

# REGULATION

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## EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENT CONDUCT

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#### **Student Recognition**

Every effort will be made to recognize the many positive acts and efforts of our student body through honor roll, academic awards, extracurricular and athletic programs/awards, free ice cream certificates, student of the marking period luncheons, newspaper articles and announcements.

No set rules can completely cover all situations that occur at any school. However, students have a right to an education in a safe environment. At High Point, students are expected to govern their behavior with consideration of the rights and feelings of others, with respect for oneself and for others, and with common sense applied to all areas. Positive behavior will be recognized and reinforced. It is the victim's perception as to whether an offense has been committed. Misconduct such as inappropriate language, cheating and/or plagiarism, inappropriate display of affection, fighting, smoking, harassing/hazing/bullying of others, cutting class, leaving school grounds without permission, disruptive behavior or insubordination cannot be tolerated. The Administration will use appropriate discretion to maintain safety, order and discipline. As a school system, we believe that working with parents, we can set the example of behavior that we expect from our students.

#### **Weapons**

Any student in possession of a weapon or firearm will be disciplined in accordance with the Safe Schools Initiative and the Zero Tolerance for Guns Act.

#### **Assemblies**

Assemblies are scheduled periodically for the benefit of the student body. At assembly programs, inappropriate noise or rudeness to those on stage is totally unacceptable. Students who are unable or unwilling to conform to acceptable standards of behavior

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are excused from attendance and will instead report to the supervised study hall conducted in place of the assembly program.

## BEEPERS, HEADSETS AND CELL PHONES

State Law and School Policy prohibit the use of beepers and headsets. Any student in possession of these items will have them confiscated and returned to the parent or guardian of the student. All headsets must be placed in the student's locker upon arrival at school. Ear-buds are only permissible at teacher in-class discretion; all other locations they are permissible as long as only one ear is free.

For regulations regarding cell phone use, refer to BYOD procedures as listed in the student handbook.

## CLASSROOM BEHAVIOR

The classroom teacher is the final authority on conduct in his or her classroom. Conduct unacceptable to the teacher is not to be condoned. Our expectations are that our students will be respectful, understanding, tolerant and considerate of others. They are expected to demonstrate a level of personal responsibility and behavior that a reasonable person would be expected to demonstrate. Prompt arrival for class is also expected and emphasized. Such behavior, when it disrupts the opportunity of others to learn, requires the teacher to address the situation by notifying the Main Office, the parent, and the Guidance Office.

Students are not permitted to loiter in the hallways between classes since it disrupts the flow of traffic. Students are expected to be on time for all classes. Students are required to keep the hallways clean and not to litter. Students are not permitted to have food or beverages in the hallways and classrooms, unless as appropriate during unit lunch period. Water bottles are permissible during unit lunch only; Gum is not permitted in computer labs at any time. Soda and juice machines are not to be used during the school day unless otherwise permitted by the Principal.

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## Dress

A student's manner of dress is a reflection of individual taste, a matter to be determined in large measure by the student and his or her family. -Students in violation of our dress code will be required to wear a school-issued T-shirt in place of their inappropriate clothing. At the end of the day, students are to return the school issued shirt.

## Guidelines

- Footwear must be worn at all times.
- No clothing designed to be sleep wear is permitted.
- Garments designed to be worn as undergarments may not be worn as outerwear, nor should they be visible.
- Garments that expose the shoulders, back and/or the abdomen in the following manner are not acceptable: spaghetti straps, bare midriffs, tube tops, halter tops, sheer tops and muscle shirts.
- T-shirts or hats with obscene, insulting or derogatory slogans or that advertise or promote alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or sexual content are unacceptable. Students wearing such shirts will be required to wear a school T-shirt over the unacceptable attire.
- All pants should be worn appropriately so that undergarments are not visible. Pants that are extremely oversized in length and width are a safety hazard and should not be worn. Pants may not be worn below the hips.
- No face coverings, thick wide headbands, bandanas, and/or outerwear (coats, jackets, etc.) are to be worn in the school building during normal school hours. Such articles are to be put into the student's locker at the beginning of the school day.
- Spiked collars and spiked wristbands, chains or chain like jewelry are not to be worn in school. These items will be confiscated.
- Sunglasses and designer/non-prescription contact lenses that obstruct view of the normal eye or are deemed a distraction are not permitted.
- Students who come to school wearing clothes that are determined to be offensive and/or in conflict with the guidelines set forth will be given an opportunity to change or to call home for replacement clothing.

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- Any hats which are deemed disruptive to learning, by either the classroom teacher or administration, will be removed and placed in student's locker, upon request, or held in the Main Office until the end of the day.
- The Board of Education, in conjunction with the school administration, has the final authority on the dress code policies in the building.

## Policy on Tardiness to Class/School

After a student has been tardy to school or class a total of four times, she or he may be assigned to office detention until 3:25 p.m. (approximately one hour). If the student continues to be late, she or he is assigned to office detention until 5:25 p.m. (approximately three hours). Seniors with a pattern of lateness to class or school may lose their driving privileges. Lates and/or tardies are cumulative for the school year.

## Internet Issues

Internet activity inside or outside of school that affects student safety or school climate may be addressed as a disciplinary matter. Situations occurring outside of school that have an impact on a student's behavior in school may be addressed and dealt with as needed. Students who violate the Internet Access Agreement signed by both the student and parent, may have their computer privileges revoked.

## Fighting

Schools are places of public assembly; consequently, no violent act will be tolerated. Any persons participating in such action may be suspended from attendance at school. NJ State Police may be notified. Students who are suspended from school for fighting may be required to participate in a school-sponsored program upon their return to the building, as determined by the school Behaviorist, CST, administration or Guidance.

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## Detention

Detention is a period of time accomplished before or after school hours for violation of a school rule or failure to observe established standards of conduct. In virtually all cases, a minimum of 24 hours notice will be given prior to the date on which a detention is to be completed. Parents and students are responsible for providing transportation following a detention if the student chooses not to take the late busses that are provided. Students must leave the building immediately following their detention. Absence from school does not remove a detention assignment. When an absence occurs on a day a student is assigned to detention, that detention will be automatically moved and is to be completed on the first day the student has returned to school. If the student does not attend the assigned 7:00 a.m. and/or 3:30 detention, he or she will be assigned a 5:30 detention. If the student does not serve the 5:30 detention, he or she will be assigned a Saturday detention. Detentions are held as per Administration discretion. Students given a 7:00 a.m., or Saturday detention must provide their own transportation.

Requests to complete a detention assignment other than on the originally designated day must be made in writing to the Assistant Principal's office at least 24 hours prior to the date on which the detention is scheduled. Detentions will be completed in a room designated by the Administration. Offenders will serve until 3:25 p.m. or 5:25 p.m. depending on the offense.

## Suspension

Suspension from school will result in a student not being allowed to participate in school activities for the duration of the suspension. A parental conference is required with the Administration prior to reinstatement in school.

Students may not attend any after school activity including dances, athletics, club meetings or events, play practice, etc. on the day of their assigned Suspension from school as either a participant or spectator. Students suspended from school at any time during the year are not permitted to attend/participate in the Prom, Senior Formal or school trips pending an appeal with the Administration. Students may appeal the Principal's determination to the Superintendent's Office.

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## ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Students are expected to be honest in all of their academic work. This means that they will not engage in any of the following acts:

- Cheating on examinations or other school assignments, including but not limited to, the non-authorized use of books or notes, the use of crib sheets, copying from other students' papers, exchanging information with other students orally, in writing, or by signals, obtaining copies of the examination illegally and other similar activities. Cheating through the use of technology to exchange information on any school assignment, examination, etc. is prohibited. Technology is defined as, but not limited to, computers, telephones, text messaging, palm pilots, calculators, cameras or any other hand-held device.
- Plagiarism is not permitted in term papers, themes, essays, reports, images, take-home examinations, and other academic work. Plagiarism is defined as stealing or use without acknowledgment of the ideas, words, formulas, textual materials, on-line services, computer programs, etc. of another person, or in any way presenting the work of another person as one's own.
- Falsifications, including forging signatures, altering answers after they have been graded, inserting answers after the fact, erasing of grader's markings, and other acts that allow for falsely taking credit.

A student found guilty of academic dishonesty may be subjected to a full range of penalties including, but not limited to reprimand and loss of credit for all of the work that is plagiarized. Disciplinary action may also be a consequence of such behavior.

- A teacher who believes that a student has been academically dishonest in his/her class should resolve the matter in the following manner:
- Reprimand the student orally and/or in writing. The teacher is also authorized to withhold credit in the work due to academic dishonesty.
- The Administration will determine if further discipline of the student is appropriate, and will determine the nature of the discipline on a case-by-case basis.
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- If the student is not in agreement with the disciplinary action of the Administration, he or she may appeal the action first to the Principal and secondly to the Superintendent. If the student is dissatisfied with the Superintendent's disposition of the case, he or she may grieve the action in accordance with Policy No. 5710, Pupil Grievance.

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