be made with administrative approval, based on need and space availability. If the class change request is granted, the student will receive a new schedule from the counselor. **Class changes will not be made after 10 school days into the semester.**

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Parent, student, and community support is an important component of successful reform. Local school councils were created by law in Georgia to involve teachers, parents and businesspersons in local school issues focusing on student achievement.

SCHOOL BELL SCHEDULE 2019-2020

8:15	Release to Class
8:25-9:20	1st Period (Announcements) (55 min)
9:24-10:14	2nd Period (50 min)
10:18-11:08	3rd Period (50 min)
11:12-12:02	4th Period (50 min)
12:06-1:44	5th Period and Lunch
	12:06-12:28 Lunch 1
	12:30-12:52 Lunch 2
	12:54-1:16 Lunch 3
	1:18-1:40 Lunch 4
1:44-2:34	6th Period (50 min)
2:38-3:30	7th Period (52 min)

CCA 2nd block students released at 10:14 to bus.

CCA 3rd block students released from class at 1:35 to bus

SCHOOL PICTURES

School picture packages are offered to parents wishing to purchase pictures. Whether pictures are purchased or not, students are required to have their pictures made for the school yearbook. A make-up day is scheduled for all absentees and unacceptable pictures (i.e., closed eyes, etc.). This make-up date will be announced and students must sign up for an appointment. Senior picture make-up session will be also be scheduled and announced. These two occasions will be the only times pictures will be made for the yearbook. Spring pictures will be offered, but there will be no retakes scheduled for these photos.

Club, activities and sports team pictures will be made during the most convenient time available for each group. Students must be in good standing with their group and no make-ups will be made. Also, there will be special packages offered during the year for special events. Students will be notified of these opportunities and payment is on a prepaid basis only.

SCHOOL PROPERTY

The school building and its fixtures and furniture are provided at the expense of Georgia taxpayers. This includes your family, and even you as a future taxpayer. Students should refrain from defacing or destroying school property. Anyone caught doing so will be disciplined and be required to pay for the damages.

SMALL LEARNING COMMUNITY

The Small Learning Community (SLC) is an option providing flexibility for students in need of re-taking or making up a failed class. All classes taken through the SLC are online and must have prior approval of the principal. **Parents and students should note that online credit recovery courses are not recognized by the NCAA for eligibility purposes.**

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

All students are encouraged to participate in areas in which they have a talent or an interest. Competitive activities such as athletics, debate, literary, and band carry enrollment, attendance, and academic requirements. School activities require dues to offset program costs, uniforms, officials, etc. The amount of the dues is determined by each sponsor, director, or coach. ***The administration has the authority to prohibit any student's participation in non-instructional activities.***

STUDENT ADVISEMENT

The advisement program in Carroll County Schools is a cooperative venture between the professional staff members and students. Advisors fill out and update a graduation checklist form with each advisee each school year. The checklist indicates the units earned toward a diploma as well as the units needed.

Information on career and educational goals is also provided to students. Options for meeting these goals and graduation requirements are discussed. Parents are asked to become familiar with course requirements and stay aware of their son's/daughter's progress in his/her academic career at THS. It is our aim to ensure that each student receives appropriate advisement so that the students receive the greatest possible benefits from the curriculum.

STUDENT CONDUCT

Students at THS are expected to act in a manner that is conducive to a positive learning environment. We believe that by working together students and educators can make school an enjoyable and rewarding experience for everyone.

Student conduct is covered under Board Policy JCDA that is contained in its entirety in the county policies and available online at www.carrollcountyschools.com and in the addendum following this handbook. Students are to read this code and adhere to it at all times while at school or any school activity.

Please refer to the District Student Handbook Insert page D15 for Student Code of Code.

STUDENT ENTRY AND TRANSFER

Carroll County Board Policy encourages students to attend the school that serves their attendance area. Students may transfer if they move their legal residence.

Any student transferring must show records of his/her prior attendance and that he/she was in good standing with the school of previous enrollment.

STUDENT SAFETY

Temple High School seeks to provide students with a safe environment. Any condition that could jeopardize one's safety should be reported to a school official. Accidents occurring on school property are to be reported immediately to the office. An accident report will be completed by a staff member to document the incident or injury. The school nurse and a parent will be contacted immediately in the event of an accident.

STUDENT SUPPORT TEAM

The Student Support Team is a step on the Pyramid of Intervention and is designed to offer students and parents support when a student is having instructional difficulty in the classroom. This group offers suggestions as to possible alternatives that might help make the student successful. The team also evaluates the need for further interventions.

TARDIES TO CLASS

For the purpose of this tardy policy, a tardy is defined as a student who is not inside the classroom when the tardy bell rings. The students may be counted absent from the class or classes missed if they are not present for the entire class period. Tardies at the high school level shall be handled as discipline issues.

Unexcused tardies will accumulate per SEMESTER for DISCIPLINARY action.

Consequences*:

1. 1st Tardy – Warning (document in infinite campus)
2. 2nd Tardy –Warning (document in IC)
3. 3rd Tardy –Warning &Parent Contact (document in IC)
4. 4th Tardy-Lunch Detention and Parent Contact(document in IC)
5. 5th Tardy-Lunch Detention and Parent Contact(document in IC)
6. All Subsequent Infractions could result in Discipline Referral, school discipline, and/or required attendance at Saturday school.

***Refer to Parking Privileges Contract for additional consequences for student drivers.**

TECHNOLOGY

Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT) – The use of technology to provide educational material is not a necessity, but a privilege. A student, during designated times, has the right to use his or her laptop, cell phone, or other electronic device while at school. When abused, privileges will be taken away. When respected, they will benefit the learning environment as a whole. The following are some of the expectations regarding cell phone use at Temple High School.

1. Students may use cell phones or other personally owned devices only upon receipt of a Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT) Student Use Agreement signed by both the student and a parent/guardian.
2. Cell phones must remain on silent (not vibrate) at all times anywhere on school grounds or buses.
3. While on school property, all electronic devices will be required to use the Wi-Fi network provided by the school. Students will not be permitted to use their cellular data network (e.g. 3G, 4G) during school hours.
4. **NO cell phones are permitted during class unless the teacher gives permission. Phones will be taken up if used during instruction time.**
5. Students may not borrow or use devices that belong to another student.
6. Violation of the BYOT use agreement or student discipline policy that result in an administrator's removal of a student's personal electronic device privileges may not be appealed.
7. **Ear buds and headphones are not permitted on school property during school hours without teacher permission.**

If parents need to get in touch with a student, they may call and leave a message for the student in the front office. Office phones are also available for student use in the event of an emergency or illness.

The following procedure will be used for violations of the BYOT agreement:

1st offense – Item Confiscated/Parent may pick up the device in the front office at the end of the school day OR the student can pay a \$5.00 fine to get the item back at the end of the day.

2nd offense – Item Confiscated/Parent may pick up the device in the front office at the end of the school day OR the student can pay a \$5.00 fine to get the item back at the end of the day.

3rd offense –Item Confiscated/Parent may pick up the device in the front office at the end of the school day OR the student can pay a \$5.00 fine to get the item back at the end of the day.

4th offense - Item Confiscated/Parent may pick up the device in the front office at the end of the school day OR the student can pay a \$5.00 fine to get the item back at the end of the day.

Electronic communication device infractions beyond the 4th offense shall be handled as discipline infraction (Repeated Violations/Chronic Misbehavior). The Office Referral is submitted with assigned discipline and parents will be notified and may pick up the devices at the end of the school day. Parents may not return electronic devices to students during the school day. At a minimum ISS will be assigned and cell phone privileges will be denied for a period of time.

If a student refuses to surrender an electronic device to a teacher or administrator then the infraction will be treated as a discipline infraction, and the appropriate consequences will be assigned. Cell phones and stored content are subject to search at any time. Inappropriate stored information, photos, etc., on a student's cell phone is subject to the appropriate disciplinary action as outlined in the student code of conduct.

Internet Use – The use of the Internet is a part of the instructional program. Internet use is only allowed for educational assignments. The streaming of audio and or video, playing Internet games, the use of chat rooms, or using the Internet for non-educational purposes is prohibited.

School Owned Technology Devices - School owned technology such as e-readers, iPads, iPods, laptops, etc. are available for student use. The use of these technologies is a privilege; hence, students must exhibit responsible and mature behavior. For this reason, THS requires a parental signature before technology can be checked out to a student. Such technology is to be used only for school purposes and students must comply with the Acceptable Use Policy. Students and parents should understand that they are financially responsible for any damage, loss/theft, or charges incurred as a result of inappropriate use of the technology equipment.

Please refer to the District Student Handbook Insert page D26 for Technology – Acceptable Use by Students

TESTING

The standardized testing program is designed to identify areas in need of improvement for individual students as well as instructional programs. Various assessments may be used to determine academic needs of students. Parents and students are provided advance notice of test dates and are routinely informed of individual test results. School-wide and system-wide results are published annually in the local newspaper. High school students are required to post passing scores on the state mandated tests as part of their graduation requirements.

Students enrolled in certain classes will need to take the Georgia Milestones EOC (End of Course Assessments) upon completion of the course(s). Courses to be tested include 9th Grade Literature and Composition, American Literature, Algebra I, Geometry, United States History, Economics, Physical Science, and Biology.

Students at Temple High School also take a variety of nationally norm referenced and/or standardized tests. College prep students should take the PSAT and SAT and/or the PLAN and ACT during the sophomore, junior, and/or senior years. Information on dates for these tests may be found on the THS website. Juniors take the ASVAB (military entrance test) and the ASSET (technical college entrance test) during the winter or spring.

TEXTBOOKS

Textbooks are furnished for some courses. Textbooks are the property of the State of Georgia and the Carroll County School System. **Students and their parents are held accountable for lost or damaged textbooks. It is important to understand that textbooks are very costly, ranging in price from \$60 to \$100 or more each. Students are highly encouraged to keep up with their textbooks to avoid having to pay for their replacement.** The school system must be reimbursed for lost or damaged textbooks. (Seniors will not be able to receive their diploma until all fees are paid.) The Carroll County Board of Education provides the materials necessary for the instructional programs in our schools. However, students are expected to provide the usual paper, pencils and other disposable supplies.

TORNADO DRILLS

During tornado drills or in the event a tornado strikes, students will follow this procedure

1. Remain as quiet as possible.
2. Be alert to instruction given by teacher.
3. Move to the hallway immediately when told.
4. Drop to the knees with back to wall and knees together.
5. Bury face and arms protecting the head; close eyes tightly
6. Stay in designated area until directed to leave.

Further Instruction will depend upon circumstances and damage to the building.

Vaping

Vaping is leading to many medical emergencies nationwide due to the students' ability to use illegal and unknown substances in the vapes. Please be aware that vaping or possessing vaping devices and/or paraphernalia will result in the following consequences at Temple High School:

1st Offense – up to 5 days OSS

2nd Offense – up to 10 days OSS

3rd Offense – Tribunal – recommendation for long term suspension or expulsion

VISITORS

Temple High School encourages parental involvement and asks that anyone wishing to visit the school contact the principal to make arrangements. This procedure ensures that classroom activities are not interrupted and the safety of the students and staff is guaranteed.

All visitors and parents are required to report to the front office for a visitor's permit before going into the building or any part of the campus. Students from other schools may not visit THS without prior approval from the principal.

Please refer to the District Student Handbook Insert page D28 for Visitors to School

WITHDRAWAL FROM SCHOOL

All student withdrawals will be handled through the guidance and counseling office. All textbooks must be returned and fees must be paid before withdrawal.

The school system is authorized to withdraw a student for the following reasons when the student:

- Has missed more than 10 consecutive days of unexcused absences;
- Is not subject to compulsory school attendance; and
- Is not receiving instructional services from the local school system through homebound instruction or instructional services required by the federal Individual with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

Parental Permission and Notification of Student Withdrawal

The Superintendent or the superintendent's designee shall use his or her best efforts to get parental permission when a 16 or 17 year old student wishes to withdraw and to notify the parent(s), guardian(s), or other person(s) having control or charge of a student if the school system plans to withdraw such student who is younger than 18 years of age and is not subject to compulsory school attendance. The principal or designee will make a reasonable attempt to hold a conference with the student and parent or guardian to share the educational options available pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 20-2-690.1(e)

The school system is authorized to withdraw a student subject to compulsory attendance only if the local superintendent or the superintendent's designee has determined the student is no longer a resident of the local school system or is enrolled in a private school or home study program.

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August 1 – 6	Preplanning/Professional Learning for Staff
August 7	First Day of School
September 2	Labor Day Holiday
September 6	Mid-Term Reports for First Nine Weeks Go Home
October 4	End First Nine Weeks Grading Period
October 7	Professional Learning Day
October 8 - 11	Fall Holiday
October 16	Report Cards for First Nine Weeks Go Home
November 8	Mid-Term Reports for Second Nine Weeks Go Home
November 25 - 29	Thanksgiving Holiday
December 20	End Second Nine Weeks Grading Period/End of Semester
December 23–31	Christmas Holiday
January 1 - 2	New Year’s Holiday
January 3	Teacher Work Day
January 6	First Day of Second Semester
January 9	Report Cards for First Semester Go Home
January 20	Martin Luther King Holiday
February 6	Mid-Term Reports for Third Nine Weeks Go Home
February 17	Professional Learning Day (Possible Inclement Weather Day)
February 18 - 21	Winter Break (Possible Inclement Weather Day)
March 12	End Third Nine Weeks Grading Period
March 13	Professional Learning Day (Possible Inclement Weather Day)
March 18	Report Cards for Third Nine Weeks Go Home
April 6 - 10	Spring Break
April 22	Mid-Terms Reports for Fourth Nine Weeks Go Home
May 25	Memorial Day Holiday
May 29	Last Day of School - End Fourth Nine Weeks Period/End of Semester
June 1 - 2	Post planning
June 3 – 4	Possible Staff Inclement Weather Make-up Days

FOREWORD

The purpose of the Carroll County School System is to provide a premier education in a safe and secure environment. To ensure the welfare and safety of all students who attend the schools within the district and to help create a premier learning experience, the school system offers students and parents the policies, regulations and guidelines contained in this handbook. Students are expected at all times to conduct themselves in a manner that facilitates an optimum learning environment for themselves and others.

We expect students to:

- Respect each other
- Respect school district employees
- Obey Student Code of Conduct set forward in this handbook
- Obey rules established by individual schools

Parents/guardians are encouraged to become familiar with the guidelines contained in this handbook and to be supportive of it in their daily communication with their children and others in the community. We ask your cooperation in sharing the responsibility for maintaining a proper learning environment.

Students are expected to participate fully in the learning process. Students need to report to school and class on time, attend all regularly scheduled classes, remain in class until excused or dismissed, pay attention to instruction, complete assignments to the best of their ability, and ask for help when needed. Students should avoid behavior that impairs their own or other students' educational achievement. Students should take care of books, instructional materials, technology and cooperate with others.

Students should show respect for the knowledge and authority of teachers, administrators, and other school employees. Students must obey reasonable directions, use acceptable and courteous language, and follow school rules and procedures.

ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Accident insurance can be purchased for students. Coverage is the option of the parent or guardian and all claims are filed directly with the insurance company. Information about purchasing student accident insurance can be obtained directly from the school.

In the event of an accident or illness, the student will receive emergency treatment deemed necessary and the parent or guardian will be responsible for any costs incurred. URL:
<http://www.kandkinsurance.com/sites/K12Voluntary/Pages/Home.aspx>

ACCREDITATION

The Carroll County School System is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACSCASI).

ATTENDANCE PROTOCOL (O.C.G.A. 20-2-690.2)

[\(REF: BOARD POLICY: JB, BOARD POLICY EXHIBIT: JB-E\)](#)

Research shows that attendance is an important factor in the academic success of students. To promote attendance the Carroll County School System has partnered with Carrollton City Schools and other local support agencies to establish a Student Attendance Protocol for our community. The purpose of the Attendance Protocol is to improve student attendance through the utilization of targeted strategies and interventions. The Attendance Protocol works in conjunction with the Compulsory Education Law

(O.C.G.A. 20-2-690.1) which requires that every parent/guardian or other person who has control of any child between the ages of 6 and 16 shall enroll and send such child to school. All children enrolled for 20 calendar days or more in the public schools of this state prior to their seventh birthday shall become subject to the provisions of the compulsory school attendance law. State Board of Education policy defines the school year as 180 attendance days.

Each student and parent is required to sign-off understand the requirements of the full Student Protocol and Compulsory Attendance document which is displayed on each school's web-site. If you are unable to access the protocol on the web-site, the school will provide a hard copy of the protocol for your convenience. Any questions regarding student attendance, tardies and early check outs should be directed to school administration.

Full Day Attendance

Students are expected to be in attendance for the full school day. Students who check-in late or check-out early should submit a written note from their parent/guardian explaining their absence. Disciplinary action may be taken against students not in attendance for the full school day for reasons that cannot be excused.

Student Absences

Whenever students are absent, for any reason, their parent/guardian must send a signed and dated written explanation of the absence to their child's teacher no later than the **third day** following the student's return to school after their absence. After (5) personal notes written by the parent/guardian for excused absences, the school administration may request appropriate medical documentation upon return to school for the purpose of validating the absences.

Excused Absences

As permitted under the state law and State Board of Education policies, students may be excused lawfully for the following reasons:

- Personal illness,
- death in immediate family,
- recognized religious holiday,
- instances in which attendance could be hazardous as determined by Carroll County Public School System,
- a court order,
- absence to vote in an election,
- Conditions rendering attendance impossible or hazardous to student health or safety
- up to five (5) days excused absences per year to students where parents are in the military and are being deployed or are on leave
- and any other absence not explicitly defined here but deemed by the local school board of education to have merit based on circumstances.

**Local boards of education shall count students present when they are serving as pages of the Georgia General Assembly as set forth in O.C.G.A 20-2-692.

Unexcused Absences

Unexcused absences will be subject to attendance investigation and can result in penalty as imposed by the Compulsory Education Law (O.C.G.A 20-2-690.1) and Student Attendance Protocol Committee Law (O.C.G.A. 20-2-690.2);

1. Schools will notify by first class mail parents/guardians of students ages 6-16 who have accumulated five (5) unexcused absences per semester and will include a copy of the summary of consequences.

2. Upon a student's accumulation of eighth (8) unexcused absences in the school year, a referral will be made to the school's Attendance Team Committee to set up an attendance meeting at the local school. The committee will be comprised of the school social worker, teachers, administrators and parents.
3. School Operations will notify by letter parents/guardians of students ages 6-16 who have accumulated ten (10) unexcused absences per semester and will report violations to the Student Attendance Protocol Committee to determine if court action will be pursued for formal intervention.
4. State law requires an unemancipated minor over sixteen (16) years of age must have written permission from his or her parent/guardian prior to withdrawing from school.

Pre-arranged absence - A written request made by the parents to the principal requesting permission for their child to be absent from school in order to take an educational related trip. A Pre-arranged Absence Form must be completed and approved three (3) days prior to being absent. Approval does not make the absence Excused.

Reporting Students with Unexcused Absences (O.C.G.A. 20-2-701)

Consequences for Unexcused Absences

1. Any parent/guardian, or other person who has control of any child who on the tenth unexcused day of absence per semester, and after the child's school system has notified the parent/guardian, or other person who has control of any child, of each day's absence from school, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and court action may be pursued for formal intervention.
2. **Penalties:**
 - a. **Fine** - not less than \$25 and not greater than \$100.00
 - b. **Imprisonment** - not to exceed 30 days
 - c. **Community Service** or any combination of such penalties, at the discretion of the court.

Tardiness

Students are expected to arrive at school on time. Students who are tardy for school must go to the school office to sign-in before going to class. Schools will notify by letter parents/guardians of students ages 6-16 who have accumulated five (5) unexcused tardies per semester.

Teenage & Adult Driver Responsibility Act (TAADRA) - Governor Nathan Deal signed SB 100 into law on April 16, 2015. SB100 makes significant changes to the Teenage and Adult Driver Responsibility Act (TAADRA) by eliminating the requirement for schools to submit noncompliance data for students with excessive unexcused absences and certain discipline infractions.

Schools will certify that a student is enrolled in and not under expulsion from a public or private school to be eligible for a driver's license or learner's permit. Schools will use a new Certificate of School Enrollment form to certify that a student is eligible for a driver's license or learner's permit. A student who intends to get their learner's permit or driver's license over the summer months must request a Certificate of School Enrollment from their school administration prior to the end of May. An administrative charge for notarizing this certificate may be charged by the school.

BUS RULES

Students are to comply with the following rules to help make every student's bus ride safe and orderly. All school and district policies apply in addition to the rules listed below:

1. Students must be respectful to the bus drivers/monitors at all times.
2. Students shall be at their assigned bus stop 5 minutes before the bus arrives, waiting in the assigned place, clear of traffic and at least 12 feet from the roadway.
3. Students will go directly to assigned seat when entering the bus. Keep the aisles and exits clear.
4. When loading, students will cross the roadway in front of the bus after: 1) The bus has stopped, 2) The student has looked at the bus driver for a "proceed with caution" hand signal, and 3) The student has looked in both directions for traffic; left, right, left.
5. When getting off the bus: 1) Students shall stay seated until the door opens, 2) Students shall stop on the bottom step of the bus to look left & right before proceeding, 3) Wait for driver to give a "proceed with caution" signal, 4) Maintain eye contact with the bus driver while crossing the road in full view of the driver, and 5) Stop at the centerline of the road to look left & right before continuing to cross. Students must refrain from retrieving items from their mailbox until bus leaves.
6. Students will be silent at railroad crossings until the bus crosses the tracks completely.
7. The bus driver has the authority to assign seats at his or her discretion. Students must remain seated properly (back-to-back, bottom-to-bottom) unless otherwise instructed by the bus driver. Talk quietly; unnecessary noise is prohibited.
8. Use of an electronic device is prohibited while loading or unloading the bus. When the bus is moving, headphones must be used with any electronic device.
9. Emergency doors, windows, & hatches may be opened only at the direction of the bus driver. Students must keep all body parts inside the bus. Mirrors, lasers, flashing lights, flash cameras, or any other lights or reflective surfaces that might interfere with the operation of the bus are prohibited. Students must refrain from throwing objects on, in, out of, or at the bus.
10. Objectionable and/or dangerous items are prohibited. This includes but is not limited to glass items or anything that cannot fit on a student's lap. (e.g. sporting equipment, band instruments, etc.)
11. Students will be permitted to board /exit the bus only at their assigned stop. Only in the event of an emergency, as determined by the principal or his/her designee, will a student be allowed to ride a different bus. Students may not be dropped off or picked up at a place of business.
12. Students may not eat, drink, or chew gum on the bus. Exceptions may be made on a case-by-case as determined by the bus driver or school administration.
13. Students PreK - 3 must be received at the bus stop by by a designated person documented in Infinite Campus .
*** Parents are asked to sign up for NOTIFY ME on the county website under the Transportation tab for possible updates on bus routes. www.carrollcountyschools.com**

CLOSING OF SCHOOL

When it is necessary to close schools because of weather or other reasons the Carroll County School System will notify students and parents by automated call outs, social media posts and by notifying media outlets as early as possible. The numbers used for the automated calls are pulled from the district's student information system, Infinite Campus. It is the parent's responsibility to keep the most current information in Infinite Campus. Parents may edit their contact information using the Parent Portal.

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

All student clubs and organizations must follow guidelines and procedures governing the creation and operation of such clubs, organizations, and groups in accordance with the policies of the Carroll County Board of Education. State law requires that parent/guardian receive information regarding school clubs and organizations, such information must include the name of the club or organization, mission or purpose, name of the club's faculty advisor, and a description of past or planned activities. Your child's school will provide this information through the school's Web Site. On the parent/guardian signature page the parent/guardian will have an opportunity to decline permission for his or her student to participate in a club or organization designated by him or her.

DRUG TESTING OF STUDENTS

([Board Policy: JCABB](#); [Board Regulation: JCABB-R](#))

The Carroll County School System has adopted a Random Drug Testing Policy (JCABB) for students grades 9 through 12 who participate in the following:

1. All extracurricular activities/programs and clubs that compete in competitions.
2. All students who apply for driving/parking permit pursuant to rule and regulations as set forth in the Student Handbook.

The company will randomly draw students each month to be tested. These students will be called to the front office and tested immediately.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

The Carroll County School System does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, sex, color, national origin or disability or gender in its educational programs, activities or employment practices.

Nondiscrimination Notice Regarding Sports

State law prohibits discrimination based on gender in athletic programs of local school systems (Equity in Sports Act, O.C.G.A. § 20-2-315). Students are hereby notified that the Carroll County School System does not discriminate on the basis of gender in its athletic programs.

Reporting of Discrimination or Harassment

Any student, employee, applicant for employment, parent or other individual who believes he or she has been subjected to harassment or discrimination by any student or employee of the school district based upon any of the factors previously listed should promptly report the same to the principal of the school or the appropriate coordinator as listed below, who will implement the board's discriminatory complaints or harassment procedures. Students may also report harassment or discrimination to their school counselor. Students and employees will not be subjected to retaliation for reporting such harassment or discrimination. A copy of the discriminatory complaints procedure under [Carroll County Board of Education Policy GAAA](#) (Equal Opportunity/Discrimination Complaints Procedure) or under [Carroll County Board of Education Regulation IDFA-R](#) (Gender Equity in Sports) is located on the Carroll County Board of Education Website at carrollcountyschools.com

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources & Student Services

- Section 504 and ADA

Assistant Superintendent of Administrative & Support Services

- Gender Equity in Sports
- Title VI - Civil Rights
- Title IX - Gender Equity

EXTRACURRICULAR AND ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION

The privilege of participating on an interscholastic extracurricular program is a vital part of the total education program and a means of developing wholesome attitudes and good human relations, as well as knowledge and skills. The Carroll County School System encourages participation in a variety of extracurricular activities.

Extracurricular participants are expected to show sportsmanship at all times. Sportsmanship revolves around the word RESPECT. Respect for ourselves, our school, and guest to our schools helps build a positive image not only with the community, but also with all those who participate in competitive activities in our schools. Responsibilities for participants and parents/guardians: ● Use appropriate language

- Treat opponents with respect due them as guests or hosts
- Exercise self-control at all times
- Respect the official's judgment and interpretation of the rules
- Respect the coach's judgment and authority
- Accept the responsibility of representing your school in a positive manner
- Act in a manner that will create a positive attitude in the audience

FEDERAL TITLE II EQUITY GUIDELINES

Federal Title II Equity Guidelines have challenged school districts to review their practices of student placement in order that ALL students will have equitable access to highly qualified, experienced, effective teachers. As a result Carroll County Schools will not be accepting parent verbal or written requests of a particular teacher for the placement of their child beginning school year 2009-10. Every effort will be made to provide all children with equitable opportunity to highly qualified, experienced, effective teachers and instruction.

GRADUATION PARTICIPATION

Participation in the graduation ceremonies is a privilege. The student must have completed all state and local requirements for a diploma to be allowed to participate in graduation ceremonies. In addition, the student must maintain good conduct and be in good standing with the school by not having any outstanding obligations. Students who have obligations, are suspended or expelled and/or fail to comply with school rules may not be allowed to participate in graduation or graduation activities.

HOSPITAL HOMEBOUND

Hospital/Homebound (HHB) services are designed to provide continuity of educational services between the classroom and home or health care facility for students in Carroll County Schools whose medical needs, either physical or psychiatric, do not allow school attendance for a limited period of time. HHB instruction may be used to supplement the classroom program for students with health impairments whose conditions may interfere with regular school attendance (e.g., students receiving dialysis or radiation/chemotherapy; or students with other serious health conditions). HHB services are not intended to supplant regular school services and are by design temporary. The student must anticipate being absent from school for a minimum of ten consecutive or intermittent school days due to a medical or psychiatric condition, which must be certified by the licensed physician who is currently treating the student for the diagnosis presented. **For additional information and/or to request services, contact the student's school.**

MEDICATION GUIDELINES GRADES PK-12

(ref. [BOARD POLICY: JGCD](#); [BOARD RULE: JGCD-R](#))

There are times when students will need to receive medication during school hours. In order for schools to administer medication, the following guidelines should be followed:

1. Schools do not keep a stock of non-prescription drugs (pain relievers or other medication). By Board Policy, the school may only administer medications parents send to school when parents adhere to these medication guidelines.
2. All drugs to be administered to students, prescription, or non-prescription, are to be locked in a designated place by the principal.
3. All prescription drugs administered during school hours by school personnel should be signed out on a daily log in compliance with Board Policy JGCD.
4. In the event that medication administration requires an apparatus, it is the parent's responsibility to provide the apparatus and demonstrate its use to school personnel. The school will not administer any medication requiring an apparatus unless the parent specifically demonstrates how to use the apparatus and leaves written instructions at the school.
5. In the event that prescription medication must be given on a field trip, the parent/guardian must provide the school with an empty prescription bottle prior to the day of the trip, properly labeled for the specific medication to be given.

Prescription Drugs

1. All prescription drugs to be administered at school must have the following:
 - a. Written instructions, signed by the parent of legal guardian, which includes:
 - Name of child;
 - Address;
 - Name of physician;
 - Name of medication;
 - Dosage to be given; and
 - Date and time to be given.
 - b. Medication contained in a prescription bottle, properly labeled by the pharmacist.
 - c. For children on long-term prescription drugs (to be administered for more than 30 days), the parent or legal guardian will be required to meet with the principal/designee. The principal and parent or legal guardian will determine specific procedures for administration of the drug (time, method, staff, storage, delivery of refills to school, etc.), and an authorization form (contract) will be signed by both parties.
 - d. For long-term prescription drugs a completed drug administration form that is kept on file in the school office is required. Each authorization form shall be effective for no longer than one (1) school year, and/or each time the drug or dosage is changed, whichever occurs first. This form must include:
 - The information set forth in (A) above;
 - The signature of the child's physician; and
 - Any other information deemed necessary by the principal.
2. In the event that medications arrive at the school without proper labeling or instructions, a school staff member will contact the parent to verify the medication instructions, and to notify them of the proper procedure. If the parent cannot be contacted, the medication will not be administered.

3. A student who has asthma, life threatening allergies, or diabetes may possess and use medications as prescribed:

- While in school
- At a school sponsored activity,
- While under the supervision of school personnel; or
- While in before school or after school care on school property

In order for the student to carry and self-administer asthma, auto-injectable epinephrine (epipens), or diabetes medication, the parent must provide the following:

- A written statement from a licensed physician confirming that the student is able to self-administer the medication, if applicable.
 - Written parent permission for the nurse or designated employee to consult with the doctor regarding any questions that may arise concerning the medication.
4. The principal or designated staff member has the authority to ask a student to account for, explain and show any medications the student takes while on school property.

Non-prescription drugs

1. All non-prescription drugs to be administered at school must have the following:
 - a. Written instructions, signed by the parent or legal guardian, which includes:
 - Name of child;
 - Address;
 - Name of medication;
 - Dosage to be given and
 - Date and time to be given
 - b. Medication in a container labeled by the parent with the above information.

Students in grades 9 - 12 will be responsible for keeping and administering their own non-prescription medications.

Misuse of any medications, whether authorized or unauthorized, will not be tolerated. Any K12 student in possession of unauthorized medications or misuse of authorized medication is subject to disciplinary consequences found in Board Policy JCDA: Student Code of Conduct.

Parents are responsible for picking up unused medications from their student's school at the end of the school year. Any unclaimed medications will be discarded by the end of post planning following the last day of school.

NAVIGATOR

The Navigator is a handbook designed to assist students and parents in making the decisions to design a personalized high school experience. Information in the Navigator outlines graduation requirements, diploma options, required testing, and paths toward graduation. The Navigator is an online resource that can be found on the Carroll County Schools website parent resource page using this link:

www.carrollcountyschools.com/resources/curriculum

NOTIFICATION OF RIGHTS UNDER FERPA FOR ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students who are 18 years of age or older ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records. A complete description of those rights can be found at:

<http://www.carrollcountyschools.com/parents/general-info>

NOTIFICATION PARENTS/GUARDIANS and ELIGIBLE STUDENTS OF RIGHTS UNDER PROTECTION OF PUPIL RIGHTS AMENDMENT (PPRA)

1. Parents/guardians and eligible students (18 or older or emancipated minors) shall be notified at the beginning of the school year of the approximate dates during the school year when and of the activities listed below are expected to be scheduled. The Board of Education has developed and adopted policies, in conjunction with parents, regarding the activities described in paragraph (1). In accordance with Board policies, prior written consent must be obtained from parents before students are required to submit to any survey that contains questions about one or more of the areas listed in subparagraphs (1)(A). You have the right to inspect any survey or instrument used in the collection of information under subparagraphs (1)(A) and (1)(B) before the instrument is administered or distributed to a student and to opt your student out of participation in any activities described in paragraph (1) in accordance with regulations developed by the Superintendent.
 - (A) The administration of any survey containing one or more of the following items:
 - Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or the student's parent;
 - Mental or psychological problems of the student or the student's family;
 - Sex behavior or attitudes;
 - Illegal, antisocial, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
 - Critical appraisals of other individuals with whom respondents have close family relationships
 - Legally recognized privileged or analogous relationships, such as those of lawyers, physicians, and ministers;
 - Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or student's parent/guardian; or
 - Income (other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program of for receiving financial assistance under such program).
 - (B) Activities involving the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information collected from students for marketing or for selling that information (or otherwise providing that information to others for that purpose).
 - (C) Any non-emergency, invasive physical examination or screening that is required as a condition of attendance, administered by the school and scheduled by the school in advance, and not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of the student, or of other students, but not including hearing, vision or scoliosis screening.
2. You may, upon request, inspect any instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum for your student.

- The school system is required by federal law to give this notice to parents. However, the school system does not have scheduled any such activities as are described in paragraph 1. If any such activities are initiated during the school year, you will be notified accordingly and will be afforded all the rights as described herein.

NUTRITION PROGRAM

Carroll County School’s welcomes the opportunity to provide your student with nutritious, appetizing meals at school. Research suggests a hungry child cannot learn, and we offer a variety of choices at each school level to appeal to children’s needs and appetites. Each school meal meets 1/3 of the daily nutritional requirements for children and they also comply with USDA’s guidelines for 9 different nutrients. The menus are published in the Sunday newspaper and are available on the system website. Please join your student for meals as often as you like. There are many new and exciting changes taking place in our School Nutrition program and we would love to share them with you!

Meal Prices:

<p>Breakfast: All students \$1.35 Reduced Price \$0.30 Adult \$1.75</p>	<p>Lunch: Elementary School \$2.25 Reduced Price \$0.40 Middle School \$2.40 Reduced Price \$0.40 High School \$2.65 Reduced Price \$0.40 Adult \$3.50 Extra Milk \$0.50</p>
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Free and Reduced Application Process

Some students may qualify for free or reduced priced meals based on family income and household size. Others may be eligible for free meals because they receive food stamps or Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF). Foster children and homeless children also qualify for free meals. A family application for free and reduced meals is distributed to every student at the beginning of school. If you have multiple students in school **ONLY COMPLETE ONE APPLICATION**. Parents are to list **all** their children and household members on **one** family application and return it to the school promptly. **Applications are now available on line!** Go to the Carroll County web page and look under the school nutrition tab to find the link to take you to the application. For assistance call the SN office at 770-832-3568 and ask for Janet Smith, Free & Reduced Specialist.

Parents are responsible for paying for children’s meals until applications have been approved. The only exception is for Carroll County students who received free or reduced meals last year; they may continue receiving those benefits for the first 20 days of school or until the new application is processed. However, a **new application must be submitted every year.** You may apply for free or reduced meals at any time during the school year. Students who are approved for free and reduced meals are still responsible for purchasing milk if they choose to bring a lunch from home.

Payment of Meals and Charges

If students do not qualify for free meals, they are expected to pay for their meals at the time of service. Parents may send checks or cash to pre-pay for the meals. If you send money or a check, please place in an envelope with your child's name, amount sent, and the child's student identification number. It is helpful to put the child's name on the memo section of the check especially if it differs from the parent's or guardian's name on the check. For your convenience, you can place funds in your student's account using our on-line payment system. The link is myschoolbucks.com. You will need to have a debit or credit card to use the online payment system. There is a transaction fee of \$2.00 for the service each time you use the service. The \$2.00 fee covers multiple transactions. You can place money on more than one child's account each time you log into myschoolbucks.com.

Meal Charges

Elementary, middle and high school students are allowed to charge up to a balance of \$5.00. After the limit is reached, students will be offered an alternative meal for a cost of \$1.00. The alternative meals consist of a PB&J sandwich, fruit, and a carton of milk. This is offered for a limited time until the balance owed is paid. Calls from the School Nutrition Office are made frequently during the week to notify parents of charges. However, it is extremely important that parents stay abreast of their student's balances through the free e-mail alert service offered through MySchoolBucks. Students who withdraw to another school system should request a full refund of funds available in the student's account or pay current balance owed, on the day of withdrawal from Carroll County Schools. Parents will have 45 days to request a refund after withdrawing from the school district.

If parents do not pay for their students' meals and do not send a lunch, they will be referred to the school principal. At the principal's discretion, further referral may be made to a school social worker or other appropriate internal or external agency. If parents are experiencing financial hardships, it is important that they notify the principal so that a free/reduced application can be completed or other help offered. WE believe hungry children cannot learn! We will do our best to assist you any way we can. **Adults are not allowed to charge meals.** We ask that staff place funds into their accounts at the first of every month to cover meal charges. Federal regulations state adults are not allowed to charge meals purchased through the School Nutrition Program.

Wellness and Nutrition Standards

New Wellness and Nutrition standards were implemented at the beginning of the 2014 – 2015 school year. This policy has been updated as of June 2017. All foods and beverages made available on campus during the school day shall be consistent with the requirements of federal and state law. Guidelines shall not be less restrictive than regulations issued by the U.S. Secretary pursuant to the Child Nutrition Act and the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, as those regulations and guidance apply to schools. The Board of Education recognizes that student wellness and proper nutrition are related to students' well-being, growth, development, and readiness to learn. The Board is committed to providing a school environment that promotes and protects student wellness, proper nutrition, nutrition education, and regular physical activity as part of the total learning experience. Please refer to BOE Policy EEE and BOE Rule EEE-R for more details.

Highlights of Changes to the Wellness Program Include:

- We recommend all foods sent/brought to school for classroom celebrations to be commercially made and sent to school in the sealed packages with ingredient labels on package due to possible ingredients that would affect a student with food allergies. Snacks cannot be served before lunch period has ended.
- Ice cream may be sold at the end of the lunch period at the elementary and middle schools. Only low fat ice cream, yogurt, or real fruit juice popsicles will be sold at all schools.
- Middle school and High school vending machines will only offer snack foods that are in alignment with initiatives specified in the 2010 Healthy Hunger Free Kid's Act produced by USDA.

PARENT PORTAL

All parents and/or guardians may access their child's grades and schedule through the Infinite Campus Parent Portal on the Internet. Please present a valid picture ID at your child's school to receive login information and access.

PARENT RIGHT TO KNOW

In compliance with the requirement of the Every Student Succeeds Act, parents may request information about the professional qualifications of their student's teachers(s) and / or paraprofessionals. The following information may be requested:

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

If you wish to request information concerning your child's teacher and/or paraprofessional's qualifications, contact the principal of your child's school or the Carroll County Human Resources Department.

REPORTING INSTANCES OF ALLEGED INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR BY TEACHERS, ADMINISTRATORS OR OTHER SCHOOL EMPLOYEES TOWARDS STUDENTS

Students wishing to report instances of alleged inappropriate behavior by teachers, administrators or other school employees towards a student shall do so utilizing the process established by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission, as cited below. This shall not prohibit students from reporting the incident to law enforcement authorities.

Student Reporting of Acts of Sexual Abuse or Sexual Misconduct

- (a) Any student or those who have knowledge of a student who has been the victim of an act of sexual abuse or sexual misconduct by a teacher, administrator or other school system employee is urged to make an oral report of the act to any teacher, counselor or administrator at his/her school.
- (b) Any teacher, counselor or administrator receiving a report of sexual abuse or sexual misconduct of a student by a teacher, administrator or other employee shall make an oral report of the

incident immediately by telephone or otherwise to the school principal or principal's designee, and shall submit a written report of the incident to the school principal or principal's designee within 24 hours. *If the principal is the person accused of the sexual abuse or sexual misconduct, the oral and written reports should be made to the superintendent or the superintendent's designee.*

(c) Any school principal or principal's designee receiving a report of sexual abuse as defined in O.C.G.A. 19-7-5 shall make an oral report immediately, but in no case later than 24 hours from the time there is reasonable cause to believe a child has been abused. The report should be made by telephone and followed by a written report, if requested, to a child welfare agency providing protective services, as designated by the Department of Human Resources, or, in the absence of such agency, to an appropriate police authority or district attorney.

Reports of acts of sexual misconduct against a student by a teacher, administrator or other employee not covered by O.C.G.A. 19-7-5 or 20-2-1184 shall be investigated immediately by school or system personnel. If the investigation of the allegation of sexual misconduct indicates a reasonable cause to believe that the report of sexual misconduct is valid, the school principal or principal's designee shall make an immediate written report to the superintendent and the Professional Standards Commission Ethics Division.

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

(ref. [Board Policy JCDA](#) and [Board Regulation: JCDA-R](#))

The School is a community, and the rules and regulations of a school are the laws of that community. All of those enjoying the right of citizenship in the school community must also accept the responsibilities of citizenship. A basic responsibility of every citizen is to respect the laws of the community.

The following rules are the general rules for Carroll County Schools. These rules apply to all students and will be fairly administered and consistently enforced. All of these rules are designed to protect the student's right to receive an education, the teacher's right to teach, and the property of individuals and the school system. Note: The punishments for breaking rules may range from warnings to suspension from school. In extreme cases, long-term suspension and expulsion may be used. Also, note that the rules of this school system cover certain acts, which are punishable under local, state, and federal laws. Students who violate the law will be punished by the school system and referred to the proper law enforcement agencies. Parents and guardians are encouraged to inform their children about the consequences, including potential criminal penalties, of underage sexual conduct and crimes for which a minor can be tried as an adult.

Statements of Administrative Procedures

Progressive Discipline: When it is necessary to impose discipline, school administrators and teachers will follow an age appropriate progressive discipline approach. The degree of discipline to be imposed will be in proportion to the severity of the behavior and may take into account but not be limited to the following: the student's age; academic and attendance performance; prior discipline history; provisions of IDEA and ADA; the impact on the safety and well-being of other students; and the level of disruption of the school day.

Student's Rights and Responsibilities: A student has full rights and citizenship as defined by the Constitution of the United States and assumes the responsibility to take actions relative to this Constitution, the laws of the State of Georgia, and the policies, rules and regulations of the Carroll County Board of Education. Students are required to report any misconduct of any nature to a teacher or administrator.

Educators Authority: Students should be aware that any adult employee of the Carroll County Board of Education has the authority to ask for a student's identity or to see other appropriate information. Board of Education employees have the authority to give a student reasonable instructions and to expect that those instructions be carried out. Refusal to identify oneself or to carry out reasonable instructions will result in serious disciplinary action.

Due Process: Due process will include appropriate hearings and reviews, and in all cases, the right of individuals will be ensured and protected. A hearing for a long--term suspension and/or expulsion will be formally conducted following the procedures mandated by the Carroll County Board of Education. Disabled students will be disciplined by local policies and in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Section 504 of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Appeal Process: If a parent is not satisfied with the consequences given to their child as a result of a discipline infraction, the parent should try to resolve the issue by contacting the following school system personnel in the order listed until satisfied: First, the school administrator who disciplined the student; second, the principal of the school; third, the Office of the Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services; and last, the Office of the Superintendent.

Interrogations: The principal of each school, or his/her authorized representative, possesses the authority to conduct reasonable interrogations of students in order to properly investigate charges of student misconduct.

Searches: School administrators and/or their designated representatives possess the authority to conduct a reasonable search of students, their possessions, their lockers, or their automobiles when on school property. The administrator is required to have only reasonable suspicion to conduct such searches.

Statement on Nondiscrimination: It is the policy of the Carroll County Board of Education not to discriminate on the basis of sex, race, disability, religion, or national origin in its education programs, activities, or employment policies.

Information about the Code of Conduct

- The principal is the leader of the school and, in concert with the staff, is responsible for the orderly operation of the school. Principals are granted authority to enforce this Code of Conduct; and in cases of disruptive, disorderly or dangerous conduct or any unforeseen behavior not covered in this Code, the principal is authorized to undertake corrective measures which he or she believes to be in the best interest of the students and the school, provided such action does not violate law, or a school board policy or procedure.
- Each teacher is authorized by law to remove from his or her class a student who repeatedly or substantially interferes with the teacher's ability to communicate effectively with the students in the class or with the ability of other students to learn, provided the student's behavior is in violation of the student code of conduct and the teacher has previously filed a report with the principal or if the teacher determines that such behavior poses an immediate threat to the safety of the student or to another person. The superintendent and principal fully support the authority of every teacher to remove a student from the classroom under the conditions and procedures outlined in Georgia law (O.C.G.A. 20-2-738).
- This Code of Conduct is based on the expectation that parents, guardians, teachers and school administrators will work together to improve and enhance student behavior and academic

performance and will communicate freely their concerns about, and actions in response to, student behavior that detracts from the learning environment. School administrators recognize that two-way communication through personal contact is extremely valuable. Therefore, each school's administrative staff will provide information to parents and guardians about ongoing opportunities to communicate with school personnel.

- Educators, parents, guardians and students are invited to participate in the Code of Conduct revision process by making suggestions for improving the Code through the school principal.
- Students under suspension or expulsion are not allowed on any Carroll County School campus (except for GOAL Program) or at any Carroll County School function.
- Students are to notify an administrator or staff member when illegal or dangerous items are found in the school building or on the school campus. Students are advised not to pick up or handle illegal or dangerous items.
- The Code of Conduct is enforceable during the following times and places:
 - ✓ On the way to school and on the way home from school, including at bus stops and on school buses or other vehicles provided for student transportation by the school system.
 - ✓ At school or on school property at any time
 - ✓ Off school grounds at any school or school-related activity, function or event and while traveling to and from such events.
 - ✓ A student may be disciplined for any off-campus behavior which could result in the student being criminally charged with a felony and which makes the student's continued presence at school a potential danger to persons or property at the school or which disrupts the educational process.
- School administrators possess the authority to enact a behavioral contract, initiate SST, peer mediation, counseling, or other behavioral plans with students at any time deemed necessary for enhancing desired behavior.
- All employees must report violations of the code of conduct to the principal or assistant principal of the school. If the principal has reasonable cause to believe that a report is valid, he/she must immediately make an oral report to the Superintendent and to the appropriate law enforcement authority and district attorney.
- Appropriate compensation shall be paid to the school system or individuals to replace losses resulting from commission of any offense.
- Participation in graduation ceremonies are a privilege. Students must complete all state and local requirements in order to receive a diploma or to be allowed to participate in graduation ceremonies. In addition, the student must maintain good conduct and be in good standing with the school. Students suspended or expelled through the second semester of their senior year may not be allowed to participate in graduation activities.

Offenses and Consequences

OFFENSES	CONSEQUENCES
<p>1. Absences and/or truancy – unexcused - Students are expected to attend school per the Carroll Student Attendance Protocol.</p>	<p>Elementary 1. Penalty may range from parent conference to referral to Department of Family and Children (DFACS).</p> <p>Middle School/High School 1. Penalty may range from parent conference to referral to Department of Family and Children Services (DFACS).</p>
<p>2. Academic dishonesty</p>	<p>Elementary 2. Students found guilty may receive a zero in academic assignment. Additional penalty may range from in-house suspension to short-term suspension.</p> <p>Middle School/High School 2. Students found guilty may receive a zero in the academic assignment and possible loss of course credit. Additional penalty may range from warning to short-term suspension.</p>
<p>3. Alcohol possession, use and/ or under the influence of - No person under 21 years of age shall purchase, attempt to purchase, or knowingly possess or be under the influence of any alcoholic beverage.</p>	<p>Elementary 3. Penalty may range from ISS to a possible recommendation to a disciplinary tribunal hearing that may result in long-term suspension or expulsion.</p> <p>Middle School/High School 3. Penalty will include short-term suspension with a mandatory recommendation to a disciplinary tribunal hearing that may result in long-term suspension or expulsion.</p>
<p>4. Bullying An act, that is:</p> <p>a. Any willful attempt or threat to inflict injury on another person, when accompanied by an apparent present ability to do so;</p> <p>b. Any intentional display of force such as would give the victim reason to fear or expect immediate bodily harm; or</p> <p>c. Any intentional written, verbal, or physical act, which a reasonable person would perceive as being intended to threaten, harass, or intimidate, that:</p> <p>(1) Causes another person substantial physical harm within the meaning of Code Section 16-5-23.1; or visible bodily harm as such term is defined in Code Section 16-5-23-.1;</p> <p>(2) Has the effect of substantially interfering with a student’s education;</p> <p>(3) Is so severe, persistent, or pervasive that it creates an intimidating or threatening educational environment; or</p> <p>(4) Has the effect of substantially disrupting the order operation of the school.</p> <p>d. The term applies to acts which occur on school property, on school vehicles, at designated school bus stops, or at school related functions or activities or by the use of data or software that is accused through a computer system, computer network, or other electronic technology of a local school system.</p> <p>e. The term also applies to acts of cyberbullying which occur through the use of electronic communication, whether or not such electronic act originated on school property or with school equipment, if the electronic communication:</p> <p>(1) is directed specifically at students or school personnel,</p> <p>(2) is maliciously intended for the purpose of threatening the safety of this specified or substantially disrupting the</p>	<p>Elementary 4. Penalty for any act of bullying shall be at the discretion of the principal and may range from warning to short-term suspension.</p> <p>Middle School/High School 4. Penalty for any act of bullying shall be at the discretion of the principal and may range from warning to a possible recommendation to a disciplinary tribunal hearing that may result in expulsion..</p> <p>Third offense in a school year will result in a ten-day out-of-school suspension and recommendation for a disciplinary tribunal hearing that could result in long-term suspension or expulsion.</p>

<p>orderly operation of the school, and (3) creates a reasonable fear of harm to the students' or school personnel's person or property or has a high likelihood of succeeding in that purpose. Electronic communication includes but is not limited to any transfer of signs, signals, writings, images, sounds, data or intelligence of any nature transmitted in whole or in part by a wire, radio, electromagnetic, photo-electronic or photo optical system.</p>	
<p>5. Bus Misbehavior - Any and all bus conduct violations are subject to bus and/or school consequences. While on a bus students are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prohibited from acts of physical violence as defined in Code Section 20--2--751.6, bullying as defined in Code Section 20-2-75-1.4, physical assault or battery of other persons on the school bus, verbal assault of other persons on the school bus, disrespectful conduct toward the school bus driver or other persons on the school bus, and other unruly behavior. Prohibited from using mirrors, lasers, flash cameras, or any other lights or reflective devices in a manner that might interfere with the school bus driver's operation of the school bus. 	<p>Elementary 5. Penalty may range from warning to suspension from riding the bus up to a year.</p> <p>Middle School/High School 5. Penalty may range from warning to suspension from riding the bus up to a year.</p>
<p>6. Classroom disturbance - Conduct or behavior that interferes with or disrupts the teaching/learning process.</p>	<p>Elementary 6. Penalty may range from warning to a short-term suspension.</p> <p>Middle School/High School 6. Penalty may range from warning to a short-term suspension.</p>
<p>7. Computer Trespass – Unauthorized use of a computer or computer network including deleting, obstructing, interrupting, altering, damaging or in any way causing the malfunction of the computer network, program(s), or data as well as visiting inappropriate web sites.</p>	<p>Elementary 7. Penalty may range from warning and/or conference with student to short-term suspension.</p> <p>Middle School/High School 7. Penalty may range from ISS to recommendation for a disciplinary tribunal hearing that may result in long-term suspension or expulsion.</p>
<p>8. Disorderly Conduct - No student shall substantially disrupt the orderly conduct of a school function, the orderly learning environment, or pose a threat to the health, safety, and/or welfare of students, staff or others.</p>	<p>Elementary 8. Penalty may range from warning to short-term suspension.</p> <p>Middle School/High School 8. Penalty may range from ISS to recommendation for a disciplinary tribunal hearing that may result in long-term suspension or expulsion.</p>
<p>9. Dress Code Violation</p>	<p>Elementary 9. Penalty may range from a warning to short-term suspension.</p> <p>Middle School/High School 9. Penalty may range from a warning to short-term suspension.</p>
<p>10a. Drug Sell/Transmission/Solicitation – No student shall sell/buy, attempt to sell/buy, intend to sell, transmit or distribute any legal or illegal drug in any form whatsoever, including, but not limited to any narcotic drug, inhalant, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, cocaine, marijuana, other controlled substance, alcoholic beverage, anabolic steroid, intoxicant of any kind, vitamin, herbal supplement, any over-the counter pill, medication or similar substance, or any substance represented to be or reasonably appearing to be any type of drug, including alcohol. This rule shall be in effect at school or on school property at any time, off the school grounds at a school- sponsored activity, function, or event, and en route to and from school.</p>	<p>Elementary 10a. Penalty may range from in-house suspension to short-term suspension.</p> <p>Middle School/High School 10a. Penalty will include short-term suspension with a mandatory recommendation to a disciplinary tribunal hearing that may result in long-term suspension or expulsion.</p>

<p>10b. Drug Possession/Use/Under the Influence – No student shall possess, use or be under the influence of any legal or illegal drug in any form whatsoever, including, but not limited to, any narcotic drug, inhalants, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, cocaine, marijuana, other controlled substance, alcoholic beverage, anabolic steroids, intoxicant of any kind, vitamins, herbal supplements, over-the-counter pills, medications or similar substances, or any substance represented to be or reasonably appearing to be any type of drug, including alcohol. This rule shall be in effect at school or on school property at any time, off the school property at a school-sponsored activity, function, or event, and en route to and from school. Possession and use of over-the-counter medications or medications prescribed to the student by a doctor will not be considered a violation of this rule, provided that all school and school district rules and procedures are followed.</p>	<p>Elementary 10b. Penalty may range from in-house suspension to short-term suspension.</p> <p>Middle School/High School 10b. Penalty will include short-term suspension with a mandatory recommendation to a disciplinary tribunal hearing that may result in long-term suspension or expulsion.</p>
<p>10c. Drug Violation of the Medication Policy</p>	<p>Elementary 10c. Penalty may range from student warning to short-term suspension.</p> <p>Middle School/High School 10c. Penalty may range from detention to short-term suspension.</p>
<p>10d. Drug-related paraphernalia possession or use- Any item that can be used in connection with illegal drugs. This may include: Pipes made of glass, wood, stone, plastic, or ceramic; water pipes, bongs, and chillums; roach clips, miniature spoons that hold less than one-tenth of a cubic centimeter, or freebase cocaine kits.</p>	<p>Elementary 10d. Penalty may range from student conference to short-term suspension</p> <p>Middle School/High School 10d. Penalty may range from ISS to a possible recommendation to a disciplinary tribunal hearing that may result in long-term suspension or expulsion. .</p>
<p>11. Electronic communication devices – Students are permitted to bring electronic devices onto school board property. Students are permitted to use any electronic communication devices during the school day with the permission and knowledge of a staff member or administrator and in compliance with district's Acceptable Use Policy. The school day begins when the student enters the property and ends when school is dismissed.</p>	<p>Elementary 11. Penalty may range from warning to short-term suspension. Devices may be confiscated when in violation of the guidelines.</p> <p>Middle School/High School 11. Penalty may range from warning to short-term suspension. Devices may be confiscated when in violation of the guidelines.</p>
<p>12. Failure to comply with teacher, administrator or other school personnel directive</p>	<p>Elementary 12. Penalty may range from warning to short-term suspension.</p> <p>Middle School/High School 12. Penalty may range from warning to short-term suspension.</p>
<p>13. False Reporting and Statements - Students are prohibited against falsifying, misrepresenting, omitting or erroneously reporting information regarding instances of alleged inappropriate behavior by a teacher, administrator, or other school employee.</p>	<p>Elementary 13. Penalty may range from a warning to short-term suspension.</p> <p>Middle School/High School 13. Penalty may range from warning to recommendation to a disciplinary tribunal hearing that may result in long-term suspension or expulsion.</p>
<p>14. Fighting – A physical conflict between students</p>	<p>Elementary 14. Penalty may range from in-house suspension to short-term suspension.</p> <p>Middle School/High School 14. Penalty may range from ISS to short-term suspension.</p>
<p>15. Gambling - Playing any game of skill or chance for money or anything of value on school property, at a school function or on property used by the school with permission of the owner.</p>	<p>Elementary 15. Penalty may range from warning to short-term suspension.</p>

	<p>Middle School/High School 15. Penalty may range from a warning to short-term suspension</p>
<p>16. Gang-related activity will not be tolerated in Carroll County Schools. A gang member is a person who is part of an association of three or more people, associated for common purpose, which engages, individually or collectively, in illegal or disruptive behavior. Gang-related activity includes, but is not limited to, communication of gang affiliation through hand sign flashing, wearing of clothing articles in a certain way or color scheme, jewelry, tattoos, gang signs, symbols or graffiti on personal items, vandalism of public or private property and acts of intimidation, threats, fighting or other forms of violence.</p>	<p>Elementary 16. Penalty may range from student parent conference to short-term suspension.</p> <p>Middle School/High School 16. Penalty may range from student/parent conference to recommendation for a disciplinary tribunal hearing that may result in long-term suspension or expulsion.</p>
<p>17. Harassment – Any act of harassment based upon race, color, religion, national origin, disability and gender (including sexual orientation and gender identity). This includes, but is not limited to, sexual harassment as used in connection with Title IX of the education amendments of 1972.</p>	<p>Elementary 17. Penalty may range from warning to short-term suspension</p> <p>Middle School/High School 17. Penalty may range from ISS to recommendation for a disciplinary tribunal hearing that may result in long-term suspension or expulsion.</p>
<p>18. Leaving Campus without permission</p>	<p>Elementary 18. Penalty may range from warning to short-term suspension.</p> <p>Middle School/High School 18. Penalty may range from detention to short-term suspension</p>
<p>19. Possession of prohibited or hazardous object- Student found in possession of an item or instrument that could cause destruction or harm to property or individuals (i.e.- fireworks, smoke bombs, laser pointer, tear gas, stick pins, or other similar objects.)</p>	<p>Elementary 19. Penalty may range from warning to short-term suspension.</p> <p>Middle School/High School 19. Penalty may range from warning to short-term suspension.</p>
<p>20. Public Display of Affection</p>	<p>Elementary 20. Penalty may range from warning to short-term suspension.</p> <p>Middle School/High School 20. Penalty may range from warning to short-term suspension.</p>
<p>21. Off Campus Misconduct - Any off campus behavior of a student which could result in the student being criminally charged with a <u>felony</u> and which makes the student’s continued presence at school a potential danger to persons or property at the school or which disrupts the educational process.</p>	<p>Elementary 21. Penalty may range from warning to short-term suspension.</p> <p>Middle School/High School 21. Penalty may range from short-term suspension to recommendation for a disciplinary tribunal hearing that may result in long-term suspension or expulsion.</p>
<p>22. Parking and traffic violations on campus – Each student who chooses to park a vehicle at a high school parking lot must purchase a parking permit. Students are not allowed to park at the middle schools. A copy of the high school parking and traffic regulations will be issued to each student at the time of registration.</p>	<p>Elementary 22. N/A</p> <p>Middle School/High School 22. Penalty may range from warning to short-term suspension or revocation of parking permit, and/or towing of violator’s vehicle from campus.</p>
<p>23. Physical Acts of Violence against an educator – A student shall not commit an act of physical violence against a teacher, school bus driver, or other school official or employee either by: (1) Intentionally making physical contact of an insulting or provoking nature with the person of another. (2) Intentionally making physical contact, which causes physical harm to another unless such physical contacts or physical harms were in defense of him or her.</p>	<p>Elementary 23. Penalty may range from in-school suspension to short-term suspension.</p> <p>Middle School/High School 23. (1) Short-term suspension with a mandatory recommendation to a disciplinary tribunal hearing that may result in long-term suspension or expulsion. (2) Short-term suspension with a mandatory recommendation to a disciplinary tribunal hearing that may result in long-term suspension or expulsion. Possible recommendation for expulsion for the remainder of the student’s eligibility to attend public school.</p>

<p>24. Physical Acts of Violence against a student A student shall not commit an act of physical violence against another student. Offenses involving physical violence may include assault, battery, hazing, and/or attacking another student.</p>	<p>Elementary 24. Penalty may range from in-school suspension to short-term suspension</p> <p>Middle School/High School 24. Penalty may range from ISS to recommendation for a disciplinary tribunal hearing that may result in long-term suspension or expulsion.</p>
<p>25. Profanity – Use of vulgar, or obscene words, gestures, or other actions, which disrupt school system operations or show disrespect to school personnel during and after school hours or show disrespectful conduct toward persons attending school-related functions.</p>	<p>Elementary 25. Penalty may range from warning to short-term suspension.</p> <p>Middle School/High School 25. Penalty may range from warning to short-term suspension.</p>
<p>26. Property Offense – Willful or malicious damage of and/or threats to destroy or damage school, public or private property.</p>	<p>Elementary 26. Penalty may range from warning to short-term suspension. Arrangements for restitution of damages may be required.</p> <p>Middle School/High School 26. Penalty may range from ISS to possible recommendation for a disciplinary tribunal hearing that may result in long-term suspension or expulsion. Arrangements for restitution of damages may be required.</p>
<p>27. Repeated violations/Chronic misbehavior – A pattern of behavior with interferes with the learning process, the orderly works of the school or the safety of those in the school.</p>	<p>Elementary 27. Penalty may range from in-school suspension to short-term suspension.</p> <p>Middle School/High School 27. Penalty may range from short-term suspension to recommendation for a disciplinary tribunal hearing that may result in long-term suspension or expulsion.</p>
<p>28. Rude and Disrespectful Behavior</p>	<p>Elementary 28. Penalty may range from warning to short-term suspension.</p> <p>Middle School/High School 28. Penalty may range from warning to short-term suspension.</p>
<p>29. School disturbances - Acts which cause substantial disruption of learning opportunities and/or threat to the safety or wellbeing of other students which may include pulling fire alarms, bomb threat, sit-downs, walk-outs, riots, picketing, trespassing, inciting disturbances, threats, or actual violence during period of disruption.</p>	<p>Elementary 29. Penalty may range from warning to short-term suspension.</p> <p>Middle School/High School 29. Penalty may range from short-term suspension to recommendation for a disciplinary tribunal hearing that may result in long-term suspension or expulsion.</p>
<p>30. Sexual Battery – Unwanted physical touching of another in the areas including chest, buttocks, groin or inner thighs.</p>	<p>Elementary 30. Penalty may range from in-house suspension to short-term suspension.</p> <p>Middle School/High School 30. Penalty may range from short-term suspension to recommendation for a disciplinary tribunal hearing that may result in long-term suspension or expulsion.</p>
<p>31. Sexual Offense - Inappropriate contact or of indecent exposure.</p>	<p>Elementary 31. Penalty may range from in-house suspension to short-term suspension.</p> <p>Middle School/High School 31. Penalty may range from short-term suspension to recommendation for a disciplinary tribunal hearing that may result in long-term suspension or expulsion.</p>
<p>32. Skipping class or required activities</p>	<p>Elementary 32. Penalty may range from warning to short-term suspension.</p>

	<p>Middle School/High School 32. Penalty may range from warning to short-term suspension</p>
33. Student Confrontation - Verbal altercation between students.	<p>Elementary 33. Penalty may range from warning to short-term suspension.</p> <p>Middle School/High School 33. Penalty may range from warning to short-term suspension.</p>
34. Tardiness	<p>Elementary 34. Penalty may range from warning to short-term suspension.</p> <p>Middle School/High School 34. Penalty may range from warning to short-term suspension.</p>
35. Theft/Larceny – Unlawful taking, carrying, leading, or riding away of property of another person.	<p>Elementary 35. Penalty may range from warning to short-term suspension.</p> <p>Middle School/High School 35. Penalty may range from ISS to a recommendation for a disciplinary tribunal hearing that may result in long-term suspension or expulsion.</p>
36. Threatening or intimidating another student(s) Written, verbal or implied, but not involving actual physical contact.	<p>Elementary 36. Penalty may range from warning to short-term suspension.</p> <p>Middle School/High School 36. Penalty may range from warning to a recommendation for a disciplinary tribunal hearing that may result in long-term suspension or expulsion.</p>
37. Tobacco – Possession, use or distribution - Includes smoking tobacco, chewing tobacco or snuff, e-cigarettes, vapes, hookahs, and other similar items is prohibited.	<p>Elementary 37. Penalty may range from warning to short-term suspension.</p> <p>Middle School/High School 37. Penalty may range from warning to a short-term suspension.</p>
38. Vandalism – Destruction, or defacement of public or private property located on school premises or at a school function or on property used by the school with the permission of the owner, or inciting, advising or counseling of others to engage in prohibited acts such as marking, defacing or destroying school property.	<p>Elementary 38. Penalty may range from in-school suspension to short-term suspension. Arrangements for restitution of damages may be a part of the consequences.</p> <p>Middle School/High School 38. Penalty may range from short-term suspension to expulsion. Arrangements for restitution of damages may be a part of the consequences.</p>
39. Violation Acceptable Use Policy Violation - Improper use of the internet or internet capable device. Students must follow all expectations for internet use as outlined in the Technology Acceptable Use Agreement.	<p>Elementary 39. Penalty may range from warning to short-term suspension. May include loss of privileges</p> <p>Middle School/High School 39. Penalty may range from warning to short-term suspension. May include loss of privileges</p>
40. Verbal Assault of an Educator - Includes threatened violence of teachers, administrators or other school personnel.	<p>Elementary 40. Penalty may range from warning to a recommendation for a disciplinary tribunal hearing that may result in long-term suspension or expulsion.</p> <p>Middle School/High School 40. Penalty may range from short-term suspension to recommendation for a disciplinary tribunal hearing that may result in long-term suspension or expulsion.</p>

<p>41. Violation of School Rules - Failure to follow school rules or procedures.</p>	<p>Elementary 41. Penalty may range from warning to short-term suspension.</p> <p>Middle School/High School 41. Penalty may range from warning to short-term suspension.</p>
<p>42. Weapons (CCBOE Policy JCDAE) a student shall not possess, use, handle or transmit any object that reasonably can be considered a weapon on property or in a building owned or leased by a school district, at a school function, or on a bus or other transportation provided by the school district. Weapons may include, but are not limited to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Any handgun, firearm, rifle, shotgun or similar weapon; any explosive compound or incendiary device; or, any other dangerous weapon as defined in O.C.G.A. § 16-11-121, including a rocket launcher, bazooka, recoilless rifle, mortar, or hand grenade. 2. Any hazardous object, including any dirk, bowie knife, switchblade knife, ballistic knife, any other knife having a blade of two or more inches, straight-edge razor, razor blade, spring stick, knuckles, whether made from metal, thermoplastic, wood, or other similar material, blackjack, any bat, club, or other bludgeon-type weapon, or any flailing instrument consisting of two or more rigid parts connected in such a manner as to allow them to swing freely, which may be known as a nun chahka, nun chuck, nunchaku, shuriken, or fighting chain, or any disc, of whatever configuration, having at least two points or pointed blades which is designed to be thrown or propelled and which may be known as a throwing star or oriental dart, or any instrument of like kind, any nonlethal air gun, and any stun gun or taser. Such term shall not include any of these instruments used for classroom work authorized by the teacher. 	<p>Elementary 42. Students who possess any weapon described in paragraph (1) will be subject to a minimum of a one calendar year expulsion via the tribunal process. Students who possess any weapon described in paragraph (2) will be subject to penalty which may range from a warning to short-term suspension.</p> <p>Middle School/High School 42. Students who possess any weapon described in paragraph (1) will be subject to a minimum of a one calendar year expulsion via a mandatory tribunal hearing. Students who possess any weapon described in paragraph (2) will be subject to penalty which may range from a warning to a recommendation for a disciplinary tribunal hearing which may result in long-term suspension or expulsion.</p>

Dress Code

The purpose of a dress code is not to inhibit any person's taste in attire, but rather to better facilitate the process of education through reasonable guidelines of "dress." Instilling dignity, pride, modesty, and cleanliness are our goals. For these reasons, some types of clothing are prohibited. The principal has the authority to determine appropriate dress.

Acceptable Clothing Standards

The following acceptable clothing standards shall apply:

- Pants, trousers, jeans, capris, etc., are permitted. Plain jeans may be worn in any color.
- All pants, trousers, jeans, capris, etc., must be worn at the waist. Belts shall be worn securely at the waist.
- Shorts, skirts, and dresses shall measure no shorter than three (3) inches from mid- kneecap.
- Shirts shall have a sleeve and shall fit properly. Shirts that do not fit properly shall be worn tucked in.

Prohibited Clothing Items:

- See-through or mesh clothing
- Garments that expose the midriff and/or cleavage
- Halter tops, tank tops, and sleeveless shirts
- Tennis, gym, biking, short shorts, leggings, lounging pants, pajamas
- Garments that expose underclothing or impede walking
- Garments that are poorly fitted, oversized, excessively tight, or extremely baggy.
- Garments with holes above the knee that expose skin
- Hats, visors, hoods, or other head garments including non-prescription sunglasses inside the school building

Cleats, and/or heeled shoes inside any school building; bedroom slippers, and/or novelty footwear deemed inappropriate by the principal. Garments which display emblems relating to abusive substances, tobacco products, alcohol, sex, violence, or obscenities. Garments that might be considered socially unacceptable or inflammatory
Any emblem, sign, or representation of a gang symbol, or any garment indicating a gang affiliation

Code of Conduct Definitions

The following are definitions applicable to the Student Code of Conduct:

Corporal Punishment: Physical punishment by the principal or designee. It must be administered in accordance with regulations set forth by the Board of Education.

Detention: - A requirement that the student report to a specified school location and to a designated teacher or school official to make up work missed or to receive specific instruction in behavior modification. Detention may require the student's attendance before school, after school, on Saturdays, or during scheduled class or school activity time if school officials deem removal of the student from his/her regular school schedule essential to the well-being of the student or school.

Expulsion: - Means expulsion of a student from a public school beyond the current school quarter or semester.

GOAL Program: Alternative educational setting for students who cannot attend their home school due to long-term suspension or expulsion.

In-house suspension: Isolation of student in the classroom setting. Student will do class assignments while isolated from the rest of the class.

In-school suspension (ISS): - Removal of a student from class or classes assigned to an on-site designated supervisor. A student in In-School Suspension is also suspended from school-sponsored activities. The student will have assignments to complete from which he/she will receive credit and student will be counted present.

Long-term suspension: - Means the suspension of a student from a public school for more than ten school days but not beyond the current school quarter or semester.

Safe-school zone: - Any area within 1000 feet of school property.

Short-term suspension: - Short-term suspension means the suspension of a student out-of-school for not more than ten (10) days. The principal has the authority to issue short-term suspension.

Student Support Team: A committee that consists of teachers, counselors, administrators and parents designed to deal with any educational or behavioral problem a student exhibits.

Trespassing: - Illegal presence on a school campus by suspended students, or any other person who does not have permission to be on school grounds.

Tribunal Panel: An appellate committee made up of school or district administrators charged with hearing Code of Conduct infractions that could result in long-term suspension or expulsion.

Waiver of the Right to a Tribunal Hearing: A process wherein a student who admits guilt and accepts the consequences recommended by the school administration foregoes the opportunity to have their case heard by a Tribunal Panel.

TECHNOLOGY - ACCEPTABLE USE BY STUDENTS (ref. [BOARD POLICY: IFBG](#), [BOARD EXHIBIT IFBG-E](#))

The Carroll County School System strongly believes in the educational value of electronic information services and recognizes their potential to support the curriculum and student learning in facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication.

The Carroll County School System will make every effort to protect students and teachers from any misuse or abuse as a result of interacting with an information service. Inappropriate and/or illegal interaction with the information service is strictly prohibited.

By virtue of using Carroll County School District technology, students are subject to the provisions of this acceptable use agreement. If any user violates these provisions, access to the information service may be denied and may be subject to disciplinary action.

Terms of Usage

1. *User Responsibility*: As a representative of the school, students will accept user responsibility for reporting any misuse of the network to their school administrator. Misuse may come in many forms, but is commonly viewed as any message(s) sent or received that indicate or suggest pornography, unethical or illegal solicitation, racism, sexism, inappropriate language, and other issues described below.

2. *Acceptable Use*: The use of student accounts must be in support of educational research and align with the educational goals and objectives of the Carroll County School System. Students are personally responsible for this provision at all times when using the electronic information service.

- a. Use of other organizations' networks or computing resources must comply with rules appropriate to that network.
- b. Transmission of any material in violation of any United States or other state organizations is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to: copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, or material protected by trade secret.
- c. Use of commercial activities by for-profit institutions is generally not acceptable.
- d. Use of product advertisement, political lobbying is prohibited.
- e. Use of any internet censorship circumvention tools is prohibited.

3. *Privileges*: The use of the information system is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges. . The final determination of appropriate use is at the discretion of the school administrator. The system administrator or staff may close an account at any time deemed necessary. The administration or staff of a particular school may request that the system administrator deny, revoke or suspend specific user accounts.

4. *Network Etiquette and Privacy*: You are expected to abide by the following generally accepted rules of network etiquette:

- (1.) Be polite, and do not become abrasive in messages to others. General School District rules and policies for behavior and communicating apply.
- (2.) Use appropriate language at all times. Do not swear, use vulgarities, or any other inappropriate language.
- (3.) Do not reveal your personal address or phone numbers or those of other students.
- (4.) Recognize that email is not private or confidential.
- (5.) Do not use the network in such a way that would disrupt the use of the network by other users.
- (6.) Consider all communicators and information accessible via the Internet to be the property of the School District.
- (7.) Respect the rights of other users to an open and hospitable technology environment, regardless of race, sexual orientation, color, religion, creed, ethnicity, age, marital status or disability status.

5. *Services:* The Carroll County School System makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for electronic services provided. Carroll County School System is not responsible for any damages suffered while on this system. Potential damages may include but are not limited to loss of data as a result of delays, non-deliveries, or service interruptions caused by the system or your errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the information system is at your own risk. The Carroll County School System specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy of information obtained through its services.

6. *Security:* Security is a high priority. If you identify a security problem, notify the system administrator at once. Never demonstrate the problem to other users. Never use another individual's account without written permission from that person. All use of the system must be under the user's assigned account. Any user identified as a security risk will be denied access to the information system.

7. *Vandalism:* Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of another user or any other public or private provider connected to the system. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses. Any vandalism may result in the loss of computer services, disciplinary action, and legal referral.

8. *Updating:* The information service may occasionally require new registration and account information from you to continue the service. You must notify the information system of any changes in your account information.

9. *Social Media:* Carroll County Schools is proud to embrace the power of social media as a tool to communicate and engage with our parents, students and communities. Negative behavior or attacks on a student or employee, by a student, employee, parent or any member of the public is disruptive to our positive learning environment. Use of social media for learning, informing and engaging students, parents, community members and employees in the educational process is encouraged.

10. *BYOT (Bring Your Own Technology):* BYOT refers to privately owned wireless and/or portable electronic hand held equipment that includes, but is not limited to, existing and emerging mobile communication systems and smart technologies, portable internet devices, Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs), handheld entertainment systems or portable information technology systems that can be used for word processing, wireless Internet access, image capture/recording, sound recording and information transmitting/receiving/storing, etc. Each school will set procedures for use of personal technology by students. The use of technology to provide educational material is not a necessity, but a privilege. A student does not have the right to use his or her laptop, cell phone or other electronic device while at school. When abused, privileges will be taken away. When respected, they will benefit the learning environment as a whole. Students must comply with the following BYOT guidelines:

(1.) Only the Internet gateway provided by the school system may be accessed while on a Carroll County School System campus. Use of personal Internet connection devices such as, but not limited to, cell phones / cell network adapters are not permitted to access outside Internet sources at any time. The school's network filters will be applied to one's connection to the Internet and attempts should not be made to bypass them. Processing or accessing information on school property related to "hacking", altering, or bypassing network security policies is in violation of Policy IFBG: Internet Acceptable Use.

(2.) Responsibility to keep the device secure rests with the individual owner. **The Carroll County School System, nor its staff or employees, is liable for any device stolen or damaged on any campus.** If a device is stolen or damaged, it will be handled through the administrative office similar to other personal artifacts that are impacted in similar situations. It is recommended that skins (decals) and other custom touches are used to physically identify your device from others. Additionally, protective cases for technology are encouraged.

(3.) Technology must be in silent mode while on school campuses and while riding school buses. Personal technology should be charged prior to bringing it to school and should run off its own battery while at school.

(4.) Technology may not be used to cheat on assignments or tests, or for non- instructional purposes during class times (such as making personal phone calls and text/instant messaging). Technology may not be used to record, transmit, or post photographic images or video of a person, or persons on campuses during school activities and/or hours.

(5.) Technology may only be used to access files on computer or internet sites which are relevant to the classroom curriculum. Games are not permitted. Furthermore, bringing on premises or infecting the network with a virus, Trojan, or program designed to damage, alter, destroy, or provide access to unauthorized data or information is in violation of Policy IFBG: Internet Acceptable Use. The school district has the right to collect and examine any device that is suspected of causing problems or was the source of an attack or virus infection.

Students using Carroll County Schools' technology, defined as the district's technology resources, peripheral equipment, WiFi network, Internet and Intranet, agree to abide by the provisions and conditions of this technology usage agreement. Any violations of the above provisions may result in disciplinary action, the revoking of user account, and appropriate legal action. Users agree to report any misuse of the information system to their school administrator. Parents/Guardians should understand that school system technology is designed for educational purposes and that it is impossible for the Carroll County School System to restrict access to all controversial materials. Parents/Guardians will not hold the School System responsible for materials acquired on the network and will also report any misuses of the information system to the school administrator. Parents/Guardians are fully responsible for the supervision of their child's activity, if and when their child's use is not in a school setting.

VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL - Guidelines

Carroll County Schools strongly believes that education is a collaborative venture between parents/guardians and school personnel. At times parents/guardians may wish to visit their child's school for a short period of time, volunteer or observe in a classroom. All visitors are under the jurisdiction of the building principal, who has the responsibility to develop rules and procedures to maintain a safe and orderly learning environment. The following guidelines are intended to assure a successful school visit or observation:

- Request a visit/observation and state your purpose for the request at least 24 hours in advance.
- Arrange a mutually agreed upon date and time through the building principal.
- Observations are limited to not more than 30 minutes per visit to avoid disruption or distractions in the classroom

- The number of observations will be limited to assure the least amount of disruption to instruction.
- Private/public agencies are not allowed to observe in classrooms unless party to a memorandum of agreement with Carroll County Schools
- For security reasons, visitors are required to check in at the school office to sign in and present a government issued photo ID to obtain a visitor's badge before proceeding to contact any persons in the building or on the school grounds.
- To protect the learning environment, only one visitor is allowed in the classroom during the observation. Parents/guardians are asked not to bring younger siblings or children while observing in the classroom.
- Pictures and video/audio recording devices and use of cell phones are prohibited.
- If the parent would like to talk to the teacher, a meeting can be scheduled for another time, rather than disrupt the scheduled lesson.
- Parents/Visitors will see or hear things which must be kept confidential. Confidentiality regarding our students is paramount and visitors must agree to respect the rights of the school staff, as well as the students, and refrain from sharing any information collected during the visit.
- Visitors will need to sign out and leave their visitor's badge when their visit is complete.

**Middle/High School Parent/Guardian
Handbook Signature Page
2019-2020**

Please review the following statements concerning handbook information before signing:

1. The signature of a parent/guardian on this page signifies that you have read the Student Code of Conduct, as well as have knowledge and an understanding of the Carroll County School System policies and guidelines contained within the student handbook.
2. The signature of a parent/guardian on this page signifies that you have received and understand the consequences and penalties for failing to comply with the State of Georgia's laws regarding Compulsory Education, Student Attendance Protocol Committee and Teenage and Adult Driver Responsibility Act (TAADRA) (for more information see pages D6 thru D8 in the Student Code of Conduct).
3. The signature of a parent/guardian on this page signifies that your child has permission to access school-based Internet-capable technology. It also signifies you have read the Acceptable Use of Technology by Students in this handbook and are familiar with and in agreement with the terms of usage and the consequences of misuse of technology owned and operated by Carroll County Schools. Your signature also indicates that you are aware and in agreement with the guidelines regarding BYOT.
4. Throughout the school year there are numerous activities that provide opportunities for students to be photographed and/or videotaped. Student publications, school websites, school Facebook pages, Instagram and school yearbooks use photographs to document student life and various events. These events include, but are not limited to band performances, drama performances, extracurricular and athletic activities, class presentations, competitions, and club sponsored projects. If any parent/guardian does **NOT** wish for his or her student's school to use their child's photograph or video for any purpose including honors and awards during the school year, please signify those wishes in the opt-out section provided below.
5. Within the provisions of O.C.G.A. 20-2-705, schools must provide notification at the beginning of the school year to parents/guardians relative to the various school clubs provided at each of their respective schools. (These notifications will specifically exclude interscholastic activities). This notification will be accomplished through each school's web site. If any parent/guardian does **NOT** wish for his or her student to participate in a club or organization designated by him or her, please signify those clubs or organizations in the opt-out section below.
6. Under current Federal law, all schools must, if requested, provide student directory information (names, addresses and telephone numbers) of high school students to U.S. military recruiters. If any parent/guardian or eligible student does **NOT** wish for student directory information to be released to the United States military recruiters, please signify in the opt-out section that this information not be released.

OPT-OUT SECTION:

- I do not want my child to participate in the following clubs: _____
- I do not want my child's student directory information released to U.S. Military recruiters.
- I do not want my child's photograph or videos containing images of my child used as outlined in item #4.

STUDENT NAME (PLEASE PRINT) _____ **SCHOOL** _____

STUDENT SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____

Sign and return to your child's school during the first week of school.