

WARRICK COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
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Dear Parents:

In case of a medical emergency, it is helpful to have on file a record of your child's medical problems or special needs. We would like information about problems such as asthma, diabetes, seizures, heart condition, and name(s) of medication your child is taking. ALL RECORDS ARE KEPT STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.

Please fill out the form (indicate "none" if there are no problems) if your child has a condition that we need to be aware of and return to your child's school as soon as possible.

RETURN TO YOUR SCHOOL NURSE

TEACHER: _____

GRADE: _____

STUDENT NAME: _____

MEDICAL PROBLEM: _____

IS YOUR CHILD ON MEDICATION? YES _____ NO _____

IF SO, GIVE MEDICATION NAME: _____

WHEN IS MEDICATION GIVEN? _____

OTHER PERTINENT
INFORMATION: _____

PARENT'S SIGNATURE

DATE

Indiana State Law (Senate enrolled Act 376) prohibits sending medication home with a student.

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SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS MAY BE IN USE IN THE WARRICK COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION FOR PURPOSES OF SECURITY AND SAFETY. DISCIPLINARY ACTION MAY RESULT.

THIS AGENDA BOOK PROVIDES INFORMATION ON THE OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THIS SCHOOL AND THE WARRICK COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION. THIS INFORMATION IS SUBJECT TO CURRENT AND UPDATED POLICIES OF THE WARRICK COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION.

THE COMPLETE WARRICK COUNTY POLICY MANUAL IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC VIEWING AT EACH SCHOOL, WWW.WARRICK.K12.IN.US, OR AT THE WARRICK COUNTY SCHOOL

CORPORATION ADMINISTRATION BUILDING. NOTATIONS OF "IC" THROUGHOUT THIS DOCUMENT AND THE POLICY MANUAL ARE REFERENCES TO THE INDIANA CODE.

VISITORS-GUESTS

1. All visitors and guests are to report to the office when they arrive at school.
2. Students are not to bring friends who are not enrolled at their school to school with them.
3. Friends of students will not be allowed to visit during lunch hour, study hall periods, or between classes.
4. Any student who has quit school or has been suspended, expelled, or excluded is not allowed to visit the school or be on school grounds except with permission from the Principal.
5. Persons who enter the building without reporting to the office may be charged with trespassing.

STUDENT ADMISSION NON-RESIDENT TRANSFERS

The Warrick County School Corporation will enroll students living outside Warrick County. Enrollment will be considered if:

1. **The non-resident enrollment is primarily for educational reasons;**
2. **The non-resident enrollment application is complete and returned by the deadline date. July 24, 2020, is the deadline for the 2020-2021 school year;**
3. **The school and grade level requested has capacity to add students.**

Students transferring to the Warrick County School Corporation from other school systems shall be placed in those classes or at those grade levels for which their previous educational experiences appear to qualify them. The Warrick County School Corporation reserves the right to change or modify such placements on the basis of further information, testing, student performance, or investigation.

STUDENT ADMISSION-TRANSFER FROM OUTSIDE OF CORPORATION

Requests by parents, guardians, or custodians of Indiana students who do not reside in the Warrick County School Corporation but wish to enroll their child in the school corporation will be considered if:

1. The non-resident enrollment is primarily for educational reasons;
2. The non-resident student is in good standing in his/her resident school corporation;
3. The parents, guardians, or custodians agree to provide transportation to and from the school;
4. The parents, guardians, or custodians agree to pay the transfer tuition at the time of enrollment or as established by the Superintendent.

The decision on the request will be based upon:

1. The student's attendance and academic record at previous schools;
2. The student's disciplinary record at previous schools;
3. Class sizes of the grade level and school in which the student is enrolling;
4. Whether the enrollment places an undue burden on the Warrick County School Corporation.

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INTRA-CORPORATION TRANSFERS

Schools throughout the Warrick County School Corporation have been established in order to serve the needs of those children living within certain geographic and community areas. Boundary lines have been established by the local school board to insure that enrollment levels continue to conform to the limits for which the various buildings were designed. Therefore, the Warrick County School Corporation operates within defined school district areas and is not a free choice system. A student is to attend the school in the district in which his/her parents, legal guardians, or other adult custodians have legal settlement.

Circumstances may develop for families when it is better for a child to attend school in a different school within the school corporation. Due to the wide range of circumstances which can develop, the foregoing policy has been established.

Consideration for transfers will be given when any of the following reasons are addressed:

1. **CHILD CARE** - The available child care provider lives within another school boundary. The child care provider must submit to the Office of Student/Support Services a written affidavit which indicates their employment/position as such.
2. **MOVING/BUILDING** - A residence change is expected to be made to a new school district in a reasonable time, such as the impending purchase of a different home or the completion of a new residence. Parents will be required to complete a 30-day conditional enrollment form in such cases, which will be subject to review at the end of the conditional period.
3. **MEDICAL** - Parents provide documentation for a physician, psychologist, or psychiatrist indicating that it is in the student's best interest to attend a different school.

Personal preference of the student or parent is not an acceptable reason for transfer to, nor continuation of, attendance in a school outside the home school district.

CREDIT REQUIREMENTS – NOTE:

To help students successfully complete their middle school/high school years, a required number of credits will be established for advancement to the sophomore, junior, and senior classes.

- Freshmen students must complete 7 credits before being advanced to the sophomore class.
- Sophomore students must complete a total of 16 accumulated credits to be advanced to the junior class.
- Junior students must complete a total of 26 accumulated credits to be advanced to the senior class.

Freshmen and sophomore students who fall short of their goal will be evaluated for advancement after the first semester of the following school year by successfully completing credits as follows:

- Second year freshmen who receive 5 credits the first semester of the school year for a total of 11 accumulated credits will be advanced to the sophomore class.
- Second year sophomores who receive 5 credits the first semester of the school year for a total of 21 accumulated credits will be advanced to the junior class.

** Boonville High School students are on a block schedule and should see the BHS enrollment bulletin or contact their counselor for an explanation of credit requirements for grade level advancement**

ACADEMIC HONORS DIPLOMA

An Academic Honors Diploma will be awarded to students who complete a minimum of 47 high school credits as outlined in the Indiana High School Diploma Requirements. Students must choose the academic curriculum and must choose the most academically rigorous course offerings at each grade level. Students must earn at least a "C" in all classes attempted and maintain an overall "B" average.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS (EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES)

All students who wish to participate in extracurricular activities (including athletic participation) must receive passing grades in five (5) full credit subjects. Band, Chorus, or any subject taught as a class during the regular school day and requires student participation after the regular school day is exempted from this requirement (Code 5200-R). (Note: Chorus classes at the middle school level are not an exception.)

ANTI-BULLYING POLICY

The Warrick County Board of School Trustees prohibits acts of bullying of a student(s). The school board has determined that a safe and civil environment in school is necessary for students to learn and achieve high academic standards. Bullying disrupts both a student's ability to learn and a school's ability to educate its students in a safe and disciplined environment. Since students learn by example, school administrators, faculty, staff and volunteers should demonstrate appropriate behavior by treating others with civility and respect, and refusing to tolerate harassment, intimidation or bullying.

Note: The Anti-Bullying Report and Incident Forms are available on the WCSC website at www.warrick.k12.in.us and are also available at the schools.

ATHLETIC CONDUCT CODE

In order to be a participant in inter-scholastic competition, a student must meet all eligibility standards of the Warrick County School Corporation. Failure in any course of study in the Warrick County School Corporation immediately calls for implementation of School Board approved rules, regulations, and guidelines.

All REGULATIONS **ARE IN EFFECT TWELVE (12) MONTHS OF THE YEAR.**

When a principal or the principal's designee determines that it is more likely than not that a student has violated the athletic code, the student shall be suspended immediately from athletics as follows:

First Violation

A. For the first tobacco violation, the student shall be suspended during the student's sport season for 10% of the scheduled contests or one (1) contest, whichever is greater.

For the first violation of the prohibition against use and possession of alcohol, a drug, or drug paraphernalia, the student shall be suspended during the student's sport season for 20% of the scheduled contests or two (2) contests, whichever is greater.

For the first violation of all other prohibited conduct, the student shall be suspended during the student's sport season for 10% of the scheduled contests or one (1) contest, whichever is greater.

Second Violation

B. The student shall be ineligible and suspended from participating in Warrick County School Corporation athletics for three hundred and sixty-five (365) days, commencing on the date of the determination of the violation.

Third Violation

C. The student shall be ineligible to participate in any athletics, athletic contests, or on athletic teams for the duration of his/her high school career. A third violation by a middle school student will prohibit his/her athletic participation in grades six (6), seven (7), and eight (8).

ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY

Boonville, Castle, and Tecumseh High Schools are members of the Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA), which has determined the overall pattern for inter-school athletics since 1904. The IHSAA recognizes the principal as the administrative head of the inter-scholastic athletic activities.

Each student representing their high school and competing in IHSAA contests must be certified with the IHSAA by the high school principal. This certification includes: 1) Passing grades in a minimum of five (5) full credits at the end of each nine weeks grading period. (A grading period ends the day report cards are issued and incomplete grades count as failures even though they must be made up at a later date.) An athlete must also pass five (5) full credits for the semester in order to remain eligible for the following 9 weeks. 2) Meets residency requirements of the IHSAA and of the Warrick County School Corporation. 3) Submits an IHSAA physical form signed by a licensed physician. Students are not eligible for practice and games until this form is on file in the athletic office. 4) Meets Warrick County School Corporation athletic department and IHSAA conduct code criteria. The IHSAA conduct code states that: Contestants' conduct, in and out of school, shall be such as (a) not to reflect discredit upon their school or the association, or (b) not to create a disruptive influence on the discipline, good order, moral, or educational environment in the school.

ATTENDANCE

All students enrolled in school in the Warrick County School Corporation are to be in their assigned classes at the required times unless they have been excused. Excuses allowed are: (a) personal illness; (b) death in immediate family; (c) home emergencies or other conditions where parents make arrangements which are approved by the principal; (d) exclusion because of exposure to contagious disease; (e) other exceptions as designated by law.

Accurate student attendance records will be kept for each student. Parents will be notified of each student's attendance by the regular report card or by special notice when there is a specific need. Students whose attendance approaches or exceeds the limits as established by the Warrick County School Corporation or the State of Indiana shall be subject to corrective restrictions, punitive action, or legal jurisdiction.

CLASSIFICATION OF ABSENCE:

1. **EXCUSED ABSENCE:** Excused absences and tardies are these: (a) personal illness with parent verification; (b) death in the immediate family; (c) home emergencies or other conditions where parents make arrangements which are approved by the principal; (d) exclusion because of exposure to contagious disease; and (e) exceptions as designated in the law (as stated above).

Excused absences are recorded. Reasonable make-up work is allowed.

WAIVED ABSENCE: These absences are not counted against the student in determining loss of credit. (a) illness with a doctor's note, (b) funerals as excused by the building administrator, (c) court appearances, (d) suspension/exclusion, (e) college visitations (2 days), (f) exceptions as designated by law, and (g) other absences determined waived by the building administration.

2. **UNEXCUSED ABSENCE:** All absences and tardies not designated in #1 or in the law shall be considered as unexcused. (Examples of more common unexcused absences are work, missing bus, trips, car trouble, oversleeping, suspension, and truancy.)

a. **Unexcused Absence WITH Make-up Credit** ---- See #2 above where there is an arrangement with the school before the absence occurs and where approval has been granted. Examples of Unexcused Absence **WITH** Make-up could be family trips approved in advance; religious activities and holidays approved in advance, verified emergencies, etc. Make-up work credit is allowed. It is the responsibility of the student to arrange for make-up work with each teacher on the day that they return to school (Homework Policy, 4020-R-3, for all days missed an equal number of days will be allowed for make-up.) Make-up work should be turned in within a reasonable time after returning to school unless special arrangements are made in advance with the teacher.

b. **Unexcused Absence WITHOUT Make-up Credit** ---- See #2 above where there is NO knowledge or approval of the parent and the school – no acceptable parent permission, truancy, work, missed bus, suspension, etc. Make-up work may be expected for educational development, but credit will not be applied to class grade.

3. **TRUANCY:** A student will be considered truant when the absence from school or class is without the knowledge and approval of a parent and school official.

4. **HABITUAL TRUANCY:** A student who has been found to be truant for the third time in a school year is considered a habitual truant.

5. **SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** Students who miss school for the full day because of illness or unexcused absences may not attend after school activities the same day unless permission is granted by the school principal.

6. **LEAVING SCHOOL (EARLY DISMISSAL):** Students may leave the school building or school grounds during the regular hours of school when written permission from a parent and approval of the school principal has been obtained.

7. **RETURN TO SCHOOL:** Students returning to school from an absence shall have a note from a parent stating the reason for the absence. (Phone contact by a parent will be satisfactory in place of a written note.) The note should contain the student's name, reason for absence, date(s) and time of absence, a parent signature and the phone number where the parent may be reached. The note is to be presented prior to re-admittance to school.

8. **TARDINESS:** Students who report to school or class late will receive a reasonable penalty as established by the school.

9. **MAKE-UP WORK:** It is the responsibility of the student to arrange for make-up work with the teacher on the day that they return to school. A teacher may expect make-up work in cases where the absence is found to be an UNEXCUSED ABSENCE WITHOUT MAKE-UP CREDIT, but make-up credit will not apply to the class grade. For all days missed an equal number of days will be allowed for makeup. (Example: If a student misses three days of school, the student will be allowed three days to make up the work. [Code 4020]) Failure on the part of the student to make up work as directed will limit credit for the effort.

ABSENCES

When requested, makeup work will be provided for students. They are expected to do the work and follow the timeframe specified by the teacher for completion of the work. For all days missed, an equal number of days will be allowed to complete and submit work missed during the absence. Exceptions to this rule may be made by the classroom teachers subject to prior notification. For example, when advance notice has been given, students are

expected to turn in any work or projects on the assigned due date regardless of absence. Additionally, previously announced exams are to be taken upon the student's return to the regularly scheduled class.

NOTIFICATION AND PENALTY:

Middle School – A student who misses 30 days or more in any one year cannot earn promotion to the next level or grade unless special circumstances are approved by the principal:

Due Process

10 DAYS OF ACCUMULATED ABSENCE - Written notice to the parent from the principal and a contact by the Home/School Advisor or the School Social Worker.

20 DAYS OF ACCUMULATED ABSENCE - Written notice to the parent and the WCSC Central Office Appointee from the school principal. At the request of the school principal, the Appointee shall send notification to the parent to schedule an attendance hearing. Notification may be sent to the Department of Child Services and/or the Prosecutor at this time. Such notification may be requested by the principal, but it will be the responsibility of the Appointee to make the referral.

30 DAYS OF ACCUMULATED ABSENCE - Written parent notice of a request for non-promotion and right of a hearing. Written report sent to the Appointee, who will determine whether or not to assign the case to the appropriate School Resource Officer or local law enforcement agency for filing with the Prosecutor. A determination for non-promotion does not exempt a student from school attendance.

Senior High School – A student who is absent from any class for more than ten (10) days in any semester cannot earn credit in the course or courses where the time has been missed. The principal may allow a student to earn credit even though the student is absent for more than ten (10) days when special circumstances occur. In schools with Block 8 scheduling, a student who is absent from any class for more than five (5) days in any semester cannot earn credit in the course or courses where the time has been missed. The principal may allow a student to earn credit even though the student is absent for more than five (5) days when special circumstances occur.

Due Process

7 DAYS OF ACCUMULATED ABSENCE IN ANY SEMESTER – 3 days/Block 8 – written notice to parent and recommendation for a conference at the school.

10 DAYS OF ACCUMULATED ABSENCE IN ANY SEMESTER – 5 days/Block 8 – written notice of possible loss of credit and notice of hearing.

Truancy

FIRST OFFENSE - notification to parent and counselor, school penalty.

SECOND OFFENSE - written notification to parent, school penalty.

THIRD OFFENSE - written notification of request for expulsion from school for failure to comply with direction of teacher and school.

PREPLANNED ABSENCE

All student absences on the day(s) of the occurrence:

- (a) must be verified by a written statement from a physician, dentist, or other appropriate medical professional within two (2) days following the day of the absence, or
 - (b) a parent conference must be arranged and held with the principal or designee within two (2) days following the day of absence.
 - (c) senior students found to be truant in a preplanned absence shall make up the absence day(s) prior to graduation or they will be denied the right to participate in the graduation ceremony and related class activities, and further, may be denied a diploma until absence day(s) are made up.
 - (d) all other students found to be truant in a preplanned absence shall make up the absence day(s) after the last day of the current school year. Failure to make up an absence may result in denial of credits, prohibition from participation in extracurricular activities in the next school year, suspension, or expulsion from school for the next semester.
- Failure of a parent to meet requirements in (a) or (b) will result in a determination that the student was truant from classes.

BUS SERVICE AND RULES

School buses that are used to transport students to and from school-related activities are an extension of the school, and as such, students are bound by the State of Indiana Discipline Code, as well as school rules and regulations.

Students are under the school's jurisdiction from the time they enter the bus in the morning until they arrive home in the evening.

The primary concern of transporting students must be their safety. The bus driver must assume this serious responsibility, and as such, any student behavior that may distract the driver and affect his/her skill in driving the bus will result in disciplinary action.

Bus Rules:

1. Follow driver's directions the first time they are given.
2. Stay in your seat.
3. Keep head, hands, and feet inside bus, and to yourself.
4. No drinking, eating, cursing, swearing, or loud talking.
5. Be at pick-up point on time.

Bus Consequences:

- 1st incident — Student warned by driver.
- 2nd incident — Conference with driver on bus after other students exit.
- 3rd incident — Student assigned a front seat and parent called.
- 4th incident — Suspension of bus privileges for one day, parents notified, and student sent to principal.
- 5th incident — Student sent to principal.
- SEVERE CLAUSE — Same as fifth incident.

CLOSED CAMPUS - CLOSED LUNCH

Student arrival on school property requires that the students remain on the school campus for the rest of the school day. **This includes the lunch periods!** If a student leaves school property for any reason without administrative approval and does not follow proper sign-out procedures, he/she is considered to be TRUANT.

DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIALS-SOLICITATION

The posting, distribution, or sale of any printed material at school or at school sponsored events is prohibited without the consent of the principal. This includes but is not limited to handbills, publications, advertising supplements, posters, and leaflets. No person or group will be allowed to conduct a sale of any product or to solicit funds for any reason at school or at school sponsored events without the consent of the principal.

GRADING SYSTEM

Factors that should be included when evaluating students. The letter grade is to reflect the degree to which a student demonstrates understanding of the course requirements. The evaluation of student progress may include the use of multiple techniques, such as, teacher made tests, quizzes, textbook company prepared tests, homework assignments, oral and written projects, and class participation. In addition to the understanding of subject matter, other factors that may be included in course requirements should be communicated in writing to students and parents at the beginning of the term. These might include, but not be limited to — following directions, correct spelling, neatness of work, meeting due dates, effort, and work habits.

Factors that should be excluded when evaluating students. Attendance should not be considered as criteria for grading students unless the student is withdrawn from class or denied credit by the school corporation attendance policy. Behavior should not be considered when grading students unless the student's behavior is so severe that it results in suspension or expulsion from school per school corporation policy and make-up work is denied by the building principal or hearing officer. While attitude and personality may affect achievement of students, these factors should not be considered when objectively grading students.

Definition of Grades. Of all factors included in a system of evaluation, perhaps the most important is that the definition of grades is clearly defined and uniformly understood by all concerned.

- A - Excellent - High level of understanding and/or mastery of skills in course content.
- B - Good - Good level of understanding and/or mastery of skills in course content.
- C - Satisfactory - Acceptable level of understanding and/or mastery of skills in course content.
- D - Poor - Minimum level of understanding and/or mastery of skills in course content.
- F - Failure - (No credit earned) Unacceptable level of understanding and/or mastery of skills in course content.

It is recognized that no grading scale is likely to be found that will make the process of grading acceptable and satisfactory to all concerned. Teachers need a certain amount of freedom to adjust grades based on the many variables that exist among the disciplines, ability groups, and grade levels. Teachers are expected to inform students and parents in writing what scales will be used to evaluate student progress before any grades are recorded at the beginning of the term.

SUGGESTED GRADING SCALE:

95 - 100 = A 78 - 87 = C Below 70 = F
88 - 94 = B 70 - 77 = D

Teachers may assign letter grades to each of the factors used to evaluate a student. Then the individual grades would be averaged to determine a grading period grade to be placed on the report card. Teachers may assign points (indicating the number correct) to each of the factors used to evaluate students. Then the points would be totaled and a grade assigned at the end of the grading period based on the suggested grading scale or a similar scale that the teacher previously communicated to students and parents. Teachers at the high school and middle school level may wish to accumulate points throughout the semester and assign the semester grade based on accumulated points.

Notice of work likely to result in a failing grade shall be reported in writing to the parent or guardian as soon as possible. In normal circumstances, this should be done by the mid-point of the grading period.

Report cards will be issued every nine weeks in all Warrick County schools.

GRADE REPLACEMENT POLICY

The Warrick County School Corporation has determined that a student may desire to retake a class at the high school level. The Warrick County School Corporation School Board of Trustees authorizes the Superintendent to implement regulations for students' requests to retake a class.

A student may retake the same class only once and can retake no more than two different semester classes while enrolled in the Warrick County School Corporation.

This policy does not apply to a student who fails a required high school course and must retake the course in order to meet graduation requirements.

Retaking A Class:

1. A student may retake a class when the original grade earned is a D+, D, D-, or F.
2. In order to retake a class a student must fill out and submit the application by the end of the drop/add window.
3. A student may retake a class only one time.
4. A student may retake no more than two semester classes for their high school diploma.
5. The grade that is earned, if higher, will replace the original grade, but cannot exceed a C.
6. Any class taken outside of the Warrick County School Corporation may not be used for this policy.
7. Students who plan to retake the second semester of a two semester class may also retake the first semester on an audit basis (no credit and no grade replacement).

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to graduate from high school, seniors must complete a minimum of forty (40) credits. The credits will be arranged so that the student will receive a broad general education. Regardless of the number of credits required to graduate, there are required courses.

The required courses are:

English Language Arts	Mathematics
Social Studies	Health
Science	Physical Education

Electives are outlined in the Indiana High School Diploma Requirements and are available in the guidance office at each school or at the Warrick County School Corporation Office.

SMOKING

Student use of or possession of any tobacco product, matches, lighters, or look alike devices on school grounds is strictly prohibited. The **no tobacco rule** is in effect for all school-related activities, including athletic events, dances, etc. Students who violate this rule will be subject to suspension and/or expulsion from school.

ALL WARRICK COUNTY PROPERTIES ARE TOBACCO FREE.

INFORMATION - STUDENT DATA CHANGE

Students should inform their counselor immediately if a change in the following information should occur.

- A. Change in address and/or family status.
- B. Change in phone.
- C. Parents employment.
- D. Change of family name.
- E. Doctor or emergency number.

FOREIGN TRAVEL/STUDY

1. Trips to foreign countries are not sanctioned, authorized, or approved by the Warrick County School Corporation.
2. Teachers arranging such trips are acting on their own and are not authorized agents of the Warrick County School Corporation in arranging such trips.
3. Any such travel activities, trip funds and arrangements are not covered by the Warrick County School Corporation and its insurance carrier.
4. All such travel activities, trip funds and arrangements are at the risk of each student and/or parents.

COMPUTER USAGE

Computers are provided throughout the school for academic purposes. Students who attempt to alter the current configuration of any computer without the supervising teacher's permission are interrupting that educational purpose. Any addition or modification of computer programs and operation systems is prohibited. The making of illegal copies or destroying programs is also prohibited. Any inappropriate use of computers in the school setting will be considered to be acts of vandalism.

The use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and unacceptable use may result in, but not be limited to, the following:

1. Cancellation of user privileges.
2. Involvement of law enforcement agencies.
3. Restitution for any damages.
4. Additional disciplinary action consistent with existing school corporation policies.

INTERNET/ELECTRONIC SERVICES GUIDELINES

The following regulations shall be used for use of the Internet/Electronic Services:

1. Internet Access requires a corporation-approved account.
2. Student Access also requires permission of, and supervision by a teacher, administrator or other personnel designated by the building principal.

Acceptable Use

The responsible user may use the Internet or electronic services for the following:

1. Researching or assigned classroom projects.
2. Sending electronic mail (E-mail) to other users.
3. Participating in any staff/teacher directed or educational activity.

Note: Unsolicited on-line contact should be ignored/not accessed. However, harassing, obscene, and otherwise inappropriate contact should be reported immediately to the adult in charge.

Unacceptable Use

The following uses of school-provided technology or personally-owned devices (used at school) are prohibited and may lead to disciplinary action:

1. Sending, displaying, downloading or uploading offensive messages, text, pictures, videos and/or viruses.
2. Transmitting obscene, abusive, violent, or sexually explicit language.
3. Harassing, insulting, attacking others, or any other inappropriate communication.
4. Using social networks at school unless approved for curricular activities.
5. Damaging computers, computer systems, or computer networks.
6. Violating local, state or federal laws, including copyright laws.
7. Revealing personal addresses or phone numbers.
8. Using another person's account or password.
9. Trespassing in another user's folder, work, and/or files.
10. Wasting limited resources.
11. Using the network for commercial purposes.
12. Use not in the best interest of students, Warrick County School Corporation, or use that is deemed disruptive to the educational process as determined by the principal or principal's designee.

Cyberbullying

Cyberbullying is the use of technology to harass, threaten, embarrass, or target another person. The WCSC does not allow access to social networking through network facilities without approval. Any building allowing personal devices must educate staff and students on cyberbullying and appropriate online behavior.

Unauthorized Devices

Unauthorized devices, hardware, or software are not to be attached to or allowed to interact with WCSC infrastructures. This includes, but is not limited to: wireless routers, switches, hubs, cables of any kind not provided by or authorized by the WCSC.

Safety and Reliability

The Warrick County School Corporation does not guarantee the reliability of the data connection and does not verify the accuracy of information found on the Internet.

Even though WCSC blocks access to certain sites, the faculty and staff are expected to diligently monitor students' computer and Internet usage. The school corporation will run filtering software as required by CIPA (Childhood Internet Protection Act). The staff is always responsible for the supervision of students whenever they are using technology. If a staff member or student witnesses inappropriate activity, it is their responsibility to report this activity to supervising staff member or building-level administration.

WCSC staff may have access to sensitive and confidential data. Staff members should only view data that is pertinent to the duties assigned to them and are not to violate Federal Laws such as FERPA and HIPAA.

Corporation-Provided Mobile Technology

1. Overview - WCSC may provide mobile technology (laptops, tablets, iPods, iPads) to students or staff members to be used at school and off WCSC property. The purpose of such mobile technology is to provide opportunities for collaboration within the school corporation and to provide tools to work at home on school related materials. The corporation-provided mobile technology is not to be considered as personal property. It is corporation-owned property and should be treated accordingly. The following guidelines have been established for use.

2. Purpose -
 - a) Mobility for moving from room to room, within the building or around WCSC schools using the wireless network.
 - b) Professional development/collaboration purposes.
 - c) Use at home for educational productivity.
3. Educational Use -
 - a) While at school, staff and students will ensure that the device is always kept secure when not in use.
 - b) Periodically, the device must remain at school for necessary updates. Advanced notice will be given along with an approximate timeframe for such work. Updates and/or maintenance may occur during the school year or during summer months as needed.
4. Home Use -
 - a) Technology is to be used only by the student or staff that it was issued to; other family members may not use the school-owned device/software.
 - b) Personal files may not be saved to the device.
 - c) If accessing the Internet from home on your laptop, access would be filtered as it is at school (via content filtering software).
 - d) The Technology Staff does not support home or personal use, including but not limited to: troubleshooting home internet service provider issues, installing personal software, printers, or providing access to non-educational websites.
 - e) Unauthorized physical or virtual changes to the device/software/data are prohibited.
5. Liability -
 - a) WCSC students and staff shall be financially responsible for the replacement cost of the device or its accessories if damaged or stolen.
 - b) If damage occurs while on WCSC property, disciplinary action may be taken.
 - c) WCSC is not responsible for damages resulting from the use of the device, which includes, but not limited to: home service interruption, spread of viruses to other personal computers, and loss of personal data.
 - d) Unauthorized alterations, repairs, and/or maintenance of WCSC technology is prohibited.

Parental Choice

The educational use of technology and/or equipment is the joint responsibility of students, parents, and employees of the school corporation. If a parent/guardian does not wish for his/her child to use technology, the building principal should be contacted.

Personal Devices

Personally-owned devices are not the responsibility of the WCSC.

Personally-owned devices are not to be connected to the WCSC network infrastructure including wireless access unless authorized by the building level administrator. WCSC is NOT responsible for any virtual or physical damage incurred to personal technology/devices. This includes, but is not limited, to power surges, viruses, accidental or malicious acts from others.

HOMEWORK

Homework is defined as any daily or long range activity planned or approved by the teacher to be completed by the students outside the regular classroom, without the immediate and direct supervision of the teacher. Homework is to be consistent with the reinforcement of course objectives.

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Homework may be assigned daily and on weekends. Homework will vary according to subject area and the level of the course. Typically, homework may take a daily average of thirty (30) minutes per subject to complete, assuming students have efficiently used their class time, and study time provided during the school day.

ABSENCES

When requested, makeup work will be provided for students. They are expected to do the work and follow the timeframe specified by the teacher for the completion of the work. For all days missed, an equal number of days will be allowed to complete and submit work missed during the absence. Exceptions to this rule may be made by the classroom teachers subject to prior notification. For example, when advanced notice has been given, students are expected to turn in any work or projects on the assigned due date regardless of absence. Additionally, previously announced exams are to be taken upon the student's return to the regularly scheduled class. Twenty-four (24) hour notice should be given to allow school personnel time to collect homework. Parents should contact the guidance office to make homework requests. Requests for homework should not be made unless the absence will exceed three (3) days. Upon return to school, students are responsible for inquiring about work missed.

RELEASE OF DIRECTORY INFORMATION/MILITARY ACCESS

"Student Directory Information" means the **student's name, address, and telephone number, if the telephone number is a listed or published telephone number**. A high school shall provide access to the high school campus or and the high school's student directory information to official recruiting representatives of:

- (1) The armed forces of the United States;
- (2) The Indiana Air National Guard;
- (3) The Indiana Army National Guard;
- (4) The service academies of the armed forces of the United States;

for the purpose of informing students of educational and career opportunities available in the armed forces of the United States, the Indiana Air National Guard, and the Indiana Army National Guard, **and the service academies of the armed forces of the United States**.

If a high school student, or the parent, guardian, or custodian of a high school student, **submits a signed, written request to a high school at the end of the student's sophomore year** that indicates the student or the parent, guardian, or custodian of the student does not want the student's directory information to be provided to official recruiting representatives, the high school may not provide access to the student's directory information to an official recruiting representative. A high school shall notify students and the parents, guardians, or custodians of students of these provisions.

DISCIPLINE-STUDENT - GRADES 6 THROUGH 12

The Warrick County Board of School Trustees believes that discipline is a required condition for educating, teaching, and learning. This means that students, parents, teachers, and administrators — the human components of every school — must share the responsibility to ensure that discipline pervades the entire school environment.

Demerit assignment will be the primary response to student misconduct at the middle school and high school levels. The demerit system is designed to spread the responsibility and authority for monitoring of student behavior throughout the entire teaching, administrative staff, or other persons designated by the building principal in Grades 6-12.

DEMERITS - ASSIGNMENT OF

- A. Demerits may be assigned for student misconduct by teachers or office personnel designated by the building principal.
- B. Teachers may assign a student one (1) demerit per infraction for any disciplinary reason that they deem necessary.
- C. Assigned demerits will accumulate over the term of the entire school year.
- D. Penalties will be imposed at various levels as students accumulate demerits (see actions taken for accumulated demerits below).
- E. Students must be informed when a demerit or demerits are assigned. Students should sign the demerit slip in the presence of the staff member assigning the demerit. (Refusal by a student to sign the demerit slip will not affect the assignment of the demerit).
- F. Assigned demerits will be delivered to and recorded in the office. An accurate accounting of all assigned demerits will be kept for all students. A student and/or their parent may examine the student's demerit record by making arrangements in the office.

Procedure for Handling Accumulated Demerits

Demerits Received	Action Taken/Consequences
5	Letter sent home
10	1 Day Suspension
18	3 Day Suspension
25	5 Day Suspension
30	Expulsion

Note: The occurrence of any third suspendable offense is grounds for and may result in expulsion from school.

MISCONDUCT AND CONSEQUENCES - GRADES 6-12

- A. Penalties will be imposed for student misconduct which occurs during school hours, at any school sponsored activity, and/or while traveling to and from school.
- B. Unless otherwise stated, all suspensions listed will be served out of school.
- C. All suspensions and expulsion procedures shall be governed by the provision set forth under the Indiana Code.

SATURDAY SCHOOL - GRADES 5-12

Any 5th through 12th grade student who commits a suspendable offense during the regular school program may be offered attendance at Saturday School as an alternative to suspension from school. A student may not be assigned to Saturday School for more than two (2) incidents of suspendable offenses in any school year without the approval of the Superintendent. One (1) day suspension or any part thereof equals one (1) Saturday Session. Transportation must be provided by parents/guardians. School buses are not available. Students are expected to provide their own study materials and may have available a specific written work program approved by their principal. Saturday School is staffed by faculty members who expect student productivity during each Saturday session.

Notification of a Saturday School assignment is to be sent to the parent/guardian and the superintendent. An incident of student behavior resulting in a choice of Saturday School as a consequence will be counted as a suspendable offense in progressive discipline consequences, including driver's license eligibility.

SUSPENSION

A principal or designee may suspend or expel a student for misconduct, substantial disobedience, unlawful activity on or off of school property, that may be considered an interference with school purposes and education function; or the student's removal is necessary to restore order or protect persons on school property. Such unlawful or inappropriate activity may include weekends, holidays, school breaks, and summer vacation.

A superintendent or superintendent's designee may continue suspension of a student until the time of the expulsion decision if it is determined that the student's continued suspension will substantially reduce the risk of interference of educational purposes or injury.

A school principal (or designee) may deny a student the right to attend school or take part in any school function for a period of up to ten (10) consecutive school days.

1. A meeting will be held prior to the suspension of any student. At this meeting the student will be entitled to:
 - (a) a written or oral statement of the charges;
 - (b) if the student denies the charges, a summary of the evidence against the student will be presented; and
 - (c) the student will be provided an opportunity to explain his or her conduct.
2. The meeting shall precede suspension of the student except where the nature of this misconduct requires immediate removal. In such situations, the meeting will follow the suspension as soon as reasonably possible following the date of the suspension.
3. Following the suspension, the parent or guardian of a suspended student will be notified in writing. The notification will include the dates of the suspension; describe the student's misconduct, and the action taken by the principal.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY OVERVIEW

It is a policy of the Warrick County School Corporation to maintain a learning and working environment that is free from sexual harassment.

It shall be a violation for any student of the Warrick County School Corporation to sexually harass an employee or student through conduct or communications of a sexual nature defined in the rules and regulations of the sexual harassment policy.

The term "employee" also includes non-employees and volunteers who work subject to the control of the school authorities.

Sexual harassment consists of unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other inappropriate verbal statements, gestures, or physical contact of a sexual nature when made by any employee to student, student to employee, or student to student. Conduct of a sexual nature may include verbal or physical sexual advances and/or comments regarding physical or personality characteristics of a sexual nature.

Any student who thinks that they have been sexually harassed should report the incident to the school principal for investigation. The right of confidentiality, both of the complainant and of the accused, will be respected.

Any student who knowingly files false charges shall be subject to disciplinary action consistent with school policy and the Student Conduct Code.

The complete Sexual Harassment Policy and forms are on file in the principal's office for your review.

EXPULSION

In the event the principal feels it is necessary to request the expulsion (or exclusion) of a student the procedure described in the Indiana Code will be followed. Any student or parent wishing to review this process may request a copy.

SCHOOL BOARD APPEALS OF STUDENT EXPULSIONS

The Board of School Trustees has voted not to hear appeals of the decision of the person conducting the expulsion meeting or of the Superintendent. The student and parent have the right to appeal the decision of the person conducting the expulsion meeting to the Warrick Circuit or Superior Courts.

WARRICK COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION <u>Suggested Disciplinary Levels & Consequences</u>				
<u>Misconduct</u>		<u>1st Report</u>	<u>2nd Report</u>	<u>3rd Report</u>
1. Academic Dishonesty	The act of cheating on tests, copying term papers.	Teacher discretion/teacher referral	Teacher discretion/teacher referral	Teacher discretion/teacher referral
2. Arson	The willful and malicious burning of, or attempt to burn, any part of any building or any property of WCSC.	Expulsion+	Expulsion+	Expulsion+
3. Bullying	Overt, unwanted, repeated acts or gestures committed by a student or group of students against another student with the intent to harass, ridicule, humiliate, intimidate, or harm the targeted student.	Demerits to Expulsion+	Suspension to Expulsion+	Expulsion+

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<u>Misconduct</u>		<u>1st Report</u>	<u>2nd Report</u>	<u>3rd Report</u>
4. Cafeteria Conduct	The act of violating school rules regarding conduct in school cafeteria.	Pick up trash or up to 5 Demerits	Up to 5 Demerits	Suspension
5. Closed Campus	Leaving the school premises without authorization during the student's scheduled class hours or lunch hour. School lunch hour may be an approved exception.	See Truancy	See Truancy	See Truancy
6. Continuous Class Disruption	To be repeatedly involved in behavior which disrupts the educational process of the other students in the classroom.	2 Demerits to Suspension	2 Demerits to Suspension	2 Demerits to Suspension
7. Controlled Substance Paraphernalia	The act of possessing, using or distributing controlled substance (illegal drugs) paraphernalia.	Suspension to Expulsion/ Confiscation+	Expulsion/ Confiscation+	
8. Distribution of Unauthorized Printed Materials	The act of distributing unauthorized materials on school property.	Halt Distribution & Warning	2 Demerits & Halt Distribution	Suspension & Halt Distribution
9. Dress Code	The act of violating School Board Policy Student Dress Code.	Change Clothes**	Change Clothes** (See Insubordination)	Change Clothes* (See Insubordination)
10. Failure to Report	Failing to report the actions or plans of another person to a teacher or administrator where those actions or plans, if carried out, could result in harm to another person or persons or damage property when the student has information about such actions or plans.	3 Demerits to Suspension	Suspension to Expulsion	Expulsion
11. False Alarms	The act of initiating a fire alarm or initiating a report warning of a fire or an impending bombing or other catastrophe without just cause.	Expulsion+		

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<u>Misconduct</u>		<u>1st Report</u>	<u>2nd Report</u>	<u>3rd Report</u>
12. False Reports	The act of falsely reporting incidents, or making false accusations, or giving false testimony, to school personnel, which would affect the welfare of others.	2 Demerits to Suspension	Suspension	Expulsion
13. Fighting	The act of involving hostile bodily contact in or on school property, or going to or from school, including any activity under school sponsorship (i.e., dance, athletic event, etc.) The issue of self-defense, if involved, must be proven by the student accused.	Suspension+ to Expulsion	Suspension+ to Expulsion	Expulsion+
14. Fireworks	The act of possession, using or threatening to use any fireworks, explosive, or other such instruments capable of inflicting bodily injury.	Demerits to Suspension+	3-day Suspension+	Expulsion+
15. Forgery	The act of falsely using, in writing, the name of another person, or falsifying times, dates, grades, addresses, or other data on school forms.	2 Demerits to Suspension	Suspension	Expulsion
16. Gambling	The act of gambling for money or valuables.	2 Demerits	Suspension+	Expulsion+
17. Gang Behavior	See Board Policy on Gang Like Behavior 4060-R-24, 4060-R-25.	Warning to Expulsion+	Suspension to Expulsion+	Expulsion+
18. Inciting Others to Violence or Disobedience	By words, acts, or deeds giving encouragement to demonstrations or protests which disrupt the normal educational process of the school.	Expulsion		

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<u>Misconduct</u>		<u>1st Report</u>	<u>2nd Report</u>	<u>3rd Report</u>
19. Indecency in Behavior	The act of offending against commonly recognized standards or propriety, health, or safety.	2 Demerits to Suspension	Suspension	Expulsion
20. Insubordination	The willful failure to respond or carry out a reasonable request by authorized school personnel.	2 Demerits to Suspension	Suspension	Expulsion
21. Littering	The act of willfully littering on school property or private property enroute to and from school.	Pick up litter	Pick up litter & 2 Demerits	Pick up litter & Suspension
22. Loitering	The act of being in or about any school building, or in specifically restricted areas of a school building at unauthorized times or without the specific authorization of the school's personnel.	2 Demerits	2 Demerits	Suspension
23. Obscenity & Profanity	The act of using obscene or profane language in verbal or written form or in pictures, caricatures or obscene gestures on any school property.	3 Demerits to Suspension	3 Demerits to Suspension	Expulsion
24. Parking Violation-Reckless Driving	The act of violating school parking lot rules and regulations or driving out of control on school property.	Loss of driving privilege	Loss of driving privilege	Loss of driving privilege
25. Physical Attack	The act of physically assaulting any person on school property or going to or from school; including any activity under school sponsorship.	Suspension to Expulsion+	Suspension to Expulsion+	Expulsion+
26. Possession or Using Weapons OR Possession or Using Guns or Firearms	The act of possessing, using or threatening to use any weapon or instrument capable of inflicting bodily injury. The act of possessing, using or threatening to use any gun or firearm. Gun Free Schools Act of 1994.	Expulsion+ Expulsion for one (1) year		

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<u>Misconduct</u>		<u>1st Report</u>	<u>2nd Report</u>	<u>3rd Report</u>
27. Sexual Harassment and/or Sexual Misconduct	Engage in sexual harassment of another person, which includes sexually-related verbal statements, gestures, or physical contact. Engage in voluntary or consensual sexually-related contact with another person.	Demerits to Expulsion	Suspension to Expulsion	Expulsion
28. Shake Down and/or Strong Arm	The act of extortion or borrowing or attempting to borrow any money or things of value from a person in the school, unless both parties enter into the agreement freely.	Suspension+	Expulsion+	
29. Tardiness	The act of unauthorized lateness to school or classes for any period of time. Tardiness to school only applies to the first period of the day. Lateness after the start of the second period will be considered an absence.	Warning	1 Demerit for each	1-2 Demerits for each successive tardy
30. Theft	The act of taking or acquiring the property of others without their consent.	1-5 day Suspension	5-day Suspension	Expulsion+
31. Threatening or Intimidating Acts/ Hazing	The act of verbally or by gesture threatening the well-being, health, or safety of any person on school property or enroute to or from school.	Demerits+ to Expulsion	Suspension+ Expulsion	Expulsion
32. Truancy	The act of unauthorized absence from school or classes for any period of time.	5-14 Demerits	3-day Suspension	Expulsion
33. Unauthorized Electronic Equipment	The act of possessing/using unauthorized electronic equipment; e.g., portable music equipment, phone, camera, etc.	Confiscation	Demerits & Confiscation	Demerits; Confiscation & Parent(s) Pick Up

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<u>Misconduct</u>		<u>1st Report</u>	<u>2nd Report</u>	<u>3rd Report</u>
34. Unauthorized Petitions	The act of presenting or distributing petitions which contain obscenities, libelous statements, and which are not within the bounds of reasonable conduct.	3 Demerits & Confiscation of Materials	Suspension	Expulsion
35. Unauthorized Sale or Distribution	The act of selling or distributing or attempting to sell or distribute any object or substance which has not been authorized for sale or distribution by the building principal to any person on school property.	Halting Sale & Warning	2 Demerits & Halting Sale	Suspension & Halting Sale
36. Unauthorized Student Protest	The act of protesting which results in the disruption of the normal educational process.	Suspension	Expulsion	
37. Unlawful Drugs and Behavior-Altering Substances	Knowingly possess, use, provide, or transmit to another person or to be under the influence of: any substance which is, looks like, or which was represented to be a tobacco product, narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana, alcoholic beverage, substance containing alcohol, heavily-based caffeine product, substance containing phenylpropanolamine (PPA), steroid, stimulant, depressant, or intoxicant of any kind. Use of a drug pursuant to a medical prescription from a physician is not a violation of this subdivision.	Suspension to Expulsion+--+	Expulsion+--+	

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<u>Misconduct</u>		<u>1st Report</u>	<u>2nd Report</u>	<u>3rd Report</u>
38. Use of Tobacco Products Matches, Lighters, and Look alike devices	The act of possessing or using tobacco products, of any kind or look alike devices (examples e-cigs). Smoking, chewing, or containment of tobacco in the mouth is prohibited on school property, at a school activity, function, or event, and while traveling to or from school or a school activity, function, or event in a school owned or authorized vehicle.	Possession 1-day Usage 3 days	Possession 1-day Usage 3-5 days	Suspension to Expulsion
39. Vandalism	The act of inadvertent or willful destruction of property belonging to others. This shall also include tampering with or causing the discharge of any sprinkler system or other apparatus installed in a school building for the prevention of fire or for the safety of the school population or school property.	Restitution and/or Suspension+	Restitution and/or Expulsion+	Restitution and/or Expulsion+
40. Verbal Assault	To insult, call derogatory names, dishonor, or in other manner abuse orally or in writing any member of the school staff or student body.	3 Demerits to Suspension	Suspension to Expulsion	Expulsion

Bullying/Harassment

Code 20-33-8-0.2 (2005) defines bullying as overt, repeated acts or gestures, including: verbal or written communications, physical acts committed and any other behaviors committed by a student or group of students with the intent to harass, ridicule, humiliate, intimidate or harm the other student.

* - Out of School Suspension

** - See Student Dress Code Policy

+ - Law Enforcement Official Contacted

++ - See Student Substance Use/Abuse Policy

INSURANCE

The Board of School Trustees is not generally responsible for injuries of children at school or at places under school auspices and cannot pay damages, hospital or medical bills, regardless of the seriousness of the case. A student protection plan has been approved. At the beginning of the school year each student is given the opportunity to purchase student protection insurance. This is a voluntary plan, and parents may purchase it if they so desire.

LUNCH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

At the beginning of each school semester, information regarding the program is sent home with every student. Children from families whose income level qualifies for either the free or reduced lunch must fill out the required form. Assistance in filling out the forms is available throughout the school year, and should the financial picture of any family change, the opportunity to apply remains.

MEAL CHARGES

CAFETERIA -- MEALS, ACCOUNTS, CHARGES, AND COLLECTIONS

The Warrick County School Corporation has an essential role in the lives of students by providing them with a foundation for healthy living and learning. The WCSC Food and Nutrition Department makes affordable, healthy, and nutritious breakfasts and lunches available. It is the responsibility of a student's parents to provide meals either by supplying food from home, by sending money to school so that the school may supply a meal, or by applying for meal assistance through the free and reduced meal programs. Therefore, the following rules apply:

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS are not permitted to charge food or drink.

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS may have an occasional need for assistance with their meal funds. Meal charges are strongly discouraged; but, managing money is a part of the learning process. Therefore, middle school students may charge up to \$10.00 to his/her meal account. After the \$10.00 limit has been reached or after the account debt remains unpaid for 30 days, no meals and no alternative meals will be provided. When an account debt is \$10.00 or remains uncollected for 30 days, the account will be turned over to the school corporation attorney for collection. Ala carte items (except milk) will not be sold to students with a negative account balance.

COLLECTIONS: The Food and Nutrition Department shall send two collection/warning letters home with a student before litigation is filed. After the account has been turned over to the attorney, payment arrangements and collections shall occur only through the attorney's office. When suit is filed, attorney fees shall be no less than \$200 per account. The Food and Nutrition Department is authorized to establish regulations consistent with this policy to implement and manage food services and collections.

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS 2020-2021 School Year

MINIMUM IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL ENTRY*

FAILURE TO MEET IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS MAY RESULT IN STUDENT EXCLUSION FROM SCHOOL

Pre-K	3 Hep B (Hepatitis B) Rubella) 4 DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus & Pertussis) 3 Polio (Inactivated Polio)	1 MMR (Measles, Mumps & Rubella) 1 Varicella 2 Hep A (Hepatitis A)
K-5 th Grade	3 Hep B 2 Varicella	2 MMR 4 Polio 5 DTaP 2 Hep A (Hepatitis A)
6 th -11 th Grade	3 Hep B 2 Varicella 1 Tdap (Tetanus & Pertussis)	2 MMR 4 Polio 5 DTaP 2 Hep A 1 MCV4 (Meningococcal)
Grade 12	3 Hep B 2 Varicella 2 MCV4 (Meningococcal)	2 MMR 4 Polio 5 DTaP 1 Tdap (Tetanus & Pertussis) 2 Hep A

Hep B: The minimum age for the 3rd dose of Hepatitis B is 24 weeks of age.

DTaP: Four doses of DTaP/DTP/DT are acceptable if 4th dose was administered on or after child's 4th birthday.

Polio* Three doses of Polio are acceptable for all grade levels if the third dose was given on or after the 4th birthday and at least 6 months after the previous dose.

* For students in grades **K-10**, the final dose must be administered on or after the 4th birthday, and be administered at least 6 months after the previous dose.

Varicella: Physician documentation of disease history, including month and year, is proof of immunity for children entering preschool through 12th grade. Parent report of disease history is acceptable.

Tdap: There is no minimum interval from the last Td dose.

MCV4: Individuals who receive dose 1 on or after their 16th birthday only need 1 dose of MCV4.

Hep A: The minimum interval between 1st and 2nd dose is 6 calendar months. Two doses are required for grades K-12.

For children who have delayed immunizations, please refer to the **2020** CDC "Catch-up Immunization Schedule" to determine adequately immunizing doses. All minimum intervals and ages for each vaccination as specified per **2020** CDC guidelines must be met for a dose to be valid. A copy of these guidelines can be found at <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/>.

A student must have been immunized according to Indiana State Department of Health guidelines in order to attend Warrick County schools. Immunizations are required for all students unless a doctor supplies an exemption, or unless there is a written objection by a parent or guardian on file at the school. Immunization documents or documents of intent to be immunized must be on file in the nurse's office no later than twenty (20) days from enrollment in a Warrick County School; if documents are not on file, the student may be excluded from school.

1. Parents shall be notified of needed immunizations by the school secretary or the school nurse.
2. Parents are to supply the school with an immunization record from the health department, the physician, the former school, or certain other sources. Telephone verification to a designated school representative from a former school representative, a physician, or a health department representative will be accepted pending written verification.
3. The school principal can issue a waiver for up to twenty (20) days.
4. Immunization records or a letter or statement of immunization objection must be signed by the parent, guardian, or physician and must be on file at the school.

Procedure for Obtaining Immunization Records for Students Not In Compliance With the Board Policy on Student Immunization:

1. The school nurse or designee shall send notice home with students of the needed immunizations.
2. If the issue is not resolved following notification, a phone call or email to the parent or guardian informing them of needed immunizations shall be initiated by the school nurse or designee.
3. Nurses shall submit a list of non-compliant students to the principal.
4. If the needed immunizations have not been obtained, the principal or principal's designee shall send a letter (form 4090-E-1) via U.S. Mail stating that the student may not be allowed to attend if the needed immunization documents are not provided to the school within twenty (20) days of enrollment.
5. At the end of the twenty (20) day period, the nurse shall provide the principal with an updated list of those students in non-compliance. The principal or principal's designee shall notify the parent or guardian and the superintendent that the student is not in compliance with Indiana law and is prohibited from attending school until compliant (form 4090-E-3).

LOCKERS, SEARCHES, AND SEIZURES

All lockers are the private property of the school corporation. A student using a locker is presumed to have no expectation of privacy in that locker or its contents. The principal, or other member of the administrative staff of a school designated in writing by the principal, may search such a locker and its contents at any time. Other than a general search of lockers of all students, any search conducted, shall be, where possible, conducted in the presence of the student whose assigned locker is the subject of the search. A law enforcement agency having jurisdiction over the geographic area in which the school is located may, at the request of the school principal, assist the school administrators in searching such a locker and its contents. Only the locks provided by the school shall be used. Any unauthorized lock may be removed and destroyed at any time without notice.

SEARCH OF THE PERSON

The principal, or another member of the administrative staff designated in writing by the principal and acting at the direction of the principal in the presence of another adult, may search the person of a student during a school activity if the principal or another member of the administrative staff has reasonable suspicion for a search of that student. Searches of the person of the student shall be limited to:

1. Searches of the pockets of the student.
2. Any object in the possession of the student, such as a purse or briefcase, and
3. A "pat-down" of the exterior of the student's clothing.

Searches of the person of a student which require removal of clothing, other than a coat or jacket or sweater, may be referred to a law enforcement officer after contacting parents.

REASONABLE SUSPICION

As used in this section "reasonable suspicion" means circumstances which would cause a reasonable person to believe that the search of a particular person, place, or thing will lead to the discovery of:

1. Evidence of a violation of the student conduct standards contained in the Student handbook; or
2. Anything, which, because of its presence, presents an immediate danger of physical harm or illness to any person; or
3. Evidence of an interference with school purposes.

Anything found in the course of the search conducted in accordance with this section, which is evidence of a violation of the student conduct standards contained in the student handbook, or anything which because of its presence presents an immediate danger of physical harm or illness to any person, or evidence of an interference with school purposes, may be:

1. Seized and admitted as evidence in any suspension or expulsion proceeding;
2. Returned to the parent or guardian of the student from whom it was seized;
3. Destroyed if it has no significant value; or
4. Turned over to any law enforcement officer.

The principal, or member of the administrative staff designated in writing by the principal, may request the assistance of a law enforcement officer to search any area of the school premises, any student, or any motor vehicle on school premises, or to identify or dispose of anything found in the course of the search conducted in accordance with this section.

NCAA SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY (General Requirements)

Eligibility requirements for Student-athletes entering collegiate Division I and/or Division II Institutions are governed and administered by the NCAA.

Information concerning NCAA eligibility may be obtained from the guidance counselor's office or the NCAA website www.eligibilitycenter.org.

NURSE'S OFFICE

The school is responsible for the emergency handling of a sudden illness or accident. When a student is injured or becomes ill while at school, it is his responsibility to report at once to the Health Office. **STUDENTS WHO SIT IN THE RESTROOM DURING A PERIOD WILL BE CLASSIFIED AS TRUANT FROM CLASS. IF A STUDENT IS ILL AND UNABLE TO GET TO THE OFFICE, SEND SOMEONE FOR HELP.** Under no circumstances should a student leave the school when ill or hurt without school approval. The home will be contacted depending on the nature of the case. Students reporting to the health office should sign the register. All prescription medicine will be kept in the nurse's office.

A DRIVER'S LICENSE OR A LEARNER'S PERMIT MAY NOT BE ISSUED TO AN INDIVIDUAL LESS THAN 18 YEARS OF AGE WHO MEETS ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

- **IS A HABITUAL TRUANT**
- **IS UNDER AT LEAST A SECOND SUSPENSION FROM SCHOOL**
- **IS UNDER AN EXPULSION FROM SCHOOL**
- **IS CONSIDERED A DROPOUT**

DRIVER'S LICENSE AND LEARNER'S PERMIT CANCELLATION

Indiana law requires school officials to report to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles the name of each student who is less than 18 years of age and who:

1. **Has been suspended from school two times;**
2. **Has been expelled from school;**
3. **Has been found to be a "habitual truant"; or**
4. **Has withdrawn (quit) school for any reason other than financial hardship.**

Upon notification, the Bureau will invalidate a student's driver's license or learner's permit for not less than 120 days.

ADVERSE WEATHER PLANS

Because the potential always exists for adverse weather conditions, the Warrick County School Corporation has adopted the following set of plans that may be used this school year.

PLAN A - School as usual.

PLAN B - No school in Warrick County.

PLAN C - All schools in Warrick County to start one hour later. (This plan could be used when we have early morning fog, sleet, or snow with temperatures hovering around the freezing point.) This plan would also allow much of the business traffic to be out of the way when driving conditions are not ideal and buses would only add to traffic congestion, if they traveled at their usual time.

PLAN D - Schools in Warrick County will be open with no buses running. (This plan could be used when extended periods of cold weather, coupled with heavy snow, keep secondary roads impractical for bus travel.)

PLAN E - Schools in Warrick County will be open with buses running on highways or main secondary roads. (With this plan, bus drivers would need to communicate with students as to where individual pick up points would be located.)

The plans listed above are different alternatives that could be used during bad weather periods; however, any decision about school closing will normally be made at approximately 6:00 A.M. the morning of the school day in question. When the decision is made, the Warrick County School Corporation will notify all local radio and television stations, and they, in turn, will relay the message to parents and students. **PARENTS AND STUDENTS ARE ASKED NOT TO CALL THE SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, AS THE TELEPHONES MUST BE KEPT OPEN. REMEMBER: If there is no announcement, school will be held as usual.** The following radio and television stations will be called by the school

corporation: Radio stations WBNL AM or FM; WGBF AM; WIKY AM or FM; WYNG; WBKR; WKDQ; WSTO; WJJN and WROZ - Television stations WEHT Channel 25; WFIE Channel 14; WTVW Channel 7.

Because of weather conditions, heating failure, power failure, or water failure, it may become necessary to dismiss school early. Notification of early dismissal will be made on the same radio and TV stations listed under Adverse Weather Plans in this handbook. All students should be instructed in advance by their parents as to where they are to go. If the schools are not notified otherwise, all students will be sent home. In addition to early dismissal, possible conditions might arise that make it necessary to keep students at school past normal dismissal time for their safety.

TEXTBOOK RENTAL

For the convenience of students and parents, textbooks are provided on a rental basis at a very nominal cost.

The rental fee is established under legal guidelines and will be paid directly to the Bookstore manager. Students will write their name in the place provided in the rented books. Marking and underlining done under direction of the teacher will be permitted. Other marking will be considered damaging and will result in the student being charged to replace the book.

TEXTBOOKS AND SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE STUDENTS TO WHOM THEY ARE ISSUED AND MUST BE RETURNED, IN GOOD CONDITION, AT THE END OF THE SEMESTER.

Lost books — a student will be charged a fee equal to the amount remaining for the book on the adoption. Example: A book that rents for \$1.50 and is lost when it has four years left for use will cost \$6.00. The same fee will be charged when a book is damaged.

TEXTBOOK RENTAL ASSISTANCE

Indiana law requires that when families are informed of the amount of book rental costs, they must also be informed of the opportunity for help in meeting these expenses. It is established by the State of Indiana Contingency Fund that those students qualifying for the Free Lunch Program will qualify for book rental cost assistance. Application forms for the free and reduced lunch program and textbook rental assistance must be filed yearly and are available in the school office.

AIDS/ARC INFECTION - STUDENT

It is the policy of the Board of School Trustees to provide and maintain a school environment that is healthful and safe for students. The universal and critical consequence of AIDS/Aids Related Complex has prompted the establishment of policy and guidelines dealing with problems presented by students who are infected with AIDS virus.

GUIDELINES AND PRACTICES

1. AIDS/ARC infected students will be allowed to attend their regular assigned school and classes as long as behavior is acceptable and safe for others, they have no uncovered sores or skin eruptions, and have the written approval of an attending physician.
2. AIDS/ARC infected students who lack control of their body secretions, who display behavior such as biting, who have open skin sores that cannot be covered, or who have restrictive recommendations from an attending physician will be considered for a more restrictive educational environment. Alternative special educational arrangements will be sought for these students.
3. Parents will be advised that AIDS/ARC infected children will not be able to attend school classes when there is evidence of acute illness, fever, cough (respiratory illness, or diarrhea). Infected children with observable conditions designated as unsafe for the health and safety of other students or staff will be temporarily removed from the school setting.
4. AIDS/ARC infected students (as with other immunodeficient students) may need to be restricted from classroom attendance for their own protection when cases of measles, chickenpox, or other diseases which might be significantly dangerous to infected students are occurring in the school population. Close consultation with attending physicians, school nurses, health advisors, and community health agencies shall be maintained to better assure the health and safety of infected students and others regarding diseases which may increase risk.
5. Routine and standard hygienic procedures should be used to clean after a student has had an accident or injury at school, regardless of whether the AIDS/ARC infected students are known to be in attendance. Blood and other body fluids emanating from a student should be treated cautiously and in a safe manner. Gloves should be worn and safe techniques should be used when cleaning spills of any body fluids. Staff members who may have contact with any child and/or his or her body fluids

should be knowledgeable about standard hygienic practices to prevent the transmission of a number of infectious diseases through contaminated body secretions.

6. A designated responsible school official should have knowledge of any student who has AIDS/ARC. For the safety of the infected student(s), transmitting the knowledge that a student is infected should be considered only for the person in the school system who has the responsibility of protecting the infected student. These persons should be provided with appropriate information concerning such precautions as may be necessary, including but not limited to removal from school when appropriate. It is essential that school personnel involved in the care and education of an infected student respect the student's right to privacy. Confidentiality is essential in the educational setting.
7. School officials, attending physician(s), local health officials, and the parents of AIDS/ARC infected students will work together to better assure the educational program is the safest possible for the student, classmates, and staff.
8. All students in the school should be instructed about AIDS/ARC to better assure that their own health and safety practices will protect them, other students, and the staff of the school.
9. A comprehensive in-service education about AIDS/ARC will be provided for all school employees to provide them with a basic understanding to safely serve themselves and others in the school and community.
10. Current standards of treatment, prevention, and service to infected students and the general school population should be reviewed regularly to better assure the highest quality of practice in the school setting.

DRESS CODE

Since the home provides the funds, guidance, and upkeep for the student's clothing and grooming, parents, rather than the school, is primarily responsible for the general appearance of the students. The school will work with parents in encouraging young people to assume this responsibility and to execute it sensibly as they mature. The purpose of the home and school working together should be to help students accept and cooperate with the guidelines established by the school.

Appropriateness and moderation in all things, concern for health and safety of students, and avoidance of distractions to educational processes are the guiding principles of the student dress code. Styles and fads are constantly changing and cannot possibly be covered by specific rules and regulations. The task of evaluating what is proper in the way of dress and grooming is highly controversial, and opinion among people varies. The school will assume responsibility for ruling on specific items of clothing and general appearance for reasons of safety and health, or for the order, well-being, and general welfare of students.

Cleanliness of body and dress is vital to the individual and to those with whom the student shares a classroom or locker. Students' clothing or hair shall not be such that it is hazardous to them in their various school activities, such as, but not limited to, shop, laboratories, athletics, physical education, and art. Grooming and dress that prevent the student from doing his/her best work because of blocked vision or restricted movement, or that expose the student to accidents, shall be avoided.

REGULATIONS

The following regulations shall be used for implementation of the student dress code policy. Additional regulations may be added by school administrators if such regulations are deemed important to an orderly implementation of the policy.

1. The wearing of apparel that has on it any writing, printing, symbols or pictures that is judged to be immoral, lewd, or vulgar, or is suggestive and/or implies sex, drugs, alcohol, violence, or other subjects disruptive to the normal operation of the school, or which interferes with normal educational functions or school purposes, is prohibited.
2. In grades 4-12, bare midriffs, halter tops, muscle shirts, tank tops, or any other garments which unduly or suggestively expose the upper torso shoulder or arms, are prohibited. In addition, clothing which is torn, oversized or undersized, pants worn below waist level, and clothing conducive to the concealment of weapons or drugs (long coats, pants, etc.) will not be allowed.
3. All skirts and shorts shall approach the knee in length (mid-thigh or lower), beginning with grade four through grade twelve. Biker shorts are prohibited. When shorts are worn, another garment worn beneath the shorts shall not extend below the hem of the shorts.
4. All students are required to wear footwear, such as boots, shoes, or sandals. Footwear which is unsafe inhibits movement, creates a disturbance, or which is disruptive either by appearance or by sounds, is prohibited.
5. Any extreme in clothing, hair, cosmetics, jewelry, or appearance that may disrupt normal operations of the school, or which interferes with normal educational functions or school purposes, is prohibited.
6. Any jewelry or other items are prohibited when worn in any pierced body part, internal or external, other than the ear.

7. Students are prohibited from wearing hats, caps, or other types of head coverings.
8. Students are prohibited from wearing sunglasses.
9. Attire which may damage school property, or cause personal injury to others such as chains, studded items, etc. are prohibited.

In addition, individual building principals may determine whether or not backpacks are permitted. If permitted, the degree to which they may be allowed will be determined by the building principal. For example, students may be permitted to bring their backpacks to school, but they may be required to leave them in their lockers.

Also, building principals have the flexibility to determine whether or not students must keep their coats/jackets in their lockers. A student whose dress and grooming does not conform to the above standards, or any subsequently approved standard(s), will be referred to the principal, or his/her designee. Students will be informed by the principal, or his/her designee, as to what adjustments must be made in order to comply with approved standards.

Dress and/or grooming adjustments may be made immediately by the student in the presence of the principal or his/her designee. Or, if it is determined by the principal or his/her designee, a student may be sent home, with parent permission, for the purpose of complying with approved dress and/or grooming standards. Students who are sent home must return to school immediately with the problem corrected. Students shall not be sent home whenever a parent or guardian is away from the home.

If a student chooses not to remedy or correct a problem, his/her parent(s) or guardian will be contacted immediately to arrange a conference for the purpose of:

1. Building communication linkages between home and school regarding the student's behavior.
2. Developing an understanding of the issue by the parent(s) or guardian.
3. Encouraging and receiving parental or guardian support and commitment to correct the problem.
4. Outlining consequences for failure to correct the problem.

If the problem remains uncorrected, the student will be removed from the class, activity or school until the student corrects the problem. The student will be subject to suspension and expulsion during this period of time.

WITHDRAWALS/TRANSFERS

Any student withdrawing from school or transferring to another school should contact the office. The Principal, Assistant Principal, or Guidance Counselors will advise students of the proper withdrawal procedures.

WORK PERMITS

In order to obtain a work permit, a student must secure an intent to employ card from the principal's office. This card should be signed by the parents and the employer. The number of hours you will be working per week should also be indicated. Bring this card and your birth certificate to the principal's office to secure the permit. In the summer work permits may be obtained at the school corporation office in Boonville.

According to Indiana State Law, students may only hold one work permit at a time (hold one job at a time). Termination notice must be received by the office before another work permit will be issued.

FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99) is a Federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. The law applies to all schools that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education.

FERPA gives parents certain rights with respect to their children's education records. These rights transfer to the student when he or she reaches the age of 18 or attends a school beyond the high school level. Students to whom the rights have transferred are "eligible students."

Parents or eligible students have the right to inspect and review the student's education records maintained by the school. Schools are not required to provide copies of records unless, for reasons such as great distance, it is impossible for parents or eligible students to review the records. Schools may charge a fee for copies.

Parents or eligible students have the right to request that a school correct records which they believe to be inaccurate or misleading. If the school decides not to amend the record, the parent or eligible student then has the right to a formal hearing. After the hearing, if the school still decides not to amend the record, the parent or eligible student has the right to place a statement with the record setting forth his or her view about the contested information.

Generally, schools must have written permission from the parent or eligible student in order to release any information from a student's education record. However, FERPA allows schools to disclose those records, without consent, to the following parties or under the following conditions (34 CFR § 99.31):

School officials with legitimate educational interest;

Other schools to which a student is transferring;

Specified officials for audit or evaluation purposes;

Appropriate parties in connection with financial aid to a student;

Organizations conducting certain studies for or on behalf of the school;

Accrediting organizations;

To comply with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena;

Appropriate officials in cases of health and safety emergencies; and

State and local authorities, within a juvenile justice system, pursuant to specific State law.

Schools may disclose, without consent, "directory" information such as a student's name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, honors and awards, and dates of attendance.

Parents and eligible students may request that the school not disclose directory information.

A student's likeness, work, or other information may be reproduced and distributed to other media. If you do not want your student's likeness or work reproduced and distributed, please complete a "Denial of Permission to Release Media and Directory Information Without Prior or Written Consent" form at the school.

PESTICIDE APPLICATION POLICY

The school corporation is committed to providing students a safe environment. It seeks to prevent children from being exposed to pests and pesticides. While pesticides protect children from pests that may be found in the school and its surrounding grounds, under some circumstances they may pose a hazard to children. Therefore, pest control practices may involve a variety of chemical and non-chemical methods that are designed to control pests effectively while minimizing potential pesticide exposure to children.

The corporation will:

1. Inform, annually, parents and staff members of the corporation's pest control policy at the time of student registration (beginning of the school year or semester) by separate memorandum or as a provision in the student handbook.
2. Provide the name and phone number of the person to contact for information regarding pest control.
3. Inform all staff members in advance by an announcement and a posted notice.
4. Establish a registry of parents who want to receive advance notice of all pesticide use and provide such notice.
5. Provide notice of planned pesticide applications to parents and employees who have requested advanced notice.
6. Provide notice of all pesticide applications to school nurses.
7. Maintain a written record for at least 90 days of any pesticide applications.

The corporation will provide notice at least two (school) days prior to the date and time the pesticide application is to occur.

The notice will include the date and time of the pesticide application, the general area where the pesticide is to be applied and the telephone number to contact the school for more information.

In case of emergency pesticide applications, because of immediate threat to the public health, the school shall give written notice as soon as possible.

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE POLICY

The School Board welcomes the attendance of students, patrons, and visitors at athletic and other public events held by the schools in the Corporation; but, the Board has a duty and the legal authority to establish rules and regulations to maintain order for the educational process and for preservation and use of school corporation facilities.

The Board directs that no tobacco, alcoholic beverage, or controlled substance be possessed, consumed, or distributed on any school corporation property or at a school corporation activity.

The Board further directs that behaviors or use of devices that an Administrator determines to be a distraction or a disruption to, or interference with, an athletic event, school event, school corporation facilities, the educational process, or to other persons at school events and on school corporation property are prohibited.

Administrators, or their designees, are authorized to remove students, patrons, and visitors from school corporation property and events who violate this policy. Furthermore, school corporation administrators and their designees have the authority to seek assistance from law enforcement officials if a person violates this policy or does not leave school corporation property when directed. Use of detectors and other devices for the safety and well-being of participants and all other persons are authorized.

If a student or adult is asked to leave or is removed from a school event or school property, no admission fees shall be refunded.

WARRICK COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
SECTION 504 COMPLIANCE PLAN
January 1, 1995

The Compliance Plan serves students, parents, employees, applicants for employment and programs within the Warrick County School Corporation.

1. Warrick County School Corporation assures students, parents, applicants for employment, and employees that it will not discriminate against any individual with disabilities.
2. The following persons are designated as Section 504 compliance coordinators:

Tish Wagner
18 Building Principals

3. Parents/guardians are provided procedural safeguards which are included in the "Notice of Parent/Student Rights in Identification, Evaluation, and Placement."
4. An impartial hearing and appeal are provided upon request. Procedures are detailed in the "Notice of Parent/Student Rights in Identification, Evaluation, and Placement."
5. Notice to students, parents, employees, and the general public of nondiscrimination assurances and parent/student rights and identification, evaluation, and placement will be disseminated annually in the following manner:
 - a. Public service announcement in local newspapers;
 - b. Announcement in local school corporation; and
 - c. Posted notice in each public school building.

Additionally, the notice will be included in the professional handbook of the corporation employees and in each parent/student handbook.

6. Any employee, parent/guardian of a student enrolled in the Warrick County School Corporation, or student eighteen years of age or older may file a grievance if he/she believes there has been a violation of Section 504.

Any such grievance must be filed in writing within a reasonable period of time after the alleged violation occurred. The grievant must fully state the facts of the alleged violation and the remedy that is being sought.

STEP ONE:

The grievance shall be submitted to Tish Wagner, Section 504 Coordinator of the Warrick County School Corporation, who shall investigate the circumstances of the alleged violation. Tish Wagner shall make a written report of his findings of fact and conclusions within ten (10) school days.

STEP TWO:

If the grievance has not been resolved to the satisfaction of the grievant, he/she may appeal the report of Tish Wagner to Brad Schneider, Superintendent of the Warrick County School Corporation within five (5) school days of receipt of the report. After investigation and within ten (10) school days of receipt of the appeal, the superintendent shall affirm, reverse, or modify the report of the Section 504 Coordinator.

STEP THREE:

If the grievance has not been resolved in STEP TWO to the satisfaction of the grievant, he/she may appeal to the school board within five (5) school days of receipt of the report in STEP TWO. The school board shall conduct an informal hearing in an open meeting to review the alleged violation. The board shall give each party at least five (5) school days notice of its meeting. The board shall affirm, reverse, or modify the report issued under STEP TWO within fifteen (15) school days of receipt of the appeal.

7. The school corporation will conduct an extensive annual “child find” campaign with the goal to locate and identify all Section 504 qualified individuals with disabilities (ages 0 - 21) who reside within the attendance boundaries of the school corporation.

8. The school corporation will inform all individuals with disabilities and their parent/guardian (if necessary) of the school corporation’s responsibilities and procedural safeguards under Section 504, as well as those under the special education rules of the Indiana State Board of Education (Article 7), and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

Warrick County School Corporation Civil Rights Assurance of Equal Opportunity and Nondiscrimination

Warrick County School Corporation is committed to equal opportunity and does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, religion, sex, handicapping conditions, or national origin, including limited English proficiency, in any employment opportunity. No person is excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise subjected to unlawful discrimination on such basis under any educational program or student activity.

If you have experienced discrimination in such educational programs or activities, written inquiries about procedures that are available and for consideration of complaints alleging such discrimination should be directed to the Administration Office of Warrick County School Corporation.

STANDARD RESPONSE PROTOCOL (SRP)

STUDENT SAFETY

A critical ingredient in the safe school recipe is the classroom response to an incident at school. Weather events, fire, accidents, intruders and other threats to student safety are scenarios that are planned and trained for by students, teachers, staff, and administration.

Our school is expanding the safety program to include the Standard Response Protocol (SRP). The SRP is based on these four actions. Lockout, Lockdown, Evacuate, and Shelter. In the event of an emergency, the action and appropriate direction will be called on the PA.

Lockout – “Secure the Perimeter”

Lockdown – “Locks, Lights, Out of Sight”

Evacuate – “To the Announced Location”

Shelter – “Using Announced Type and Method”

TRAINING

Please take a moment to review these actions. Students and staff will be trained and the school will drill these actions over the course of the school year.

LOCKOUT

Secure the Perimeter

Lockout is called when there is a threat or hazard outside of the school building.

Students:

- Return to inside of building
- Do business as usual

Teachers:

- Recover students and staff from outside building
- Increased situational awareness
- Do business as usual
- Take roll, account for students

LOCKDOWN

Locks, Lights, Out of Sight

Lockdown is called when there is a threat or hazard inside the school building.

Students:

- Move away from sight
- Maintain silence

Teachers:

- Lock classroom door
- Lights out
- Move away from sight
- Maintain silence
- Wait for First Responders to open door
- Take roll, account for students

EVACUATE

To the Announced Location

Evacuate is called to move students and staff from one location to another.

Students:

- Leave stuff behind
- Form a single file line
- Take the hands of person in front and behind
- Be prepared for alternatives during response

Teachers:

- Grab roll sheet if possible
- Lead students to Evacuation Location
- Take roll, account for students

SHELTER

Using the Announced Type and Method

Shelter is called when the need for personal protection is necessary.

Types:

·For Tornado

·For Bomb

·For Hazmat

Methods:

·Drop, Cover and Hold

·And Seal

·In Silence

Students:

·Use Appropriate Method

Teachers:

·Use Appropriate Method

·Take roll, account for students

CRIMINAL GANGS AND CRIMINAL GANG ACTIVITY POLICY

A. GANG ACTIVITY IN SCHOOLS

It is the policy of the **Warrick County School Corporation** to prohibit gang activity and similar destructive or illegal group behavior on school property or school busses or at school-sponsored functions.

B. REPRISAL OR RETALIATION

It is the policy of the **Warrick County School Corporation** to prohibit reprisal or retaliation against individuals who report gang activity or similar destructive or illegal group behavior or who are victims, witnesses, bystanders, or others with reliable information about an act of gang activity and similar destructive or illegal group behavior.

C. DEFINITION OF “CRIMINAL GANG” AND “CRIMINAL ACTIVITY”

“Criminal gang” is defined (per IC 35-45-9-1) as a group with at least three (3) members that specifically:

(1) either:

(A) promotes, sponsors, or assists in; or

(B) participates in; or

(2) requires as a condition of membership or continued membership; the commission of a felony or an act that would be a felony if committed by an adult or the offense of battery (IC 35-42-2-1).

“Gang Activity.” refers to a student who knowingly or intentionally participates in a criminal gang, or a student who knowingly or intentionally solicits, recruits, entices, or intimidates another individual to join or continue to be a member of a criminal gang as per IC 35-45-9-3.

D. REPORTING SUSPECTED GANG ACTIVITY AND THE PROMPT INVESTIGATION OF SUSPECTED CRIMINAL GANG ACTIVITY

The Warrick County School Corporation shall offer information about the supports and services available for students who are 'at risk' for, or suspected of, participating in gang activity and their families. Information may include, but is not limited to:

1. Per IC 20-33-9-10.5, a school employee shall report any incidence of suspected criminal gang activity, criminal intimidation, or criminal gang recruitment to the principal and the school safety specialist. The principal and the school safety specialist may take appropriate action to maintain a safe and secure school environment, including providing appropriate intervention services.
2. Appropriate consequences and remedial actions are those that are graded according to the severity of the offenses and consider both the developmental ages of the student offenders and students' histories of inappropriate behaviors, per the student discipline policy.
3. The principal or designee shall conduct a prompt, thorough, and complete investigation for each report of suspected gang activity. The investigation shall be initiated by the principal or the principal's designee within one (1) school day of the report of the incident. The principal may appoint additional personnel and request the assistance of law enforcement to assist in the investigation. The investigation shall be completed and the written findings submitted to the principal as soon as possible, but no later than five (5) school days from the date of the report of the alleged incident of criminal gang activity.
4. The principal shall submit the report to the superintendent of the school corporation within ten (10) school days of the completion of the investigation. The superintendent or his/her designee shall report the results of each investigation to the board of education on a quarterly basis during regularly scheduled board meetings.
5. Each school shall record the number of investigations disposed of internally and the number of cases referred to local law enforcement, disaggregated by race, ethnicity, age, and gender. Each school shall report this information to the school corporation superintendent who shall submit a written report to the Indiana Department of Education by June 2 of each year.
6. The principal shall provide the parents of the students who are parties to any investigation with information about the investigation, in accordance with Federal and State law and regulation. The information to be provided to parents includes the nature of the investigation, whether the corporation found evidence of criminal gang activity, and whether consequences were imposed or services provided to address the activity. This information is to be provided in an expedited manner.

7. The superintendent of the school corporation is authorized to define the range of ways in which school staff and the principal or the principal's designee shall respond once an incident of criminal gang activity is confirmed, according to the parameters described in the corporation's student discipline policy. The school board recognizes that some acts of gang activity may be isolated incidents requiring that the school officials respond appropriately to the individuals committing the acts. Other acts may be so serious that they require a response either at the school corporation level or by local law enforcement officials. Consequences and appropriate remedial actions for a student who engages in gang activity may range from positive behavioral interventions up to and including suspension or expulsion.

8. The principal shall proceed in accordance with the student discipline policy, as appropriate, based on the investigation findings. As appropriate to the investigation findings, the principal shall ensure the student discipline policy has been implemented, and provide intervention and/or relevant support services (i.e., referral to counseling, establishing training programs to reduce gang activity and enhance school climate, enlist parent cooperation and involvement, or take other appropriate action). The principal shall inform the parents of all students involved in alleged incidents, and, as appropriate, may discuss the availability of counseling and other intervention services.

9. The superintendent of the school corporation shall annually disseminate this policy to all parents. The superintendent shall ensure that notice of the corporation's policy appears in the student handbooks and all other publications of the school corporation that set forth the comprehensive rules, procedures, and standards for schools within the school corporation.

E. TYPES OF SERVICES, INCLUDING FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES, FOR A STUDENT SUSPECTED OF PARTICIPATING IN GANG ACTIVITY

The school corporation shall offer information about the supports and services available for students who are 'at risk' for, or suspected of, participating in gang activity and their families. Information may include, but is not limited to:

1. Gang awareness education (for students, parents, school faculty/personnel, law enforcement, and community stakeholders) that at least shows promise of effectiveness based on research. The gang awareness education information should be revised and updated regularly to reflect current trends in gang and gang-like activity.
2. Culturally and/or linguistically appropriate services/supports for parents and families
3. Counseling coupled with mentoring for students and their families.
4. Community and faith-based organizations and civic groups.
5. Viable, sustainable after-school programs developed in collaboration with other stakeholders.
6. Job training and employment opportunities as both a deterrent to gang involvement and an incentive to leave gang involvement.
7. School sanctioned/facilitated extra-curricular activities.

F. CRIMINAL GANG PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION SERVICES AND PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS THAT MAXIMIZE

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AND THE USE OF FEDERAL FUNDING:

The Warrick County School Corporation shall strive to collaborate with community stakeholders to provide additional prevention and intervention services and programs according to policies and procedures, and to:

1. Provide training for staff and teachers on gang prevention and intervention resources on a periodic basis. The gang awareness information should be revised and updated regularly to reflect current trends in gang activity.
2. Create formalized collaboration plans between school administrators and community-based prevention and intervention providers (possibly using the existing Warrick County School Safety Commission as points of contact). The formalized collaborations should make effective, coordinated, and maximized use of federal funding a priority.
3. Coordinate resources and funding opportunities to support gang prevention/intervention activities.
4. Integrate School Resource Officer Programs when available.
5. Consider utilizing the Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) Program into curricula.

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SERVICE ANIMALS POLICY

It is the policy of the Warrick County School Corporation (WCSC) to accommodate individuals with disabilities accompanied by a service animal in its corporation buildings, classrooms, and at school functions as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Indiana Code. The superintendent shall establish regulations to allow individuals with disabilities to be accompanied by service animals.

This policy applies to all service animals utilized by students and adults in the Corporation.

I. Definitions

- a. A "service animal" is a dog or a miniature horse that is individually trained to take specific action or perform tasks to assist an individual with a disability. The tasks performed by the service animal must be directly related to the person's disability. Service animals perform some of the functions and tasks that individuals with disabilities cannot perform themselves.

There are several tasks that service animals perform for individuals with disabilities. Examples include but are not limited to, animals that:

- assist individuals who are blind/have severe sight impairments as "seeing eye" or "guide" dogs;
- alert individuals with hearing impairments to sounds;
- pull wheelchairs or carry and pick-up items for individuals with mobility impairments; and
- assist individuals with mobility impairments with balance.

- b. A "companion animal" is an animal that provides solely emotional support, well-being, therapy, comfort, or companionship. A "companion animal" **does not meet** the definition of a "service animal".

- c. An "individual with a disability" is a person who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, a person who has a history or record of such impairment, or a person who is perceived by others as having such impairment.

ALL WARRICK COUNTY PROPERTIES ARE TOBACCO FREE.

The contents of this handbook are meant to be a synopsis of the school corporation policies and guidelines. The corporation reserves the right to make changes and additions to its policies at any time. The board approved policies supersede anything within this handbook.

Boonville Middle School Campus Rules

SPECIAL CAMPUS RULES

It is the policy of Boonville Middle School to create an environment that will improve academic performance, civility, and safety issues for all students. To aid in this improvement, the Warrick County School Corporation Dress Code policy shall apply. Also, there shall be:

1. No gum chewing, candy or food on campus with the exception of a student lunch. Any open container must contain only water, with clear sides or a clear lid. Additional exceptions may be granted by the administration.
2. No ripped or torn pants, shorts, skirts, etc., they may be patched. No bandanas
3. No unnatural hair color (dyed hair must be all one color: example: no dyed tips, no dyed streaks of color or Mohawks.
4. No pajamas or house shoes.
5. Shirts and pants must overlap, even when sitting.
6. Skirts, dresses and shorts must be no more than one card length* above the knee cap when standing.
7. Tops must be no more than one card length* below the notch in the base of the neck and one card length below the back of the neck.
8. T-shirt/top straps must be at least the width* of the card.
9. No leggings, jeggings, yoga pants, spandex or tights may be worn unless covered with a dress, skirt or shorts that meet the card* standard.
10. Demerits issued by or for a substitute teacher will be doubled by the administration.

*Card, card length and card width are the measurements of a standard credit card, equal to the size of a WCSC identification tag.

Violations of above rules will result in change of clothing, along with two demerits up to suspensions

****Students must have their own agenda book filled out and signed by the classroom teacher to leave a classroom. Students who request to leave the classroom and do not have their agenda book or any remaining hall passes may leave the classroom with a pass from their teacher. They will be issued one demerit.**

MEDICATIONS

- * ***ALL medications (prescription and/or non-prescription) will be administered / regulated by the school nurse.***

BMS CELL PHONE GUIDELINES

- * **Students may bring cell phones to school.**
- * **Students must turn the cell phone off prior to their arrival on campus and leave it in their locker.**
- * **Students are not to use their cell phones upon arrival on school campus grounds in the morning.**
- * **Students are not to use their cell phones until they have left the building after school.**

Consequences

- **1st offense**- Confiscation, 1 demerit.
- **2nd offense**- Confiscation, 2 demerits and parent pick-up of the phone.
- **3rd offense**- Confiscation and/or Saturday School(s) or suspension(s) and parent pick-up of the phone.
- **Further offenses will result in Saturday School sessions or suspensions and parent pick-up of the phone.**

ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

All electronic equipment will be subject to the same possession and use guidelines as cell phones.

TARDINESS TO SCHOOL

Students who are late to school and/or 1st period will receive a demerit on their 2nd tardy. One demerit will be issued on each tardy thereafter.

DANCE POLICY

Dances at Boonville Middle School are exclusively for BMS students. Visitors and high school students shall not attend. No exceptions permitted. Dances are for your reward and enjoyment; however, each student should keep in mind that all school rules are to be followed during dances and all other extracurricular functions. A student is eligible for all dances until they receive a Saturday School or In School Suspension during a quarter. A student is eligible for all dances until they receive their fifth (5) demerit during a quarter. If a student receives an Out of School Suspension, they are ineligible for the remainder of the semester. If a student receives a subsequent Out of School Suspension, they are ineligible for the remainder of the school year. If a student receives their tenth (10) demerit for the year, they are ineligible for the remainder of the school year as well. Dance policy is subject to administration discretion.